Town of Starkey
Regular Meeting
November 9, 2023

Council Members Present:	George Lawson, Supervisor	Jeremy Hall, Councilperson
	John Socha, Councilperson	Caryl Sutterby, Councilperson
	Julie Dunkelberger	
In-Person Attendees:	Anthony DeStephen, Assessor	Terri Grady, Assessor's Office
	Ralph Warren, Highway Superintendent	Helene Ribble, Bookkeeper
	William "Buck" Lawson, I.T. Tech.	
Recording Secretary:	Candace Iszard, Town Clerk	

The regular Town of Starkey Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by George Lawson, Supervisor.

Pledge of Allegiance- George Lawson led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes of the September 14, 2023, regular meeting of the Town Board, were approved as amended.
A motion was made by Caryl Sutterby, Councilperson, seconded by Julie Dunkelberger, Councilperson.
*All in favor; none opposed- Motion carried.

Open Public Hearing for 2024 Fire Contract

The advertised public hearing on the 2024 Fire contract with the Dundee Fire Department for the period of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024, was opened at 7:01 PM by George Lawson, Supervisor for discussion with the residents attending this meeting.

Open Public Hearing for Town of Starkey 2024 Preliminary Budget

The advertised public hearing on the Town of Starkey 2024 Preliminary Budget for the period of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024, was opened at 7:01 PM by George Lawson, Supervisor for discussion with the residents attending this meeting.

Public Comment on 2024 Fire Contract

There were no comments from those in attendance.

Board Discussion on 2024 Fire Contract

George Lawson, Supervisor reviewed the Fire Contract as presented, stating that there was a 16.32% increase from 2023. A copy of the budget was provided for all to review.

Close Public Hearing for 2024 Fire Contract

- George Lawson made a motion to close the public hearing on 2024 Fire Contract with the Dundee Fire Department for the period of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024, seconded by Caryl Sutterby was closed at 7:04 PM.
  *All in favor; none opposed- Motion carried.

Public Comment on Town of Starkey 2024 Preliminary Budget

There were no comments from those in attendance.

Board Discussion on Town of Starkey 2024 Preliminary Budget

George Lawson, Supervisor discussed that the since the preliminary budget was finalized, the following changes are recommended:

- NYMIR that is less $1000.00 than the originally budgeted amount for A1910.1 and is anticipated to decrease with the sale of the equipment trailer and Chevy Volt
- Increase to Health Insurance (A9060.8/DA9060.8/DB9060.8) due to rate increases and the addition of an employee.

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- Decrease to General Repairs & Services (DB5110.4) for road repairs, as ARPA funding is available to offset this change.

These changes result in total change of approximately $0.25/$1000 for properties outside of the village and $0.23/$1000 for properties inside of the village. George also states that Yates County is finalizing a tax share with the townships that would help to replenish the fund balance, if approved at the County level.
Caryl Sutterby mentioned that she has no issues defending this budget, if questioned by the residents. The board also discusses that the state tax cap is absorbed by the Fire Contract, which we have no control over, other than to have our own fire department, which would be more costly.

Close Public Hearing for Town of Starkey 2024 Preliminary Budget

- George Lawson made a motion to close the public hearing on the Town of Starkey 2024 Preliminary Budget for the period of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024, seconded by Caryl Sutterby was closed at 7:19 PM.
  *All in favor; none opposed- Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Report— Brian Shriver

- Brian presented the Code Office progress report.
- Robert Cooke has stated that he would be interested in serving as the Alternate Planning Board Member for the vacant term ending March 9th, 2029. The board asked Candace Iszard, Town Clerk, to invite him to attend the next board meeting to meet and express interest.

Town Clerk Report ---Candace Iszard, Town Clerk

- The clerk's report was presented to the board.
- Candace asked for a committee to review the Town of Starkey Handbook (last revision 6/2022) She has provided copies to the board for review. Julie Dunkelberger and George Lawson agreed to review and aid in this process.

Supervisor Report— George Lawson

- George reviewed the recommendations for Cyber insurance. William Lawson, I.T. Tech. reviewed options that would bring the Town into compliance with the NYMIR recommendations.
- Locust Road- George reviewed the building codes and permitting process in place at the time of construction of the property and buildings in question and followed up with the Holden family as to how a building can be constructed with no permits or documents on file.

Highway Report— Ralph Warren

- Ralph is still waiting for a replacement title from the state of New York for the Dynaweld trailer, George Lawson states that he has cleaned the Volt both inside and out, and Auctions International will take pictures for the website auction.
- Stone for 2024 road work has been hauled in.
- Starkey Point Road concerns- Ralph is working with Tony in the Assessor's office on temporary easement for tree removal needed to replace the culvert.
- Septic at the Highway barn- Following the perk test, it was determined that an entire new system in necessary. Fagan Engineer's will design the system, and the highway crew will install to specifications designed.

Solar Decommission Bonding

- George mentioned that at the Planning Board meeting, decommissioning bond verses agreement. John Socha expressed concerns with where a solar farm can be located, George states that the zoning book section 6.84e3 addresses energy generation and the Planning Board must review and approve all applications pertaining to installation. George encourages attendance at the public hearing to voice concerns and questions.
- George goes on to state that if there are concerns about the comprehensive plan and/or zoning regulations, the board should work with the Planning Board to make changes.

Solar PILOT

- George Lawson states that we have not passed a local law for residential solar projects, however commercial solar projects can divert to the State law, and a PILOT can be required. George will discuss this further with the attorney, prior to next month's meeting.

Subdivision Regulation Amendment

- The proposed amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance have been emailed to the Planning Board for final review, Candace has not heard anything back. These amendments will be submitted to the Yates County Planning Board for approval at the December meeting.

Building Repairs-Roof

- Construction has begun on the Town Hall roof project. The bricks are off and the support framing are up.

Salt Barn

- Tom Eskildsen has submitted all the necessary paperwork, so now we wait to hear back as to the next steps.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 45- 2023 **Adoption of the 2024 Fire Contract**

On a motion by Jeremy Hall, councilperson and seconded by John Socha, councilperson, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 George Lawson, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby, Jeremy Hall, Julie Dunkelberger
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Starkey does hereby adopt the 2024 Fire contract with the Dundee Fire Department for the period of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

Resolution 46-2023 **Adoption of the 2024 Budget**

On a motion by George Lawson, supervisor and seconded by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson, the following resolution was ADOPTED.

Ayes 5 George Lawson, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby, Jeremy Hall, Julie Dunkelberger
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Starkey does hereby adopt the 2024 Town Budget for the period of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

Resolution 47-2023 **SEAF for Subdivision Regulation Amendment**

On a motion by Julie Dunkelberger, councilperson and seconded by Jeremy Hall, councilperson, the following resolution was ADOPTED.

Ayes 5 George Lawson, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby, Jeremy Hall, Julie Dunkelberger
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Starkey does hereby find the SEAF form for the amendments to the Subdivision regulations have little to no impact.

Audit of Claims

On a motion by Jeremy Hall, councilperson and seconded by Julie Dunkelberger, councilperson for the November 9, 2023, abstracts have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	**Vouchers Number:** 229-G through 242-G	$3,500.96
Highway Fund	**Vouchers Number:** 134-H through 146-H	$20,933.57

The minutes of this meeting will be offered for approval at the next regular Town Board meeting, December 14, 2023, at 7:00 PM. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM by George Lawson.

Candace J. Iszard

Candace J. Iszard, Starkey Town Clerk

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