

**Town of Starkey
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2022**

<u>Council Members Present:</u>	George Lawson, Supervisor John Socha, Councilperson	Caryl Sutterby, Councilperson
<u>Council Members Absent:</u>	Julie Dunkelberger, Councilperson	Jeremy Hall, Councilperson
<u>In-Person Attendees:</u>	None	<u>Attended Virtually via Zoom:</u> None
<u>Recording Secretary:</u>	Candace Iszard, Town Clerk	

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 6, 2022, regular meeting of the Town Board, were approved as amended. A motion was made by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson, seconded by John Socha, councilperson. *All in favor; none opposed- Motion carried.

Public Hearing for the proposed term change for the Highway Superintendent

The advertised public hearing of the Town of Starkey Board for the Town of Starkey, at the Starkey Town Hall, 40 Seneca Street, Dundee, Yates County, New York was called to order at 7:03 PM to consider changing the 2-year term for Highway Superintendent to a 4-year term by George Lawson, Supervisor. At this time George Lawson, Supervisor, opened the public hearing for discussion to the residents attending this meeting both in-person and virtually via Zoom.

Discussion

George reviewed that the board will vote on a resolution that is subject to a mandatory referendum on the election ballot. The resolution is to change the elected term of office from 2-years to 4-years.

Public Hearing for proposed Local Law regarding Videoconferencing Technology

The advertised public hearing of the Town of Starkey Board for the Town of Starkey, at the Starkey Town Hall, 40 Seneca Street, Dundee, Yates County, New York was called to order at 7:04 PM to consider adopting "A Local Law authorizing the Public Bodies to use videoconferencing technology to participate in public meetings" in accordance with Open Meetings Law, § 103. At this time George Lawson, Supervisor, opened the public hearing for discussion to the residents attending this meeting both in-person and virtually via Zoom.

Discussion

- This local law will allow for board members (for all public boards) to be able to attend via videoconferencing technology. George goes on to state that this would follow the protocol that has been set during the pandemic of 2020. However, there are more stipulations that are required with the passing of this local law.
 - Physical location attendance is required to count toward the quorum.
 - All meetings will require recording, and within 5 days, the link will need to be posted on the Town's website and remain available for a minimum of 5 years.
 - Transcription of the meeting must be able to be provided upon request.
- Candace states that she is concerned that these stipulations will absorb a large amount of time each month.
- The Board agrees that videoconferencing is a convenient way to allow applicants that reside outside of the area for the majority of the year to attend, however, board attendance at the physical location is needed.

The Public Hearing for the proposed term change for the Highway Superintendent was closed at 7:09 pm

A motion was made by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson, seconded by John Socha, councilperson. *All in favor; none opposed- Motion carried.

The Public Hearing for proposed Local Law regarding Videoconferencing Technology was closed at 7:09 pm

A motion was made by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson, seconded by John Socha, councilperson. *All in favor; none opposed- Motion carried.

Assessor Trainee Position

- George Lawson, Supervisor states that the position remains open. The Town continues to seek interested persons and plans to provide paid training.

Wastewater Law Letter

- Proposed Wastewater Law remains posted on the Town’s Website. The board approved the scheduling of the public hearing to proceed with adopting the wastewater law as posted.

Municipal Water

- George Lawson spoke about the results of the water surveys, stating that if there were specific areas where the concentration of residents in favor of the project were greater than others, it could be beneficial for those neighborhoods to pass petitions in favor of this project. He will look further into this.

Town Clerk — Candace Iszard

- The Clerk provided the clerk’s reports for June.
- ARPA reporting has been filed successfully for the 1st quarter of 2022.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 23-2022 Letter of Support for the Community Development Block Grant

A motion to authorize the signing of a letter of support for Yates County’s Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds to assist residents with repairing or replacing failing septic systems and/or water well systems.

Motion: Caryl Sutterby Seconded: John Socha Appr: 3-0
 Ayes: George Lawson, Caryl Sutterby, John Socha Noes: None

RESOLUTION 24-2022 Mileage Rate

A motion to use the 2022 increased federal mileage as of July 2022 (\$0.625/ mile) rate to reimburse employees for use of their own car.

Motion: John Socha Seconded: Caryl Sutterby Appr: 3-0
 Ayes: George Lawson, Caryl Sutterby, John Socha Noes: None

RESOLUTION 25-2022 Resolution for Elected Highway Superintendent Term Change

On a motion by John Socha, councilperson, seconded by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 3 George Lawson, Caryl Sutterby, John Socha
 Nays 0

A Resolution increasing the Term of Office of the Town of Starkey Highway Superintendent from two (2) years to four (4) years.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Starkey has proposed as increase in the term of offices from two (2) years to four (4) years for the office of Town of Starkey Highway Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Town Law Section 24-a permits an increase in the terms of office of elective officers for the Town, being the Town of Starkey Highway Superintendent by mandatory referendum at a biennia; Town election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that pursuant to the provisions of Town Law Section 24-a, that the term of office of elective Town Highway Superintendent of the Town of Starkey shall be four years upon submission to the qualified electors of the Town at the next biennial Town election to be held on November 8th, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that should a majority of the electors cast votes in the affirmative, then the term of office of the Town Highway Superintendent thereafter elected shall be for a period of four years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of office, if approved, shall supersede the application of Town Law Section 24-a in the Town of Starkey with respect to the term of office for the Town Highway Superintendent.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
George Lawson	X	_____
Caryl Sutterby	X	_____
Jeremy Hall	_____	ABSENT
Julie Dunkelberger	_____	ABSENT
John Socha	X	_____

RESOLUTION 26-2022 Wastewater Public Hearing

On a motion by George Lawson, Supervisor, seconded by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 3 George Lawson, Caryl Sutterby, John Socha
Nays 0

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW ENTITLED "ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM LAW"

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Starkey, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to schedule a public hearing to solicit public comment upon a proposed Local Law entitled "On-Site Wastewater Treatment System Law"; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Starkey has reviewed the draft of the aforementioned proposed Local Law attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and deems it in the best interests of the Town of Starkey to proceed in accordance with the Code of the Town of Starkey and the Laws of the State of New York in adopting said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to schedule a public hearing to be held on August 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Starkey Town Hall, 40 Seneca Street, Dundee, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk, be and hereby is, authorized to forward to the official newspaper of the Town a Notice of Public Hearing in the form substantially the same as that attached hereto as Exhibit "2"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to post a copy of the proposed Local Law on the Town of Starkey sign board and take any and all other necessary actions to properly bring the aforementioned Local Law before the Town Board of the Town of Starkey for its consideration.

I, Candace Iszard, Town Clerk of the Town of Starkey do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Starkey on July 14, 2022, by the following vote:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
George Lawson	X	_____
Caryl Sutterby	X	_____
Jeremy Hall	_____	ABSENT
Julie Dunkelberger	_____	ABSENT
John Socha	X	_____

RESOLUTION 27-2022 **Handbook revision 1**

A motion to amend the Town of Starkey Handbook to include compensatory time, time off request form and meal break wavier.

Motion: George Lawson Seconded: Caryl Sutterby Appr: 3-0
Ayes: George Lawson, Caryl Sutterby, John Socha Noes: None

Audit of Claims

On a motion by Caryl Sutterby councilperson and seconded by, John Socha, councilperson the bills contained in the July 14, 2022, abstracts have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

	General Fund	Vouchers Number: 150-G through 166 -G	\$5,613.48
	Highway Fund	Vouchers Number: 90-H through 104-H	\$264,874.55
Ayes 3	George Lawson, Caryl Sutterby, John Socha		
Nays 0			

The minutes of this meeting will be offered for approval at the next regular Town Board meeting, August 11th, 2022, at 7:00 PM. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM by George Lawson.



Candace J. Iszard, Starkey Town Clerk