

**Town of Starkey
Regular Meeting
October 12, 2023**

Council Members Present: George Lawson, Supervisor
John Socha, Councilperson
Jeremy Hall, Councilperson
Caryl Sutterby, Councilperson

Council Members Absent: Julie Dunkelberger

In-Person Attendees: Terri Grady, Assessor's Office
Ralph Warren, Highway Superintendent

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 Jeremy Hall, Councilperson.
*All in favor; none opposed- Motion carried.

Public Comment

There was a message from Colleen Holden, resident on Locust Point Road regarding concerns that stem from a lawsuit regarding drive up access to 4240 Locust Road. She is questioning how there is no documentation on the address change, and how this structure was allowed, when there are no permits on file in the Code Office. George discussed with the board that compliance is at the time of building, not today's regulations.

Code Enforcement Report— Brian Shriver

- Brian presented the Code Office progress report.

Town Clerk Report ---Candace Iszard, Town Clerk

- The clerk's report was presented to the board.
- Dog Census- Candace stated that she has not been able to find any record of when the last census was completed.

Highway Report— Ralph Warren

- Ralph is waiting for a replacement title from the state of New York for the Dynaweld trailer.
- While mowing at the corner of South Glenora and Route 14, the property owner has stated that we mowed over their Heirloom Roses (10) over. The Board discussed the location of the roses, and whether we were within our right of way. George stated that we will need to find out the type of roses, and the availability to replace them, if they were planted outside of the Town of Starkey right of way, he goes on to recommend that we work with Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding the availability.
- The Highway Barn needs a new septic. Ralph has reached out to some engineers, Fagan's has shown interest in septic design for this project.

Supervisor Report— George Lawson

- Tentative Budget was reviewed following the budget workshop. George stated that the fund balance used was increased, John Socha asked about using ARPA funds to off set highway employee's wages, road maintenance and equipment. George will look deeper into ARPA fund usages and send out the preliminary budget to the board. George also discussed changing the budget worksheet procedures for next year, stating that meeting individually with each department could prove beneficial, as well as utilizing the executive session to discuss wages.

Solar Decommission Bonding

- George and John discussed that this would be a process that would require the owner to bond funds for the removal of solar equipment at the end of the life cycle. John is researching what other local towns are doing and shared the Local Law from the Town of Benton.

Sign at Town Hall

- Candace met with Ian MacDonald, Historic Signs & Restoration on Wednesday October 11th. He states that, weather permitting, our new sign should be installed prior to the end of the year. Regarding the "in Memory of Sign" that hung on the signpost, Ian suggested making a short post and installing it separately. The board would like to see that sign brought into the Town Hall

Cluster Subdivision

- The proposed amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance have been emailed to Steven Fulkerson for final review.

Building Repairs-Roof

- The contractor is expected to begin work on Tuesday October 17th.

Salt Barn

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

Yates County Municipal Health Insurance

- George states that the board will be pursuing the plan offered by Yates County for 2025.

RESOLUTIONS**Resolution 42-2023 Public Hearing for 2024 Budget and Fire Contract**

On a motion by George Lawson, supervisor and seconded by Caryl Sutterby, councilperson, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 4 George Lawson, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby, Jeremy Hall
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Starkey does hereby authorize the scheduling and advertising of Public Hearing for the 2024 Town Budget and Fire Contract.

Resolution 43- 2023 Snow and Ice Control Agreement

On a motion by Jeremy Hall, councilperson and seconded by John Socha, councilperson, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 4 George Lawson, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby, Jeremy Hall
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Starkey does hereby authorize George Lawson to sign the Snow and Ice Control agreement with Yates County.

Resolution 44-2023 Septic Engineer

On a motion by George Lawson, supervisor and seconded by Jeremy Hall, councilperson, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 4 George Lawson, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby, Jeremy Hall
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Starkey does hereby authorize Ralph to contract with Fagan Engineers to design plans for the Highway Barn Septic System.

Budget Amendments

On a motion by Jeremy Hall, councilperson, seconded by, John Socha the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 4 George Lawson, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby, Jeremy Hall
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town Board, Town of Starkey, does hereby approve the following budget amendments:

General Funds

Increase Account A2401 for Interest Earned by \$10,500.00

Increase Account A9060.8 for Health Insurance \$10,500.00

Increase A5031 for ARPA Interfund Transfer by \$1,500.00

Increase Account A5132.2 for Garage Improvements for a Generator by \$1,500.00

Audit of Claims

On a motion by George Lawson, Supervisor and seconded by Jeremy Hall, councilperson for the October 12, 2023, abstracts have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	Vouchers Number: 207-G through 224-G	\$4,899.16
Highway Fund	Vouchers Number: 126-H through 133-H	\$44,981.32

Enter Executive Session

On a motion by George Lawson and seconded John Socha, the Town Board entered executive session at 8:10 to discuss a medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person(s), or corporation or relating to appointment, promotion, demotion discipline or removal.

Close Executive Session at 8:38.

The minutes of this meeting will be offered for approval at the next regular Town Board meeting, October 12th, 2023, at 7:00 PM. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM by George Lawson.



Candace J. Iszard, Starkey Town Clerk

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