

February 14, 2023

At 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Gayle Ashbery called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Carlton. Present were the following Board members: Councilman Dana Woolston, Councilman Brian McCue and Councilwoman Debbie Yockel. Councilman Josh Narburgh was excused.

Also present was Kurt VanWycke, Highway Supt., and Town Attorney Douglas Heath.

Following roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance the minutes from the January 10, 2023, meeting were approved by Mr. Woolston, seconded by Mr. McCue and carried.

A motion by Supervisor Ashbery to open the Public Hearing on Local Law #1 - "A Local Law Increasing the Maximum Income Eligibility Level for the Senior Citizens Tax Exemption under Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law" approved by Mr. Woolston and seconded by Mr. McCue. After a brief discussion the Public Hearing was closed. A motion to adopt Local Law #1 was approved by Mr. Woolston, seconded by Mr. McCue and carried.

A motion by Supervisor Ashbery to open the Public Hearing on Local Law #2 - "A Local Law Providing for Partial Exemption from Taxation on Improvements to Real Property occupied by a Physically Disabled Resident" approved by Mr. Woolston and seconded by Mr. McCue. After a brief discussion the Public Hearing was closed. A motion to adopt Local Law #2 was approved by Mr. Woolston, seconded by Mr. McCue and carried.

Supervisor Ashbery noted some pay rate changes for the following:

Justice Hurley should be \$17,419

Town Clerk/Tax Collector should be \$39,409

Deputy Supervisor should be \$1,360

These were approved by Mrs. Yockel, seconded by Mr. McCue and carried.

Mr. VanWycke requested approval to purchase a Mini Cat Excavator from Milton Cat for \$62,994. Approved by Mr. Woolston, seconded by Mr. McCue and carried.

Mr. VanWycke requested approval to purchase 3 new radios. The old portables are not even lasting a half day. Need to replace two portables and one mobile unit at a cost of \$6,666.30. Approved by Mrs. Yockel, seconded by Mr. McCue, carried.

Mr. VanWycke requested approval to purchase new fuel pumps. The old ones are obsolete and parts are no longer available. The new pumps which will record tracking will be \$22,967.76. Approved by Mr. Woolston, seconded by Mr. McCue and carried.

A motion by Mr. McCue to approve the Supervisors report seconded by Mrs. Yockel and carried.

A motion by Mr. Woolston to approve the Town Clerk Report seconded by Mr. McCue and carried.

Zoning report will be reviewed next month.

A motion by Mrs. Yockel to approve Justice Hurley's Report seconded by Mr. McCue and carried.

Mr. VanWycke gave an update on highway and water activities.

Chief Niehaus of the Carlton Fire Co. gave an update on calls and man hours. They responded to 24 total calls which included 7 fire (6 mutual aid), 16 EMS and 1 service call for a total of 113 man hours. He thanked everyone for their support with the Gun Raffle on February 11, 2023. Governor Hochul has signed a fire exemption for 10% off of property taxes if you are an active fire fighter. This may help get more volunteers that we desperately need. The Fire Co. is in full support of this.

Legislator Fitzak stated that he just returned from Washington DC where he pled for rural county items. They are doing a tour with Congressman Morelle on February 22, 2022 that includes Lyndonville, Point Breeze, Kendall and Holley.

A motion by Mrs. Yockel to approve the November vouchers for a total of \$153,173.12, seconded by Mr. McCue and carried.

Under Old Business Mr. Wells of Hanlon Road has cleaned up the property.

A motion by Mr. Woolston to adjourn, seconded by Mr. McCue at 7:25 p.m.

Kim Niehaus
Deputy Clerk