

**Town of Candor
101 Owego Road
Candor, New York 13743
January 14, 2025
Public Hearing**

Present: Clm. Leonard, Supervisor Strosahl, Clm. Rader, Clm. Evans, Attorney Pelella, Highway Superintendent Whatley, Code Enforcer Yacopino, Town Clerk Irizarry.

Others Present: EMS Hammond, approximately 50 residents, Angela Malone.

Supervisor Strosahl began a Prayer and then led The Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board members signed the vouchers at 6:00 pm and at 7:00 pm Supervisor Strosahl opened the Public Hearing on the updated Racetrack Law.

Clm. Leonard began by reading aloud the changes to the Racetrack Law and opened a discussion with the residents. It was encouraged to refer to the Racetrack Law and not individual racetracks. Supervisor Strosahl stated that Code Enforcer Yacopino would enforce the new updated requirements according to the updated law with violations given if needed. Clm. Leonard stated that by getting a Permit for a Racetrack the landowner grants permission for the Code Enforcer to enter the property.

Clm. Leonard explained that waivers could be issued in some cases for some requirements not met.

Code Enforcer Yacopino stated to the residents that if a schedule is given to the Town of the race times for special events then the Board has an option to approve it or not.

Supervisor Strosahl stated he was given a list of suggestions from a resident and gave it to The Board for review. A resident stood and clarified a few of the suggestions. Clm. Evans stated some of the requests would be through a FOIL request.

Multiple times Clm. Leonard reminded residents to focus on the Law at hand and not specific racetracks. He also stated that waivers are common for racetracks.

There was much discussion on decibel level between the residents. Clm. Leonard reminded the residents to focus on the Law not specific racetracks.

Clm. Rader stated the Board would discuss the recommendations and see if these changes should be put in the updated law.

Resident Dan Avery was concerned about how The Board will handle all the requirements that were not fulfilled. Supervisor Strosahl stated it was a "learning experience" and it is a new year and moving forward. Clm. Rader stated The Board needs to do a better job at following up on the requirements and that they are met and followed.

Code Enforcer Yacopino clarified with the residents that there will now be penalties for not following the law and The Board is now going to be more active at following up.

Robin Beebe wanted to make it clear that the owner of the property is ultimately responsible, not the users, for any penalties should any racetrack incur them.

Supervisor Strosahl stated this is a work in progress. No decision was made at this meeting. Supervisor Strosahl thanked the public for coming to the meeting. The Public Hearing closed at 7:40 pm.

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Privilege of the Floor: EMS Hammond took the floor. He stated there were 67 calls for the month of December. 50 were billable calls with an average response time of 2 minutes 8 seconds. They dropped no “code 2” calls and covered 4 “code 2” calls. Two calls required narcotics. To date there were 812 calls, which is 72 more calls than last year. He stated EMS covered all but 15 calls in the year 2024. The year average response time was 2 minutes 26 seconds.

EMS Hammond stated there is a surplus so they will be reimbursing the Town with approximately \$11,000. Staff leasing has started in the town of Nichols and Tioga Center. This will not affect the town of Candor in any way. Staff leasing covers Monday through Friday 6am to 6pm by extra staff brought on. EMS is working on “community paramedicine” where EMT’s go out and help with medicines for residents or fall hazards awareness.

M-1 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to approve the minutes of December 10, 2024 meeting. All in favor. Clm. Rader abstained.

M-2 Clm. Evans motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to approve Abstract 13. General Fund spent \$28,869.17 and Highway Fund spent \$38,739.90. Roll Call Vote: Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, Evans-aye.

M-3 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to approve Abstract 14. The General Fund spent \$12,832.03 and the Highway Fund spent \$13,394.24. Roll Call Vote: Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, Evans-aye.

M-4 Clm. Evans motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to approve Abstract 1. The General Fund spent \$14,469.58. Roll Call Vote: Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, Evans-aye.

Assessor: Clm. Leonard stated he had a conversation with Assessor Spaulding about increasing everyone’s assessed value equally so as not to do a reevaluation. Assessor Spaulding will look into that. Supervisor Strosahl said it will be addressed in the future.

Board of Appeals: Clm. Leonard had nothing to report on.

Buildings and Grounds: Supervisor Strosahl stated Sure Temp is working on the HVAC units.

Cemeteries: Clm. Leonard is working on the deeds for the Lower Fairfield Cemetery.

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcer Yacopino read his monthly report. Three building permits were issued and 18 are open from 2022. There were seven completed building permits in December. There are three open violation pending.

Code Enforcer Yacopino summarized a brochure given to The Board members concerning updating the town code and law books by General Code Service. It costs approximately \$15,000, which could be made in two fiscal payments. Code Enforcer Yacopino stated that if necessary a presentation can be given to The Board about the service. A discussion continued about the need to "clean up" the books and make the laws more easily accessible to the citizens. Maintenance fees are probably based on municipality size but Code Enforcer Yacopino is unsure.

Code Enforcer Yacopino went on to explain the matter of the Marijuana stand on corner of 96 and Honeypot Rd. An e-mail was received from Jonathan Carr (a BOA member) to Code Enforcer Yacopino that stated the business was being investigated by the proper authorities and not a Town matter.

Dog Control: Supervisor Strosahl stated that the Town no longer has a contract with Stray Haven. He would like to see the County build a shelter providing for all the counties. Supervisor Strosahl will have more information to share with the Board after the Thursday meeting at the County. Dog Control Officer Liske did share that some counties are unwilling to take stray dogs in but unsure of the solution to the matter. Officer Liske stated she could not take dogs in her home for risk of jeopardizing her license.

Highway: Superintendent Whatley stated there was an incident with a truck but repaired now. Another truck tipped over and broke a light. He will be ordering salt soon.

Justice: No report.

Planning Board: Clm. Evans said they are finalizing the Nox Box Law and started discussing 2025 work. They are also finalizing the Comprehensive Plan.

New Business

Clm. Evans stated the NYC trip is very expensive and he would rather see a few new members go to the Planning Federation Meeting in the spring instead of only one member to NYC. The Board agreed with Clm. Evans.

Angela Malone asked if Digital Towpath was going to move the information to a new website. Clm. Leonard said it was just movement of information with 6 to 8 weeks of effort with no maintenance of the website. She handed the Board copies of what the website templates look like. Angela Malone quoted \$2850 for her to do the work for a new website. Clm. Leonard stated Digital Towpath recommended someone who did other towns websites. The price ranges from \$5000 to \$6700. Clm. Leonard said there is no urgency to get this done and Digital Towpath will not be adding any enhancements to the existing website.

Gary Henry (a resident) discussed with The Board their ability to waive the requirements that were not met by racetracks. Rules need to be followed by racetracks. Supervisor Strosahl stated that Code Enforcer Yacopino would be checking for violations.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:18 pm and out of Executive Session at 9:24 pm.

The Board entered the Regular Meeting at 9:24 pm.

M-5 Clm. Evans motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 pm. All in favor.