

The Regular Town Board meeting was held February 12, 2014 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 SR 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

Board Present:	Supervisor:	John E. Prendergast
	Deputy Supervisor:	Richard Harper
	Councilmen:	Becky Jensen
		Glenn Quackenbush
		Alan Tomion

Also Present: Highway Superintendent – Jeff Mann, Historian/Health Officer – Eleanor Parker. Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe.

Supervisor Prendergast opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

Public Hearing was opened at 7:00 PM: 2015 Tax Cap

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Becky Jensen seconded by Richard Harper to approve the January 8th, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business:

George Wright Locksmith have ordered parts but not returned to key the front and back doors alike. Jeff Mann stated that a sensor needs repair over in the town barn. Dick Harper will follow up on these issues.

Computers for Supervisor Prendergast and Zoning officer Jayson Hoover have been installed. Supervisor Prendergast is using the previously purchased laptop for remote access from his residence.

Update on requested flashing light at the intersection of 14A & Havens Corners Road. A letter was sent to James Merritt @ NYSDOT Penn Yan location. Mr. Merritt called and informed Clerk Wolfe that he had forward the letter to the main office in Hornell. NYSDOT from Hornell also responded which was placed in the town board's packets.

Proposal was received from Conrady Consultant Service for WD # 2 tank inspection. Sheryl Robbins of the NYSDOH has no reservations on using Conrady, she explained that the expired license of the "PE" will not affect his services to inspect, he isn't engineering a new water system.

Steve Stork e-mailed a resolution for "Temporary Cooperation/Sharing of Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. Steve stated that once the resolution is passed to let him know and he will add the additional liability coverage to our policy. After reviewing the proposed resolution Colby Petersen suggested replacing illness with absence in paragraph four. Jeff Graff also emailed a sample which was used instead of Storks draft. After board discussion it was suggested that a time frame be entered in the agreement. No definite decision was made.

A request for an extension for the grant/loan for WD # 1 Extension has been sent to Rural Development, no response had been received prior to the February meeting. Update: Supervisor Prendergast met with Engineer, Jeremy DeLyser and Diana Speers of Municipal Solutions regarding restructuring the proposed WD# 1 Extension which would eliminate Angus Point and lower the cost by approximately \$90,000. Diana believed we **may** still be eligible for the \$310,000 grant and will be checking on this with RD. This district has not been legally created so changes can be made until that time. Supervisor Prendergast will be contacting town attorney Graff on what the process will be to start over. Joan Frederickson stated that a vote would be less stressful than the last process of getting petitions. Once the town receives the new map-plan-report a public information meeting will be set up.

Clean-Up Day is now scheduled for June 28th, 2014. The "SWEEPS" program is scheduled to be present. The town received an e-mail from SUNNKING a company that collects electronics and donates the proceeds to Camp Good Days in the name of the town. Even though their program is only dedicated to the month of April, Supervisor Prendergast contacted SUNNKING about our June clean up day. They responded that they wouldn't be

able to participate only the month of April. They did suggest a rebate program for materials collected. SUNNKING will be in contact with Supervisor Prendergast.

As requested at the last town board meeting, the West Group town law books have been returned and future additions have been cancelled.

Highway:

Mower proposal – Jeff Mann presented several proposals for new mowers. A decision was not made and requested that Jeff sign up for “National Joint Powers Alliance” which is Basically the same as NYS bidding process. Jeff also informed the board that the roller has 3000 plus hours on it, he will present proposals for a new roller at the next meeting. Jeff stated that the floor in the town barn office needs to be replaced, the board said to go ahead and replace the floor. There was also a proposal for new garage door openers for the town barn at \$800.00 each, there are 5 doors and Jeff would like to put openers on 3 doors. The board asked that he get more prices for the next meeting.

New Business:

Direct Deposit: Several employees are interested in having their payroll direct deposited. Clerk Wolfe contacted Community Bank and we need to make an appointment with Tom @ Community to explain the process.

A Special Use Permit Application for PERM 33a for event – Seneca7. If Benton has any objections to this annual race they need to be expressed within 15 days of the date of this letter. The town board was had no objection to this PERM 33a but would like the application sent to Steve Stork for him to review.

Close the Public Hearing at 8:45 P.M.

Historian: Eleanor Parker presented the 2013 Benton History which will be kept in the town clerk’s office.

Resolutions:

#08-14: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush adopting the 2015 Tax Cap. Motion was carried unanimously.

#09-14: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush seconded by Alan Tomion to Re-Appoint Mark Martin to the Board of Assessment Review (5) Year Term 10/1/13 – 09/30/18. Motion was carried unanimously.

#10-14: Temporary Sharing of Building Inspector/Code Enforcement officer. **(Tabled)**

#11-14: Motion was made by Richard Harper seconded by Becky Jensen to approve of the 2013 Budget Modifications. Motion was carried unanimously.

#12-14: Motion was made by Richard Harper seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the 2013 Budgetary Amendments. Motion was carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Becky Jensen – Insurance/Personnel: Becky reported on the schoolhouse sign. Kathy Gernold gave a quote of \$600.00 to re-vamp the sign. The new wording will state: “Tours by Appointment Only” Call 315-536-7236 to schedule a tour. Any phone calls will be forwarded to Becky and she will set up a volunteer to be present. Kathy Gernold will e-mail a draft of the sign and the board told Becky to go ahead and approve the draft.

Richard Harper – ZBA/PB/Personnel: Nothing to report.

Alan Tomion – Agriculture: Nothing to report.

Glenn Quackenbush-Buildings: Nothing to report.

Monthly Reports & Abstract of Vouchers:

Motion was made by Becky Jensen seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following reports & abstracts: Motion was carried unanimously. General (A&B) Claims 18-40 Totaling (A) \$6678.89 & (B) \$904.26, Highway (DA) Claims 2-15 Totaling \$10,189.07, Highway (DB) Claim 1 Totaling \$33.86, SW1 Claims 2-4 Totaling \$164.04, SW2 Claims 3-8 Totaling \$1530.11, SW3 Claims 2-4 Totaling \$231.23. Town Clerk – Supervisor – Highway – Zoning Reports. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Becky Jensen seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting as of 9:15 PM Motion was carried unanimously.

Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk
Dated: February 18, 2014

Approved: April 9th, 2014