

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held April 9th, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 SR 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527. The March 12th meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and was not re-scheduled.

Board Present: Deputy Supervisor: Richard Harper
Councilmen: Glenn Quackenbush
Alan Tomion

Also Present: Mr & Mrs Houghtaling, Tom Swartele, Robert Clark, Steve Stork
Jeff Mann – Highway Supt., Bobbi Wolfe – Town Clerk

Absent: Supervisor John Prendergast & Councilperson Becky Jensen.

Deputy Supervisor Richard Harper opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the February 12, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion was carried.

Guest: Steve Stork presented a quote for town insurance renewal date 5/10/14. Steve explained we have continued to use Selective Insurance thru the years but are looking into other options for 2015-16. Benton didn't have any claims, except the Reagon issue which was dropped. Steve also explained that there is a 3.7% increase in the cost this year. The board was given a choice of Selective or Travelers for "Crime Policy" options. Deputy Supr. Harper thanked Steve for attending and the board would make a decision later in the meeting.

Old Business:

George Wright- the front door and inside right entrance into the town hall are now keyed alike. Parts needed to be ordered to repair the back door before it could be keyed the same as the front. The security connection isn't working on the town clerk bathroom door, Wright will also check into this.

Temporary Shared Services Benton/Torrey Zoning Officers: this agreement was received back from the Town of Torrey signed and dated waiting for Benton's signature and a return copy.

WD # 1 Extension: A proposal was received from Clark-Patterson-Lee regarding the updated district boundaries. Please review for the May meeting. Final invoices for Clark-Patterson-Lee & Municipal Solutions were paid on Abstract(3).

Seneca7: The board asked that we contact Steve Stork regarding insurance for the Seneca7 marathon. Steve stated the permit and insurance would have been issued in the name of the organization that sponsored the race.

Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Fund: The board has requested how much is in that account, \$97,166.08.

A response was received from NYSDOT on SR 14A and Havens Corners request for a light or more signage. A safety study was done and determined that there has not been enough critical accidents to warrant increased signage of flashing light.

WD # 1 Extension: Robert Clark explained at one time there was some sort of funding earmarked for water district projects the county is checking into this. If the county is successful in locating this possible funding, it would benefit the proposed Benton district extension along with Torrey's interest in public water and continue to the county line. Bob will keep us updated on any information the county receives.

Highway:

Jeff Mann had presented proposals from Kubota & John Deere for mowing tractors. After board discussion and asking Jeff which mower he preferred, the motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion approving the purchase of the Kubota Mower Tractor in the amount of \$76,392.32. Motion was carried unanimously. Jeff will look into

payment options for the May meeting. **Loader:** Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to upgrade the loader at a cost of \$15,880.00. This includes \$10.00/Hour on the machine. Motion was carried. Jeff stated that the cost would probably increase slightly due to increased machine hours prior to the old loader being turned in. “CHIPS” allocation for 2014-2015 \$116,511.00, Jeff informed the board that an additional 40 million dollars has been allocated for “Pot Hole” repair. The town of Benton will be receiving an additional \$13,857.00.

SLAP5:

Robert Clark explained the SLAP5 organization had also contacted Yates County asking for support. He reported that one concern the County had was paragraph 10 which states: Annual Budget concerning dues by member counties “Dues” or to begin requesting municipal dues. He stated that the county would support SLAP5 but would ask for that paragraph to be re-written. (The board will review for the May meeting).

SCT Computer:

Maintenance agreement request 1-2-3 Year. Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion approve the (3) Year Quarterly Maintenance Agreement. Motion was carried.

Department of Labor-Health & Safety: Violations (Town Barn & Town Hall) issues for both locations and almost complete. We were informed that the town needed a Workplace Violence documentation program to be established and incorporate training. Jeff Mann compiled the policy from Yates County & the Town of Seneca. Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to forward the Workplace Violence to Attorney Jeff Graff for his review and determination if this should be a Local Law. Motion was carried.

West Woods Cemetery: Wilson Simmons contacted the town requesting the board’s approval to clean up the cemetery on Baldwin Road. Another resident has requested to clean up the same cemetery in the past, the board suggested that this resident be contacted and let them know that Mr. Simmons will also be working in the cemetery. Bob Clark will contact the other resident,(at which time no one could remember that person’s name), Bob has a file with other cemetery requests and offered to contact them.

Yates County Emergency Management: Is working with NYSEG in identifying critical facilities in our town. This is so NYSEG can predetermine where to restore electric more quickly after a storm or disaster. After discussion the board asked to have Benton Vol. Fire Department and the town of Benton offices listed.

Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals: Notification went into the newspaper requesting interested residents to participate as alternates to the above boards. We received two interested parties, George Alexander and Kay Houghtaling. Mrs. Houghtaling was present and stated she was very interested in serving the town and had served other towns in past years.

Bob Clark explained that any town that has passed the 2% tax cap for 2015 will be exempt from receiving any refunds from the state. He suggested we contact Jeff Graff for his opinion on this. It has also been suggested that town’s show where they have shared services with other municipalities,.

There is a water partners meeting at the Village of Penn Yan May 29th.

Schoolhouse sign has been approved and completed, the highway guys will pick it up at Kathy Gernolds prior to installing it.

Resolutions:

#10-14: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving the Adoption of Temporary Shared Services with the Town of Torrey, Building Inspector & Code Enforcement. Motion was carried.

#13-14: WD # 1 Proposal from Clark-Patterson-Lee (Tabled)

#14-14: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to appoint Kay

Houghtaling to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate, (1) Year Term. Motion was carried.

#15-10: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to accept the Insurance Proposal Renewal from Stork Insurance in the amount of \$22,412.65 which includes Travelers Crime Option # 1: Motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Richard Harper – ZBA/PB: Nothing major to report, Karen Hudson added a pole barn. Horning application was tabled by the Yates County Planning Board.

Alan Tomion – Ag: Nothing to report.

Glenn Quackenbush – Buildings: Nothing to report.

Monthly Reports & Abstract of Vouchers:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following reports & abstracts:

General (A & B) Claims 62-86 (A) Totaling \$7451.48 (B) Totaling \$430.82, Highway (DA) Claims 32-42 Totaling \$5475.54, Highway (DB) Claim 3 Totaling \$3654.98, SW1 Claims 10-16 Totaling \$1255.05, SW2 Claims 18-26 Totaling \$4875.52, SW3 Claims 10-14 Totaling \$4621.14, Town Clerk, Supervisor, Zoning reports. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: April 15th, 2014

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk

ADOPTED: MAY 14, 2014