

The Regular Town Board meeting was held September 10, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 SR 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

Also Present: Highway Supt. – Jeff Mann, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe, Zoning/Water Supt. – Jayson Hoover, Historian/Health Officer – Eleanor Parker.

Public Present: Attendance Sheet Attached To The Minutes

Supervisor Prendergast opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Becky Jensen to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion was carried.

Guest: Christine Sprague – Insurance broker from Sprague insurance presented packets with comparable health care policies. She stated BC/BS as it stands right now will be getting a 12.2% rate increase. Christine needs to know what direction the board is going so to present an overview for their next meeting. No decisions were made, Becky Jensen will meet with Linda Johnson 9/12/14 to discuss the plans.

Helen Dunlop, project coordinator for the tobacco action coalition which educates on tobacco related issues. A new grant year is beginning July 1, 2015. In the packet presented to the board was a policy statement if the board wished to sign. No action was taken.

Mr & Mrs Bicksler were present to see if there was an action regarding dog issues in the Hamlet of Bellona. Supervisor Prendergast did not contact animal control officer, Tom Morris on this issue. It was suggested that the Bicksler's contact Reining Cats & Dogs (Rosalie Ayres) for their assistance.

Correspondence: There will be a public officials workshop 9/30/14 at 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Anyone attending needs to RSVP.

Water District # 1 Extension: An informational meeting was held August 28, 2014 for the residents of this proposed district. Petitions have been returned and have been calculated on a spread sheet for the boards review. Jayson Hoover and John Prendergast met with the Town of Geneva requesting their approval for the purchase of water for this district. A letter will be sent regarding the approval. Attorney Graff presented the next 12 procedure steps to move forward. Tim MacDonald, resident in the proposed district had several questions: (1) With a 6" sleeve under the railroad, can additional services such as NYSEG, TWC share the sleeve with the water? Jayson Hoover (water operator) stated it would be in the best interest of the district not to combine services in the sleeve, if there was an issue with one of the utilities it would involve several utilities and could be an issue down the road. Regarding the TWC possibly on Route 14, Tim Dennis responded that it is the Fiber Optics that is proposed to run through Yates County but wasn't sure if TWC would be utilizing the optics. (2) Does the homeowner have a say where the valve or meter pit is placed? Jayson stated residents do have a say within reason. (3) Once the area is torn up from construction, who replaces everything back to the way it was prior to construction? The contractor is responsible for any clean up of the area. Note: NYSEG states there are no plans to extend the gas line along Route 14 and stated they don't co-ditch with other utilities. Right now natural gas ends at Beattie Point. (4) Question was also asked about the permanent shut off option. The water line needs to be installed to the house, the resident pays one billing \$50.00 and \$25.00 shut off fee. In the future the resident can turn the water on without paying any fees. Terms for hook up are: No hook up fees for the first year after completion of the district. After the first year fees as of 9/15/2014, 1" Service in the basement \$1300.00, meter pit \$1500.00. These fees are subject to change. Other issues discussed: Size of pipe was questioned ...larger main is required for fire protection. Homeowner's insurance rates will go down with the completion of the water

district. Town of Geneva water rates, Jayson stated that Geneva has no plans for a substantial rate increase. George Thompson, resident of the Town of Torrey was present with interest in Benton's progress with the WD # 1 Extension. Areas of the Town of Torrey are interested in proposing a district if the Benton District is successful.

Councilman, Richard Harper attended a seminar regarding Hydro Fracking, presented by Tim Acomb. He stated it was the best presentation he had ever attended. Discussed were pro's and con's and not one sided. Mr. Harper will contact Tim to possibly present a seminar at the Town of Benton

2% Tax Cap: No actual decision was made regarding the rescinding of the previous Local Law by passing the 2% cap. A resolution was passed later in the meeting to schedule a public hearing to rescind the cap.

Beattie Property: Jayson Hoover reported that the mobile home has been moved. Mike Morehouse has graded a parking area. One trailer is still there, the other trailer is located in the parking area. Mr Beattie has done everything he said he would do. The court appearance date is still set for 9/23/14. Richard Harper stated: If the trailer is licensed we have no jurisdiction with what he can do with it. If it is a storage unit he needs to apply for a special use permit. George Jakobovic was pleased with what has been done.

Workplace Violence Training: This training has been scheduled for September 23, 2014 in the afternoon. All full/part time employees are requested to attend.

New Business: HealthWorks if requested would come to our location for a flu clinic. There is a 20 person minimum and a \$50.00 administrative trip/fee. After board discussion they declined stating employees have several options for flu shots in town.

2015 Budget Workshops: Were set up for September 17th and September 30th at 7:00 PM.

Resolution:

#24-14: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to Schedule the Public Hearing on 10/8/14 to Rescind the Local Law Bypassing the 2% Cap. Motion was carried.

Yates County Legislature: Tim Dennis reported that the county is looking into changing carriers for workers compensation.

Highway: Jeff Mann will be getting quotes for a truck room heating system. He reported that the new tractor is at Bentley Brothers being repaired for pump/shaft issues.

Health/Historian: Eleanor Parker reported that the Benton Fire Department is celebrating their 10th anniversary and the ladies auxiliary their 50 year celebration Friday September 12th. She also stated that the Bellona Fire Department's BBQ is Sunday 9/14.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers & Reports: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following: General (A) (B) Claims 174-190 Totaling (A) \$ 2029.58, (B) Totaling \$169.95, Highway (DA) Claims 69-77 Totaling \$2728.94, Highway (DB) Claims 19-25 Totaling \$8339.52, SW1 Claims 41-46 Totaling \$474.15, SW2 Claims 55-61 Totaling \$9395.20, SW3 Claims 33-36 Totaling \$196.73. Town Clerk – Highway – Water – Zoning – supervisor reports. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM Motion was carried.

Dated: September 16th, 2014
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk

ADOPTED: October 8, 2014