

The Regular Town Board meeting was held **October 8, 2014** at 7:00 PM in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 SR 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

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

Supervisor Prendergast opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minute Approval:** Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

**2015 Budget:** Discussion regarding the reduction in the New York State Retirement in the amount of \$21,119.00 and an increase in the pipeline “PILOT” in the amount of \$25,380.00 along with one less highway employee kept the 2015 budget at a rate of \$4.34/1000. Becky Jensen preferred to keep the 2014 rate of \$4.29/1000 and use some fund balance. After continued discussion the board unanimously decided to approve the 2015 budget at the \$4.34/1000 rate. A public hearing will be held at the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 town board meeting.

**2% Tax Cap:** After town board discussion it was decided to leave the 2% Tax Cap Local Law in place and declined to rescind the law.

**Mark Beattie Property:** This issue has been resolved in compliance per the August town board meeting.

**New Business:** SCT Computer presented a proposal for our e-mail backup. To clarify the proposal, Councilman Harper will contact Bob Wixon.

**Town Hall Rental:** The Bellona chapter, International Harvester Club would like to rent the town hall for eight meetings and two dinners. They have requested the first Wednesday of the month. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to rent the Benton Town Hall to the International Harvester Club for an annual fee of \$500.00 starting January 2015. Jayson Hoover will be responsible for opening the town hall and deactivating the security system. All tables and chairs are to be replaced after each event. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Justice Audit:** A 2013 Justice audit needs to be prepared and sent to the state. John Prendergast and Richard Harper will work on this after contacting Justice Grace.

**Water District # 1 Extension:** The petitions have been sent to town attorney Jeff Graff for his review. We received a letter of acceptance from the Town of Geneva to purchase water for the extension.

**Solar Exemption:** The board would like more information in solar exemptions before making a decision.

Pictometry needs signature on the agreement between the town and county.

**Highway:** Jeff Mann explained that there are some issues with the Kabota . Hometown energy is preparing a proposal for heat in the town barn truck room. Jeff requested other quotes but with no return phone calls. Had another issue with the alarm system in the town barn, Richard Harper will call Wright.

**Yates County Legislature:** Robert Clark reported work continues on the county budget which includes two unions. FEMA estimated payout is 4-6 weeks. There will be a vote on Schuyler County gas wells at an upcoming meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

#25-14: ll # 2 OF 2014 – 2% Tax Cap Rescind—(DID NOT PASS)

#26-14: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve Future Disclosure Filings with Municipal Solutions. Motion was carried.

#27-14: Schedule a public hearing for LL # 3 of 2014 (Solar) (TABLED)

#28-14: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to accept the Water Easement from Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mahoney of 345 Beattie Point. Motion was carried unanimously.

***Monthly Reports & Abstract of Vouchers:***

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the Following reports & Vouchers: General (A) Claims 191-206 Totaling \$3873.81, General (B) Claims 207-210 Totaling \$209.35, Highway (DA) Claims 78-85 Totaling \$1616.05, Highway (DB) Claims 26-29 Totaling \$54,147.94, SW1 Claims 47-55 Totaling \$2242.58, SW2 Claims 62-69 Totaling \$942.03, SW3 Claims 37-47 Totaling \$9686.18. Town Clerk – Highway – Supervisor – Zoning/Water Reports. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM Motion was carried.

Dated: October 20, 2014  
Bobbi Wolfe  
Benton Town Clerk

***ADOPTED: 11/12/2014***