

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

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

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

Public Present: Timothy Dennis – Yates County Legislature, Yates County Sheriff – Ronald Spike, Skip Jensen, John Christensen.

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

Public Hearings Opened at 7:00 P.M.: 2015 Budget, Fire Contracts: Benton, Bellona, West Lake Road and Penn Yan.

Minute Approval: Motion was made by Richard Harper seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the October 8th, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Tim Dennis, Yates County Legislature informed the board that the state is extending the due date to rescind the 2% Tax Cap Override until January 20th, 2015. Board decision was to leave the override in place.

Guest Speaker: Sheriff, Ronald Spike presented and excellent slide show explaining the facts on what heroin has and is doing to our community. He stated that there hasn't been a month gone by in 2014 there hasn't been a heroin incident. A Yates County Deputy attended training in Phoenix AZ regarding the NARCAN which is administered to an individual during a heroin overdose. He has continued to train other deputies in the area on the use of the NARCAN. Sheriff Spike will be attending all municipalities to get the word out about the use of heroin in our area.

Old Business:

SCT Computer – E-Mail and Website. Councilmen, Richard Harper had a discussion with our current Website-Email provider, Randy Deal. He stated that he wants to get out of this service he is providing. Mr. Harper had contacted other IT personnel and discussed other possibilities. After board discussion the motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to purchase the three year web builder for \$5.99 per month and e-mail (GoDaddy) \$108.00. Motion was carried. Mr. Harper and Town Clerk, Bobbi Wolfe will work together in setting up the new system and keeping it updated.

Mr. Harper also informed the board that Tim Acomb will be at the December 18th Planning Board meeting to discuss Hydro Fracking at the conclusion of that meeting.

New Business:

Schoolhouse – Pauline Carroll presented the town with a letter asking to purchase pictures of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington that are now displayed at the schoolhouse. She believed that these pictures were donated by her family. After board discussion it was decided to allow Mrs. Carroll to take the pictures and have them reproduced and return a copy to the town. Supervisor Prendergast will prepare a letter to be sent to Mr. Carroll.

Clean Up Day 2015: Clerk Wolfe contacted Lt. Rugar at the Yates County Sheriff's office and reserved the "SWEAPS" program for next years' clean up day. The date has been set for June 20th, 2015 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Yates County Legislature is encouraging Towns/Village/County to pass a resolution requesting the state assist in paying 12.5% of repair cost from the flooding. Resolution below.

Water District # 1 Extension: We are waiting for one more petition to be returned. Once that is received we will get Jeff Graff's approval. He will prepare the paperwork for the creation of the district.

FEMA: The town has received partial payment for flood damage. A signature is required prior to returning it to FEMA. The amount projected so far is \$26,755.67, Supervisor Prendergast will be contacting Brian Winslow regarding future steps for reporting flood damage.

Public Hearing Closed: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to close the Public Hearing on the 2015 Budget, Benton, Bellona, West Lake Road, Penn Yan Fire Contracts. Motion was carried.

The board would like more information regarding the Local Law on Solar Farms prior to passing a local law.

Resolutions:

#27-14: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to Schedule a public hearing for LL # 2 of 2014 at the December 10th, 2014 meeting. "Removing the Real Property Tax Exemption for Solar or Wind Energy Systems". Motion was carried.

#29-14: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion requesting additional flood disaster aid in the amount of 12.5% from New York State. Motion was carried.

#30-14: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the 2015 Town Budget. Motion was carried.

#31-14: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the 2015 Benton Fire Contract. Motion was carried.

#32-14: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the Bellona Fire Contract. Motion was carried.

#33-14: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the West Lake Road Fire Association Contract. Motion was carried.

#34-14: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the Penn Yan Fire Contract. Motion was carried.

Highway: Jeff Mann stated that he is having some issues with the new mower and are being repaired. He will be advertising the old loader on Auctions International and possibly purchase a used roller in the spring.

Monthly Reports & Abstract of Vouchers: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the following General (A) (B) Claims 211-224 Totaling (A) 4734.42, (B) \$191.11, Highway (DA) Claims 86-95 Totaling \$1588.87, Highway (DB) Claims 30-32 Totaling \$9496.91, SW1 Claims 56-62 Totaling \$445.31, SW2 Claims 70-78 Totaling 548.41, SW3 Claims 48-52 Totaling \$327.97. Town Clerk – Highway Superintendent – Zoning/Water – Supervisor Reports. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Motion was carried.

Dated: November 17, 2014
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk

ADOPTED: December 10th, 2014