

The Regular Town Board meeting was held December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 SR 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

Also Present: Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe

Public Present: Scott Osborn, George Thompson, Jim Smith

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

**Public Hearing Opened at 7:00 PM** Local Law # 2 of 2014 “To Provide that the Exemption for Solar or Wind Energy Systems and for Farm Waste Energy Systems.” Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 487 Shall Not Be Applicable within the Town of Benton.”

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

**Old Business:**

**E-Mail & Website:** Our new e-mail was activated just before Thanksgiving with no issues to date. Richard Harper explained that the e-mail account comes with 10 possible users and at this point we are using 8, we may want to add chairman’s for the ZBA & PB for future use. Dick presented pictures of what the new website will look like and has the capability of expansion, minutes from all board meetings will now be posted, calendar of events, news letter etc. Dick stated he thought the new website would be up and running the week of December 15, 2014. Thank you Dick for all of your continued work on this project.

**Justice Audit:** The 2013 Justice audit has been prepared by Richard Harper and John Prendergast. There is a Resolution below to accept the audit. Clerk Wolfe will forward a copy of the audit and resolution to the NYS Office of Court Administration.

**New Business:**

The Yates County Planning Board will need a new representative from the Town of Benton as Jerry Stape will resign at the end of this year’s term. Jayson Hoover has asked members of the Benton Planning Board if they might be interested and will ask again at the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The town also needs two new members of the “BAR” Board of Assessment review as we had two of our members pass away. Clerk Wolfe will put an ad in the Chronicle requesting anyone interested in serving. The board also suggested advertising for the YCPB Rep. along with members and alternates for Benton’s ZBA & PB.

There will be a 2015 Organizational Meeting, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 PM

2% Tax Cap – 2016, the town board decided to wait until later in the year before a decision is made on the cap.

**Water District # 4 Update:**

All paperwork has been completed by Jeff Graff, the assessment has been certified by Mary Lilyea and Bobbi Wolfe. Now it is in the hands of the engineer (SEQR) and Municipal Solutions (Updating the full application). Resolution below “Approving Order Calling a Public Hearing”.

The town board needs to set a water rate for this district. Clerk Wolfe will need this rate for the full Rural Development Application.

For the town boards information: This new district will be called WD # 4 as it is its' own entity. (Accounts for water billing, capital charges etc. need to be totally separate from WD # 1). Any previous and continued paperwork creating this district will remain WD # 1 Extension. This was discussed and agreed upon with attorney Jeff Graff.

A letter will be sent out to all the residents in the proposed district updating them on the progress of the district.

Town of Torrey – George Thompson reported that he is in the process (at the request of town of Torrey Supervisor Patrick Flynn) to come up with how many units there will be in their proposed water district. He stated at this time there are around 148 just along the Seneca lake shore and an additional 75-100 more along Rte 14 and other roads leading to the lake. Once they determine how many units they will contact the Town of Geneva as the possible supplier of water.

The board discussed purchasing a projector for a computer hookup. Richard Harper stated that the town could use one for ZBA/PB etc. training. Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Becky Jensen to purchase a projector not to exceed \$500.00. Motion was carried.

**Resolutions:**

**#35-14:** Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to schedule a Public Hearing for January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 7:00 PM “Approving Order Calling a Public Hearing (Water District # 1 Extension). Motion was carried unanimously.

**#36-14:** Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Richard Harper approving the adoption of Local Law # 2 of 2014 “To Provide That the Exemption for Solar or Wind Energy Systems and for Farm Waste Energy System”. Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 487 Shall Not Be Applicable within the Town of Benton. Motion was carried unanimously.

**#37-14:** Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the 2013 Justice Audit prepared by Richard Harper and John Prendergast. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Monthly Reports & Abstract of Vouchers:**

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Becky Jensen to approve the following reports and invoices: General (A)(B) Claims 227-249 (A) Totalling \$5693.75 – (B) Totalling \$191.11, Highway (DA0 Claims 96-107 Totaling \$17,487.97, Highway (DB) Claims 33-36 Totaling \$20,524.20, SW1 Claims 63-69 Totaling \$582.83, SW2 Claims 79-91 Totaling \$4943.26, SW3 Claims 53-58 Totaling \$822.09. Reports: Town Clerk, Supervisor, Highway Supt., Zoning, Water Districts. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Motion was carried.

Dated: December 11, 2014  
Bobbi Wolfe  
Benton Town Clerk

***Adopted: January 14, 2015***