The Regular Town Board Meeting was held January 14th, 2015 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:	Becky Jensen
		Richard Harper
		Alan Tomion
		Glenn Quackenbush

Also Present: Highway Superintendent – Jeff Mann, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe Historian/Health Officer – Eleanor Parker. Yates County Legislature – Robert Clark.

Public Present: George Thompson, John Christensen, Mr & Mrs Tom Bicksler, Gary Lilyea.

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

Approval of the Minutes: Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the minutes from the December 30th, 2014 Organizational Meeting as presented. Motion was carried. Motion was not made to approve the December 10th, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes and will be on the February 11th, 2015 agenda.

Old Business: Benton is still in need of members/alternates for the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Assessment Review and a Representative to the Yates County Planning Board. The YCPB is a volunteer position and can be filled by a Town Board, ZBA, PB member or any Benton resident.
Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to appoint Jennie Mann to the position of Board of Assessment Review to fulfill the remaining term of Marion Mann 10/01/2012—09/30/2017. Motion was carried.

Railroad: The town received a request from Jay Decker regarding the "GTC Regional Initiative Phase III Update". (Bicycle/Pedestrian trail). Mr. Decker is requesting information on where the town of Benton stands on this property. Board discussion was believed that the Finger Lakes Economic Development Center owns a portion of this property and leases to the railroad. Other portions of this property were deeded back to the property owners. Gary Lilyea stated that the railroad has plans to fix the railroad and no plans to abandon it. He also stated that area farmers don't want pedestrians in the area. It was recommended that this is tabled until the February 11th town board meeting after Supervisor Prendergast contacts Steve Griffin at the EDC.

Schoolhouse Pictures: Previous minutes; Pauline Carroll had requested pictures of George Washington & Abraham Lincoln she believed were given to the town by her family. After further investigation, Supervisor Prendergast contacted Tom Murphy and he stated the pictures came from the old fire house. Prendergast will contact the Carroll's and correct the issue.

New Business:
Mr & Mrs Tom Bicksler approached the board with a noise complaint. They reside in The Hamlet of Bellona and are having an issue with truck drivers using their "Jake Brakes" through the Hamlet and are very loud. It was explained to the Bickslers that The town on its' own can't do anything, but a letter needs to be sent to the Yates County Highway Department for their review.

Resolutions:
#1-15: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Becky Jensen to schedule "Order Calling a Public Hearing" WD # 1 Extension for January 27th, 2015 @ 7:00 PM. Duly put to a vote: AYES: John Prendergast, Becky Jensen, Richard Harper, Alan Tomion, Glenn Quackenbush. NOES: None.
#2-15: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper approving the Highway Agreement for Expenditures of Highway Money (Road Repair) for 2015. Motion was carried.

#3-15: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving the Proposal to Provide Bond Counsel Services, (Harris Beach Attorneys At Law for Water District # 1 Extension. Motion was carried,
#4-15: Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the USDA Legal Service Agreement with Jeffrey Graff. Motion was carried.
#5-15: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the Budget Modification SW1-8340.4 O&M to SW1-8389.4 Railroad Lease ***$29.***70. Motion was carried.
#6-15: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Becky Jensen to approve the Clark-Patterson-Lee Proposal for Engineering Services – WD # 1 Extension. Motion was carried.

Highway: Jeff reported that the town will be receiving $116,500 in "CHIPS" money. The board asked Jeff to explain what NOVA Chips is, Jeff stated, it is a lot like paving but your surface needs to be quite smooth to use it. He also reported that the tractor is still being worked on – several problems

Richard Harper explained that he had posted the town's "Comprehensive Plan" on our new website.

A new law went into effect January 1st, 2015 stating that no electronics can be disposed of in regular garbage it needs to be taken to an authorized electronic recycle center.

Yates County Legislature: Bob Clark reported that Yates/Schuyler counties are now sharing serviced with the Weights & Measurers Department. Yates County doesn't charge for their service as other counties do.

Historian/Health Officer: Eleanor Parker reported one cat bite ! And her year end History book is now in the Town Clerk's office.

The Town of Torrey has signed an agreement with Clark-Patterson-Lee engineers for preliminary study on their proposed water district. They received confirmation that the town of Geneva will supply 40,000 GPD which would supply approximately 100 homes.

We had another issue with the security system, highway was using the pressure washer and it set the alarm off. Richard Harper has a call into Wright Security to check this issue out.

Monthly Reports & Abstract of Vouchers:
Motion was made by Alan Tomion seconded by Richard Harper to approve the following: General (A) Claims 1-21 Totaling $7473.58, General (B) Claims 300-301 Totaling $131.50, Highway (DA) Claims 1-4 Totaling $2848.63, SW1 Claims 1-9 Totaling $1751.83, SW2 Claims 1-5 Totaling $153.37, SW3 Claims 1-5 Totaling $4500.98. Town Clerk – Monthly & Yearly, Highway Supt. – Supervisor – Zoning. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: January 16, 2015
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk

ADOPTED: February 11, 2015