

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held February 11, 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
Glenn Quackenbush
Absent: Alan Tomion

Also Present: Highway Superintendent – Jeff Mann, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe

Public Present: Jerry & James Martin, John Christensen

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

Approval of the Minutes: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was carried.

Old Business: Previous minutes: Noise complaint in the Hamlet of Bellona from Mr & Mrs Bicksler regarding tractor trailer “Jake” brakes. Supervisor hadn’t contacted Yates County Highway Supt., Dave Hartman but will prior to the March meeting.

Genesee Transportation Council: request for a walking/biking trail had been decided by the Benton Town Board at their June 13th, 2007 meeting. Another email/letter will be sent to them informing them of that decision in 2007 and again in 2015. Resolution below.

General Code Publishers: A proposal has been received to publish Local Laws for years 2011-2014 in the amount of (between) \$1330.00-\$1605.00 which includes shipping and handling. Motion was made by Becky Jensen seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving the General Code Update for Local Laws 2011-2014. Motion was carried.

Finger Lakes Christian Fellowship: Members of this group would like to rent the town hall, possibly three Sunday’s a month during the winter for their gatherings. If approved Dwayne Martin was requesting a reduction in the cost of renting which is \$100.00. Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to reduce the rent to \$90.00 per each use provided it is rented through April. They are also to bring in paper towels, toilet paper and garbage bags. Use of the hall is all day 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Motion was carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board and Yates County Planning Board

Representative: A notice was published in the Chronicle requesting interested resident for these boards. Edward Tomion expressed interest in serving on the Yates County Planning Board as the Benton representative. At this time he has not committed to the position, Clerk Wolfe suggested he call Shawna Bonshak at the YCPB for any additional questions he may have. Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to appoint Edward Tomion as the Benton representative to the Yates County Planning Board pending Mr. Tomions decision to serve. Motion was carried.

New Business:

Humane Society: Zoning Officer – Jayson Hoover explained that the Humane Society received a permit for a shed in 2014 and has not received payment. Jayson received a call from Joe DeGeorge questioning why the HS pays for building permits and believed they shouldn’t be paying for any building permits. Jayson explained that the HS has always paid for permit, and all other non-profits pay. After board decision it was decided that the Zoning Officer - Jayson Hoover continue to charge them permit fees.

Empire Pipeline “PILOT”: Payment was received in the amount of \$49,923 for the 2015 distribution.

Town Hall Rental: It was suggested to possibly raise the amount charged for renting the town hall from \$100.00 to either \$150.00/\$200.00. After board discussion it was decided to leave the rent at \$100.00/ \$100.00 Deposit.

Seneca7: Upcoming marathon event is scheduled for April 19, 2015. The town has already been supplied with insurance coverage.

Municipal Energy Program: Does the board wish to participate in this program, (Previous Meeting) Richard Harper will check into this program along with other municipalities participating.

FEMA: The town has received \$50,622.28 to date for flood reimbursement. Another packet was received this past week for the Briggs Road in the amount of \$34,064.18. Highway Supt. – Jeff Mann will sign and return for payment processing.

Highway: Jeff informed the board that the mowing tractor is on its way to Terrian King in Texas so they can resolve some issues. Jeff also explained to the board that he has a possible part time person interested in plowing for now and mowing this summer. If it works out he would possible make him full time next year.

Water: Jayson Hoover reported that he has received his “D” Certification for the water department and is required to re-certify every three years.

Resolutions:

#11-15: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to appoint George Jakobovic to the Board of Assessment Review for the unexpired term of John Marion. Term ending 9/30/2016. Motion was carried.

#12-15: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving the rescinding of Resolution # 9-15 of 1/27/2015 “Approving Creation of WD # 1 Extension. Motion was duly put to a vote: AYES: John Prendergast, Richard Harper, Glenn Quackenbush, Becky Jensen. NOES: None ABSENT: Alan Tomion.

#13-15: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper approving the rescinding of Resolution # 10-15 “Order Establishing WD # 1 Extension”. Motion was duly put to a vote: AYES: John Prendergast, Richard Harper, Glenn Quackenbush, Becky Jensen. **NOES:** None. ABSENT: Alan Tomion.

#14-15: Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to Schedule WD # 1 Extension “Order Calling Public Hearing” for March 11th, 2015 @ 7:00 PM. VOTE: AYES: John Prendergast, Richard Harper, Glenn Quackenbush, Becky Jensen. NOES: None. ABSENT: Alan Tomion.

#15-15: Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush re-sending a letter to the Genesee Transportation Council stating “Their Option would be to have property from this railroad abandon and revert by transfer back to adjoining land owners”. Along with no bike/hiking trail. Motion was carried.

Monthly Reports & Abstract of Vouchers:

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following: General (A) Claims 23-38 Totaling \$5895.18, General (B) Claims 302-306 Totaling \$1217.06, Highway (DA) Claims 5-20 Totaling \$14,747.30, SW1 Claims 10-17 Totaling \$603.89, SW2 Claims 6-13 Totaling \$1108.86, SW3 Claims 6-11 Totaling \$662.72. Town Clerk – Zoning – Water & Highway Reports. Motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to go out of the Regular Meeting as of 8:30 PM into Executive Session Under Article 7, Public Officers Law Section 105, Paragraph (f) Regarding Planning Board personnel. Included in the meeting was Jayson Hoover. Motion was carried. Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Richard Harper to go out of the Executive Session back into the Regular Meeting as of 9:16 PM. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting as of 9:17 PM. Motion was carried.

Dated: February 17, 2015

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk

ADOPTED: March 11th, 2015