

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 SR 14A, Penn Yan, New York 14527.

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

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

Also Present: Jim Smith, Ruth & Scott Osborn

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

***Public Hearing was opened at 7:00 P.M.***

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Richard Harper seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

**Old Business:**

General Code –eCode360 was tabled until further information is received. Richard Harper did received pricing on the Premium and Standard packages of this code, very pricey. A PDF form is less expensive but more information is needed before making a decision.

**YCPB:** We have not heard from Edward Tomion on his interest of serving as the Benton representative to the Yates County Planning Board.

Municipal Energy Program Update: Clerk Wolfe provided Richard Harper with our current NYSEG invoices so he could compare pricing provided by MEP. He is requesting more information before the board can make a decision. The town also received an email from another company, DNE Resources Energy which will be sending pricing information.

Supervisor Prendergast discussed the schoolhouse Presidential pictures (previous minutes) with Pauline Carroll, and stated the pictures came from the old schoolhouse (firehouse) and not given by the Carroll family. Thomas Murphy did acknowledge this information and that a map was received by the Carroll family.

**New Business:**

Information was given to the town board on the “Solarized Finger Lakes Campaign” which is a non-profit focused on increasing the adoption of solar energy within Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties through a “Solarize” Campaign. The more residents that adopt into the program the lower installation and out of pocket cost is for the customer. No board participation was discussed.

**Clean Up Day:**

Cardinal Disposal has confirmed (4) – 30 yard roll offs and an enclosed unit for electronics. There is no tonnage fee for the electronics and only a hauling fee. Pricing this year is \$195.00/Box for the hauling and \$95.00/ton for the tonnage rate. Clerk Wolfe will also call another e-waste company for rates.

**Vault:** Jim Long provided a quote for a set of shelving for the vault. This is 18 gauge shelves and 20 gauge steel posts. Due to the weight of stored records the Yates County Historian suggests use of 20 gauge for shelving. Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to purchase the vault shelves at a maximum cost of \$348.00. Motion was carried.

**Water District # 1 Extension:** Notifications was received from Diana Speers (Municipal Solutions), once all resolutions are passed and packages forwarded to Rural Development, Harris Beach and MS we should receive our “Letter of Conditions” from RD in May, which is our guarantee of the water district money.

**Close the Public Hearing at 7:30 P.M.**

Prior to the Water District being created, Scott Osborn stated he totally supports the new project and thanked everyone for all their work.

**Highway:**

Highway Supt. – Jeff Mann is requesting the board’s approval to purchase a used roller. He stated we have \$35,650.00 from equipment sold last fall and would need \$31,350.00 out of the equipment fund to purchase the roller. This would also go out for the bid process. Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the purchase of the Dynapac Roller in the amount of \$67,000.00. Motion was carried. Jeff also informed the board that he had hired a part time employee, Brent Ayres. The Yates County Personnel office stated that the HEO position needs to be changed to an MEO, resolution below.

**Resolutions:**

**#16-15:** Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush Approving the Creation of the Town of Benton Water District No. 1 Extension. Duly put to a vote:

**AYES:** John Prendergast, Richard Harper, Alan Tomion, Glenn Quackenbush. **NOES:** None

**#17-15:** Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper Approving the “Order Establishing” Water District No. 1 Extension. Duly put to a vote:

**AYES:** John Prendergast, Richard Harper, Alan Tomion, Glenn Quackenbush. **NOES:** None

**#18-15:** Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion Approving the Bond Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of up to \$709,000 in Serial Bonds of the town to finance the cost of acquiring and constructing the improvements constituting the town of Benton Water District No. 1 Extension. Duly put to a vote: **AYES:** John Prendergast, Richard Harper, Alan Tomion, Glenn Quackenbush. **NOES:** None

**#19-15:** Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion resolving that the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor of the Town of Benton are authorized to execute any and all documents for Rural Development. Duly put to a vote: **AYES:** John Prendergast, Richard Harper, Alan Tomion, Glenn Quackenbush. **NOES:** None

**#20-15:** Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to change the HEO position to an MEO position for the new highway hire. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Monthly Reports & Abstract of Vouchers:**

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the following: General (A) Claims 39-55 Totaling \$6703.39, General (B) Claims 307-308 Totaling \$101.45, Highway (DA) Claims 21-28 Totaling \$12,308.76, SW1 Claims 18-23 Totaling \$648.05, SW2 Claims 14-24 Totaling \$10,133.45, SW3 Claims 12-17 Totaling \$555.48. Town Clerk – Zoning/Water – Highway – Bookkeeper Reports. Motion was carried.

**Adjourn:** Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to adjourn the meeting as of 8:15 P.M. Motion was carried.

***Dated: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015***

***Bobbi Wolfe***

***Benton Town Clerk***

***Adopted: April 8, 2015***