

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held June 10th, 2015 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

Public Present: Jim Smith & Robert Clark – Yates County Legislature Members

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes: Motion was made by Becky Jensen seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the May 13th, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Municipal Energy Program: Richard Harper reported the Town of Geneva had not received an invoice yet showing any savings on their energy cost. Mr. Harper will check back with Geneva next month. He didn't think there would be a considerable savings compared to Benton's current NYSEG rates.

NYSEG – Quote for LED lighting, Mr. Harper is continuing an inventory of the towns' lighting and will give this information to NYSEG for a quote. Rebate forms are also available. Mr. Harper also informed the board that he has been in contact with a few solar companies and at this time QuickSolar will be presenting a quote. Bob Clark –stated that the Town of Potter is updating their zoning code regarding solar installation ie; structural issues, weight restrictions.

Time Warner Cable – (Previous Meeting) (Installation of TWC along route 14.) Jill Corey has acquired the 35 signatures required to be presented to Time Warner Cable. Benton will prepare and send out a letter supporting this project. A letter was received from Cohen Law Group regarding “Charter Communications” acquiring TWC and franchise information.

New Business:

Yates County Resolution #166-15: Taking over selected bridges in the county for maintenance & preservation under the supervision of the Yates County Highway Superintendent. Benton bridges include: Coleman Road, Alexander Road and Thistle Street. Also Resolution #192-15: Criteria for the take over of bridges in Yates County. Jeff Mann explained that the county had already taken these bridges over, this is just a formality.

Correspondence:

ISO Evaluation will be conducted in September of the building code enforcement. The board questioned why the town was given such a low classification “9”, we will discuss this with code enforcement officer, Jayson Hoover.

Water District # 1 Ext:

Required (Rural Development) paperwork is being completed along with the engineering. Jeremy Delyser stated that it is possible this district may go out to bid this fall with a spring 2016 construction. A letter will be sent out to residents of this district informing them of the recent progress.

Complaint: Becky Jensen had taken a complaint regarding the odor when spreading chicken manure. There isn't anything the town can do, this is an agriculture district along with the right to farm law.

Yates County Legislature Report:

Robert Clark reported that a new state mandate is in affect which requires a Public Defender must be in attendance during an arraignment. Eventually arraignments may all be done at the Village of Penn Yan.

Mr. Clark also informed the board that Shawna Bonshak – Yates County Planner will be out on maternity leave, during that time the Genesee Regional Planning Service will be filling in for Shawna. Jim Smith reported on the proposed water district in the Town of Torrey. A meeting was held June 2, 2015 with engineer Jeremy Delyser present. Jim explained there were approximately 20+ residents, all in favor of potable water. Due to the size of the area, they are looking into three different water districts.

Highway:

Jeff Mann reported that he wants to replace truck # 5 with a 10-wheeler. The mower has been fixed and is working good, and reported that he hasn't used the new roller yet.

Clean up day is set for June 20th, 2015 9:00 – 2:00 PM. Becky, Bobbi, Jeff, John, Mary, Eleanor and Dick will be there to help.

Monthly Reports & Abstract of Vouchers:

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following: General (A) Claims 101-119 Totaling \$3319.25, General (B) Claims 318-320 Totaling \$189.94, Highway (DA) Claims 56-62 Totaling \$21,240.15, Highway (DB) Claims 6-10 Totaling \$8063.40 SW1 Claims 35-40 Totaling \$634.56 SW2 Claims 43-50 Totaling \$10,232.39 SW3 Claims 28-31 Totaling \$167.40 , Town Clerk, Highway, Supervisor, Water and Zoning reports. Motion was carried.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: June 11th, 2015
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk

Adopted: July 8th, 2015