

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held August 12, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M. in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 SR 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

Also Present: Highway Supt. – Jeff Mann, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe,
Historian/Health Officer – Eleanor Parker, Jim Smith (Yates County Legislature)
John Christensen (Chronicle Express).

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

Old Business:

NYSEG quoted \$6911.58 for the LED lighting Energy Efficiency Program. The town spent approximately \$3-4K four years ago for updated lighting. Mr. Harper explained this proposal did not include street lighting. No decision was made and possibly looking into a solar project or other avenues down the road.

ISO Rating: Jayson Hoover/Zoning Officer explained that town's are using five year old NYS Building Code which immediately knocks four points off the ISO Rating right up front. Towns are working under the 2010 NYS Building Code addition.

Audit: The town received confirmation from Municipal Solutions (Diana Speers) that our proposed water district is under the \$750,000 threshold and does not require an audit.

Hometown Energy Propane Quote: Mr. Harper requested a whole year of invoices from Griffith Energy Propane. Supervisor Prendergast will call on pricing for propane & fuel oil from NOCO, Hometown, Griffith and presented at the next board meeting. No decision was made on accepting Hometown's quote for propane.

Toshiba Copier: Proposal to purchase a new copier was received, we are waiting for a leasing proposal before making a decision. The existing copier lease is up in December.

NYMIR Insurance: Becky Jensen contacted several towns regarding NYMIR. Town's of Milo and Jerusalem, both stated in favor of it. Town of Seneca did not respond. More information is being supplied to Mr. Marzec for his finished proposal.

New Business:

TWC: Renewal contract has been received and forwarded to attorney Jeff Graff. We received his input and now waiting to hear from Stork Insurance regarding their opinion. A meeting will be set up with TWC in the near future regarding the contract.

Mercy Flight: Visited the town requesting donations to the not-for-profit organization. This request was tabled until we received the opinion from attorney Graff .

Solicitation (Door to Door Sales): Due to some recent solicitation in the town of Farmington, the question was asked if Benton has any requirements. Jayson Hoover (Zoning) stated that Benton does not have any requirements and doesn't believe it is necessary it be added to the code.

SCT Computer: A quote was received to update computer wiring throughout the town hall. Mr. Harper will be contacting Bob Wixon for further information.

Tax Cap Override: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to proceed with the (2016) Tax Cap Override. Motion was carried.

Highway: Jeff Mann presented a quote for a new Mack cab and chassis, dump body and plow equipment installed, he stated the plow equipment on the 2000 Volvo will be reused. December 31, 2015 production ends for the 2016's, January 2, 2016 begins production for the 2017's possible pricing increase of 3.5%. Jeff also received a quote for a rubber tire excavator. George & Swede and Monroe Tractor, there are no finance rates available at this time. He also received interest rates from Community, Lyons and First Niagara. Jeff asked the boards permission to advertise the mower/tractor, we have had nothing but trouble with this machine since we got it, it wasn't specked they way it was supposed to. It was suggested that attorney Jeff Graff be contacted regarding the mower issues. Jeff's packet included all financial information required and contained balances from the Highway Equipment reserve, FEMA money received. All information is attached to the minutes. No decisions were made, Prendergast suggested a meeting with Linda Johnson, bookkeeper for highway reserve totals.

Resolution: #23-15: Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Richard Harper Designating Community Bank N.A. as the financial institute for WD # 1 Extension. Motion was carried.

Yates County Legislature: Jim Smith reported Kerry Brennen and Karen Bradly are now in the positions of Yates County Personnel Director and Assistant. Rick Willson attended the Public Safety Meeting and requested more Sheriff patrols along Pre-Emption Road due to ongoing speeding. Sheriff Spike is working on this.

Monthly Reports & Abstract of Vouchers: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Becky Jensen to approve the following: General (A) Claims 130-149 Totaling \$4566.42, General (B) Claims 323-326 Totaling \$200.94, Highway (DA) Claims 68-74 Totaling \$1113.10, Highway (DB) Claims 15-17 Totaling \$7255.57, SW1 Claims 45-52 Totaling \$2267, SW2 Claims 57-64 Totaling \$510.69, SW3 Claims 35-38 Totaling \$165.94. Town Clerk – Highway – Zoning – Water – Supervisor Reports. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. Motion was carried.

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk

Dated: August 24, 2015