

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held September 9th, 2015 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 Superintendent – Jeff Mann, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe,
Historian/Health Officer – Eleanor Parker.

Public Present: Robert Clark (Yates County Legislature), Ryan Marzec & John Kuehan (NYMIR Insurance). Ruth Osborn, Jill Corey.

Guests: Ryan Marzec and John Kuehan from NYMIR Insurance. It was stated that this is a non-profit organization insuring only NYS municipalities. They are still in the process of collecting information from town employees before a proposal can be presented.

Minutes Approval: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the August 12th, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Quotes for fuel oil-propane-gas and diesel were tabled until the October meeting, the town received one quote from Hometown Energy.

Proposals for a new Toshiba copier were received. Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Alan Tomion to lease the new Toshiba copier, e-Studio 2050C Color MFP with a monthly lease amount of \$152.27. Motion was carried.

Mercy Flight: After contacting attorney Jeff Graff regarding donations to Mercy Flight he stated that municipalities can't donate under Article VIII (1) of the NYS Constitution. Gifts to private not-for-profit entities are prohibited.

SCT Computer: Richard Harper contacted Bob Wixson to clarify the upgrade. Mr. Harper reported this is to increase the speed of data to the server. Mr. Harper didn't believe it was necessary. We need to find out if this proposal will include Jeff's computer having the capability of backing up to the server. Mr. Harper will report at the October meeting.

TWC: A meeting was held September 2 @ 10:00 AM with representatives Chris Mueller and Justin Niebel. The town received opinions from our attorney and insurance agent with items they would like added or amended to the town's franchise agreement. Also discussed was the proposed "open access dark fiber optic network" which would run along route 14. As stated in the correspondence from Andy Lukasiewicz, only a viable business and carriers can use this proposed fiber optic network. Residents in general cannot hook up. It was noted that there are three companies interested in using the network, TWC would run their own lines. Chris Mueller stated that TWC would have an answer shortly on providing their service along route 14. Attorney Graff suggested raising the franchise fee from 3% to 5%, after board discussion it was decided to leave it at 3% for the good of all users of TWC.

ISO: Jayson Hoover/Zoning met with Joe Bindas 9/2/15 to go over the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS). Becky Jensen asked Jayson if improvements had been made from the prior survey conducted in 2010. Jayson stated that information was ***no where to be found***. The grading results will take awhile as Mr. Bindas stated that he would hold

the town's information as the building code is being upgraded to 2016 state code. With the upgrade this will hopefully give the town a higher ISO rating.

FYI: Previous meeting, question was asked when the town hall roof was replaced: 2009 in the amount of \$13,850.00.

New Business:

The Town of Geneva's proposed Comprehensive Plan: No action required if no board comment.

Budget Workshops: September 23rd, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M. and October 7th, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.

Water: Jayson Hoover presented proposals for three difference trace systems. The original trace system was purchased back in 2000 and does not work. The system he prefers TW-82 Digital Line Tracer – made by Fisher. Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Becky Jensen to purchase the Fisher Trace System in the amount of \$2200.00. Motion was carried.

Water District # 1 Extension: Jeremy DeLyser, engineer for Clark-Patterson-Lee informed the town that there will be surveyors in the proposed water district in the next few weeks.

Resolutions:

#24-15: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to Schedule a Public Hearing for the 2016 Budget Tax Cap Over Ride. Motion was carried.

#25-15: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the 2015 Budget Amendment – Water Position: WD # 1 \$396.49, WD # 2 \$1585.98, WD # 3 \$495.62. Motion was carried.

Highway: Jeff Mann reported that there were 2k views of the Kabota mower, bid as of 7:00 PM was \$16K. Jeff had mentioned last year replacing the heating system in the truck room. He received quotes from Hometown \$10,000+, Hudson's Becket \$2098 or Olsen \$1834. Hometown is also getting a quote for two Heat Dogs and would be around \$8K. Jeff also requested board input August & September for purchasing a new truck. After board discussion the motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to purchase a 10-Wheeler from Beam Mack and bid out the dump box from Smart Systems. Motion was carried. He intends on selling the 6-wheeler which has 140,000 miles.

Historian/Health Officer: Eleanor Parker reported that the new Italian Restaurant "DiCola's" is all health department compliant. She also informed everyone that Bellona's BBQ is September 13th.

Monthly Reports and Abstract of Vouchers: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following: General (A) Claims 150-165 Totaling \$18,721.28, General (B) Claims 327-329 Totaling \$196.54, Highway (DA) Claims 75-80 Totaling \$4097.78, Highway (DB) Claims 18-22 Totaling \$123,716.36, SW1 Claims 53-58 Totaling \$498.84, SW2 Claims 65-74 Totaling \$8457.57, SW3 Claims 39-45 Totaling \$402.28. Town Clerk – Highway – Zoning – Water – Supervisor Reports. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. Motion was carried.

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk

Dated: September 15, 2015

ADOPTED: October 14th, 2015