

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held October 14th, 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 Richard Harper – Deputy
Alan Tomion
Glenn Quackenbush
Becky Jensen – Absent

Also Present: Jeff Mann – Highway Superintendent, Bobbi Wolfe – Benton Town Clerk,
Eleanor Parker – Historian/Health Officer, Timothy Dennis – Yates County Legislature Chairman.
Steve Stork – Stork Insurance.

Guest: Steve Stork – Stork Insurance presented a comparison between Selective Insurance and NYMIR stating that NYMIR isn't an insurance company but is considered a reciprocal company. Hundreds of towns are put into a pool together and pay equally for any claims. Mr. Stork stated that the policy for 2016 as it stands right now will be \$22,790.00 with a crime policy of \$719.00. Selective has a rating of A while NYMIR's rating is A-. Steve suggested presenting the NYMIR policy to our attorney for his opinion.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the September 9th, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Fuel Oil-Propane-Gas quotes were received from NOCO, Griffith Energy and Hometown Energy. The board compared each quote, no decision was made. The suggestion was made to stay with one company for all services. Supervisor Prendergast will prepare a spread sheet comparing each quote. Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve whatever quote is lowest prior to the next board meeting. Motion was carried.

SCT Computer: Mr. Harper contacted Bob Wixson regarding the Cat6 wiring upgrade. One issue we have right now, Jeff Mann is unable to back up to the server and will need an upgrade to Windows 7 Professional. There are parts of the initial proposal that need to be upgraded, Mr. Wixson will submit an updated proposal once he does quarterly maintenance in November.

TWC: Brian Rogers sent a letter of support regarding TWC. There hadn't been any correspondence received from TWC as of meeting time.

Health Officer: Eleanor Parker reported a cat & dog bite and was reported to the NYSDOH.

Highway: Jeff Mann attended the "WRECK IT" exercise at the Penn Yan Firehouse which was a mock drill for Highway Superintendents on ice storms, snow and high winds. Jeff stated "basically what would you do preparedness class". Jeff reported that the new truck has been ordered and expects it to be built February 2016, he also picked up his new 74" mower for \$4000.00.

Yates County Legislature: Tim Dennis reported on the following: Greenidge Power Plant dealing with the EPA & DEC but the permit has not been released yet. Workers Compensation insurance has been renewed through the county and indicated that the Town of Benton didn't have a significant increase. The county will be holding budget workshops October 26 & 27 and anticipate the tax rate will go down. They have continued to participate in area consolidation programs. Mr. Dennis also stated that the "Dark Fiber" should be up and running by September 2016.

Resolutions:

#26-15: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to schedule a public hearing for the 2016 Tax Cap at the November 11th, 2015 board meeting @ 7:00 P.M.. Motion was carried.

#27-15: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion declining to rescind the 2015 Tax Cap. Motion was carried.

#28-15: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to schedule the following public hearings at the November 11th, 2015 board meeting @ 7:00 P.M.: 2016 Preliminary Budget, Fire Contracts. (Bellona, Benton, West Lake Road & Penn Yan). Motion was carried.

#29-15: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving the following Budgetary Modifications: Taken from the Contingent Account A1990.4 into the following accounts: A1670.4 General Code \$280.47, A1950.4 Capital Charges Water \$.29, A5132.4 Clean Up Day \$156.90, A7550.4 Flags for Cemeteries \$39.75. Motion was carried.

#30-15: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve Highway pay off permission to pay off the 2013 Mack Truck and the Kubota Tractor Bond Anticipation Notes at Lyons National Bank. The balance as of 10/5/15 was \$56,352.33. Exact payoff amount will differ due to interest. This will be financed from FEMA monies received in 2014 & 2015 for Flood Relief. Motion was carried.

Justice: The Unified Court System is requesting their annual audit of the 2014 Justice records. Richard Harper and John Prendergast will be performing the audit this year. Mr. Harper will contact Justice Grace to set up a meeting time.

The town received the annual Empire Pipeline Community Benefit Fund in the amount of \$42,489.92.

There is a Water Partners Meeting October 29th @ 10:30 at the Village Hall. RSVP by October 15th along with agenda items. Jayson Hoover and John Prendergast will be attending, Clerk Wolfe will RSVP Thursday.

Monthly Reports & Abstract of Vouchers:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the following reports: Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Water, Zoning & supervisor. General (A) Claims 166-172,175-176,178, 180-187 Totaling \$7407.68, General (B) Claims 330-336 Totaling \$352.10. Highway (DA) Claims 81-92 Totaling \$8280.80, Highway (DB) Claims 23-25 Totaling \$19,445.11, SW1 Claims 59-64 Totaling \$2343.38, SW2 Claims 75-83 Totaling \$13,704.40, SW3 Claims 46-50 Totaling \$6247.98. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackebush to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: October 19, 2015
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk