

The Regular & Organizational Town Board Meeting was held December 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
		Glenn Quackenbush
		Alan Tomion

Also present: Highway Superintendent – Jeff Mann, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe, Historian/Health Officer – Eleanor Parker, George Thompson – Town of Torrey, Jim Smith and Robert Clark – Yates County Legislature.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the November 11th, 2015 town board meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

ISO Rating has been received for Zoning. Benton currently has a class (9) and a commercial class of (9). This classification may improve when NYS adopts a more current edition of the code. As soon as the statewide code is updated and becomes effective the ISO will monitor the code adoption.

NYMIR: Ryan Marzec was in attendance to answer any questions the board may have on the NYMIR insurance. Becky Jensen asked if the seminars presented in the policy were mandatory, Ryan stated that they aren't and are a benefit of the policy along with credits earned. There is a (5) year membership fee of \$317.00/year, if the town decides to end this policy we would be responsible for the remainder of the membership fee. If the town has a claim we would contact Ryan, same as Stork Insurance, contacting Steve Stork.

Time Warner Cable: Benton hasn't received any recent updates on the proposed service along Route 14, nor have we signed the TWC contract.

New Business:

Supervisor Prendergast brought up the subject of installing cameras on town property basically for the safety of employees. More times than not, there are employees here by themselves and are not able to see who is entering our parking lots. Richard Harper will contact Covert Securities and Geo. Wright for a quote.

Town of Torrey Water District: A meeting was held December 3rd, 2015 at the Town of Geneva attended by Supervisor Prendergast and Water Operator, Jayson Hoover. Benton was requesting an additional 25K GPD of water to serve the Town of Torrey's proposed Water District # 1. Geneva Water Supervisor, Charles Bracko didn't believe there would be any issue supplying the additional water requested. Supervisor Vennuti stated he would bring it before the Geneva Town Board and was approved December 8th, 2015. Clark – Patterson – Lee (Jeremy DeLyser) prepared the Map, Plan and Report for the proposed Torrey WD with a proposed cost per household of \$60.00/6000 Gallons, \$5.50/1000 over the 6K Gallons. Possible options for operation & maintenance are the Town of Benton, Village of Dresden or the Town of Torrey.

Justice 2014 Audit: Supervisor Prendergast and Councilmen Richard Harper conducted the 2014 Justice Audit November 17th, 2015. There were just a couple of issues, receipts need to be done on partial payments, deposits need to be done more frequently and bank reconciliations need to be initialed and dated. The audit needs to be sent into the Unified Court System along with a copy of the resolution accepting the audit. The 2015 audit will be done in February.

Resolutions:

#39-15:	2016 Appointments:	
Bobbi Wolfe	Water Clerk	1/1/2016-12/31/2016
Jayson Hoover	Water Operator	1/1/2016-12/31/2016
Thomas Rood	PB Chair	1/1/2016-12/31/2016
Andrew Donovan	PB Alternate	1/1/2016-12/31/2016
Karen Phillips	PB Secretary	1/1/2016-12/31/2016
Dwight James	ZBA Chair	1/1/2016-12/31/2016
Thomas Goodall	ZBA Alternate	1/1/2016-12/31/2016
Karen Phillips	ZBA Secretary	1/1/2016-12/31/2016
Bobbi Wolfe	RMO	1/1/2016-12/31/2016
Bobbi Wolfe	Registrar	1/1/2016-12/31/2017
Linda Johnson	Bookkeeper/Payroll	1/1/2016-12/31/2016
Linda Johnson	Budget Officer	1/1/2016-12/31/2016
Thomas Morris	Animal Control	1/1/2016-12/31/2016
Eleanor Parker	Historian/Historian	1/1/2016-12/31/2016
Jayson Hoover	Water Shed Inspector	1/1/2016-12/31/2016
Richard Meyer	ZBA	1/1/2016-12/31/2020
Herbert Cooley	PB	1/1/2016-12/31/2020

Community Bank N.A. & Lyons National Banks as Depositories

Chronicle Express as the Official Newspaper

Committees:

Becky Jensen	Highway – Insurance – Personnel
Richard Harper	General – ZBA – PB – Personnel
Alan Tomion	Highway – Agricultural – Utilities
Glenn Quackenbush	General – Buildings – Utilities

Jeff Graff of Riley & Graff as the town attorney.

Clark – Patterson – Lee as the town engineers:

Regular Meetings for 2016:

- Town Board – Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 PM
- Zoning Board of Appeals – First Tuesday of the Month (Upon Request) @ 7:00 PM
- Planning Board – Fourth Tuesday of the Month @ 7:00 PM

Town Clerk and bookkeeper shall be and hereby authorized to pay the following claims prior to Town audit: Retirement, Electric, Postage, Telephone, Hospitalization, Town Approved Payroll, Payments and any invoices that are due prior to the date of the board meeting.

Mileage Rate for 2016, \$.50

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve **Resolution # 39-15**, appointing Andrew Donovan as Planning Board Alternate and Herbert Cooley as the Planning Board Member replacing George Alexander. Motion was duly put to a vote: AYES: Prendergast, Harper, Tomion, Quackebush. NOES: Becky Jensen opposed the \$.50 per mile rate.

#40-15: Water District Hook Up Fees:

	<u>New Service</u>	<u>In Existing District</u>
1” Service	\$2400.00	\$1300.00
1 ½”	\$3200.00	\$1700.00
2”	\$4000.00	\$2100.00

Installation of a new water service of a distance of 150' or a crawl space requiring a meter pit hook,
Up fees are as follows:

	<u>New Service</u>	<u>In Existing District</u>
1" Service	\$2800.00	\$1500.00

Meter Pits: 1" Service to be supplied by the town. Any larger service such as a 1 ½" and 2" will be paid by the homeowner. This installation will be by town specifications and be supervised By the water department

*** The cost of any service being pushed under the road will be the responsibility of the Homeowner***

(The town does not have the equipment to push under the road and has to be sub-contracted out and will be completed with supervision of the Benton Water Department).

No hook up fee within the first year after (Substantial Completion Date) if in existing district.

Shut Off Fee is \$25.00 – No fee to turn the water back on.

Note: "An Account will only be de-activated if the water is turned off by our Water Operator".

Water Fees for 2016:

WD # 1	\$50.00/6000	\$5.50/1000 Over the 6000
WD # 2	\$60.00/6000	\$5.50/1000 Over the 6000
WD # 3	\$50.00/6000	\$5.50/1000 Over the 6000
WD # 4	\$50.00/6000	\$5.50/1000 Over the 6000

Relevy Fee: \$50.00/Per Meter will be charged as of October 31, 2016 for each unpaid account.

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Becky Jensen to approve Resolution # 40-15 with changes. Motion was carried.

#41-15: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the Public Disclosure for Quackenbush Hardware up to a limit for purchases equaling \$750.00 per year. Motion was duly put to a vote: AYES: Prendergast, Tomion, Harper, Jensen. Abstained : Quackenbush

#42-15: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the Yates County Animal Control Officer Agreement (1) Year Term. Motion was carried.

#43-15: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Becky Jensen to approve the following Budgetary Amendment: To pay off the 2013 Mack Truck and Kubota Tractor which was approved by the Town Board at their October 19, 2015 meeting. Truck BAN \$30,839.17, Kubota BAN \$25,725.72. Motion was carried.

#44-15: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve transferring \$28,121.57 FEMA money into the Highway Capital Reserve Fund DA231. Motion was carried.

#45-15: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve a Budgetary Amendment in the amount of \$4279.03 needed to cover DB payroll expense for part time help. Motion was carried.

#46-15: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush seconded by Becky Jensen to approve the Budget Modifications. Increases are needed in the following accounts: A8030.4 WD # 1 Ext in the amount of \$5585.50, SW1-8320.4 Town of Geneva/Water in the amount of \$490.50. Motion was carried.

#47-15: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Becky Jensen to approve the 2014 Justice Audit. Motion was carried.

Health Officer: Eleanor Parker reported there were (3) animal bites this past year.

Yates County Legislature:

Jim Smith reported that Sara Purdy has resigned and moved to another area. No decision has been made yet on hiring a new administrator. Bob Clark stated that this would be his last time attending a Benton meeting as a Yates County legislature member, stated that he appreciated being able to participate with the town through the county.

Monthly Reports and Abstract of Vouchers:

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the following: General (A) Claims 207-220 Totaling \$2841.19, General (B) Claims 341-342 Totaling \$141.45, Highway (DA) Claims 104-117 Totaling \$17,340.35, SW1 Claims 70-76 Totaling \$238.68, SW2 Claims 90-96 Totaling \$1441.42, SW3 Claims 55-61 Totaling \$235.21. Town Clerk – Highway – Zoning – Water – Supervisor Reports. Motion was carried.

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

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk

Dated: December 11th, 2015

Adopted: January 13th, 2016