

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held January 13, 2016 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 SR 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

Also Present: Highway Superintendent – Jeff Mann, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe, Yates Legislature Chairman – Timothy Dennis.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the minutes (with corrections) from the December 9th, 2015 meeting. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

NYMIR – Stork Insurance . The town has requested re-quotes from both companies covering the time frame of May-January 1, 2017. A loss run report was requested from NYMIR which Clerk Wolfe took care of. A certificate of liability is necessary for the highway department and will be provided. Failure to supply for our water districts was also required from both companies. The board plans on making a decision at their February meeting, Stork or NYMIR?

Proposals for **security cameras** were received from Geo. Wright and Covert Securities. Both quotes included interior cameras. After discussion Richard Harper is going to ask both companies for a re-quote. (1) camera in the Justice area, and all remaining cameras to be exterior, 3 megapixel. Glenn Quackenbush suggested checking into a grant for the Justice cameras. Supervisor Prendergast will contact Justice Grace.

The town received the amendment to the Town of Geneva Intermunicipal Agreement originally dated February 21, 2000. Benton requested an addition 25,000 gallons totaling 50,000 GPD to serve the proposed Town of Torrey water district.

New Business:

The town hall back door needs to be re-keyed to match the front door, it worked for awhile but the key no longer works. Richard Harper will mention this to John Wright when asking for a re-quote on the cameras.

Resolutions:

#1-16: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Becky Jensen to schedule a public hearing for February 10th, 2016 Town Board Meeting, Local Law # 1 of 2016 “Amending Senior Citizen Exemptions”. Motion was carried.

#2-16: Motion was made by Richard Harper seconded by Becky Jensen to Re-Appoint George Alexander to the Board of Assessment Review for a five year term 10/1/2015-09/30/2020. Motion was carried.

#3-16: Local Law # 2 of 2016 “2017 Tax Cap”. (***Tabled***)

#4-16: Motion was made by Becky Jensen seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adopt “Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Money”. Motion was carried.

#5-16: Motion was made by Richard Harper seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the Budget Modification To Satisfy the 2015 Budget. (Attached to the Minutes). Motion was carried.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers (13) and (1) & Reports:

Motion was made by Richard Harper seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approve the following: Abstract (13) General Claims 221-234 Totaling \$9987.48. General (B) Claims 343-345 Totaling \$185.19, Highway (DA) Claims 118-127 Totaling \$1403.50, Highway (DB) Claims 29-31 Totaling \$1965.35, SW1 Claims 77-83 Totaling \$1294.32, SW2 Claims 97-104 Totaling \$1867.71, SW3 Claims 62-66 Totaling \$4074.10. Abstract (1) General (A) Claims 1-11 Totaling \$2656.44, General (B) Claim 300 Totaling \$29.95, Highway (DA) Claim 1 Totaling \$856.00, Highway (DB) Claim 200 Totaling \$216.00, SW2 Claims 1-2 Totaling \$824.95. Town Clerk – Supervisor – Zoning – Water – Highway Reports. Motion was carried.

Tim Dennis – Yates County Legislature Chairman reported on several issues (1) Terry Button was elected replacing Robert Clark on the Legislature. He will be attending town board meetings on a rotating schedule with himself and Jim Smith. (2) (**Administrator**) a task force group has been created to determine if the administrator's position will be filled or those duties reassigned. (3) Discussed, Yates County dealing with a heroin issue. (4) Workers Compensation has several safety training sessions planned for the upcoming year. (5) Dark Fiber will be installed and completed in 2016.

Highway:

Attached to Jeff Mann's report is the cost of the plow equipment, sander controls & all season dump body by Viking Cives. The price is piggybacked off the Oneida County contract. Total cost \$69,004.96. Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve of the purchase of the plow equipment, sander controls & all season body in the amount of \$69,004.96 out of the Highway Capital Reserve account. Motion was carried. A new furnace was purchased from Hudson's, Jeff contacted Hometown and ProTech for quotes to install it.

Executive Session: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to enter into Executive Session with Town Clerk, Bobbi Wolfe, Under Public Officers Law Article 7 – Section 5 – Paragraph (f) Employment History: at 8:15 P.M. Motion was carried. Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to go out of Executive Session back into the Regular Meeting as of 8:35 P.M. Motion was carried. Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to pay Betty Daggett for hours worked as the Court Clerk for Justice Grace by voucher in the amount of \$150.00. Motion was carried.

Zoning & Planning Boards: Richard Harper suggested putting a note on the town hall door if either the ZBA or PB meetings are cancelled. Also to notify the radio and if time allows put a notice in the newspaper.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. Motion was carried

Bobbi Wolfe, Benton Town Clerk

Dated: January 20th, 2016

Adopted: February 10th 2016