

The Regular Town Board meeting was held April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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: Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe, Highway - Jeff Mann, Health/Historian – Eleanor Parker, Tim Dennis – Yates County Legislature Chairman.

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the minutes from the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

**Old Business: - Water District:** At the March meeting the question was asked if we could lower debt service for any of the water districts. (3/10/16) Per Diana Speers @ Municipal Solutions, stated that the debt service can't be lowered due to the districts being sold to the public market for funding thru private investors. She also stated, if our funding was thru RD (Rural Development) we could pay down the debt at anytime. Her suggestion was to appropriate a specific amount of the fund balance as "Debit Service Reserve". WD # 3 bonds won't be eligible for call out until 2023 in the open market in the amount of \$278K. Diana also asked Jeff Smith if we could pay a portion of the \$278K or if the whole amount has to be paid in 2023. (E-Mail in the boards packets). Per Jeff Smith, Diana state the town can pay a portion of the debt owed in 2023.

**Agricultural Advisory Board:** After contacting the Town of Milo, Clerk Christensen state they have one town board member and five residents serving on this board. A copy of their code regarding this advisory board was in the board's packet. After discussion, Alan Tomion will check into this and report at the next meeting.

**Highway Security System:** The town barn has had issues from day one with the security system being set off requiring the fire department to respond. This issue hopefully has been resolved, paper work has been signed indicating when zones 7 & 8 alarms are activated, Rapid Response will call the town barn phone instead of the town clerk's office to make sure there isn't an issue before they dispatch the fire department. Councilmen Harper stated he had contacted Geo. Wright about two months ago asking to have the back door keyed to match the other doors. We have not heard from him.

Supervisor John Prendergast, Councilmen Richard Harper, Clerk Bobbi Wolfe, Assessor Mary Lilyea and Zoning Jayson Hoover all attended the Yates County "Active Shooter Awareness" seminar April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Resolutions:**

**#9-16:** Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the Standardize Water Service Fittings, Water Valves and Hydrants in the Town of Benton Water District # 1 Extension. Motion was carried.

**#10-16:** Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the Standardize Water Meters in the Town of Benton Water District # 1 Extension. Motion was carried.

**Highway:** Jeff Mann informed the board that the new truck was to be built 4/11/16.. As he explained before, Smart Systems went out of business, but recently found out that a couple of employees from SS went out on their own preparing dump bodies which are located in Bath. His intention is to use the new company.

**Tim Dennis (Yates County Legislature):** Mr. Dennis stated after having a conversation with Nonnie Flynn (Yates County Treasurer) she stated “She wished every collector was like Mary Lilyea”, she does an excellent job with her year end Tax Collector report. **Dark Fiber:** The Dark Fiber is coming along and should be done by September. Hopefully they will get a carrier to utilize the dark fiber and serve down along route 14 where TWC ends their service. **Real Estate Auction:** Tax acquired properties will be auctioned off on Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:00 P.M., these properties used to be sold by sealed bid. Mr. Dennis also stated that the county is conducting a search for an Administrator along with a permanent Planner.

**Monthly Abstract of Vouchers & Reports:** Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following Vouchers & Reports: General (A) Claims 54-72 Totaling \$5319.74, General (B) Claims 307-313 Totaling \$1130.96, Highway (DA) Claims 30-48 Totaling \$3828.65, Highway (DB) Claims 203-204 Totaling \$3634.06, SW1 Claims 13-18 Totaling \$1032.91, SW2 Claims 19-25 Totaling \$694.64, SW3 Claims 14-19 Totaling \$3799.50. Town Clerk – Highway – Supervisor – Water – Zoning Reports. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Motion was carried.

*Dated: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

*Bobbi Wolfe*

*Benton Town Clerk*

***ADOPTED: MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2016***