

The Regular Town Board meeting was held June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the Benton Town Hall, 1000 SR 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

Board Present: Richard Harper – Deputy  
Alan Tomion  
Glenn Quackenbush  
Becky Jensen

Absent: Supervisor John Prendergast – Joined the meeting at 7:30 P.M  
Deputy Harper continued the meeting.

Also Present: Highway Supt. – Jeff Mann, Assessor – Mary Lilyea, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe, Historian/Health Officer – Eleanor Parker, Zoning Officer – Jayson Hoover.

Deputy Harper opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the minutes from the May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting with one spelling correction. Motion was carried.

**Old Business:**

Water District # 3: Possible options were discussed for reduction in the Capital/Debt Service. One option is to use excess money in the savings to reduce the capital charge on the residents tax bill. The second option: Wait until 2023 when the WD # 3 bonds are eligible for call out thru private investors and pay the debt down a couple of years. Discussion was also held on transferring fund for WD # 3 to the repair reserve account. These decisions will reflect in the resolutions below.

Clean up day is June 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 Am – 2:00 PM .. Jeff Mann stated he thought Keith Thomas would be able to help. Mr. Harper explained that “REACT”, the electronics recycling company isn’t being reimbursed thru a state program and will be charging the town. The town agreed to use \$1300.00 for disposal of electronics.

Back door issues have been resolved.

Water District: Jayson Hoover reported that the RPZ’s (Back Flow Preventers) have all been tested and the reports have been sent to Sheryl Robbins at DOH. Mike Moss will be doing all future testing.

Discussion was held regarding the Agricultural Assessment Review board, no decisions were made.

Water District # 1: Unaccounted water usage was explained by Jayson Hoover as additional flushing due to less usage and maintaining the chlorine residual.

**New Business:**

**Schoolhouse:** Pam Jensen, daughter of Dick & Denny Christensen would like to plant a couple of trees in her parent's memory at the schoolhouse. Suggestions were to plant one south of the schoolhouse and one in the southwest corner of the cemetery, she is asking approval from the town board. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by John Prendergast to approve the tree placement with Highway Supt. Jeff Mann in attendance during the planting. Motion was carried.

**GoDaddy:** option for email renewal were to stay with the less expensive plan as we have now 5 years \$809.35 or switch to the Office 365, 5 year plan \$1900.00. Elvis Bernauer, representative from GoDaddy suggested that we stay with the less expensive plan while it still available and we don't have any issues with it. Motion was made by John Prendergast, seconded by Becky Jensen to purchase the 5 year/\$809.35 plan. Motion was carried.

**Communications:**

Hometowne Energy 2016-2017 pricing for propane, 1000 gallon price at \$1.0999.

FEMA: All eligible claims have been paid and the claim was closed 2/11/16.

ISO Rating has been received for the Benton Fire District.

**Resolutions:**

#14-16: Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the Disposition of Records – Dog Licenses 2010-2013 at the end of 2016. Motion was carried.

#15-16: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the transfer of \$28,465.00 from SW3 savings into the "Repair Reserve". Motion was carried.

#16-16: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve reducing each Capital Unit within Water District # 3 by \$100.00. Motion was carried.

**Highway:** Jeff Mann reported that the mowing tractor broke down and had to purchase a new coupler, the pump shaft may also need to be replaced. He also stated that the loader extended warranty ended up being 48/1500 hours. The new truck has been delivered to Oakfield. Jeff needs to meet with them and inform them how he wants the truck set up.

**Assessor:** Mary Lilyea had an issue with a Benton resident regarding the denial of an Agricultural Exemption. She believed he would be attending the board meeting but did not show up. She also informed the board that she will be retiring as of July 1, 2017. She did budget for assessor training and the new NYS assessment program.

**Monthly Abstract of Vouchers & Monthly Reports:** Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Becky Jensen to approve the following: General (A) Claims 91-105 Totaling \$2730.40, General (B) Claims 318-320 Totaling \$220.43, Highway (DA) Claims 61-69 Totaling \$3526.20, Highway (DB) Claims 209-212 Totaling \$8340.18, SW1 Claims 25-27 Totaling \$196.65, SW2 Claims 34-39 Totaling \$7370.48, SW3 Claims 26-28 Totaling \$166.16. Town Clerk – Highway – Supervisor – Water – Zoning Reports. Motion was carried.

Dated: June 14, 2016

Bobbi Wolfe - Benton Town Clerk

***ADOPTED: July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016***