

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 SR 14A, Penn Yan NY 14527.

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

Also Present: Highway Supt. – Jeff Mann, Health/Historian – Eleanor Parker, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe., Jayson Hoover – Zoning/Water. Public attendance sign in sheet is attached to the minutes.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the minutes from the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 town board meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

**Guest:** Jim Colizzi and Tim Merwarth attended the meeting requesting information on the possibility of forming a water district located on Earls Hill Road. Mr. Colizzi stated 18 property owners are interested. Supervisor Prendergast informed them that the town would need a formal request sent to the town board. Once we receive the letter we will contact the town engineer (Clark-Patterson-Lee) for processing the Map-Plan & Report for that proposed water district. Mr. Colizzi stated he will send a letter of request to get the ball rolling.

Yates County Community Center was represented by Pam Griffith who gave a presentation of the past, present and future use of the center along with upcoming projects. Thirteen acres have been donated by the Maeske family which will be used for athletic fields. YCC is applying for a \$500K grant through the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation and is requesting support from the town of Benton. They are also requesting to be served water from Benton's Water District # 2 as an out of district user. This would be served from the west side of North Main Street, bored under the road and would require a (Pit) and an RPZ (Back Flow Preventer). The board saw no issues with them receiving water from this district. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to approve sending a letter of support for the grant application. Motion was carried.

**Old Business:**

Water District # 3: Reduction in the Capital Charge for district # 3. Decision was not made on the half unit reduction. We assumed \$50.00 per ½ unit and need a resolution stating this. (Below).

**New Business:**

Jere Horning has requested installing a 2" water service to his greenhouse. At this time he shares a 1" line with Martin Hardware. Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Becky Jensen approving the upgrade to a 2" service at the expense of Horning's Greenhouse including the bore under the road depending on the charge from the town of Seneca. Motion was carried.

**Communications:** The town received notification from the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance (Office of Real Property Tax Services) stating the Town of Benton's Tentative Equalization Rate is 100%. Again, a great job done by our Assessor, Mary Lilyea.

**Resolution:**

**#17-16:** Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve reduction in the WD # 3 Capital Charge for a half unit to \$50.00. Motion was carried.

Yates County Legislature – Terry Button reported on a few issues discussed at the county level.

- A) (3) Candidates are being interviewed for the administrator position, decision by September.
- B) Resolution supporting the Yates County Community Center.
- C) Possibility of combining the administrator/planner positions.
- D) Discussion on implementing more contact with towns by the administrator/planner.

**Monthly Abstract of Vouchers and Reports:**

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Becky Jensen to approve the following: General (A) Claims 106-118 Totaling \$8580.11, General (B) Claims 321-323 Totaling \$159.32, Highway (DA) Claims 70-81 Totaling \$3771.37, Highway (DB) Claims 213-216 Totaling \$15,779.29, SW1- Claims 28-32 Totaling \$1306.16, SW2- Claims 40-46 Totaling \$879.13, SW3- Claims 29-32 Totaling \$4138.83. Town Clerk – Highway – Supervisor – Zoning and Water Reports. Motion was carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: July 20, 2016  
Bobbi Wolfe  
Benton Town Clerk

***ADOPTED: August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016***