

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held August 10, 2016 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 SR 14A, PennYan, NY 14527.

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

Also Present: Highway Supt. – Jeff Mann, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe, Health Officer/Historian - Eleanor Parker.

Public Present: Jason Cook

Approval of the Minutes: Motion was made by Becky Jensen seconded by Richard Harper to approve the minutes from the July 13th, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Guest Speaker: Candidate for Yates County Judge, Jason Cook.

Communications: Penn Yan & Bellona Volunteer Fire Department's received their ISO Rating.

New Business:

Clerk Wolfe asked if we could construct a roof over the south side entrance to the town hall. When it rains the water runs right over the entrance. The town board looked at the entrance and decided that it needed a larger gutter. Glenn Quackenbush will be contacting Don Hamm to replace the gutter. Discussion was also held on replacing the tile in the south side vestibule entrance and the hallway, the carpet in the conference room and clerk's office need to be replaced. Clerk Wolfe will contact Church's for a quote.

Yates County Planning Department is requesting a town resident to represent the town of Benton on the YCPB. The town is not currently represented. A couple suggestions were, Andrew Donovan, Herbert Cooley. Supervisor Prendergast will contact them. Clerk Wolfe will also advertise for interested residents.

Health Insurance: Sprague Insurance informed the town of their upcoming broker meeting 9/16 and 9/29 which will provide the new plans and rates. Christine Sprague asked if the town would like to schedule a meeting for these updates. Clerk Wolfe will contact Christine for meeting dates.

Councilperson, Becky Jensen asked if the town enacted a law preventing the use of iron wheels used by the Mennonite Community ? Becky asked Highway Supt., Jeff Mann if he hadn't just paved the Briggs Road ? He stated he had, Becky continued that is it is now destroyed from the iron wheels. We don't have any laws at this time. Suggestions were made to contact Sheriff, Ron Spike, the Yates County Legislatures and the Mennonite Deacons then to the town attorney, Jeff Graff.

FOIL: Benton received a FOIL request for electronic information regarding vendors, supplies and amounts spent per account. The bookkeeper's software does not have the capability of electronic transfer. This FOIL was not denied and the town is not required to create a file to satisfy the request.

PILOT: Benton received their portion of the 2016 "Payment In Lieu of Taxes" from the Finger Lakes Railway Corporation in the amount of \$1425.77. The 2017 PILOT will be calculated differently using each parcel's assessed value.

Water District # 5: (Proposed) (Earls Hill Road) The town will need approval from The Town of Seneca for additional water usage before we go ahead with the Map-Plan-Report. Jeremy Delyser – PE has the list of potential users to calculate the usage to present to Seneca. We will also need to appropriate funds for this specific district and do a budget amendment once we get the approval from the T/Seneca.

Water District \$ 4: Update from Jeremy Delyser, in his email it stated we are waiting for the US Army Corps of Engineering, we have that report. Clerk Wolfe contacted Stork Insurance for a "Certificate of Liability" stating "Certificate Holder named Norfolk Southern Railway". Jeremy is negotiating with NSF for the licensing fee. Clerk Wolfe will need approval from the town board to pay the licensing fee which now stands at and not to exceed \$42,600.00. We now need final approval from the DEC. The board questioned whether this was a one time fee for NFS or will there be an annual fee for the railroad crossings. Clerk Wolfe will contact Jeremy on this information.

Highway: The new truck is being painted, Jeff didn't state when he will receive it.

Health Officer: Eleanor Parker reported one dog bite.

Resolutions:

#18-16: Motion was made by Richard Harper seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving for WD # 4 the licensing fee for Norfolk Southern Railway not to exceed \$42,600.00. Motion was carried.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers and Reports:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following: General (A) Claims 119-135 Totaling \$4406.14, General (B) Claims 324-326 Totaling \$220.52, Highway (DA) Claims 82-89 Totaling \$2872.11, Highway (DB) Claims 217-220 Totaling \$161,441.82, SW1 Claims 33-38 Totaling \$2119.32, SW2 Claims 47-56 Totaling \$1387.03, SW3 Claims 33-37 Totaling \$194.50. Town Clerk-Highway-Supervisor-Zoning-Water Reports. Motion was carried.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Alan Tomion seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: August 15th, 2016

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk

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