

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held September 14th, 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, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe, Health Officer/Historian – Eleanor Parker, Zoning/Water – Jayson Hoover, Yates County Legislature – Jim Smith.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the August 10th, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Charter Communications (TWC): Correspondence was received stating that they expect to have the final design of the Route 14 project done by September 12th. The major hold up is the railroad crossing permits that can take up to a year to obtain. The area that this covers is approximately the same area as our Water District # 1 along Route 14, Old State Road and residents on the lake side. The construction of the project once all permits are received will take 6-8 weeks.

2016 Clean Up Day: Final cost was \$5012.54, with electronics being a large part of the cost at \$2097.04. Discussion was to possibly charge for certain electronics next year.

Communications: The final state equalization rate was received at 100%, job well done by our Assessor.

New Business:

Health Insurance: Christine Sprague will meet with town employees September 27th @ 10:00 AM to review new plans and pricing. Supervisor Prendergast informed the board that he had been approached by an independent insurance company that offers supplemental insurance to employees. There is no action required by the town. Becky Jensen stated she will look into this.

Justice 2015 Audit: The 2015 Justice audit is required by the Unified Court System annually. Councilman Harper will contact Justice Grace to set up a date for the audit.

Pictometry 2017: Our three year contract is set to expire. Yates County Real Property has been given a quote for a new fly-over for Spring of 2017. The contract went up about \$900.00 being split between all the towns involved. Benton's portion increased \$12.78 for the three year period. Patricia Brede, Real Property Director will be preparing resolutions to be passed along with agreements to reserve our place on the Spring schedule.

2017 Budget Workshops: Two budget workshops were set up for September 28th @ 7:00 P.M. and October 18th, @ 7:00 P.M.

Kurt Gilbert, resident at 971 SR 14A, corner of Havens Corners Road and 14A would like the town board to revisit the accidents at this intersection. Possibly have the County Highway and the NYSDOT do some upgrades to this intersection hopefully to prevent more accidents. Supervisor Prendergast will send a letter to Yates County Highway and the NYSDOT.

Yates County Planning Board: Benton resident, Thomas Carroll has shown interest in serving as the Benton representative to the YCPB. He will be sending a letter of interest.

Damaged Roads: Yates County legislature has been discussing an issue of road damage by the steel wheels. Supervisor Prendergast will be contacting each of the church Deacons by letter, also discussing this issue with Terry Button.

Water Districts: WD # 2 had a major leak at a valve the week of September 5, and lost over 100K gallons of water. Jayson Hoover explained that he will be starting to replace these valve bolts that are rusting. They will be replacing 20-30 bolts each year. He stated that there are approximately 32-37 hydrants with 25 main line valves that each need the bolts replaced.

Yates County Legislature: Jim Smith reported that the new administrator has been on the job for two weeks. They are working on the 2017 budget, he stated that the tax cap was revised at 1.6%.

Resolutions:

#19-16: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Becky Jensen to schedule a Public Hearing on October 12th, 2016 for the 2017 Tax Cap. Motion was carried

#20-16: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve spending \$69,004.96 out of the Highway Equipment Reserve Account to pay for the body and plow equipment installed on the new 2017 Mack truck payable to Viking Cives. Motion was carried.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers and Reports:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the following: General (A) Claims 136-149 Totaling \$4649.74, General (B) Claims 327-329 Totaling \$161.95, Highway (DA) Claims 90-102 Totaling \$78,397.74, Highway (DB) Claims 221-225 Totaling \$56,215.10, SW1 Claims 39-42 Totaling \$513.35, SW2 Claims 58-67 Totaling \$7306.70, SW3 Claims 38-40 Totaling \$208.83. Town Clerk – Highway – Zoning/Water reports. Motion was carried.

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

Dated: September 16, 2016

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk