

The Regular and Year End Organizational Town Board Meeting was held December 14th, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

Also Present: Jeff Mann – Highway Superintendent, Bobbi Wolfe – Town Clerk. Jim Smith – Yates County Legislature, Steve Stork – Stork Insurance.

Supervisor Prendergast opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the November 9th, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Guest: Steve Stork presented the town insurance renewal policy dated 1/1/2017 – 1/1/2018 in the amount of \$22,519.68. Steve stated the only change was removing the 2000 Volvo and adding the 2017 Mack. Steve needs to know the board’s decision by January 1st.

Old Business:

Justice Grant: Richard Harper inquired about any information on the grant application that the town had filed. Clerk Wolfe stated that we haven’t heard but will check to see when the grants are being awarded.

WD # 4: Supervisor Prendergast will be sending a letter out to residents in the new proposed district # 4 updating them on the progress of the district.

Time Warner Cable: We haven’t received an update on the installation of TWC on Route 14, the biggest issue at this time is the railroad crossings.

Town of Torrey – Water Districts: Jim Smith reported that a Public Hearing will be held January 12th, 2017 for their WD # 1 which is connected to Benton’s WD # 4, the petitions and assessment roll have been certified and have met the criteria to move forward with the district. Perry Point district is also approved.

New Business:

Clean Up Day 2017: Discussion was held on which company the board like to use for the recycling. Our options are: REACT or EWASTE. Richard Harper asked if the state reimbursement program had been reinstated ? Clerk Wolfe had not heard but will check into it. Mr. Harper would like to check further into the two options for e-waste before we make a decision. The cleanup day is set for June 17th, 2017. Clerk Wolfe will call Brian Tomion to reserve the SWEAPS program.

Tax Collector Position: Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Richard Harper to appoint Town Clerk Bobbi Wolfe to the position of Deputy Tax Collector. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Prendergast attended a meeting in Batavia regarding the proposed Article 10 ie: (NYS Public Service Law attempts to circumvent municipalities Home Rule authority to control the use of their own land). This is pertaining to placement of large projects of windmills and solar energy thru out the state. Supervisor Prendergast will keep the board informed as new information becomes available.

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following Resolution.

Resolution #29-16:

2017 Appointments:

Bobbi Wolfe	Water Clerk	1/1/2017-12/31/2017
Jayson Hoover	Water Operator	1/1/2017-12/31/2017
Thomas Rood	PB Chair	1/1/2017-12/31/2017
Thomas Rood	Planning Board	1/1/2017-12/31/2021
TBD	PB Alternate	1/1/2017-12/31/2017
Karen Phillips	PB Secretary	1/1/2017-12/31/2017
Dwight James	ZBA Chair	1/1/2017-12/31/2017
Thomas Goodall	ZBA Alternate	1/1/2017-12/31/2017
Thomas Davie	Zoning Board Of Appeals	1/1/2017-12/31/2021
Karen Phillips	ZBA Secretary	1/1/2017-12/31/2017
Bobbi Wolfe	RMO	1/1/2017-12/31/2017
Bobbi Wolfe	Registrar	1/1/2017-12/31/2018
Thomas Morris	Animal Control Officer	1/1/2017-12/31/2017
Linda Johnson	Bookkeeper/Payroll	1/1/2017-12/31/2017
Linda Johnson	Budget Officer	1/1/2017-12/31/2017
Eleanor Parker	Historian	1/1/2017-12/31/2017
Jayson Hoover	Water Shed Inspector	1/1/2017-12/31/2017
David Shipman	Dog Enumerator	1/1/2017-12/31/2017

Community Bank N.A & Lyons National Banks as Depositories

Chronicle Express as the Official Newspaper

Committees:

Becky Jensen	Highway – Insurance-Personnel
Richard Harper	General – ZBA-PB-Personnel
Alan Tomion	Highway – Agricultural-Utilities
Glenn Quackenbush	General-Buildings-Utilities

Jeff Graff of Riley & Graff as the town attorney

Clark-Patterson-Lee as the Town Engineers.

Regular Meetings for 2017:

Town Board – Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 P.M.

Zoning Board Of Appeals – First Tuesday of the Month (Upon Request) @ 7:00 P.M

Planning Board – Fourth Tuesday of the Month @ 7:00 P.M.

Town Clerk and bookkeeper shall be and hereby authorized to pay the following claims prior to town monthly audit: Retirement, Electric, Postage, Telephone, Hospitalization, Town Approved Payroll, Payments and any invoices that are due prior to the date of the board meeting.

Mileage Rate for 2017 \$.50 per mile.

Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the following Resolution pertaining to the Water Districts.

30 -16:

Water District Hook Up Fees:

	<u>New Service</u>	<u>In Existing District</u>
1” Service	\$2400.00	\$1300.00
1 ½”	\$3200.00	\$1700.00
2”	\$4000.00	\$2100.00

Installation of a new water service of a distance of 150’ or a crawl space requiring a meter pit hook up fees are as follows:

	<u>New Service</u>	<u>In Existing District</u>
1” Service	\$2800.00	\$1500.00

Meter Pits: 1”Service to be supplied by the town. Any larger service such as a 1 ½” and 2” will be paid by the homeowner. This installation will be by town specifications and be supervised by the water department.

The cost of an service being pushed under the road will be the responsibility of the homeowner (The town does not have the equipment to push under the road and has to be sub-contracted out and will be completed with supervision of the Benton Water Department.)

Shut Off Fee is \$25.00 – No fee to turn the water back on.

Note: “An Account will only be de-activated if the water is turned off by the Water Department.”

Water Fees for 2017:

WD # 1	\$50.00/6000 Gallons	\$5.50/1000 Over the 6000 Gallons
WD # 2	\$60.00/6000 Gallons	\$5.50/1000 Over the 6000 Gallons
WD # 3	\$50.00/6000 Gallons	\$5.50/1000 Over the 6000 Gallons
WD #4	\$50.00/6000 Gallons	\$5.50/1000 Over the 6000 Gallons

Relevy Fee: \$50.00/Per Meter will be charged as of October 31, 2017 for each unpaid account.
Motion was carried.

31 -16: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the Public Disclosure for Quackenbush Hardware up to a limit for purchased equaling \$750.00 per year. Motion was carried.

32 -16: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the Yates County Animal Control Officer Agreement for a (1) Year Term. Motion was carried.

33 -16: Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the following Budget Modifications: From A1990.4 Contingent Account: A5010.4 Highway Supt Contractual Expense \$417.97 and A7550.4 Flags for Cemeteries \$54.50. From B1990.4 Contingent Account: General B4010.1 Health Officer to correct underpayment in the 2015 budget \$18.00. Motion was carried.

Yates County Legislature: Jim Smith Reported on the following: (1) 2017 Budget has been approved with a lower rate per thousand. (2) Dark Fiber Network is all installed and two providers (Empire & Frontier) are in the process of hooking businesses up (3) Public Transportation to begin in early January 2017. (4) The Iverson project (Marina/Condos) is still progressing.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers & Reports: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following: General (A) Claims 178-191 Totaling \$ 4254.60 General (B) Claims 338-343 Totaling \$923.72, Highway (DA) Claims 125-135 Totaling \$7907.91, Highway (DB) Claims 232-235 Totaling \$13,125.98, SW1 Claims 57-60 Totaling \$264.14, SW2 Claims 86-94 Totaling \$7104.08, SW3 Claims 52-54 Totaling \$144.77. Town Clerk – Highway – Bookkeeper – Zoning-Water Reports. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Prendergast asked the board too look over the town’s procurement policy along with a sample copy of a “Best Value” local law to be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to enter into Executive Session at 8:05P.M. Under Public Officers Law, Article 7, Section (105), Paragraph (f). Regarding Personnel. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to go out of Executive Session into the regular meeting at 8:20 P.M. Motion was carried

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: December 15, 2016

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk/RMC

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