

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held January 11th, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 SR 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

Also present: Highway Superintendent – Jeff Mann, Historian/Health Officer – Eleanor Parker
Town Clerk/RMC – Bobbi Wolfe. Chronicle Express – John Christensen and special guest “Ollie”
Christensen.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to
approve the minutes from the December 14th, 2016 as presented. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Richard Harper will have an update on the E-Waste for our 2017 Clean UP Day. Clerk Wolfe scheduled
the SWEAPS program for the Clean Up Day which is set for June 17th, 2017.

Procurement and Best Value agreements: Discussion was held to possibly combine the two agreements
but after review the town’s procurement policy actually states “Taking the Best Value” bid. Councilmen
Harper found a discrepancy in certain dollar amounts listed in our “Code” and the updated agreement.
Clerk Wolfe will check this out.

Water District Updates: **WD # 4:** Jeremy Delyser engineer at Clark – Patterson – Lee plans to finish up
agency review comments and hopefully the final plans by the end of January. He stated that we will
potentially look at bidding the project in March for the summer construction.

WD # 5: (Earls Hill Road Project) Jeremy also come up with an approximate cost at \$1732 Capital and
\$438.00 for water cost. This amount is without applying for a grant. He also suggested that Benton
request an additional 5000 GPD water from the town of Seneca for this proposed district. There is also an
additional four parcels that could be possibly added to this district. .

Councilman, Becky Jensen requested that this following statement be added to the minutes: “In reference
to the statement by another board member that I should resign my position as councilman due to missing
several board meetings.” I will not resign my position as councilman and will fill out my term to the end
of 2017. I have donated \$200.00 of my salary to the Benton Schoolhouse # 6.

New Business:

Town Hall Rental: Brandon Jensen asked about using the town hall for a kettle bell exercise class. Time
frame would be 8:00 – 9:00 AM. Right now we do have a group of Mennonites that rent the hall on

Sunday mornings at approximately 9:30 AM. The board stated charging the original cost which is \$100.00 along with checking with Stork insurance regarding liability.

2018 Tax Cap: Clerk Wolfe asked the board if they wanted Attorney Graff to prepared the 2% Tax Cap Local Law, it was decided to have the Local Law prepared for upcoming town board meetings.

Zoning Board of Appeals & Planning Board Training: It was brought to the town's attention that it can opt out of required training for these board members. After board discussion it was determined that training will still be required.

JCAP Grant: The Justice has been awarded a total grant of \$5815.00. This would cover about half of the tables/chairs and security camera cost requested. The board stated to go ahead and order the tables/chairs and Richard Harper will request updated proposals for the security cameras from Covert and Wright.

Resolutions:

#1-17: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper approving the appointment of Patrick McGuire to the Board of Assessment Review for a (5) Year Term 10/1/2016-09-30-2021. Motion was carried

#2-17: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving the appointment of George Jakobovic to the Board of Assessment Review for a (5) Year Term 10/1/16 – 09/30/2021. Motion was carried

#3-17: Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Richard Harper approving Stork Insurance for 2017 in the amount of \$21,792.68. Motion was carried.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers and Reports: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following: Abstract # 13: General (A) 192-204 Totaling \$23,362.89, General (B) Claims 344-345 Totaling \$127.45, SW1 Claims 61-64 Totaling \$1295.30, SW2 Claims 95-99 Totaling \$204.66, SW3 Claims 55-59 Totaling \$4060.08. Abstract # 1: General (A) Claims 1-9 Totaling \$2633.07, Highway (DA) Claims 1-9 Totaling \$6973.89, Highway (DB) Claims 200-201 Totaling \$1274.07, SW1 Claim 1 Totaling \$39.00. Town Clerk Monthly & Year End – Highway – Supervisor – Zoning and Water Reports. Motion was carried.

Historian: Eleanor Parker stated that she finishing up the town history book for 2016. She also reported that the Benton Fire Department is having their breakfast on 1/15/17 and a fish fry 1/20/17.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Becky Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: January 13, 2017
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk/RMC