

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held February 8th, 2017 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, Deputy Supervisor
 Becky Jensen
 Alan Tomion
 Glenn Quackenbush

Also present: Highway Superintendent – Jeff Mann, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe
 Historian/Health Officer – Eleanor Parker, Yates County Administrator – Robert Lawton.

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

Supervisor Prendergast introduced Yates County Administrator, Robert Lawton. Mr. Lawton stated that he had taken the Administrator position as of Labor Day 2016 and has been visiting all the towns and villages.

Old Business:

E-Waste: Richard Harper contacted E-Waste and REACT for collection of resident electronics at our June 17th, 2017 clean up day. Mr. Harper received price comparisons for both companies and presented them to the town board. After board discussion the ***Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to use E-Waste Electronics Recycling Program for our 2017 clean up day. This will include a truck with two workers to load the electronics. There will be no charge to the residents for CRTS. Motion was carried.*** Mr. Harper reported to the board that he was informed of a grant program for 50% reimbursement of expenses from the 2016 electronics. Mr. Harper and Clerk Wolfe applied for the grant in the amount of \$1049.00.

Procurement Policy: Richard Harper noticed that the adopted 2014 policy had different amounts than what was in our General Code book. Clerk Wolfe asked for the boards' permission to code any new Local Laws as they are passed so the Code book would be kept up to date. No response was given. Mr. Harper also wasn't sure about the wording in paragraphs 1 & 2 and the board requested that we send the policy to the Association of Towns for their review and opinion. Clerk Wolfe will forward the policy to the Association legal department.

Security Cameras: Richard Harper contacted Covert Security and Wright for updated proposals for the security cameras. Mr. Harper prepared a spread sheet comparing the two proposals and recommended that the town take Option # 3 from Covert Security. ***Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to purchase Option # 3 from Covert Security Inc in the amount of \$6230.00. Motion was carried.***

Town Hall Rental: Discussion was held on the rental of the town hall. The main conflict is with the town court. We now have new furniture for the court and no place to store it if we continue to rent the hall. ***Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Becky Jensen to no longer rent the town hall to anyone other than governmental organizations. Motion was carried***

New Business:

SKYPE: Becky Jensen contacted the Association of Towns regarding the use of SKYPE. They stated it is legal and the person being SKYPED has to be seen by the board during the meeting. It also needs to be advertised prior to the meeting. Becky stated "I'm trying to resolve my absences legally". Our IT (Bob Wixon) will be in the office tomorrow and Supervisor Prendergast will discuss what is involved with setting up SKYPE .

Town Clerk Conference: Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Alan Tomion to accept incurred expense for the town clerk conference in April 2017. Motion was carried.

Assessor: A meeting has been set up for February 22, 2017 @ 2:00 P.M. with Patricia Brede at the Yates County Real Property Director's office. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Assessor position that will be vacated at the end of June 2017. Supervisor Patrick Flynn will also be in attendance as we share our Assessor with the Town of Torrey.

Water: The Town of Torrey has sent a formal request to the Town of Benton to supply their proposed Water District # 1 for up to 25,000 GPD. Benton has received a written commitment from the Town of Geneva for the additional 25,000 GPD.

Resolutions:

#4-17: Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Richard Harper to approve transfers needed to satisfy the 2016 Budget (Attached). Motion was carried.

#5-17: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to schedule a Public Hearing for the 2018 2% Tax Cap at the March 8th, 2017 Town Board Meeting. Motion was carried.

Highway: Jeff Mann – Highway Superintendent presented several proposals for a new trailer to haul both lawn mowers and for other highway uses. After discussion the ***Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Richard Harper to purchase the "PJ Trailer" 102 x 22 foot in the amount of \$6390.00. Motion was carried.*** Jeff stated he is still checking into storage buildings. Also reported were repairs to the town pickup in the amount of \$1948.26.

Sprague Insurance sent information on "Air Ambulance" cost. Coverage in and out of network is a \$150.00 Copay and is not subject to the deductible.

Historian/Health Officer: Eleanor Parker reported on the town's history book being almost complete, needs a little tweaking !!

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers & Reports: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following vouchers and reports: General (A) Claims 10-26 Totaling \$11,942.22, General (B) Claims 300-303 Totaling \$920.82, Highway (DA) Claims 10-23 Totaling \$13,833.75, SW1 Claims 2-6 Totaling \$365.76, SW2 Claims 1-8 Totaling \$1268.76, SW3 Claims 1-5 Totaling \$476.15. Town Clerk – Highway – Zoning – Water District Reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to adjourn the meeting as of 9:00 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: February 10, 2017
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk/RMC

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