

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held March 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 - Absent
		Alan Tomion
		Glenn Quackenbush

Also Present: Jeff Mann – Highway Superintendent, Bobbi Wolfe – Town Clerk, Jayson Hoover – Zoning/Water, Jim Smith – Yates County Legislature, Robert Brechko – Board of Elections.

Supervisor Prendergast opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance .

SKYPE: Supervisor Prendergast contacted the Association of Towns regarding the use of SKYPE. Sarah Brancatella/Associate Counsel presented several opinions which Supervisor Prendergast suggested that the town board review for the April meeting. He also reported that his computer is set up for SKYPE at a cost of \$117.00

Public Hearing: Supervisor Prendergast opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2018 Budget 2% Tax Cap.

Guest Speaker: Robert Brechko reported several positions will be on the ballot in November. Legislature, Treasurer, DA and Coroner, along with town positions of Supervisor and (2) seats as councilmen. He explained that under legislation combining state/federal primary elections, combining districts to save money. Bob stated that a primary election costs between \$26,000-\$28,000. The board is also working on contingency plan for emergencies, alternate pole sites with backup generators, generally using the local fire department. One other issue is to possibly close schools the day of election as many polling places are held in schools. There have been complaints on the counties website for the elections and are looking at a new design. The election board also is on FB @ Yates County Board of Elections. Bob explained that there is an upcoming campaign/finance meeting to be held 5/24/17 at 9:00 AM in the county auditorium.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the minutes from the February 8th, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Communications: 2017 Empire Pipeline “PILOT” Distribution was received in the amount of \$49,277.74.

Old Business:

Procurement Policy – The opinion was received from the Association of Towns as follows: Paragraph 2 needs to be changed as follows: Now reads: “Purchase agreements/contracts over \$20,000, and Public Works contracts over \$35,000. Should read: “Purchase agreements/contracts under \$20,000 and Public Works contract under \$35,000. Clerk Wolfe will send it to attorney Graff to prepare the Local Law and necessary paper.

Security Cameras - Have been installed, an additional monitor was purchased for the court room. There wasn't any coverage at the front entrance. Councilman Harper noticed that there should have been a dome camera placed at the front entrance but by mistake was placed in the south side vestibule. An additional dome will be purchased and placed at the front entrance at a cost of \$525.00. Sheriff Spike has been notified about the new security system. Jim Smith – Legislature suggested the town look into a policy stating who is allowed to review the cameras.

Assessor Position: Ads have been placed in the Chronicle Express, Finger Lakes Times and Canandaigua Messenger. Approximate cost is \$1200.00

New Business:

Proposals have been received from Churches for new flooring and carpet along with one from Don Hamm for new entrance on the south side of the building. No decisions were made. Don is also doing some repairs within the town hall.

Thomas Rood presented the proposed first draft of the Solar Law for the town board to look over.

Water:

Update on WD # 5 – Earls Hill Road: Three more residents are interested in being included in the proposed district. Jeremy DeLyser, engineer for “Clark-Patterson-Lee” prepared “Preliminary Cost Estimates”. We need to ask Jeremy about an informational meeting to discuss the cost with the residents in the proposed district.

WD # 1 Extension: We are waiting for the return of easements and Jeremy believes we will go out to bid by the end of March.

Meters: Jayson Hoover would like to replace the meters in water districts 1 & 3 (Meter Structures) from a 1” to a 2” meter. He had received two proposals from Vellano and Blair. Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve purchase of (2) Badger 2” E-Series SS Meer W/Orion CE Endpoint 10’ wire for Water District Meter Structures 1 & 3 at a cost of \$1880.00. Motion was carried.

Time Warner Cable: The most recent update on the Route 14 corridor, NYSEG is replacing poles and once they are finished, TWC will be progressing on the installation of their system. The report stated construction should be complete by the end of the year.

Closed the Public Hearing:

Resolutions:

#6-17: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush seconded by Richard Harper approving the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. Motion was carried.

Town Clerk	Bobbi Wolfe	7 Per Day
Justice	David Grace	6 Per Day
Highway	Jeff Mann	8 Per Day
Bookkeeper	Linda Johnson	6 Per Day
Assessor	Mary Lilyea	7 Per Day
Zoning	Jayson Hoover	7 Per Day

#7-17: Motion was made by Richard Harper seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving the appointment of Thomas Carroll as the alternate to the Planning Board. Motion was carried.

#8-17: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the 2018 Budget 2% Tax Cap override. Motion was carried.

#9-17: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to proceed with the revised "Procurement Policy". Paragraph # 2 Now states Purchases/contracts over \$20,000 and Public Works Contracts over \$35,000 needs to be changed to "Under \$20,000 and Under \$35,000. Motion was carried.

Jim Smith – Yates County Legislature: Items discussed:

- 1) New Yates County Planner position needs to be filled.
- 2) Five Million dollar grant for water projects. (Consolidation of Water Districts thru different towns)
- 3) Outlet Trail.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers & Reports:

Motion was made by Richard Harper seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following Vouchers & Reports: General (A) Claims 27-44 Totaling \$8975.53, General (B) Claims 304-306 Totaling \$174.45, Highway (DA) Claims 24-42 Totaling \$21,307.32, Highway (DB) Claims 202-203 Totaling \$3933.66, SW1- Claims 7-10 Totaling \$679.52, SW2 – Claims 9-15 Totaling \$6720.31, SW3- Claims 6-10 Totaling \$1269.39. Town Clerk – Highway – Zoning – Water Reports. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: March 13, 2017

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk

ADOPTED: April 12, 2017