

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held June 14th, 2017 in the Benton Town 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/RMC – Bobbi Wolfe, Zoning – Jayson Hoover, Historian/Health Officer – Eleanor Parker, Yates County Legislature – James Smith and Terry Button.

Public Present: Brian Murphy, Allison Yonts, Meredith McMichael.

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

Guests: Allison Yonts and Meredith McMichael from the Yates Community Center Recreational Complex. (YCRR) requesting a letter and resolution supporting their grant application. This is the same grant that was applied for last year but was missing key information to complete the application.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Becky Jensen to approve the minutes from the May 10th, 2017 meeting with corrections. Motion was carried.

Old Business: Covert Security transition went very smooth, great guys to work with.

Communications:

“PILOT” Payment has been received from Finger Lakes Railway \$ 1524.98

Hometowne Energy – Fixed Price Contract received. \$1.209 Per Gallon.

ISO Rating has been received from the West Lake Road Fire Association.

Cleaning Up Day I June 17th, any help would be appreciated. Jeff Mann, Keith Thomas, Bobbi Wolfe, Eleanor Parker, John Prendergast, Dick Harper and Becky Jensen will be helping. Richard Harper informed the board that a grant had been applied for to reimburse expenses from the 2016 clean up day. The town is in line for a \$1048.00 grant but required some insurance certificates before they could proceed.

New Business:

The Uniform Justice Court 2016 Audit is required, will be discussed at the next meeting. This audit is required by the end of 2017. Justice Grace introduced the new court clerk, Lydia Pidlisny, she will be replacing Cindy Fenton as of June 28. Cindy is moving out of state.

General Code Publisher: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve Supplement No. & price estimate in the amount between \$460.00-\$510.00 also the Code on Disk in the amount of \$50.00. Motion was carried.

Water:

Water District # 5: An informational meeting was held June 13th, 2017. Clark – Patterson – Lee engineer, Jeremy Delyser was in attendance to answer any questions the residents had. There are three options for this proposal ranging from \$2030-\$2170. The state comptroller's threshold is set at \$966.00 this year. This district would need approval from the state comptroller for construction. Supervisor Prendergast will be contacting town attorney Jeff Graff for further direction.

Water District # 1: Railroad U/G leases doubled in price per crossing, Supervisor Prendergast sent a letter requesting a reduction per crossing. The town had not received any correspondence as of the meeting date.

Water District # 4: Plans have been sent to NYSDOH. Approximately 30% of the easements have been returned. Supervisor Prendergast will be visiting residents to answer any questions they may have on their easements.

Highway: Jeff Mann – Superintendent provided the board with information on a new excavator which was quoted by NJPA, Total cost is \$204,988 with an interest rate of 2.84%. this is a new Volvo EW160E. The board decided to proceed with the purchase of a new Excavator. Jeff will check into other financing and report at the July meeting. Jeff also reported a complaint from a resident on Widow Hill Road stating that the speed limit needs to be reduced. After town board discussion they declined to proceed with the request.

Yates County Legislature: Jim Smith reported

- 1) Update on the Marina Project
- 2) Online Survey for internet speed.
- 3) Frontier possibly using “Dark Fiber” for wireless internet.
- 4) Jim Smith and Terry Button are both running for the Legislature in the November election.

Historian/Health Officer: Eleanor Parker reported no animal bites in the past month. There will be a rabies clinic at the Benton Fire House November 4th, 9:00-10:30 A.M.

George Newcomb brought is collection of ducks stamps dating back in the 1940's to be displayed in the town offices. “This display is the property of the Newcomb family”.

Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Richard Harper to rescind the motion made May 31, 2017 “Abolishing the Office of the Tax Collector”. Due to a Special Meeting held with a two day notice, all board members must be present, only four were present. Motion was carried.

Resolutions:

#18-17: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to “Abolishing the Office of the Town Tax Collector”. Motion was carried unanimously.

#19-17: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Becky Jensen Supporting the YCRR application to fund the project through the NYS Office of Parks, recreation & Historic Preservation. Motion was carried unanimously.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers and Reports:

Motion was made by Richard Harper seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following: General (A) Claims 85-107 Totaling \$7032.13, General (B) Claims 313-316 Totaling \$254.66, Highway (DA) Claims 68-74 Totaling \$1763.23, Highway (DB) Claims 209-214 Totaling \$15067.70, SW1 Claims 19-25 Totaling \$1220.41, SW2 Claims 29-35 Totaling \$6831.57, SW3 Claims 19-22 Totaling \$176.82. Town Clerk, Highway, Zoning, Water, Supervisor reports. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Becky Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: June 21, 2017
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk/RMC

ADOPTED: July 12, 2017