

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

Also Present: Highway Supt. – Jeff Mann, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe, Historian/Health Officer – Eleanor Parker. Public Present: Brian Champlin.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the minutes from the July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 town board meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

**Old Business:**

Uniform Justice Court 2016 Audit is set for September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

2018 Town Wide audit: Supervisor Prendergast talked to a couple different supervisors and they stated they don't have an audit unless the state requests one. (No audit is required from USDA the WD if under \$750,000 in federal expenditures).

Speed reduction request from Ben Tomion: Yates County Highway Supt. David Hartman sent a response to the speed reduction request on Ferguson Corners and Hall Road. Clerk Wolfe emailed a copy of the minutes containing the board resolution requesting the reduction. Mr. Hartman will submit the request to the NYSDOT as soon as he receives accident reports from the Sheriff.

Supervisor Prendergast informed the board that the invoice with Churches Flooring has not been settled and still working on finishing the air duct repair in the main hallway.

Supervisor Prendergast also reported that the WD # 1 railroad U/G leasing increase still needs to be presented to town attorney, Jeff Graff for his review.

**New Business:**

2017 Finger Lakes Railway "PILOT" Distribution was received with a reduction of \$1245.19. In 2016 Benton received \$1524.98, 2017 amount to be received is \$279.79. Supervisor Prendergast has discussed this with Steve Griffin from the Finger Lakes Economic Development Center, but will be contacting him for a further explanation.

Clean Up Day 2016: The town received a grant in the amount of \$1048.52 which covered half of the electronic expense.

A proposal was received from Marks Interior Finishing to paint all rooms including: Assessor, Clerk, hallway, entry way, bookkeeper and meeting room. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush seconded by Richard Harper to approve the proposal in the amount of \$2996.00. Motion was carried. Clerk Wolfe will ask Mr. Marks about the front entry way.

**Water District # 3:**

The reduction in the WD # 3 Capital needs to be clarified. The minutes never stated whether it was an annual reduction or an annual decision. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the reduction in the capital cost off the yearly total unit charges as follows: (1) Unit reduced by \$100.00, (1/2) Unit reduced by \$50.00. Motion was carried.

**Resolution:**

**#24-17:** Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Richard Harper authorizing the agreement between the YCPB and the Town of Benton exempting certain minor land use actions from the Yates County Planning Board Review. Motion was carried.

**Water District # 1:** The town received a letter of appreciation for the efforts of water operator, Jayson Hoover from Peter Butler of 415 Route 14 for a repair of a water main leak. (Letter attached to the minutes).

**Highway:** The Town of Geneva purchased gravel from Benton and reimbursed the town \$6936.00 which was put in the Highway Equipment Reserve.

WD # 1 Extension Easements: Jayson Hoover has been working with the residents ensuring that the easements have the correct changes. He stated that there are approximately 9-10 committed to sign. Once we received all the easements Clark-Patterson-Lee will put this project out for bid.

**Health Officer:** Eleanor Parker reported that Thomas Morris (Yates County Animal Control Officer) has been taking care of Benton's animal bites.

**Monthly Abstract of Vouchers & Reports:** Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following: General (A) Claims 125-143 Totaling \$8251.09, General (B) Claims 320-324 Totaling \$384.48, Highway (DA) Claims 83-93 Totaling \$4893.37, Highway (DB) Claims 219-222 Totaling \$10,978.80, SW1 Claims 32-39 Totaling \$767.85, SW2- Claims 41-52 Totaling \$1119.36, SW3 Claims 27-33 Totaling \$666.72. Town Clerk – Highway – Supervisor – Water and Zoning Reports. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting as of 7:50 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: August 10, 2017

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk/RMC

***ADOPTED: September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017***