

The Regular Benton Town Board Meeting was held September 13th, 2017 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

Also Present: Highway Superintendent – Jeff Mann, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe, Zoning Officer – Jayson Hoover, Historian/Health Officer – Eleanor Parker.

Public Present: Mr & Mrs John Nacca, Brian Murphy and Brian Champlin.

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

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

Guests: Mr. & Mrs. John Nacca were present to discuss the possibility of being connected to WD # 1 Extension. Their property was not included in the proposed district as it does not border route 14 and is within Angus Point. Residents in the Angus Point area requested to be taken out of the proposed district before it was created. Several options were discussed to provide Mr Nacca with water as an out of district user. Supervisor Prendergast will contact town attorney, Jeff Graff to discuss this issue.

Old Business:

Uniform Justice Court 2016 Audit was audited by Richard Harper and Glenn Quackenbush. Corrective action required: (1) Detailed comparison of fines/bail statement summary is not being done to confirm they match. This needs to be done on a monthly basis. (2) Bank statements are initialed and dated by the Justice Clerk but detailed reconciliation as noted in cash receipts section should be implemented immediately to assure differences are caught and closed out in a timely manner. ***Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by John Prendergast to approve the 2016 Uniform Justice Court Audit. Motion was carried.***

2018 Budget Meetings: The first 2018 tentative budget meeting has been set for September 26.

PFL (Paid Family Leave) Employees need to know by October 1, 2017 if the board decides to offer this benefit. Benton employees have no interest in the plan, board decision was not to participate.

Water District # 1: From previous minutes, the town has been dealing with the railroad regarding the 10 U/G leases. The annual fee was raised approximately 127% from \$212.00 to \$485.00. Supervisor Prendergast have been in contact with town attorney Graff to determine if our original contract allows such an increase. We have money in our savings that would allow for a one time buy out. Supervisor Prendergast will also discuss this with attorney Graff.

Water District # 1 Extension: At this time we need two easements from Rokow and Champlin families. Also ROW easements from Jensen and Rice family.

Water District # 5: It has been conveyed to Jeremy DeLyser @ Clark – Patterson – Lee that no one contested the expenditures for the Map, Plan and Report within the 30 day period. He will proceed with Map Plan and Report for that district.

Communications: NYS Department of Tax & Finance final equalization rate for 2017 was 99%.

Resolutions:

#25-17: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Becky Jensen establishing the standard work day for appointed employee Lydia Pidsny as Court Clerk to be (6) Hours Per Day, to be reported to the NYS and Local Employees Retirement System and will be based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by her to the clerk of this body. Motion was carried.

#26-17: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following Budget Modifications: General: Transfer \$175.00 from A1990.4 Contingency Account to A1220.2 Supervisor Contractual. Transfer \$500.00 from A1410.2 Town Clerk Equipment to A1410.4 Town Clerk Contractual. Transfer \$1099.50 from A1990.4 Contingency Account to A1620.2 Buildings Equipment and Capital Outlay. Transfer \$17.00 from A7520.4 Schoolhouse Contractual to A7550.4 Flags for Cemeteries. Motion was carried.

Town of Torrey Water: Torrey has requested water testing services from the town of Benton for their newly created Water District # 1 and Perry Point Water District. They will need the cost of water sample collection and analysis. Jayson Hoover will check into the cost and reply to Torrey.

Spectrum: The town has recently upgraded to a faster speed with a \$3.00 reduction in the invoice. Highway Supt. – Jeff Mann has been having issues of dropped service, a call needs to be placed with SCT Computers. Spectrum has installed their lines along route 14 and residents are hooking up.

Highway: Jeff Mann received a call regarding the mowing in the Benton Cemetery, he stated they mow every 1 ½ weeks. He also checked out the tree in the Briggs Cemetery that was reported tipping over and didn't think it was hazard. James Earl, care taker of the Briggs Cemetery stated there are several woodchuck holes in the cemetery and is asking the board what to do about them. No decision was made.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers and Reports: Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the following: General (A) Claims 144-164 Totaling \$7971.49, General (B) Claims 325-327 Totaling \$158.93, Highway (DA) Claims 94-104 Totaling \$3931.26, Highway (DB) Claims 223-228 Totaling \$107,206.22, SW1- Claims 40-46 Totaling \$903.59, SW2- Claims 53-65 Totaling \$8479.18, SW3- Claims 34-40 Totaling \$561.38. Supervisor – Water Reports. Motion was carried. It was noted that there was a discrepancy in the Town Clerk & Zoning report of \$30.00, Clerk Wolfe will review the report with Mr. Hoover for town board approval at the October meeting.

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

Dated: September 15, 2017
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk/RMC

ADOPTED: October 11, 2017