

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held October 11th, 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
 Alan Tomion
 Glenn Quackenbush

Also Present: Highway Superintendent – Jeff Mann, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe, Historian/Health Officer – Eleanor Parker. Public Present: Brian Champlin. Town of Torrey Supervisor, Patrick Flynn.

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 Glenn Quackenbush to approve the September 13th, 2017 minutes w/one spelling correction. Motion was carried. Motion was made by Becky Jensen, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the Town Clerk’s September monthly report with the correction made. Motion was carried.

Town of Torrey: Supervisor Patrick Flynn informed the board that Torrey had sent a letter requesting Benton’s services of collecting water samples for their proposed districts which includes Perry Point and had not heard back. George Thompson offered to escort our water operator (Jayson Hoover) to all the locations that are going to be tested. Mr. Flynn also questioned why the Torrey/Benton Assessor contract stated that both towns pay 50% of the health insurance. Clerk Wolfe assumed that the prior health insurance with Torrey/Benton/Potter was 30-30-40 that between two towns it would be 50-50. Torrey didn’t agree with that and requested it be the 44-56%. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Becky Jensen approving the 44% - Torrey, 56% Benton split for the health insurance. Motion was carried. Supervisor Prendergast filled Supervisor Flynn in on the progress of Benton’s WD # 1 extension.

Old Business:

Clean Up Day 2017: Final Cost for the 2017 clean up day was \$4300.05. Mr. Harper reported that there is a rebate thru the NYS E-Waste assistance program for 2017. The town was awarded a check for our 2016 cleanup day which equaled to half of the E-Waste cost.

Churches: The hallway floor has been repaired. There is still a discrepancy on the final invoice. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to pay the amount on the original quote \$3608.84. Motion was carried. This amount eliminated \$742.91 in additional cost that was not in the original quote.

New Business:

Tax Collector software training will be held in December and the annual cost to the town will be \$343.00 for annual maintenance.

Time Warner Cable: We received our franchise renewal agreement. The board would like to have attorney Graff review it prior to having the town sign it.

Health Insurance: Christine Sprague was present and explained options to all employees. Supervisor Prendergast stated that everyone is happy with the current insurance. Increase for 2018 was 8.04%.

Office of the NYS Comptroller – Thomas Dinapoli released the fiscal monitoring reports for municipalities experiencing fiscal stress. The town of Benton's report shows no fiscal stress.

Reminder: The next 2018 budget meeting is scheduled for October 17th, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.

Water District # 1: Supervisor Prendergast has been in contact with attorney Graff regarding the increased cost of the U/G railroad leases. Mr. Graff suggested contacting town legislatures, state or federal, the Association of Towns and the NYS Attorney General Office for some starting points to negotiate a lower cost to the town. The cost as of 2016 was \$215.00 per U/G lease and increased to \$485.00. We have a total of ten crossings. (Jeremy Delyser stated that the railroad won't negotiate the U/G leases for the new district extension, requiring buy out only).

Water District # 1 Ext: All easements have been received. A resolution authorizing acceptance is below. Supervisor Prendergast stated that water operator, Jayson Hoover did a lot of work getting all the easements prepared as the homeowner requested and getting signatures. Once the resolution is passed, Supervisor Prendergast needs to sign each easement in front of a notary. He will be contacting Mary Lilyea to notarize the easements.

Councilmen, Harper noticed that the state comptroller questioned why the town of Barrington, (during their audit) had not prepared a (5) year plan. Discussion was held on Benton preparing a five year plan. Supervisor Prendergast will look into this for the next meeting.

Resolutions:

#27-17: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush authorizing acceptance of Water District # 1 Extension Easements. (Attached). Motion was carried.

#28-17: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Becky Jensen to re-appoint Jennie Mann to the BAR (Board of Assessment Review Board) for a (5) year term 10/1/17-09/30/2022. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Prendergast attended ICS300 FEMA Class – Federal government preparedness for disasters.

Water: Additional monitoring is being required for WD # 2 for (TTHM) found present at a level of 88 ug/l, maximum level (MCL) is 80 ug/l . Testing needs to be done quarterly by the second week of each month February, May, August and November, annually thereafter.

Historian/Health officer: Eleanor Parker was presented a certificate from Yates County for serving 17 years as an election inspector. Congratulations Ellie !!!

Monthly Abstracts of Vouchers & Reports:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following vouchers and reports. General (A) Claims 165-183 Totaling \$7253.08, General (B) Claims 328-329 Totaling \$127.45, Highway (DA) Claims 105-110 \$990.75, Highway (DB) 229-233 Totaling \$29,544.62, SW1 Claims 47-54 Totaling \$2598.39, SW2 Claims 66-71 Totaling \$597.83, SW3 Claims 41-45 Totaling \$4340.00. Town Clerk – Highway – Zoning – Supervisor reports. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. motion was carried.

Dated: October 16, 2017
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk/RMC

ADOPTED: November 8th, 2017