

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held November 8, 2017 in the Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan NY 14527.

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

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

Public Present: John Christensen-Chronicle Express, Steve Stork – Stork Insurance, Arlene Wilson – Cornell Coop, Tim Dennis – Yates County Legislature, Brian Murphy newly elected Councilman 2018.

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

Supervisor Prendergast opened the Public Hearings for the following: 2018 Town Budget, fire contracts for, Benton, Bellona, Penn Yan and West Lake Road.

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

Guest: Steve Stork presented the insurance proposal for 1/1/18-1/1/19. Total of the new policy is \$23,912.57. Steve explained that once the plates are returned off the old excavator the policy will be reduced. Another option that the board may want to discuss is to increase the deductible amount which would also lower premium. Clerk Wolfe will get the addresses of the three cemeteries that the town maintains which need to be listed on location schedule. The board needs to inform Steve of their decision by December 1, 2017.

Guest: Arlene Wilson- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Yates County. Ms. Wilson touched on work of the Cooperative Extension including: Annual Revenue Resources, Agricultural Census (Dairy Livestock & Field Crops) , Vegetable Program and Finger Lakes Grape Program. Cornell Cooperative Extension will be holding their 2017 Annual Meeting Dinner at the Elks Lodge, Thursday December 7th, 2017 6:00-8:00 PM Reservations are required.

Yates County Legislature: Tim Dennis reported on the following:

- (1) Laserfiche – Digital countywide records management system. The county is looking into contracting with General Code (Parent Company to Laserfiche) in developing a LGRIMF grant application. Down the road towns will be asked to support this project by resolution.
- (2) Broadband Surveys: We need as much participation as possible to help with USDA funding.
- (3) County will be adopting their budget November 16th with an increase in the budget. But a tax rate decrease of 1% and a tax rate ranged at \$6.46/1000.

- (4) A study will be done regarding jail situation by the Division of Corrections. Nov 14-15-16. Due to NYS Mandates the Yates County Jail is substandard. The county won't know what will be recommended until after the survey is complete. Tim explained that the jail does house out of area prisoners and will generate \$350,000-\$375,000 in income but only covers approximately 40% of the cost.

Old Business:

Time Warner Cable franchise contract was received and forwarded to town attorney Jeff Graff for his review. There are several areas that need to be decided along with a public hearing prior to accepting the new contract. Will be entered on the December agenda.

NYS DOT: Benton requested a speed reduction at the intersection of Ferguson Corners Rd and Hall Rd. NYS DOT completed an investigation covering an area from CR 23 Lovejoy Road and to the Ontario County Line. They reported "Based on their information no speed reduction is warranted".

SWEAPS: Clerk Wolfe contacted Brian Tomion, SWEAPS coordinator about changing our clean up day hours to 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM. He stated that the SWEAPS program doesn't start until 9:00 and suggested we run our program 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. Councilman Harper will be checking on the e-waste regarding the no charge line item. Mr. Harper doesn't believe we will be able to submit a request for reimbursement thru the NYSDEC.

Churches Flooring: Final payment was sent to Churches for installation of the vestibule entry way, hallway tile and conference room carpet.

Five Year Plan: Highway Superintendent, Jeff Mann Has submitted his (5) year equipment plan.

Water District # 1: Supervisor Prendergast has continued to look into the Railroad U/G leasing price increase. He has contacted the Association of Town in turn they checked with other towns/villages/counties and didn't find anyone else having this lease price increase issue. The Association of Towns has started a file regarding this issue and will continue to investigate. Prendergast emailed our engineer, Jeremy Delyser which he stated for our new water district WD # 1 Ext., there won't be any leases for U/G pipe, only a one time payment.

Village of Penn Yan: Supervisor Prendergast attended the water partners meeting at the village. There were no problems to report and Benton will receive a credit to our water purchase in the amount of \$3100.00.

New Business:

Baldwin Cemetery: The town needs to set an amount for internment of cremation. The only set amount we have right now is for a full burial at \$500.00. Clerk Wolfe contacted Lynn Axtell at the Lakeview Cemetery in Penn Yan for a price list. They charge \$300.00 for an internment/cremation. Discussion was also held on how many cremations can be buried in one plot. (Resolution Below)

Empire Pipeline: Intends on submitting a special use permit application to (PHMSA) requesting to operate portions of the existing Empire Connector Pipeline at an alternative maximum allowable operating pressure. Currently is being operated at a (MAOP of 1290 psig and with PHMSA's approval will increase to 1440 psig, 11% increase. Any questions the town can contact Empire Pipeline.

Communications:

Empire Pipeline Community Benefit Fund was received in the amount of \$42,489.92. **NOTE :** In a letter received from the Finger Lakes EDC board, it is a reminder that towns may not receive this same level of funding if it is needed to help a new business locate, or existing business expand in Yates County... "For budgeting purposes, we will try to let you know as soon as possible". Steve Griffin – Chief Executive Officer.

Town of Torrey – Water Districts:

Town of Torrey has requested from the Town of Benton a rate/cost for Jayson Hoover, Benton Water Operator to acquire water samples from two of Torrey's proposed water districts. Supervisor Prendergast will figure out an hourly rate.

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to Close the Public Hearing at 8:20 P.M. Motion was carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

#29-17: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the 2018 Town Budget with a tax rate of \$4.07/1000 (Same as 2017). Motion was carried.

#30-17: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving the Benton Vol. Fire Department Contract in the amount of \$124,900.00. Motion was carried.

#31-17: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the Bellona Vol. Fire Department Contract in the amount of \$54,678.00. Motion was carried.

#32-17: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the Penn Yan Vol. Fire Department Contract in the amount of \$30,746.00. Motion was carried.

#33-17: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the West Lake Road Fire Association Contract in the amount of \$22,500.00. Motion was carried.

#34-17: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve \$300.00 for a cremation interment at the Baldwin Cemetery, this also includes (2) cremations per plot and (1) casket and (1) Cremation per plot. Motion was carried.

#35-17: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, second by Alan Tomion to approve the 2017 Water Relevy in the amount of \$16,806.41. Motion was carried

#36-17: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve Budget Modifications: General Fund \$61.00 from A1990.4 Contingent Account to A5010.4 Highway Supt Contractual. \$10,690.99 from A1910-4 Unallocated Insurance to A1620.2 Capital Outlay. Motion was carried.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers and Reports: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following: General (A) Claims 184-194 Totaling \$1961.75, General (B) Claims 330-332 Totaling \$461.95, Highway (DA) Claims 111-121 Totaling \$6318.51, Highway (DB) Claims 234-238 Totaling \$4837.94, SW1 Claims 55-60 Totaling \$4123.60, SW2 Claims 72-79 Totaling \$870.43, SW3 Claims 46-50 Totaling \$661.52. Town Clerk – Highway – Zoning – Water – Supervisor Reports. Motion was carried.

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

Dated: November 9, 2017
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk/RMC

ADOPTED: December 13, 2017