

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan NY 14527.

Board Present:           Supervisor:   John Prendergast  
                                  Councilmen:  Richard Harper, Deputy  
  Brian Murphy  
  Glenn Quackenbush  
  Alan Tomion

Also Present: Highway Superintendent – Jeff Mann, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe, Historian/Health Officer – Eleanor Parker. Public Present: John Christensen (Chronicle Express), Rick Willson, Ed Tomion, Jim Colizzi, Deborah Fleming.

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 January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Prendergast opened the Public Hearing regarding the TWC Franchise Agreement at 7:00 P.M.

**Guest:** Ben Tomion attended requesting the town board look into a possible water district on Ferguson Corners – Hall Road which would be served by the Town of Seneca. A preliminary map was presented which includes approximately 36 EDU's and 3 miles of pipe. Ben explained that he had contacted 15-16 residents that stated their interest. The board requested that Ben visit all residents in the proposed district to see everyone's interest and report back to the board. Supervisor Prendergast stated that the board supports the project.

**Assessor:** Patricia Brede requested board approval for the 2019 Revaluation which will be prepared by an outside source @ \$25.00/Hour with a final cost to be approximately \$2000.00. There is a reimbursement program thru the state which used to be \$5.00 per parcel but has been lowered. Resolution below.

**Old Business:**

Cintas presented a quote for rug replacement. Matthew Brown, representative for Cintas stated that they will work with the town for frequency of replacement. After board discussion it was decided to accept the proposal with monthly replacement in the summer and biweekly in the winter. Jeff Mann – Highway also requested a runner for his office.

Supervisor Prendergast informed the board that Tim Marks will start painting the town hall March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

The Planning Board has requested zoning updates for: Solar Energy, Recreational Vehicles and Hydro-Fracking. After board discussion it was decided to re-visit some of the requested updates. Richard Harper will attend the next Planning Board meeting. Another issue they want to re-visit is the set backs

for the LR district. Chairman of the Planning Board, Tom Rood stated how much he appreciates the planning board and how well they work together.

The 2018 Empire Pipeline “PILOT” distribution check has been received in the amount of \$48,550.35.

Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization is requesting proposals from towns to reduce the impact of erosion on Seneca Lake. (Basically a cement structure is built where heavy erosion takes place, traps and catches the sediment that heads out into the lake, traps are cleaned out periodically.) Ultimately this would end up being another highway project. Highway Superintendent, Jeff Mann stated he has no interest in this project.

**Water District # 1 Extension:**

Jeremy DeLyser, stated this project will go out to bid in March and Municipal Solutions will be in contact to sign the BANS.

**Water District # 5: (Earls Hill Road)**

We have received the Map, Plan and Report for this proposed district, along with the required petition from attorney Jeff Graff. Jim Colizzi will attempt to contact each resident within this district prior to the board setting a public informational meeting.

**Highway:**

Jeff Mann presented two quotes for proposed salt sheds. Attached to the minutes are two proposals: 42’x60’ \$144,391.15, 50’x50’ 153,492.00. The town board will look into possible grants to offset the cost. Supervisor Prendergast will be attending a grant writing seminar in Corning which may help with these proposals. Truck update: The 550 had some wiring issues and caught on fire down on Reddy Road in Bellona. Has since been repaired. Town pick up is over to Anderson’s garage, Kevin reported to Jeff that it needs new brake lines, (Lost the brakes), cross members are rusting, needs new tires and replacement of the catalytic system. Jeff presented a proposal from NJPA for \$59,470.00 for a 3500 Diesel crew cab, 8’ box with plow, dump body. 10-16 weeks delivery. Cut off for this NJPA pricing is February 22. Another proposal for a ½ ton pick up \$34,574.00 delivery within 12-14 weeks 3/22 cut off. After board discussion Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the purchase of a new truck up to \$60,000.00. Motion was carried. Jeff will also talk to Mark Hulse at Friendly Ford.

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to close the Public Hearing at 8:15 P.M. Motion was carried.

**Resolutions:**

#4-18: Motion was made by Richard Harper seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the Time Warner Cable Franchise Agreement. Motion was carried.

#5-18: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush seconded by Alan Tomion to set the standard work day for Brian Murphy (Retirement) at 6 hours. Motion was carried.

#6-18: Motion was made by Alan Tomion seconded by Brian Murphy to approve the 2019 Revaluation. Motion was carried.

**Yates County Legislature:** Rick Willson asked why Benton wasn't in the Seneca Watershed Organization? Supervisor Prendergast stated that eventually they will tell you what to do and requiring funding, they have too much control over towns. We already have regulatory departments such as Ag & Markets, DEC etc: Mr Willson feels that if towns are involved they can control regulations imposed by Seneca Watershed.

**Monthly Abstract of Vouchers and Reports:**

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush seconded by Brian Murphy to approve the following: General (A) Claims 8-23 Totaling \$10,642.26, General (B) Claims 1-4 Totaling \$907.39, Highway (DA) Claims 12-32 Totaling \$20,279.89, SW1 Claims 1-4 Totaling \$190.57. SW2 Claims 3-11 Totaling \$1332.01, SW3 Claims 2-5 Totaling \$311.77. Town Clerk, Highway, Supervisor, Water reports. Motion was carried.

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush seconded by Alan Tomion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M. Motion was carried.

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk

Dated: February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

***ADOPTED: March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018***