

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held March 14th, 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
	Alan Tomion
	Glenn Quackenbush

Also Present: Highway Superintendent – Jeff Mann, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe. Planning Board Chairman – Tom Rood, Yates County Legislature Member – Terry Button.

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 February 14th, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Benton Planning Board presented proposed changes to the town board for approval to update the Benton Code. 1) Campground revisions 2) Accessory Building Setbacks 3) Density Control Schedule 4) Solar Energy. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Brian Murphy to approve the proposed changes be sent to Attorney Jeff Graff for preparation of the Local Law and public hearing. Motion was carried.

New Business:

Broadband program: Cuomo announced \$2 million in broadband program round 111 awards for the Finger Lakes. Memo states that Benton’s state grant is \$20,476 with total investment of \$43,824. This does not state if towns are required to match the state grant. Terry Button suggested that the town contact Dan Long (Yates County Planner) or Tim Cutler for more information.

Highway:

Highway Supt. – Jeff Mann explained OGS bidding is thru 4/3/18. (Friendly Ford will be bidding thru OGS) Once the bid is accepted it will take 8-12 weeks for delivery of the truck. After board discussion the financing for the truck will be cash from the Highway Capital Equipment Reserve Fund.

Water District # 5 (Earls Hill Road)

An informational meeting has been set up for WD # 5 April 17th, 2018 @ 7:00 PM at the town hall. Jeremy Delyser, engineer from Clark-Patterson-Lee along with Mary Chappell from Municipal Solutions will be attending to answer any questions the residents may have. We will also have the petition available for signatures. Benton will be sending a letter to the Town of Seneca requesting additional water for this proposed district.

Route 14A Accident: Benton received additional paperwork from William Mattar regarding the accident involving Charles McKay, all information has been forwarded to town attorney, Jeff Graff and Stork Insurance.

Time Warner Cable:

The town received the fully executed Franchise Renewal Agreement between Benton and TWC.

Village of Penn Yan:

Benton received a copy of Resolution # 17-2018, Village of Penn Yan requesting the Governor expand the list of priority lakes to include Keuka Lake in the grant funding to protect from (HABs) Harmful Algae Blooms.

Finger Lakes Economic Development Center: Will be holding a public hearing at the Town of Benton, March 20th, 2018 @ 9:00 A.M. regarding “Benton Ridge Trusses LLC). (Proposed Project and Financial Assistance).

Finger Lakes EDC’s annual meeting will be held at Veraisons – Inn at Glenora March 23, 2018 at 2:45 PM if any of the town board members would like to attend.

Finger Lakes Power Systems:

Sister company to Qwiksolar is now offering backup power systems. Supervisor Prendergast stated that the town is set up as an emergency center but has no back up power all we can offer is water. Councilmen Quackenbush stated he would be interested if there is a grant available to help purchase a generator. Councilman Richard Harper will call for more information.

Resolution:

#7-18: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to set the Standard Work Day for Assessor Patricia Brede at (7) Hours Per Day. Motion was carried.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers and Reports:

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Brian Murphy to approve the following: General (A) Claims 24-40 Totaling \$7389.03, General (B) Claims 5 & 6 Totaling \$145.14, Highway (DA) Claims 33-46 Totaling \$14,516.65, SW1 Claims 5-8 Totaling \$795.02, SW2 Claims 12-20 Totaling \$6916.67, SW3 Claims 6-9 Totaling \$751.25. Highway – Town Clerk – Supervisor – Zoning and Water Reports. Motion was carried.

Yates County Legislature: Terry Button reported on the following:

- a) Reduced Expenditures – Jail Meals.
- b) Foreclosures are lower.
- c) Finger Lakes Tourism has increased.
- d) Soil & Water – James Balyszak is retiring – Colby Peterson will be replacing him.
- e) Dave Hartman will be upgrading (3) bridges.
- f) Deb Minor Accredited by NYS.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Alan Tomion to adjourn at 8:10 PM
Motion was carried.

Dated: March 15, 2018

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk,RMC

ADOPTED: April 11th, 2018