

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held September 12, 2018 in the Benton Town Hal Conference Room 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

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

Public present: Attendance Sign in Sheet attached to the minutes:

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Brian Murphy to approve the minutes from the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as presented. Motion was carried.

**Water District # 1 Extension:** Supervisor Prendergast stated that we had a Special Public Meeting for the residents of this district. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the residents of the increased cost of the proposed district. The original cost was \$709,000.00 and has increased to \$1,032,000. The Benton Town board passed a resolution approving the increase. This resolution is subject to a Permissive referendum. If a petition is received within 30 days of this resolution being passed it would force a vote of residents within this district. A petition was received on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The town has 60-75 days for this vote to happen. The board must decide if they wish to have absentee ballots, if so, attorney Graff will need to do more research. The board decided to table the resolution until we get more information from Jeff Graff. If the board needs, we will schedule a special meeting prior to the October meeting. Supervisor Prendergast explained the consequences of this district being voted down. Any money spent once this district was formed will have to be paid back by the residents of this district, at this time that amount is approximately \$77K.

**Old Business:**

Generators: The town has received (2) proposals for generators. We are looking for a budgetary amount and possible grants. Mr. Harper will have more info for the next meeting.

**New Business:**

NYSEG has proposed to do an upgrade to energy efficient equipment – a free assessment. Mr. Harper will give them a call and report next month.

Mr. Harper reported on an audit done at the Village of Rushville on the importance of board over site.

Yates County Legislature: Mr. Dennis reported on the following items:

- 1) Interviews for a new County Administrator
- 2) 2019 Budget – Looks to be in good shape,
- 3) Importance of Water Quality Towns/Villages/County
- 4) Workers Comp.

Highway:

Jeff Mann reported that several pieces of machinery has had some issues. The new truck should be delivered soon.

Eleanor Parker reported that she attended Polly Stuart's 100 birthday party along with the Bellona BBQ, which was excellent !!

Resolutions:

**#18-2018:** Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving funding for the Protection of Valuable Farmland through the NYS Dept of Ag & Markets farmland Protection Implementation Program for the Guy Christiansen Dairy Farm. Motion was carried.

**#19-2018:** Notice of Special Election for WD # 1 Ext, date has been set for the Special Election as of November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Noon to 8:00 P.M. **(TABLED)**

**Monthly Abstract of Vouchers & Reports:** Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the following: General (A) Claims 133-150 Totaling \$10,903.30, General (B) Claims 25-27 Totaling \$165.76, Highway (DA) Claims 95-103 Totaling \$2686.80, Highway (DB) Claims 218-223 Totaling \$89,032.41, SW1 Claims 41-45 Totaling \$4849.73, SW2- Claims 66-72 Totaling \$7927.45, SW3- Claims 37-39 Totaling \$220.58. Town Clerk, Highway, Supervisor, Zoning and Water Reports. Motion was carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Brian Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Motion was carried,

Dated: September 14, 2018  
Bobbi Wolfe  
Benton Town Clerk/RMC

***ADOPTED: October 11, 2018***