

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held June 12th, 2019 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

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

Public Present: Robert Brechko – Amy Daines, Board of Elections, Rick Willson – Yates County Legislature, Doug Marchionda, Grant Downs & George Thompson – Town of Torrey, John Christensen – Chronicle Express and Jeremy Delyser – CPL.

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

Public Hearing opened at 7:00 P.M..

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the May 8th, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Guests: Robert Brechko and Amy Daines – Board of Elections. Amy informed the board that there will be early voting this year dates range from Saturday October 26th thru Sunday November 3rd with variable times. A copy of the early voting times is available in the town clerk's office along with the "Annual Report". Something new they are looking at is pre-registering 16 year olds to vote. Added to new possibilities is the use of electronic polling books, a grant has been applied for to assist in this possible purchase. They are also exploring different, newer version of the existing voting machines. They are still working on eliminating one of Benton's voting districts.

Guest: Thomas Lush, resident of WD # 4, 449 Newlanders Cove appeared asking what possible date the district work would be complete. Jeremy Delyser – CPL stated that a punch list has been given to Nardoizzi and must be completed prior to their last payment. They hope to have this completed by July depending on the weather. Jeremy also explained that there will be pavement placed at the entrance of Newlanders Cove, they are in a price negotiation right now for that work.

Grant Downs – Town of Torrey informed the board that Torrey approved the water agreement between Benton/Torrey at their meeting Tuesday 6/11/19. They continue to work on easements and may have to re-route the pipe line to eliminate some of the easements.

Old Business:

NYSEG: Councilman Harper had not received the "Energy Efficiency Proposal" for the town barn and hall. He will contact the representative for the July meeting.

Sexual Harassment Policy: This training needs to be completed by October 2019 which includes all employees of the Town of Benton.

Clean Up Day 2019: Supervisor Prendergast thanked everyone that helped on the clean up day. Clerk Wolfe has contacted the Sheriff's office to reserve the "SWEAPS" program for 2020.

New Business:

NYSDEC – Electronic Waste Assistance Grant will be received in the amount of \$900.48 for the 2018 clean up day. This is applied to the electronics collected at our clean up day... We will apply again next year if the program is still available.

Hometowne Energy: 2019-2020 propane contract was received and quoted at \$1.499 for 1200 gallons.

Excellus Health Insurance: If approved for 2020, there will be an increase of 7.4% for health care.

Water District # 4:

Budget: (FYI: - No salary can be paid until we bill the residents in WD # 4 which will be at the end of June). Twelve people are hooked up at this time out of 25 eligible. Jayson Hoover has been flushing at the end of the district (Fox Run) due to foaming in the system.

CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:45 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS:

#16-2019: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving the SEQR Lead Agency and Determination of Significance in the Creation of Town of Benton Water District No. 5. Motion was carried.

#17-2019: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve "Order Establishing Water District # 5. Motion was carried.

#18-2019: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush seconded by Richard Harper approving Budgetary Amendment in the amount of \$2385.00 to cover unbudgeted Code A8030.42, Torrey Water Agreement. Motion was carried.

Historian/Health Officer: Eleanor Parker informed the board that she had inspected the kitchen at the auction barn along with Dicola's Pasta Stand. The board asked Ellie if she was aware that Nate Horning is now serving ice cream at his store, Ellie was not aware and will check it out. Ellie also completed her training for the board of elections.

Rick Willson- Yates County Legislature: Thanked Jayson Hoover for fixing the water leak at the fire house, it was the first time in all the years we have had water that it had to be shut off. Web base GIS system will possibly be updated in the future along with county wide fiber optic internet. Yates County has applied for a substantial grant.

Zoning/Water: Jayson Hoover informed the board of the leak at the Bellona Fire Dept, the valve is shut off. Zoning: there is a for-closure in Twin Oaks which has had complaints of the lawn not being mowed. Jayson hired James Earl to mow it, the cost will be put on the home owners tax bill.

Highway: Jeff Mann explained that the Mini Excavator was cheaper than expected. Also, that Brent Ayres is no longer employed at the highway dept. He discussed the purchase of a new 10-wheeler Mack, selling the old 550 and get rid of the 2010 10-Wheeler Mack. If we order one now, we will receive it February-March 2020, then we shouldn't have to buy anything new for around 7 years. Supervisor Prendergast requested that Jeff get this all written up for the next meeting.

Monthly Reports & Invoices: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the following: General (A) Claims 100-129 Totaling \$11,005.02, General (B) 215-216 Totaling \$148.73, Highway (DA) Claims 54-65 Totaling \$5269.68, Highway (DB) Claims 209-213 Totaling \$173,678.97, SW1 Claims 26-33 Totaling \$1372.03, SW2 Claims 41-49 Totaling \$7715.13, SW3 Claims 25-30 Totaling \$1428.54. Town Clerk, Highway, Zoning, Water and Supervisor's reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: June 17, 2019
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk,RMC