

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held August 12th, 2020 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 Supt. – Jayson Hoover, Historian – Eleanor Parker, Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe,

Public Present: Dave Ingram, Rick Willson.

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 minutes from the July 8th, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Delaware River Solar: More discussion on the Decommissioning offer and the “Host Community Agreement”. Once the board has reviewed the changes it will be sent to attorney Graff for his review.

Hometowne Energy:

Glenn Quackenbush discussed the propane price with Tom Davie of Hometowne, he lowered it to \$1.29.9 from \$1.499.9. The town will be receiving a letter stating the lowered price.

Empire: Cable/Internet has extended up thru route 14A. Councilman Harper will look into receiving a quote for the town.

Zoning: Very busy with permits, 139 so far in 2020, 2019 there was a total of 135 permits. Spencer Tulis has placed a shed on the NYS ROW and has been advised to move it. The NYSDOT will be handling it at this point.

Highway: Jayson informed the board that the new truck should be at Geneva Ford August 16, 2020 and we should receive delivery September 1st. He also revisited the shop addition. Jayson stated that he would like to get going on some building prints and pricing. The board suggested that he get prints and pricing for the 100’ x 200’ addition instead of the 50’x100’ smaller addition. Also, discussion on possibly purchasing some of Bonnie Perry’s property west of the town barn. Brian Murphy and Glenn Quackenbush will serve on that committee. The board approved getting plans for this building. Jayson also brought up the salt shed, discussion that there are possibly grants available. But due to Covid and the economy we won’t know what would be available. Jayson also informed the board that the new security at the pump house is working great.

Historian:

Eleanor reported that she has been taking pictures around Benton, Bellona Fire house and Becky Jensen’s tree that was taken down in front of their house and was determined to be 116 years old.

Supervisor Prendergast reported that our audit will be done in September or October.

Rick Willson reported that the Yates County audit showed them in good shape.

WD # 5: The town received a letter of support from NYSDOH for Water District # 5.

Resolutions:

#16-2020: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving WD # 5 Legal Service Agreement with Riley and Graff LLC not to exceed \$5000.00. Motion was carried.

#17-2020: Motion was made by Brian Murphy seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the NYSLRS for any new or subsequent terms of office (Retirement Reporting) . Motion was carried.

#18-2020: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the Yates County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Update". Motion was carried.

#19-2020: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Brian Murphy to approve the Municipal Solutions Amendment to WD # 5 contract. Motion was carried.

#20-2020: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the Budgetary Amendment (B) \$5000.00 from the Fund Balance to B8010.4. (This is due to legal fees pertaining to Delaware River Solar not budgeted for 2020). Motion was carried.

Monthly Reports & Abstract of Vouchers:

Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following: General (A) Claims 122-142 Totaling \$10,439.26, General (B) Claims 338-343 Totaling \$1355.48, Highway (DA) Claims 75-79 Totaling \$975.10, Highway (DB) Claims 217-219 Totaling \$27,635.37, SW1 Claims 36-39 Totaling \$120.78, SW2 Claims 57-67 Totaling \$2628.26, SW3 Claims 37-41 Totaling \$179.85, SW4 Claims 21-23 Totaling \$42.52. Town Clerk, Highway, Zoning, Water and Bookkeeper reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Motion was carried.

August 13, 2020
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk,RMC