

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held February 12th, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

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

Public Present: Dewey Hauman

Deputy, Richard Harper presided over the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Prendergast, At which time he lead the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Deputy Harper welcomed Thomas Fulkrod to his first board meeting as Code/Zoning Officer.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Brian Murphy approving the minutes from the January 8th, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Guest: Dewey Hauman representing the Zoning Board of Appeals requesting several changes to the “Kennel Law”. This request is attached to the minutes and will be forwarded to the Planning Board.

Old Business:

2019 Audit: Mengel-Metzger- Barr & Co LLP has been scheduled to prepare the 2019 Audit required by USDA. Their beginning date is proposed for March 31, at a cost of \$14,000.00.

Justice Audit: Has been completed by Richard Harper and Glenn Quackenbush. Mr. Harper stated that, Court Clerk, Lydia Pidlisny keeps excellent records. (Resolution Below).

New Business:

Democratic Committee representative, Rich Stewart asked to use Benton Town Hall for a meeting mid March to Mid April. After board discussion they decided not to allow anyone to use the town hall for meetings.

“Moratorium” on Dog Breeders – Proposed by Thomas Davie. The board stated that this needs to go to the Planning Board at the end of the month.

Tax Collector: Transfer has been done to satisfy the Benton 2020 Budget in the amount of \$1,240,514.00.

Highway:

Salt Shed: Jayson Hoover stated that he working on this with Brian Murphy, we don’t have a price yet and need to check into possible grant. Richard Harper stated that Yates County is looking into a new Highway barn, and suggested the possibility of sharing a salt shed ? Jayson stated to keep track of usage

that would require a scale to be installed at a greater expense to the county. Harper also stated the proposed building would cost \$10 Million.

Deputy Highway Superintendent:

Highway Supt., Jayson Hoover would like to appoint Jason Conover as his Deputy (letter attached) at a salary of \$2500.00 and retro active to January 1, 2020. Discussion again was brought up if the county has a job description. Clerk Wolfe will contact Kerry Brennan regarding the job description. In the mean time, Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve appointing Jason Conover as Deputy Highway Superintendent @ \$2500.00/Quarterly. Along with the job description from Yates County Personnel (Kerry Brennan). Motion was carried.

Jayson stated how impressed he is with Jason Conover and Keith Thomas, excellent workers and a huge asset having help from Jason on what roads are to be paved/oil & stone, managing job sites and decision making in Jayson's absence.

New Highway Employee:

Jayson Hoover informed the board that he has offered the Highway position to Dale Christensen and he has accepted he will be starting February 13th, 2020 at 75% wage as our employment policy states and move him to 80% once he gets his CDL.

Driveway: Jayson and Brian Murphy have been in contact with Brian Race negotiating the use of property north of the town barn for access to the salt shed. This would be done by an easement right-of-way. Information will be sent to Jeff Graff to prepare the right-of-way.

Jayson stated that he had checked into a mover for the excavator, \$21,000.00, he's looking at other cheaper options. He also reported that Yates County Highway worked on one of our trucks. A lot cheaper that taking it to Beam Mack.

Resolutions:

#1-2020: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve 2019 Budget Modifications (Attached to the Minutes) Motion as carried.

#2-2020: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving the 2019 Justice Audit. Motion was carried.

Zoning:

Tom Fulkrod – Zoning Officer, explained that there will no longer be code books sent out and will be online. He also checked out the Town of Torrey's zoning software, and is also planning on looking at what the town of Seneca has.

Historian: Eleanor Parker reported that she had attended a rabies annual meeting. Fish Fry will be held at the Benton Fire Dept, Feb 21st, and Bellona Fire Dept Breakfasts.

Yates County Update:

- a. **USDA - \$10 MILLION GRANT FOR BROADBAN**
- b. **APPOINTMENT OF NONNIE TO COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR**
- c. **EMS COORDINATOR – POSSIBLE COMBING WITH SCHUYLER COUNTY**
- d. **JUSTICE BALE REFORM**
- e. **SOLAR PROJECTS**

MONTHLY REPORTS & ABSTRACT OF VOUCHERS:

Motion was made by Brian Murphy seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following: General (A) Claims 9-26 Totaling \$4640.77, General (B) Claims 305-312 Totaling \$765.48, Highway (DA) Claims 3-13 Totaling \$11,836.78, Highway (DB) Claim 200 Totaling \$390.00, SW1- Claims 1-5 Totaling \$302.27, SW2- Claims 2-8 Totaling \$396.64, SW3- Claims 2-5 Totaling \$378.27, SW4 – Claims 1-2 Totaling \$100.86. Town Clerk, Zoning, Supervisor, Highway Reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Brian Murphy to adjourn the meeting as of 8:50 PM Motion was carried.

Dated: February 14, 2020
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk, RMC

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