

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held January 8th, 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
	Alan Tomion
	Glenn Quackenbush

Also Present: Jayson Hoover – Highway Supt., Bobbi Wolfe – Benton Town Clerk, Eleanor Parker – Historian/Health Officer.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Brian Murphy seconded by Richard Harper to approve the minutes from the December 11th, 2019 Regular and Organizational meeting as read. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Update on proposed town wide audits. Supervisor Prendergast and Linda Johnson, bookkeeper are working with three different auditors. At this time, we have received one quote in the amount of \$14,000.00. Supervisor Prendergast will continue to look for more options.

New Business:

Justice – Unified Court System requesting an audit for the year 2019. Richard Harper and Glenn Quackenbush will prepare the audit which needs to be filed by March 1st, 2020.

Previous Highway Supt., Jeff Mann was paid for his 120 accumulated sick days (\$11,000.00) as an hourly employee, this was prior to being highway superintendent.

Highway: Discussion was held on the purchase of a salt shed and a location to place it. The board was given information from Hybrid Building Solutions which Jeff Mann had requested 1/22/18. This proposal also included information to apply for possible grants. Alan Tomion and Brian Murphy will work with Jayson and head up the committee on other proposals. Jayson Hoover also reported on the proposed pickup, he will be speaking with Mark Hulse (Friendly Ford) to get the pickup ordered.

Historian/Health Officer: Ellie Parker reported that she is working on the Benton History book for 2019. Also stated that there has been (2) dog bites in the town.

Richard Harper – Reporting on Yates County Legislature:

- a. Broadband Internet
- b. GIS System- Possibly overlaying internet sites
- c. Community Benton discounts to town employees.
- d. NYS Retirement
- e. Bail Reform
- f. Possibility of a Special Detention Center in Bath
- g. Sexual Harassment Training

Highway: Jayson Hoover asked that the town board stop over to the town barn and meet Jason Conover and Keith Thomas, they are great employees and have been very helpful with his transition.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers and Monthly/Yearly Reports:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Brian Murphy to approve the following: Abstract # 13: General (A) Claims 253-271 Totaling \$11,771.27, General (B) Claims 304 Totaling \$99.29, SW1 Claims 71-72 Totaling \$193.21, SW2 Claims 105-109 Totaling \$2007.57, SW3 Claims 63-65 Totaling \$3106.74, SW4 Claim 13 Totaling \$29.11. Abstract # 1: General (A) Claims 1-8 Totaling \$3632.85, General (B) Claim 300 Totaling \$31.95, Highway Claims 1-2 Totaling \$2512.83, SW2 Claim 1 Totaling \$31.95, SW3 Claim 1 Totaling \$112.45. Monthly Reports: Zoning – Water – Town Clerk. Yearly Report: Town Clerk. Motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Brian Murphy to enter into an Executive Session @ 7:45 P.M. under Section 105, Article 7, under Paragraphs (f) and (h).

Appointment of a new code officer/water shed Inspector, also the proposed acquisition of land. This includes Zoning Officer Jayson Hoover and Town Clerk Bobbi Wolfe. Motion was carried. Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to enter back into the regular meeting @ 8:21 P.M. Motion was carried. Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to hire Tom Fulkrod for the Code Officer Position \$35,000.00, and the Watershed Position \$5,000.00. to include a single insurance policy which he will be responsible for 20%. Motion was carried.

Jayson Hoover asked the town board if they would like him to keep his zoning certification, they requested that he continue his certification which the town will pay for additional classes.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: January 9, 2020

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk,RMC