

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held July 8th, 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
Councilmen Richard Harper, Deputy
Brian Murphy
Alan Tomion
Glenn Quackenbush

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

Public Present: Annie McQuillan and Richard Winter (Delaware River Solar), David Ingram.

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 June 10th, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Previous minutes 6/10/20 discussion was held regarding speed reduction on Twin Oaks, Oak Leaf Lane and Havens Corners. Highway Supt., Jayson Hoover stated that he had placed 20 MPH signs and “Children at Play” signs. He has received positive responses from the residents at those locations. Jayson wants to wait to contact the state at possibly putting 30 MPH signs at Mennonite schools.

Delaware River Solar: Discussions still ongoing regarding the “Decommission Cost”. A Special meeting will be set up for July 22nd, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M. to further discuss this issue.

New Business:

Clean Up Day: E-Waste has been set up for June 12th, 2021. Discussion was held on charging next year for TV’s and CRT’s. The board agreed to charge \$5.00 each. We may also need residents to show proof of residency. We had some people come from the town’s of Milo & Jerusalem.

NYSEG: Is planning a rate increase, subject to regulatory approval which will be in a three phase plan. If approved will start October of 2020.

Stork Insurance: Benton received a 15% refund for the months of April and May. This was for the “Selective Commercial Auto Policy”.

Logging: Bill Brown brought two checks so far for three loads, totaling \$5204.61. He stated that there are 290+ trees and he is nowhere done at this time. He had held off due to the recent heat.

2020 Census: Requested using the town hall for training July 13th and August 8th. Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush denying their request and suggested calling Yates County to use one of their locations. Motion was carried.

Hometowne Energy: The town received an agreement for propane 2020-2021 season, 1400 Gallons, priced at \$1.499 per gallon. Glenn Quackenbush will talk to Tom Davie about reducing the price.

Historian: Eleanor Parker stated that there hadn't been any animal bites this month and not much going on in the history department.

Zoning: Tom Fulkrod reported 119 permits so far this year and is dealing with a few "Pause" complaints.

Highway: Jayson Hoover reported that he had ordered the new replacement utility trailer and should receive it in August. He will be swapping the old one in at a cost of \$1000.00. **Water:** Is pretty quiet right now, we will be working on replacing bolts during the summer.

Resolution:

15-2020: - Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the Bond Council Agreement for Water District # 5 with Harris Beach PLLC not to exceed \$9001.00. Motion was carried.

Monthly Reports and Abstract of Vouchers:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the following:
General (A) Claims 107-121 Totaling \$5835.62, General (B) Claims 333-337 Totaling \$762.78, Highway (DA) Claims 65-74 Totaling \$4376.42, Highway (DB) Claims 214-216 Totaling \$8801.74, SW1 Claims 31-35 Totaling \$2011.09, SW2 Claims 50-56 Totaling \$2192.04, SW3 Claims 30-36 Totaling \$4113.41, SW4 Claims 18-20 Totaling \$425.09. Reports: Town Clerk, Zoning, Water and Highway. Motion was carried.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting as of 8:25 P.M. Motion was carried.

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

ADOPTED: August 12th, 2020