

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held June 10th, 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, Tom Fulkrod-Code Enforcement Officer, Bobbi Wolfe - Town Clerk, Eleanor Parker – Historian, Pat Brede – Assessor.

Public Present: David Ingram, Annie McQuillan (Delaware Solar), Terry Button, Rick Willson (Yates County Legislature) Mike Lipor (IDA), Grant Downs (Town of Torrey).

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 (with two typo's) as presented. Motion was carried.

Guest: Annie McQuillan – Delaware Solar: Majority of the discussion was regarding the decommission of the project, along with, “PILOT”/ “HOST Agreement”, Who will hold the decommissioning money and for how long and how much. (Bonding/Insurance Policy/Municipality). This is under negotiation, once these decisions are finally made it will be listed in the minutes.

Seneca Watershed: Grant Downs informed the board that there will be a Seneca Watershed meeting June 6/30/20 possibly using zoom. Discussion will be on the (9) element plan,

Railroad: “PILOT” Agreement received in the amount of \$323.96. (Finger Lakes Railway).

NYS Dept of Taxation & Finance certified that the “Final State Equalization Rate” for the Town of Benton is 100 %.

Old Business: Supervisor Prendergast sent a letter to Cuomo stating the importance of opening up the Mennonite Churches. As of the meeting time we still had not received a return receipt from the state.

New Business: Road signs have been requested from some residents. 1) Twin Oaks-Oak Leaf Lane loop, reduced speed. Havens Corners Road – (Reduced Speed) from the tracks, east side of Havens Corners to the Mennonite School, West of Havens Corners. Also school zone signs for all the Mennonite Schools. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper approving the request and will be forwarded to Yates County Highway for further review. Motion was carried. Jayson Hoover stated that he will put “Children at Play” signs and 35MPH suggested signs at Twin Oaks & Oak Leaf.

Water District # 2: Village of Penn Yan is installing cameras at our pump house and their tank. They will supply the cameras and monitoring cost and Benton will provide the internet. Jayson presented a proposal from Covert Security for a security system on our pump house using a key pad. Jayson stated that it is very concerning that there isn't any security around that building especially the chlorination

room. Motion was made by Brian Murphy seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve of the security system in the amount of \$2700.00 plus installation of the fire protection. \$310.00. Motion was carried.

Village of Penn Yan has presented their 2020-2021 budget, water cost in 2019-2020 \$6507.00, 2020-2021 \$7014.00 and increase of \$507.00/quarterly.

Water District # 5: We are still in the process of submitting an application to USDA. We still need agreements from bond counsel (Harris Beach), Attorney Jeff Graff and Town of Seneca, agreement for additional water to serve this district.

Zoning: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to appoint Marlene Exner as an alternate to the Benton Planning Board. Motion was carried.

Tom Fulkrod would like to purchase the 2020 NYS Code Books which is recommended for all the upcoming schooling webinars. Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Brian Murphy to purchase the NYS Code Books up to \$883.00. Motion was carried. Tom also stated that he would like the board to think about the building permit cost for Delaware Solar, possibly a flat rate. As it stands the cost would be \$200,000.00.

Highway:

A big thank you to Jayson and the highway employees for landscaping the town hall, it looks wonderful. Jayson stated that Jere Horning (Horning's Greenhouse) donated the mulch, thank you Jere. "CHIPS", Jayson reported that there is a possibility that our "CHIPS" money could be reduced by 20%. Jayson also reported that he called Friendly Ford inquiring about the new truck and delivery is expected August 10th, 2020. Discussion was also held on the possible purchase of a smaller utility trailer, supervisor Prendergast asked Jayson for more price info for the next meeting.

Jayson informed the board that all the highway employees worked thru the whole COVID -19 issue, all choose to work rather than be laid off. Clean up day coming up June 13th and all the highway guys will be helping out.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers and Reports:

Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the following: General (A) Claims 84-106 Totaling \$4803.27, General (B) Claims 329-332 Totaling \$1474.72, Highway (DA) Claims 58-64 Totaling \$3763.87, Highway (DB) Claims 210-213 Totaling \$4817.84, SW1 Claims 26-30 Totaling \$751.33, SW2 Claims 41-49 Totaling \$8178.40, SW3 Claims 26-29 Totaling \$199.45, SW4 Claims 16-17 Totaling \$46.04. Town Clerk, Highway, Zoning and Supervisor reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Brian Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Motion was carried.

Dated: June 18, 2020

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk, RMC

ADOPTED: July 8th, 2020