

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

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

Public Present: David Ingram, Terry Button – Yates County Legislature

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 Glenn Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

**Old Business:**

Delaware River Solar: All information was turned over to the town attorney and came back with modifications. He did suggest bonding the “Decommissioning Agreement”. The town board, by vote decided to keep the money at the town level. Supervisor Prendergast hoped to have this complete by October but looks like it has moved to November. He plans on meeting with attorney Graff. A public hearing was held October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Yates County Industrial Development Office regarding the “PILOT” for Delaware River Solar.

Reminder: There is a 2021 budget meeting Thursday, 10/15/2020 @ 7:00 P.M.

SWIO: After discussion to join this organization, it was decided 3-2 not to join this year.

Logging: Bill Brown is continuing to log the pit, to date we have received \$9580.00.

**New Business:**

WD # 1: Jayson Hoover talked to Mary Chappell of Municipal Solutions regarding the expansion of those 11 parcels, north end of the district. She stated that engineered plans will be required. Along with NYSDOH approval. With the district paying for the construction, eliminating the process of loan/grant thru RD will take less time. Mary did suggest taking out a bond in case of anything major happening to the district. At one time it was discussed to include five parcels in the Town of Geneva, it was decided to eliminate that possibility due to the expense. Supervisor Prendergast will talk to Geneva Supr. Venuti. Jayson suggested that we look into other engineers besides CPL for this project.

Empire Pipeline: Community Benefit Fund in the amount of \$42,489.92 was received and we will receive this benefit thru 2023.

New AC/Heat units for the town hall will be installed the week of October 26<sup>th</sup>.

WD # 5: We have an upcoming conference call 10/20/20 @ 10:00 A.M. to finalize the USDA application to the State Comptroller. If the Comptroller approves the application the project will move forward.

**Highway:**

Benton Auction, received \$254.00 for the fuel pump/ trailer/ 18” excavator bucket.

Jayson presented a working bid for the 20’x50’ shop expansion prepared by Seneca Wood Design LLC. He explained that ¼ of the roof will be new on the west side, and it was suggested to add an overhead door. Discussion will be held at the budget mtg on options to pay for the new building. Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve going out to bid for the new 20’x50’ shop expansion. Motion was carried.

Salt Shed: Brian Murphy has had ongoing conversations with Matt Perry to purchase ¼ acre for the salt shed. After discussion, motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to offer \$7500.00 for the 100’x100’ plus closing cost for the Bonnie Perry property. Motion was carried.

Cell Phones: Jayson Hoover proposed paying each highway employee \$25.00/month for using their own cell phones. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Brian Murphy approving \$50.00 for the highway supt. And \$25.00 per highway employee, paid monthly. Motion was carried. (Employment Policy Needs to be updated).

Zoning: Tom Fulkrod stated there is a lot of building going on. At this time he has issued 175 permits.

**Resolutions:**

#23-2020: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Alan Tomion to set up the Public Hearing November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M. the 2% Tax Cap and Special Districts. Motion was carried.

#24-2020: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Richard Harper approving budget Modifications & Amendments (Attached) to the minutes. Motion was carried.

#25-2020: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to appoint Michael Peacock as the Justice Court Clerk @ \$15.00/Hour. Motion was carried.

Historian: Eleanor Parker reminded everyone to get their flu shots ! She stated that there will be a rabies clinic at the Benton Fire House November 7<sup>th</sup>. Also the first fish fry of the year at the Benton Fire House on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Monthly Reports & Abstract of Vouchers:**

Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the following: General (A) Claims 158-175 Totaling \$6840.42, General (B) Claims 349-350 Totaling \$267.55, Highway (DA) Claims 89-95 Totaling \$2012.60, Highway (DB) Claims 225-227 Totaling \$91,498.52, SW1 Claims 48-52 Totaling \$3626.62, SW2 Claims 81-87 Totaling \$1281.36, SW3 Claims 47-54 Totaling \$5478.77, SW4 Claims 25-26 Totaling \$110.44. Reports: Town Clerk, Highway, Zoning, Water and Bookkeeper. Motion was carried.

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Brian Murphy to adjourn the meeting @ 8:40 P.M.  
Motion was carried.

Dated: October 15, 2020  
Bobbi Wolfe  
Benton Town Clerk, RMC

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