The Regular Town Board Meeting was held September 9<sup>th</sup>, 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: Tom Fulkrod – Zoning, Jayson Hoover – Highway Supt., Bobbi Wolfe – Town Clerk,

Eleanor Parker – Historian.

Public Present: Paul & Kristin Fien, William Roege, Terry Button

## Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Brian Murphy seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the August  $12^{th}$ , 2020 minutes as presented. Motion was carried.

<u>Guest:</u> Mr. & Mrs. Paul Fien of 21 South Kashong came to the board meeting to request water service at that location. This property is included in the 1/10 unit cost. (A little history on the 1/10 unit cost). In 2001 when this district was created, there were 11 properties that did not want to be in the district, due to some miscommunication those 11 properties were included in the creation of this district. The water board made the decision to charge them 1/10 of a unit and not receive water. It was said, I believe by the engineer at the time (C.T Male) that if anyone at any time within the 11 properties requests water they have to be served. The water board will look into funding and construction, which will be done in house. We will need the approval from the NYSDOH prior to construction. Note: there are 4-5 properties in the Town of Geneva that could not be served thru Geneva, it's a possibility to serve them thru the Benton district.

## Old Business:

Delaware River Solar: Nothing new at this time, there are a few small details to work out prior to it being presented to the town attorney, Jeff Graff.

Audit: the 2019 audit will being approximately end of September beginning of October.

<u>Havens Corners:</u> Tom Fulkrod brought up lowering the speed limit to 45 MPH from the Mennonite School house west on Havens Corners to the railroad tracks east on Havens Corners. Residents are looking into submitting a petition requesting the change. If the town receives the petition it can be included with the letter to Yates County Highway.

## New Business:

Seneca Lake Watershed (SWIO). (Seneca Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization.) William Roege approached the town board to persuade the board to join the SWIO. He explained the cost to the Town of Benton would be approximately \$2100.00 yearly and possibly would increase. Terry Button asked if there are two different associations (SWIO) and (KWIK) why haven't they joined forces into one association? Mr. Roege state that there isn't anything in the works at this time to combine. Supervisor Prendergast stated that this would be discussed at budget time.

YCCR – SEQR: No response required if no comment. Discussion was held regarding who should be Lead Agency for this project as part of this project is in the Village of Penn Yan and part in the Town of Benton. It was concluded that this decision is up to the Benton Zoning Board of Appeals. They will be meeting again October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Assessor: 2019 Aid Certification received \$3961.00

**Logging**: Bill Brown, received (4) checks so far totaling \$7887.36. Bill stated that they are still logging.

2021 Budget Meetings will be set up for October 1st and 15th @ 7:00 P.M.

NYS AG & Markets: Dog Control & Shelter Inspection Reports were rated "Satisfactory".

**Zoning:** Tom Fulkrod reported that a "Demolition" permit has been purchased to tare down 1022 Route 14A and in the future to build a Midwife clinic. He also informed the board that Kathy Ferron she refuses to have the Town of Benton on her insurance for the railroad application. Tom has completed four (and passed!) of the six zoning/code enforcement classes that are required.

**<u>Highway:</u>** Jayson Hoover reported that there may be a 20% reduction in our "CHIPS" money. The new highway truck has arrived which Jayson thanked the board and is very impressed with it.

## Resolutions:

#21-2020: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving Municipal Solutions – EMMA Filing (Annual Financial Statement & Budget) Plus (Material Even Notices on EMMA) Totaling \$450.00. Motion was carried

**#22-2020:** Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve Budgetary Amendments out of Equipment/Capital Outlay to cover the cost of the 2020 Ford F-350. WD # 1 SW1-8340.2 \$6788.63, WD #2 SW2-8340.2 \$9051.50, WD # 3 SW3-8340.4 \$6538.63. Motion was carried.

Monthly Reports & Abstract of Vouchers: Motion was made by seconded by to approve the following: General (A) Claims 143-157 Totaling \$3043.44, General (B) Claims 344-348 Totaling \$394.38, Highway (DA) Claims 80-88 Totaling \$30,964.85, Highway (DB) Claims 220-224 Totaling \$77,009.63, SW1 Claims 49-47 Totaling \$9457.17, SW2- Claims 68-80 Totaling \$22,424.66, SW3 Claims 42-46 Totaling \$8002.34, SW4 Claim 24 Totaling \$30.70.

Yates County Legislature: Terry Button reported on the following:

- 1) Emergency Management
- 2) Yates County Health Department
- 3) Public Works
- 4) Yates Maintenance Joe Reed (Excellent Job on keeping up with the jail)
- 5) County Sales Tax

<u>Adjournment:</u> Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: September 10, 2020

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk,RMC

