The Regular Town Board Meeting was held January 13, 2021 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/Water, Thomas Fulkrod – Zoning,

Bobbi Wolfe – 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 December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion was carried.

## **Old Business:**

Justice Audit: Richard Harper explained he has not gotten in contact with Justice Grace to set up a time for the audit.

The property next door, 1014 14A has been demolished. Highway employees did a great job. The furnace for the town barn has been ordered and should be in soon, Jr's came and installed the gas lines.

Spencer Tulis property still hasn't been resolved, regarding the shed on state property. Supervisor Prendergast will plan on a conversation with him.

### Water District # 6 and WD #1 (North End):

Supervisor Prendergast contacted Jeremy Delyser of CPL to discuss plans for these two new projects. Jeremy hasn't responded with a projected cost.

SCT Computer will be here February 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 A.M. to convert our email to Office 365

#### New Business:

Logging: The town received another check in the amount of \$4358.66, grand total so far \$23,920.88.

Bookkeeper, Linda Johnson has submitted her letter stating her impending retirement, July 2021, no specific date has been set.

Audit: The town audit is complete and is in the state's hands, we are waiting for documents to be returned and the report will be given to the town board.

Sheriff Spike is required to fulfill "NYS Police Reform & Reinventive Collaboration by the Governor's Executive Order # 203 (EO-203)". Supervisor Prendergast has responded for the town of Benton.

## Water District # 5:

Final paperwork has been submitted to the State Comptroller for his approval/denial. Final interest rate of 1.75%, \$530K- Loan, \$424K- Grant for a total project cost \$960K.

# Resolutions:

#1-2021: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Richard Harper to appoint Eleanor Parker as Health Officer for a term of (4) years 1/1/21-12/31/2024. Motion was carried.

#2-2021: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve Provisions of Executive Order 202.83 suspending the requirements of renewal applications as a condition to granting exemptions under section 459-C and 467 of the Real Property Tax Law. Motion was carried.

Sexual Training has been scheduled thru Yates County for all employees.

<u>Highway:</u> Jayson Hoover explained that we received our "CHIPS" money \$136K which was reduced by 20%, original amount was to be \$165K.

Property at 1014 Rte 14A is all cleared and discussion was held on putting a storage building on that location. Board gave Jayson the go ahead to look at what he wants and get some plans drawn up. Looks like it will be added to the 2022 budget. Brian Murphy and Glenn Quackenbush will be on that committee.

Water: Jayson Hoover reported that THM's will be on the annual water report that comes out in May.

**Zoning:** Tom Fulkrod has contacted other town's regard solar project permit costs. Torrey \$50-\$150, Middlesex \$2200.00 no other information is available. Tom also brought to the boards attention that we need more members on the ZBA and PB. Tom Goodall and Herb Cooley can't come to the meetings due to medical issues. Tom will contact Crystal Tomion, Rich Meyer, Jeff Eckert and Daniel Budmen to possibly serve on these committees. The next PB meeting will be discussing the solar project on Bellona Station Road.

Town hall construction is almost complete, new mini kitchen is complete, door has been removed out of the old town clerk office bathroom, new wall is done for the zoning office. Tom will be looking into new flooring and desk for his new office. (The town hall building is now down to one keypad for security, which will control the whole building).

Tom also stated the need for updating the zoning regarding, Air B&B, Tiny Homes, short term rentals. They are popping up all over Benton and we don't have any control with guidelines.

Historian/Health Officer: Eleanor Parker reported continued paperwork on three dog issues. She continues to work on the Benton History book. Benton fire dept is having a drive thru only fish fry 1/15/21.

# Monthly Abstract of Vouchers and Monthly Reports:

Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the following: Abstract # 13, General (A) Claims 215-220 Totaling \$1692.88, SW2 Claims 104-106 Totaling \$599.89. Abstract # 14, General (A) Claims 221-247 Totaling \$10,896.05, General (B) Claims 357-362 Totaling \$2136.65, Highway (DA) Claims 115-127 Totaling \$21,901.76, Highway (DB) Claims 235-237 Totaling \$6456.14, SW1 Claims 61-65 Totaling \$3600.91, SW2 Claims 107-110 Totaling \$1677.29 SW3 Claims 65-69 Totaling \$5609.78. Abstract # 1 2021: General (A) Claims 1-19 Totaling \$24,906.98. Town Clerk, Zoning, Water, Supervisor Reports. Motion was carried.

## Adjourment:

Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting as of 8:10 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: January 20, 2021 Bobbi Wolfe Benton Town Clerk, RMC

ADOPTED: February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021