

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held in the Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

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

Public Present: Edward Tomion, Robert Brechko – Board of Elections

Supervisor Prendergast opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the March 9th, 2022 minutes with corrections. Motion was carried.

Guest: Robert Brechko – Board of Elections: Items that Mr. Brechko discussed:

- 1) Re-Districting
- 2) 109 New Bills
- 3) Absentee Ballots
- 4) Cyber Security
- 5) Generators

Mr. Brechko report that there will be two primaries in June. He also informed the board that they are looking at new voting systems possibly for 2023-2024.

Old Business:

Stork Insurance: Supervisor Prendergast met with Steve Stork regarding a quote for cyber liability insurance. The one quote we received was \$10K. Another meeting will be set up with Mr. Stork and Bob Wixon of SCT computers.

Generator: Councilmen Harper will have more information for the May meeting.

Code Enforcement – Local Law: Richard Harper, Alan Tomion and Tom Fulkrod will head up the committee to determine what should be in this zoning local law. The information will then go to Jeff Graff to prepare the Local Law.

NYSDOT: The TE9 request form sent to the DOT regarding Havens Corners Road has been approved. (Resolution Below). No decision has been made on the 14A speed reduction and yield sign at North Main and Route 14A. Yates County Highway will be responsible for placing signage for the Havens Corners Mennonite Schoolhouse.

Empire Access phone system will be held off for another year.

New Business:

Clark-Patterson-Lee moved to another location and gave away furniture from the State Street location. We received, free of charge bookshelves and filing cabinets.

Conference room propane heater: After discussion the board decided to remove the heater and donate it the Benton auction in September.

Highway:

New water/ highway position rate of pay: After board discussion it was decided to offer \$18.00/\$24.00 per hour depending on experience. The county has received 4-5 applications so far for the position.

ARPA Funds:

Discussion was held on uses of the ARPA funds along with suggestions from the ARPA committee, Brian Murphy and Glenn Quackenbush.

- 1) New Addition expense water/highway after March 21
- 2) Bonus's – highway employees and zoning
- 3) Pipe Culvert Replacement
- 4) Fire Departments
- 5) New Loader – pay half of the \$65K
- 6) Fire Flow Meter
- 7) Updated Software for reading/billing water. Including an iPad or Laptop

There will be more discussion at the May meeting on uses for this money.

Water District # 1 North Extension: Resolutions #12-2022 thru #15-2022 below.

Water District # 5:

Continuing paperwork on this project so we can go out to bid. Easements are in Jeff Graff's hand right being prepared to send out to the residents.

Water District # 6:

Ed Tomion has done exceptional work on this proposed district. Attached to the minutes is a break down of data he has collected so far. At this time we need the Map, Plan and Report prior to having a public information meeting.

Yates County Purchase of T/Benton Property:

The purchase of this property will reduce our debt (capital) by 3 ½ units. The town will also lose the total assessment of these three properties. A phone call was made to Mary Chappell of Municipal Solutions, she stated that Yates County may have to absorb this debt depending on the additional water usage. The new county addition will include Public Health and Emergency Management offices.

Assessor:

Supervisor Prendergast met with assessor Pat Brede and Supervisor Martini of the town of Torrey. Discussion was held on hiring of a new assessor. Ms. Brede plans on retiring at the end of 2022 beginning of 2023. An ad will be placed in the newspaper for her position.

Resolutions:

#8-2022: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Richard Harper to Approve the “Engagement Letter” WD # 5 – Audit Services, Mengel-Metzger-Barr \$19,000 once the district is completed. Motion was carried. (Audit will need to be done after this district is completed most likely 2023)

#9-2022: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded Brian Murphy to Declare the old highway trailer as – surplus to allow the sale. Motion was carried.

#10-2022: #10-2022: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to Approve the “Standard Work Day” for the bookkeeper-section 315.4 of the NY Codes, Rules and Regulation (Retirement) at (6) Hours Per day: Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM with term ending 12/31/22. Receipt of (ROA) was received. Report 9.24 for months with (2) pay periods, 13.85 for months with (3) pay periods. To be reported to NYS Retirement. Motion was carried.

#11-2022: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to Approve Speed Reduction at the Mennonite School – Havens Corners Road 45 MPH and placement of signage. Motion was carried.

#12-2022: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to Approve WD # 1 North Ext: the SEQR EAF Short Form Parts 1-3. Motion was carried.

#13-2022: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to Approve WD # 1 North Ext: SEQR Lead Agency & Non-Significance Resolution. Motion was carried.

#14-2022: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to Approve WD # 1 North Ext: NYSDOH DOH-348 Application for Approval of Plans. Motion was carried.

#15-2022: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve WD # 1 North Ext: Authorize a Procurement Bid for the pipe, fittings and water service materials necessary for the water main installation. Motion was carried.

#16-2022: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Brian Murphy to approve use \$30,000.00 out of the ARPA funds to pay a portion of the new loader which will be used for Water/Highway Departments. Motion was carried.

Historian:

Eleanor Parker reported on researched Indian Paths in the town of Benton.
Last fish fry will be April 22nd at the Benton Fire House.

Highway:

Form 284 Road Agreement needs board signatures. He will be completing 10 miles of our roads which is 20%.

The new office is almost complete. They purchased kitchen and bathroom cabinets on the market place. Glenn Quackenbush made the trip to pick up the bathroom vanity.

Water: Judy Curtis is in WD # 1 and the proposed WD # 5, decision needs to be made on which district she will be in. Possibly transfer to WD # 5.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers and Reports:

Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following: General (A) Claims 60-93 Totaling \$41,865.22, General (B) Claims 306-307 Totaling \$400.90, Highway (DA) Claims 26-31 Totaling \$9128.99, Highway (DB) Claims 200-203 Totaling \$7151.61, SW1 Claims 59-61 Totaling \$1778.10, SW2 Claims 122-128 Totaling \$8526.32, SW3 Claims 63-68 Totaling \$3597.45. Town Clerk, Zoning, Highway, Water and Supervisor Reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Brian Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: April 19, 2022
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk, RMC