

The Regular and Organizational meeting was held December 8th, 2021 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan NY 14527.

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

Also Present: Jayson Hoover – Highway Supt./Water, Thomas Fulkrod – Zoning, Bobbi Wolfe – Town Clerk.

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

Minute Approval:

Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the minutes for the November 10th, 2021 as presented. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

(Previous Minutes 11/10/21) Steve Stork reported that the bookkeeper position is on the crime policy. This position was added last year.

(Previous Minutes 11/10/21) Cannabis Opt out has been filed with “Office of Cannabis Management”

(Previous Minutes 11/10/21) Yates County Highway letter was sent to Craig Prior requesting a reduction in speed at two difference locations along with replacing a Yield sign with a Stop sign. It was mentioned that there have been blinking lights placed at the Havens Corners/Pre-Emption Road intersection.

New Business:

Yates County Public Safety Communications Project – SEQR has been signed and returned. This would be for the possibility of placing a communications tower in the town of Benton (Johnson Road).

Personnel Policy: Tom Fulkrod and Bobbi Wolfe would like to update the personnel policy and present it to the town board for their review. Town Board agreed with this request.

Water District # 1 (North): Meeting was held 11/7/21 with Mary Chappe, Jeff Smithl (Municipal Solutions), Jeremy Delyser (CPL), Jayson, John and Bobbi regarding funding this project. (Discussion at that meeting: ARPA funding can be used for this project, there is \$56,494.94 in WD # 1’s savings and the balance can be used from ARPA. Clerk Wolfe is looking into the use of the “Repair Reserve” money. If the initial resolution stated Repair & Replace, this money can be used for this project. Next step will be for attorney Graff to prepare the SEQR and easements). Supervisor Prendergast will check one last time with the Town of Geneva for interest in this project. They may change their mind knowing they can use their ARPA funds.) Their portion would include 500’ of pipe. Benton’s original cost was \$64K and now has increased to \$79K. Jayson Hoover talked to Jim Lawson (Town of Seneca), he didn’t believe it would even cost the \$64K to finish this project.

Water District # 5 (Earls Hill Road) Jeremy Delyser of CPL is currently working on paperwork and bidding. Depending on the possible increased cost once the bids are received, this district may be able to use some of the ARPA funding to cover an increase.

Water District # 6: Supervisor Prendergast will request a meeting with the Towns of Geneva and Seneca to purchase water for this proposed district.

Term Change: Tom Fulkrod requested to have his term for zoning/code enforcement extended to a (5) year term. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper approving the five year term instead of a one year term. 1/1/2022-12/31/2027. Motion was carried.

Resolution #41-2021

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following appoints.

2022 Appointments:

Bobbi Wolfe – Water Clerk	1/1/2022-12/31/2022
Jayson Hoover-Water Operator	1/1/2022-12/31/2022
Thomas Rood- PB Chair	1/1/2022-12/31/2022
Dwight James – ZBA Chair	1/1/2022-12/31/2022
Thomas Davie – ZBA	1/1/2022-12/31/2026
Karen Ellis – ZBA & PB Sec	1/1/2022-12/31/2022
Holly Bedient – Bookkeeper/Budget	1/1/2022-12/31/2022
Eleanor Parker – Historian	1/1/2022-12/31/2022
Thomas Morris – Animal Control	1/1/2022-12/31/2022

Motion was carried.

Resolution # 42-2021:

Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following:

Chronicle Express as the Official Newspaper (Finger Lakes Times if the Chronicle Goes Under)

Community Bank N.A. & Lyons National Banks as depositories

Clark-Patterson-Lee as the Town Engineer

Highway Superintendent: Authorized to purchase equipment, tools, and implements during the year without prior approval from the town board in the amount not to exceed \$1500.00 per purchase.

Water Superintendent: Authorized to purchase equipment, tools, and implements during the year without prior approval from the town board in the amount not to exceed \$500.00 per district.

Regular Meetings for 2022:

Town Board	Seconded Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 P.M.
ZBA	First Tuesday of the month (Upon Request) @ 7:00 P.M.
Planning Board	Fourth Tuesday of the month @ 7:00 P.M.

Town Clerk and bookkeeper shall be and hereby authorized to pay the following claims prior to town monthly audit: Retirement, Utilities, Postage, Hospitalization, town approved payroll, payments and any invoices that are due prior to the date of the board meeting.

Mileage Rate for 2022 \$.58
Motion was carried.

Discussion will continue on (Water District Hook Up Fees). Water Superintendent will review and present updated fees for the January meeting.

Resolution # 43-2021:

Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the following:

Water Fees 2022:

WD # 1	\$50.00/6000 Gallons	\$5.50/1000 Over the 6000 Gallons
WD # 2	\$60.00/6000 Gallons	\$5.50/1000 Over the 6000 Gallons
WD # 3	\$50.00/6000 Gallons	\$5.50/1000 Over the 6000 Gallons
WD # 4	\$50.00/6000 Gallons	\$5.50/1000 Over the 6000 Gallons
WD # 5	\$50.00/6000 Gallons	\$5.50/1000 Over the 6000 Gallons

(Billed Quarterly)

Relevy Fee \$50.00 Per Meter will be charged as of October 31 for each unpaid account. As an Administrative Charge.
Motion was carried.

Resolution # 44-2021: (Correction) from 11/10/21 Minutes.

Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following: Standard Work Day for the bookkeeper – section 315.4 of the NY Codes, Rules and Regulations (Retirement) at (6) Hours Per Day – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM with a term ending 12/31/21. Receipt of records of activities was received. 15.42 days per month to be reported to the NYS Retirement Center. (Previously subject to be reported was 18.78 days per month) Recalculated on the NYS Retirement ROA calculator to 15.42 days per month. Motion was carried.

Resolution # 45-2021: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the use of ARPA funds along with WD # 1 savings of \$56,494.94 (to be used first). Motion was carried.

Historian:

Ellie couldn't attend the board meeting but ask to announce that the historical society was at the Benton Church and making digital copies of old pictures. Ellis took a couple of pictures from Benton to be copied. They will be there again in the future and will take more photos.

Highway: Jayson Hoover informed the board that the block is up on the new addition and he expects the floor to be poured soon, the highway guys started framing this past week. Jayson has been trying to contact Mrs. Bill in Bellona to see what cost she incurred for repair of her furnace. This was after the hydrant leak. So far he hasn't been able to contact her.

Zoning: Nothing to report.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers and Monthly Reports:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion seconded by Brian Murphy to approve the following:

General (A) Claims 217-236 Totaling \$15,118.90, General (B) Claims 33-34 Totaling \$362.58, Highway (DA) Claims 76-83 Totaling \$15,928.29, Highway (DB) Claims 227-228 Totaling \$4368.53, WD 1 Claims 43-45 Totaling \$148.63, SW2 Claims 90-98 Totaling \$6841.25, SW3 Claims 42-48 Totaling \$947.14, SW4 Claims 9-11 Totaling \$453.63. Town Clerk – Water – Zoning – Supervisor reports.

Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Brian Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.
Motion was carried.

Dated: December 9, 2021

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk, RMC

ADOPTED: January 12, 2022