

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

Also Present: Jayson Hoover – Highway/Water, Eleanor Parker – Historian/Health, Bobbi Wolfe – Town Clerk. Susan Mastronardi – Deputy Town Clerk, Edward Tomion.

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 as read with one correction. Motion was carried.

**Old Business:**

Stork Insurance: Quote for Cyber Liability Insurance was approximately \$10K. Supervisor Prendergast will be meeting with Steve Stork and Bob Wixon from SCT Computers to determine what coverage we need.

Generator: Will discuss at the June meeting

Local Law: Code Enforcement also will be discussed at the June meeting.

**ARPA Funds:** Brian Murphy and Glenn Quackenbush (ARPA Committee) presented uses for these funds. \$50,000.00 for the highway/water addition, \$17,120.00 New meter reading system for all water districts, carbon monoxide detector for the zoning office (price to be determined), Pay half of the new loader \$28,970.71, Transit for the highway department \$2646.00, \$5000.00 Benton and Bellona Fire Departments, \$2500.00 each Penn Yan and West Lake Road Fire Departments. Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the above purchases out of the ARPA funds. Motion was carried. The board will request a letter from the fire departments stating lost revenue during covid.

**NYSDOT:** Completed an investigation of Benton’s request for speed limit reduction. Havens Corners Mennonite School was determined (deemed appropriate for a reduction to 45 MPH). Instructions given for different placement of signs for Yates County use. The “Yield” sign to “Stop” sign located at North Main Street and Route 14A was denied due to a three year review of accidents on this road and did not find any accident pattern. No decision was given on speed reduction on Route 14A south of Benton Center.

**Dog Enumeration:** Is complete, Dave Shipmen does an awesome job. He found a total of 584 dogs, 183 were found to be unlicensed.

**New Business:**

NYS Open Meetings Law – Website requirements. It was found to require: Post the minutes on the website within two weeks, post topics which will be discussed at a meeting at least 24 hours before the meeting. This includes Town Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Boards. This includes draft minutes.

**Security Cameras WD # 2 Tank:**

Discussion was held on possible security cameras at the WD # 2 tank, district's 1 & 3 meter structures. Jayson Hoover will contact Covert Security for a possible quote.

**Clean Up Day:**

Is all set for June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 9:00 – 1:00 PM all vendors have been contacted. No decision on the SWEAPS program.

**Highway:**

The new loader from Five Star Equipment has been delivered. The invoice will be paid Thursday 5/12/22 \$57,941.42 and half will be paid out of the ARPA fund. \$28,970.71.

Jayson stated that he has received around five applications for the highway/water position.

As discussed in the ARPA funds – Jayson will be ordering the new water software \$17,120.00.

“CHIPS” for 2022-2023 will total \$225,746.72

The old “Office Trailer” was posted on Auctions International and high bid was \$4300.00. (This check will be put in the Highway Capital Reserve Account).

**Water District # 1 North:**

Benton received a project bid for WD # 1 North Extension, CPL suggested that the town approve the bid. (Resolution Below) Once we receive the approval from the DOH the town can start construction.

Discussion was also held on possible charging a hook up fee, will be discussed at a later date.

**Water District # 5:**

Jeremy and Jayson have been answering questions on easements. We are waiting for DOH approval and then the project will go to bid.. Jeremy stated he expects the project to come in at a higher cost.

**Water District # 6:**

Jeremy Delyser will report more information at the June meeting.

**Resolutions:**

#16-2022: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Brian Murphy to approve the NYSEG Blanket Permit for 2022. Motion was carried.

#17-2022: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the base bid from Core & Main LP for WD # 1 North Extension totaling \$57,721.00. Motion was carried.

**Historian:** Eleanor Parker reported helping find Indian Trails in the town of Benton.

She is now certified as an RN nurse for another four years.

**Monthly Abstract of Vouchers & Reports:**

Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following: General (A) Claims 94-115 Totaling \$13,255.13, General (B) Claims 308-310 Totaling \$702.94, Highway (DA) Claims 32-39 Totaling \$1900.61, Highway (DB) Claims 204-208 Totaling \$15,374.10, SW1 Claims 62-67 Totaling \$7287.70, SW2 Claims 129-133 Totaling \$414.34, SW3 Claims 69-71 Totaling \$239.26. Reports: Highway, Zoning, Town Clerk, Supervisor. Motion was carried.

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Brian Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM Motion was carried.

Dated: May 12, 2022

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk, RMC

***ADOPTED: June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022***