

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

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

Public Present: Edward Tomion

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 Alan Tomion to approve the minutes with two corrections. 1) Website Posting: Adding Agendas, Local Laws and Resolutions need to be posted 24 hours prior to a meeting). 2) Salary for the bookkeeper to be changed to: \$32,960.00. Motion was carried.

**Old Business:**

Assessor Interviews – The date has been extended to July 20<sup>th</sup> for accepting applications. Interviews need to be set up. Supervisor Prendergast suggested a meeting be set up for next week with himself, Peter Martini and Glenn Quackenbush.

Stork Insurance: Quote for Cyber Liability Insurance: Pushed off until the August meeting.

Generator: Richard Harper stated that Finger Lakes Power will take a look and give us a quote. AP Electric does not install, but has good prices. Ray Martin could be contacted to do the installation. More information for the August meeting.

Local Law – Code Enforcement: Committee is Richard Harper and Allan Tomion, they will be setting up a meeting to discuss the changes.

Tax Collector: Updated reconciliation statement, we received a check for \$54.00 to balance for 2022.

ARPA Funds: The second check will be received some time in July.

**New Business:**

Mortgage Tax has been received in the amount of \$30,721.11.

Storm Repair Update: Steve Stork stated we have a \$500.00 deductible anything above the \$550 we will submit to the Selective. (this was the lightning strike that hit the town hall June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022) . A check has been sent to the town but not received as of today.

ARPA Funds: Benton sent each of the contracted fire departments a check from the ARPA Funds. The Penn Yan Vol Fire Dept sent a thank you letter for the \$2500.00 and was greatly appreciated.

2023 Budget Meetings: Have been set for September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 P.M., October 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 P.M.

**Highway:**

Jayson Hoover reported that a box culvert needs replacing on Thistle Street, he would like to use ARPA funds for this project. He has received two quotes for this job (attached to the minutes). Jayson is looking into possible grants.

He also reported that the pick up on Auctions International bid out at \$43K, was way to high for us to bid on.

The Mack 10-wheeler was being built 7/13/22 the box will be at Viking/Watertown at the end of this month, possibly take delivery of the truck end of October beginning of November.

Radiator blew out of the 2013, Last Chance trucking helped unload the black top off the truck then brought it to the town barn

Jayson and the board discussed the purchase of a pickup, Jayson will have more information for the August meeting.

Diesel Prices:

2021 January – June \$16,333.37

2022 January – June \$35,503.27

**Water:**

Jayson Hoover informed the board that he had purchased a 6” Fire Service Meter for the meter structure in WD # 3 from the Town of Hopewell for \$7500.00. The meter was still crated and never used, the original cost was \$13,902.65.

WD # 4: Thomas Lush paid his portion of the survey invoice for placing two pins on his property. (Previous Minutes)

**Water District # 1 (North):** We have received approval from the NYSDOH. Easements have been sent out to all residents. Jayson Hoover reported that construction of this project will take approximately four days, three highway employees at a cost of, again approximately \$74,000.

Supervisor Prendergast would like to have a meeting with the residents at Fox Run 7/27/22 @ 7:00 P.M. to discuss the project and get signatures on their easements.

**Water District # 5:**

Three easements have been received so far. CPL has applied to (DWSRF) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for a preliminary project schedule and cost estimate.

**Water District # 6:**

No new updates. CPL has also applied to (DWSRF) for this project.

**Yates County Legislature:**

Richard Harper reported on the following:

- 1) SWEAPS program is up and running-Benton Schoolhouse needs to be painted.
- 2) Historian – 2023 Bi-Centennial Celebration

- 3) New Towers for Emergency Communication being installed
- 4) New construction at the Yates County Highway Building (town feels it should be included on updates of this project)

**Executive Session:**

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to enter into Executive Session @ 8:31 P.M. Under Public Officers Law, Section 105, Paragraph (f) Personnel – bookkeeper hours/salary. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to enter back into the regular meeting @ 8:46 P.M. Motion was carried.

**Monthly Abstract of Vouchers & Reports:**

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the following: General (A) Claims 148-171 Totaling \$23,277.67, General (B) Claims 314-314 Totaling \$ 428.94, Highway (DA) Claims 51-57 Totaling \$ 5253.31, Highway (DB) Claims 213-217 Totaling \$71,131.72, SW1 Claims 74-81 Totaling \$74-81 Totaling \$50,409.59, SW2 Claims 140-153 Totaling \$11,771.19, SW3 Claims 75-83 Totaling \$9700.00, SW4 Claim 16 Totaling \$227.50. Town Clerk – Zoning – Highway – Water – Supervisor’s reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. Motion was carried.

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

***ADOPTED: August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022***