AMENDED MINUTES

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held September 14th, 2022 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 Glenn Quackenbush Alan Tomion

Also Present: Jayson Hoover-Highway, Thomas Fulkrod – Zoning, Holly Bedient – Bookkeeper, Bobbi Wolfe – Town Clerk, Eleanor Parker – Historian.

Public Present: Attached Sign In sheet

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 from the August 10th, 2022 as presented. Motion was carried.

<u>Guest:</u> Kerry Brennen – Yates County Personnel: Kerry was requested to attend a board meeting to explain why towns report to the Yates County Personnel. As believed, due to the fact that Yates County carries all town's Workers Compensation policy that is only a small part. Basically it is to oversee that towns, villages and libraries receive qualified applicants for open positions.

<u>Guest:</u> Jeffrey Bray from Widow Hill Road Requesting a lower speed limit on that road. Mr Bray reported that there has been an increased amount of bikes, buggies and walkers using Widow Hill Rd. He would like to have the speed limit lowered to 30 MPH. Mr Bray presented several signatures from other residents also interested in lowering the speed limit. The board will pass a resolution at the end of the meeting to start the process which includes sending a letter and copies of the signatures to Yates County Highway. YC Highway will then forward to the NYSDOT for their determination.

Old Business:

Generator – tabled until the October meeting

Assessor: Stephanie Holtz started the assessor position as of September 1st, 2022

Covert Security Quote: Install new lock and program for the Town Clerk entrance door. \$1156.00. Tabled till October.

Water District # 1 (North):

We have received all but one easement to be signed, once we received that easement construction can begin . The cost will be around 74K and should be completed by October.

Water District # 5:

Several residents from this district attended the meeting. Supervisor Prendergast explained the time line of continuing the project and the amount that has to be paid back to town if the project is cancelled. A decision needs to be made if the residents want to continue and pay the higher cost or stop the project now. There will be another meeting September 20th, 2022 @ 4:30 P.M.

New Business:

Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization. Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to reject the agreement. Motion was duly put to a vote: AYES: Prendergast & Harper. NOES: Tomion, Quackenbush and Murphy.

NYSEG:

Discussion was held on the upcoming rate increases. NYSEG is proposing a 31% increase in base delivery revenues. (electric) and 19% increase in natural gas delivery. Hearing dates are September 15, 28 and October 18th. Anyone wishing to comment during the hearings must register.

Highway:

New 10-Wheeler interest rates in the town board packets. Community Bank N.A was the lowest at 3.49%. Resolution below.

Resolutions:

#22-2022: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Brian Murphy to re-appoint Patrick McGuire to the Board of Assessment Review for a term of 10/01/2022-09/30/2027. Motion was carried

#23-2022: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Alan Tomion approving the transfer of \$42,546.35 from Highway Savings to Highway Capital Reserve for the new 10-wheeler. Balance to be borrowed from Community Bank N.A is \$200,000.00. Along with approving 3.49% loan/interest with Community Bank N.A. Motion was carried.

#24-2022: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the Budget Modifications. (Attached). Motion was carried.

#25-2022: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving the Widow Hill Road request to lower the speed limit. Motion was carried.

ARPA Fund Distribution:

\$63,000.00 Culvert on Thistle Street
(3) Highway Employees \$2500.00 each (\$7500.00)
Code Enforcement \$2500.00
Water Operator \$2500.00
Water Clerk \$2500.00
For Water Pick Up \$16,000.00

\$10,000.00 Bellona Fire Dept -\$10,000.00 Benton Fire Dept-\$1,000.00 Penn Yan Fire Dept \$1,000.00 West Lake Road Fire Assoc.

Historian/Health Officer: Eleanor Parker reported one dog bite for this month...

Monthly Reports and Abstract of Vouchers:

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Brian Murphy to approve the following: General (A) Claims 185-212 Totaling \$11,901.54, General (B) Claims 320-321 Totaling \$388.67, Highway (DA) Claims 65-72 Totaling \$2717.35, Highway (DB) Claims 222-227 Totaling \$95,862.92, SW1 Claims 91-98 Totaling \$2470.56, SW2 Claims 167-178 Totaling \$10,289.06, SW3 Claims 91-102 Totaling \$10,315.83, SW4 Claim 18 Totaling \$72.53. Highway Superintendent, Zoning, Town Clerk, Water and Bookkeeper reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: September 20, 2022 Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk, RMC