

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, New York 14527

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

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

Public Present: Grant Downs – Town of Torrey Board Member

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Richard Harper with one amendment Resolutions #23-2022 addition of \$200K to be borrowed from Community Bank N.A for the new 10-Wheeler. Motion was carried.

Grant Downs, Torrey Board Member explained that the Town of Torrey WD # 1 will start construction in early 2023, Nardozzi was awarded the contract. Benton will be doing the billing and O&M for Torrey. Clerk Wolfe asked to received a list of residents to be entered into the billing system.

**Monthly Abstract of Vouchers and Reports:**

Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the following:  
General (A) Claims 213-24 75 Totaling \$54,998.54, General (B) Claims 322-324 Totaling \$414.09,  
Highway (DA) Claims 73-78 Totaling \$1543.70, Highway (DB) Claims 228-230 Totaling \$55,068.04,  
SW1 Claims 99-106 Totaling \$5523.31, SW2 Claims 179-191 Totaling \$21,294.48, SW3 Claims 103-112  
Totaling \$5213.72, SW4 Claims 19-22 Totaling \$718.00. Town Clerk – Highway – Zoning and  
Supervisors reports. Motion was carried.

**Old Business:**

Generator - Tabled until the November meeting.

Widow Hill Speed Reduction: Doug Rapalee requested the Benton Board pass a resolution stating that Yates County Highway would not be responsible for sign placement and repair on Widow Hill as it is a town road. Resolution below #30-2022.

**Water District # 5:**

Supervisor Prendergast recently met with a few residents of this proposed district. After board discussion: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to put a hold on this district for 6 months ending May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at which time a special meeting will be held. Motion was carried.

**New Business:**

Village of Penn Yan wholesale customers meeting will be held 10/27/22 @ 10:00 AM at the Penn Yan Village Board Room.

Empire Pipeline Community Benefit Fund check was received in the amount of \$42,489.92. This benefit check will be discontinued after 2023.

Benton Fire Department Auction: \$715.25 was received from items consigned to this auction. That money will be placed in the Highway Capital Reserve account.

**Water District # 1 (North):**

A letter was hand delivered to the residents of this district with a timeline for construction.

**Zoning:**

Karen Ellis, secretary for the ZBA and PB has submitted her resignation as of 12/31/22. Zoning officer, Tom Fulkrod has a couple people in mind to fill the position. He will report in November. Tom reported that five members of either ZBA-PB are taking a class at Delago Resort

**Highway:**

Jayson Hoover reported that he will have JD Grader prices in the future for the board to review. The new 10-wheeler is at Beam Mack and should take delivery in the next couple of weeks. There is a pick up on Auctions International, which is a Village of Penn Yan truck, it has 29K miles and the bid closes 10/13/22 around 7 PMish.

**Historian – Eleanor Parker:**

Ellis reported on searched for geneology requests. There will be information on “Forgotten Cemeteries” In Kashong. Benton Fire Dept fish fry will be held October 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4:30 till sold out.

**Resolutions:**

- #26-2022: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Brian Murphy to override the 2023 Tax Levy Limit, a Public Hearing is set for November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M. Motion was carried
- #27-2022: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Brian Murphy to appoint Stephanie Holtz as the Benton/Torrey Assessor for the term of 1/1/2023 – 9/30/2025. Motion was carried.
- #28-2022: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the use of Reserve Money from WD # 1 for the WD # 1 (North) project. Motion was carried.
- #29-2022: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the renewal for Continuing Disclosure Services (Municipal Solutions). Motion was carried
- #30-2022: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush approving the request from Doug Rapalee stating that Yates County Highway is not responsible for placing or maintaining signs on Widow Hill Road as it is a town road. Motion was carried.
- #31-2022: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Brian Murphy authorizing acceptance of WD # 1 (North) easements to be filed with the Yates County Clerk. Motion was carried.

**Adjournment::**

Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: October 13, 2022

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk, RMC

***ADOPTED: November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022***