

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held November 9, 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
	Brian Murphy
	Alan Tomion
	Glenn Quackenbush

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

Public Present: (Meeting Attendance Sign-In Sheet Attached)

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 presented for October 12th, 2022 Regular Meeting and Budget Meeting. Motion was carried. Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the minutes from the October 26th, 2022 Budget Meeting. Motion was carried.

Public Hearing Opened at 7:00 P.M. for 2023 Tax Cap, 2023 Final Budget, Benton, Bellona, Penn Yan and West Lake Road Fire Contracts.

Old Business:

Generator- After discussion on purchasing a generator, it was decided to wait the 2024 budget as it was not added to the 2023 budget.

New Business:

Yates County Workers Compensation – Switching from Benetech to NCACOMP

Water Relevy for 2022 totaling \$10,898.94 Resolutions below.

Animal Control Agreement with Yates County has been signed and returned,

Excellus representative attended a meeting at the town hall 11/8/22 @ 10:00 A.M. held a discussion on switching to a high deductible policy, decision needs to be made by December 15th if the town decides to switch. It was requested to have another meeting with Mr. Laskowski from Insureone and have all employees attend.

Town Board member, Brian Murphy will be resigning from his position as of 12/31/22 at which time he will present a letter of resignation. Clerk Wolfe contacted the Association of Towns which stated that there is no need to advertise the position. The town board will appoint an interested resident, to fulfil thru 2023, but will need to pass a petition for the 2024 election. Anyone interested can talk to the board before the end of the year.

10-Wheeler financing with Community Bank has been an interesting experience, we are now at the stage of Bond Council – Estoppel Notice which Community Bank required.. Once the Estoppel notice is in the newspaper for 20 days, the town will receive the \$200K to purchase the truck. Supervisor Prendergast suggested that more money be budgeted each year for the Highway Equipment Reserve and pay cash for any new equipment.

Water District # 1 (North):

Jayson Hoover presented a cost sheet for this district, he stated he only missed some equipment rental for the highway. The system has been pressure tested and chlorinated. The as-builts have been forwarded to the NYSDOH for their certification. Installation of the meter pits will be the next stage. Right now there are four residents ready to hook up. Jayson also stated that the Town of Seneca helped with the pressure testing. This was a large savings with the town doing this construction.

Water District # 5

There is no change at this time and have put the project on a six month hold. Jeremy Delyser of CPL stated that prices are not coming down. Resident of that district, Jim Colizzi attended requesting information regarding the pay back if this district fails. Councilman Harper explained the process of how the district was formed, once that district is formed if there is a failure, the residents must pay back what the town has already paid. Discussion was also held regarding future grant possibilities.

Zoning:

Mike Peacock may be interested in taking over the ZBA & PB secretary position. Karen Ellis is Resigning at the end of the year.

Tom Fulkrod reported that five members of either the ZBA & PB attended training at Delago Casino, several classes were offered: Signs, Solar, Water were a few.

The PB is working on septic laws, short term rental along with other changes. They would like to complete all changes before it is sent to the attorney for preparation of a local law.

Highway:

Jayson Hoover reported that we have received the new 10-wheeler and pick up. He stated he is planning on keeping the 2010 that the new 10-wheeler replaced thru the winter, at which time he would place it on Auctions International. Discussion on replacing the grader, Jayson is waiting for pricing and will have that for the December meeting. He also stated that is would like to keep the 10-wheelers on a 12-13 year rotation, our next order would be in 2025.

Close the Public Hearing: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to close the public hearing at 8:40 P.M. Motion was carried.

Resolutions:

#32-2022: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the Adoption of Local Law # 1 of 2023 to override the tax levy limited established in General Municipal Law 3-c. Motion was carried.

#33-2022: Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the final 2023 Budget with a rate of \$4.18/1000. Motion was carried.

#34-2022: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the following Fire Contracts: Bellona \$60,394.00, Benton \$149,265.00, Penn Yan \$37,035.00, West Lake Road \$27,000.00. Motion was carried.

#35-2022: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Brian Murphy to approve the Bond Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of one Snow Plow/Dump Truck and issuance of up to \$200,000.00 in Serial Bonds to finance said appropriation. Motion was carried. (\$66,496.52 will be taken out of the Highway Capital Reserve).

#36-2022: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to approve 2022 Water Relevy in the amount of \$10,898.94. Motion was carried.

Historian- Eleanor Parker: Reported that the Benton Fire Dept craft show is 11/12/22. 113 Animals were vaccinated at the rabies clinic held at the Benton Fire Dept. Bellona Fire Dept breakfasts start 11/12/22.

Councilman Harper asked if we have a list of historical home. Clerk Wolfe will look into this.

Monthly Reports and Abstract of Vouchers:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the following: General (A) Claims 246-272 Totaling \$14,765.26, General (B) Claims 325-327 Totaling \$3254.35, Highway (DA) Claims 79-86 Totaling \$10,881.79, Highway (DB) Claims 231-233 Totaling \$24,796.31, SW1 Claims 107-114 Totaling \$1608.32, SW2 Claims 192-202 Totaling \$10,107.39, SW3 Claims 113-119 Totaling \$749.16. Town Clerk, Highway, Zoning, Water and Supervisor reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Brian Murphy, seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting as of 8:50 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: November 15, 2022
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk, RMC