

by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to replace the signs at a cost of \$1600.00. Motion was duly put to a vote: AYES: Tomion, Prendergast, Davie and Harper. NOES: Quackenbush. Motion was duly passed.

New Business:

BOE: Description of a Town Board Member will be changed to “Town Council Member” on the February petitions. (Attached info from BOE).

Bicentennial Exhibit for 2023 is displayed at the Town of Benton for one month starting 1/3/23. There will be a celebration 2/6/23 at the Yates County Courthouse.

Dept of Taxation & Finance: Property Tax Exemptions for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers must be completed by 12/9/2025 if the town approves this exemption. This has been tabled until a later date.

Clean Up Day: Councilman Harper suggested having a shredding company along with E-Waste. Clerk Wolfe contacted Shred-It, they charge \$250.00/Hr, they leave a truck at the clean up but shred at their site. (Correction) Robert Clark made this suggestion!!!! The town board suggested checking with the Chamber of Commerce for who they use for shredding. Tabled until the February meeting.

Close the Public Hearing: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to close the Public Hearing at 7:55 P.M. Motion was carried.

Resolutions:

#1-2023: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the “Alternative Veterans Exemption” Wartime \$24,000, Combat \$16,000 and Disability \$80,000. Motion was carried.

#2-2023: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Thomas Davie to approve “Alternative Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans”. Motion was carried.

#3-2023: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the Budget Modifications for year end 2022. (Attached to the Minutes). Motion was carried.

#4-2023: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approving a public hearing February 8th, 2023 for “Administration & Enforcement of NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Motion was carried.

Highway/Water:

Jayson Hoover present expenses for the WD # 1 (North) project (Attached) which has come under budget. He stated that five meter pits out of eight have been installed.

2010 – 10 Wheeler truck, he is going to hold onto it for now and advertise it on Auctions International at the end of February.

Zoning: Tom Fulkrod reported a busy January – upcoming are two new solar farms which will be presented to the Benton Planning Board January 24th. He also asked the town board if the salary for Michael Peacock, replacement for Karen Ellis will stay the same. Yes, it will remain the same. Tom started a FB page for the town and will be advertising events of the town ie; zoning, meetings, clean up day etc. He advertised for the position on the ZBA and received one request from Bruce Kerrick.

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Thomas Davie to appoint Bruce Kerrick to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Prendergast will be contacting NYClass for possible future finances. He would like to have them do a presentation to the town board.

Resident, Bob Clark asked the board if they have looked at the town comprehensive plan and possibly updated it with all the new construction in the town.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers & Monthly Reports:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the following: (Abstract # 13) General (A) Claims 301-314 Totaling \$4495.13, General (B) Claims 331-333 Totaling \$761.85, Highway (DA) Claims 100-110 Totaling \$14,175.42, Highway (DB) Claim 236 Totaling \$7500.00, SW1 Claims 120-124 Totaling \$13,311.87, SW2 Claims 213-218 Totaling \$3224.54, SW3 Claims 125-128 Totaling \$4487.05, SW4 Claim 23 Totaling \$3113.00. (Abstract # 1 of 2023). General Claims 1-18 Totaling \$8416.77. General (B) Claim 300 Totaling \$34.07, SW2 Claims 1-2 Totaling \$136.79, SW3 Claim 1 Totaling \$8.99. Town Clerk, Zoning, Highway/Water, Supervisors December Reports, Town Clerk Annual Report. Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Thomas Davie to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: January 18, 2023
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk, RMC

ADOPTED: February 8th, 2023