

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held July 12, 2023 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

Board Present: Supervisor	John E. Prendergast
Councilmen	Richard Harper, Deputy
	Glenn Quackenbush
	Alan Tomion
	Thomas Davie

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

Supervisor Prendergast opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve of Minutes:

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the minutes from the June 14th, 2023 meeting as presented-changes made prior to the meeting. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Alan Tomion seconded by Tom Davie to approve the minutes from the July 11th, 2023 meeting as presented: Motion was carried. Glenn Quackenbush abstained as was absent.

Old Business:

Solar – Update: Supervisor Prendergast contacted the school (Howard Dennis) and Nonie at Yates County regarding the “PILOT” . They stated that they aren’t equipped to do PILOT agreements. Committee of Tom Fulkrod, Glenn Quackenbush and Tom Davie will go back to Meredith to discuss and this will be tabled until the August meeting.

School House: Supervisor Prendergast opened the schoolhouse for a tour of Mennonites. They thanked John for the tour and may request more in the future. Discussion was held on painting and some lumber repairs. There is \$848.00 in the schoolhouse bank account. There are two services available for painting repairs. “SWEAPS” and Probation Community Services. Richard Harper will check into these. The building will need to be power washed prior to painting. Tom Fulkrod will be the contact person for these services.

Hamilton Street Complex: Supervisor Prendergast attended that last village meeting, it was passed to combine the nine parcels into one parcel. Prendergast stated 80% of the complex is 55 years old and older, at least one person residing must be 55 yrs old.

New Business:

Mortgage Tax Apportionment received \$39,378.52.

Juneteenth Holiday: After board discussion motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Thomas Davie not to add this as one of the Town of Benton’s paid holidays. Motion was duly put to a vote: Yays: Quackenbush, Davie, Harper, Tomion. NOES: Prendergast.

Thank you to Richard and Lisa Harper for the flowers around the town hall..

2024 Budget - Meetings have been set up for August 9th, 2023 @ 4:00 P.M. and September 13th, 2023 @ 5:00 P.M.

Water District # 5 (Earls Hill):

Supervisor Prendergast talked to Mary Chappell of Municipal Solutions, she stated that they haven't been real busy, mostly with problem projects. He also spoke to Jeremy DeLyser of CPL, he stated that pipe prices have come down, hydrant parts have not. A new requirement for all water districts, all products bought have to be made in the USA. A discussion was held on sending a letter out the residents of WD #5 on their options.

Water District # 7: (Angus Point)

Jeremy Delyser (CPL) is working the Map, Plan and Report, the draft is done and will have the final report to the town board by our August meeting. A meeting will be set up with those residents.

Highway/Water:

The grader was discussed at the Special Meeting 7/12/23. Tom Davie and Jayson Hoover went to Milo to check it out. Tom stated it is old but in good shape, great opportunity to purchase. Resolution below to approve the purchase.

Historian:

Eleanor Parker has continued to take Benton pictures. She stated that the Bi-Centennial parade is this Saturday in Dresden.

Zoning:

Tom Fulkrod reported 124 building permits so far this year, new houses with three sales this week. He stated that we need to push the septic law thru to become town law. Tom also reported that he has had complaints of sewage in ditches – Old State Road has been fixed.

YCRR committee will be contacting our water department, Jayson Hoover about purchasing water from Benton. This will be a 6" line, which the town has already set Yates County Highway's new complex at 12 units for a 6" line. (Out of District User).

Resolutions:

#16-2023: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to purchase the 1998 Champion Grader from the Milton Cat

for \$42,500.00- (\$16,500.00 Trade In) = \$26,000.00. Motion was carried.

#17-2023: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to appoint Bobbi Wolfe as Registrar for a four year term ending 2027. Motion was carried.

#18-2023: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to appoint Susan Mastronardi as deputy registrar for a four year term ending 2027. Motion was carried.

Monthly Reports and Abstract of Vouchers:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following:
General (A) Claims 134-155 Totaling \$19,601.93, General (B) Claims 326-328 Totaling \$715.18,
Highway (DA) Claims 56-61 Totaling \$3325.90, Highway (DB) Claims 209-211 Totaling \$18,465.94,
SW1 Claims 34-38 Totaling \$2459.78, SW2 Claims 55-60 totaling \$572.96, SW3 Claims 31-37 Totaling \$4968.14. Town Clerk, Highway, Water, Zoning, Supervisor and Assessor reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting as of 8:30 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: July 13, 2023

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk, RMC

ADOPTED: August 9th, 2023