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The Regular Town Board Meeting was held August 9th, 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/Water, Thomas Fulkrod – Zoning, Bobbi Wolfe- Town Clerk, Eleanor Parker – Historian.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Tom Davie, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the minutes as presented from the July 12th, 2023 meeting. Motion was carried.

Solar: Tom Fulkrod and Glenn Quackenbush met with Meredith Moore. They are in the process of presenting a package to the town for their proposal.

Schoolhouse: Kevin Hoover removed the bee nest at the schoolhouse, replaced and caulked the siding. A letter of thanks will be sent to Kevin. Tom Fulkrod pressure washed the building using his bucket truck, highway supplied the water truck and generator. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve Tom Fulkrod replacing gas in his bucket truck. Motion was carried. Tom Fulkrod has been in contact with Yates County Probation regarding the painting of the schoolhouse.

Zoning:

Tom Fulkrod reported that July was very slow and so far in August is busier with building permits. There are two new homes to be built on Route 14 which included a sub division for that property.

New Business:

New flooring for the assessor's office, will be discussed at budget meetings, also another fire proof filing cabinet which led to a discussion of increasing/ or adding a new vault for records. There will be more discussion at a later time.

Flooring in the bathrooms, Tom Fulkrod will get a quote from Penn Yan Flooring.

Local Laws: Senior Star: Yates County Public Hearing will be held August 14th, 2023 increasing the income limits of the Tax Exemption for persons 65 years of age and over, Town's to follow. The town board decided to wait until the county passed their resolution. This will be added to the September agenda.

Justice: J-Cap (Grant Application) Bobbi will help fill out the grant when I received it. It has been suggested to request emergency lighting, generator and David Grace needs a new robe or anything else the town board can think of to apply for, David stated the state is big on anything security. Discussion was also held on adding a new vault for storage in the court room.

Website: Needing updated. Richard Harper stated that he has requested all employees to send him any updated but he never received any.

Water District # 2:

Village of Penn Yan Municipal meeting will be held August 22, @ 10:00 AM.

WD # 2 Savings account \$152,325.90 as of the August meeting. Debt and principle/interest due in November is \$38,000/ Plus other expenses to fulfill the year end. Discussion was held on lowering the increase from \$28.53/Quarter to \$15.00/Quarter which brings the quarterly water bill go \$75.00/6000 Gallons. Motion was made by Tom Davie, seconded by Richard Harper to increase the quarterly water bill to \$75.00/6000 gallons of water. This will be imposed for the next two billing cycles and there will be more discussion after the two quarters. Motion was carried.

Water District # 5: (Earls Hill):

Funding for this project ends February 2024 for this district. If we lose the funding, we will need to reapply. Letter has been sent to Jim Colizzi and Tim Merworth explaining the process. We need to set up a meeting in September to explain to the residents their options. If we continue there will be additional costs for engineering/financial.

Water District # 7:

A meeting is set for August 23, 2023 @ 6:00 PM. We have received the Map, Plan and Report. The legal petition has been received from attorney Jeff Graff, financial agreement with Municipal Solutions. Resolutions below. Jeremy Delyser (CPL) Mary Chappell Municipal Solutions will be attending the meeting.

NYSEG:

Supervisor Prendergast tried attending a County/NYSEG meeting but was refused entry as it was not a public meeting. He did acquire a contact for NYSEG.

Supervisor Prendergast reported that Dan Banach (Village of Penn Yan) is upset that Benton is charging Twelve units for the 6" line at the new county building, he wants it lowered to four units.

Due to contractors at the new county building using water, they will be billed for any usage.

Historian:

Eleanor Parker reported that the centennial parade will be held in Penn Yan this Saturday @ 5:00 PM 9/19/23 will be the walk thru at the Havens Corners cemetery.

Resolution:

#19-2023: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Tom Davie approving the financial agreement with Municipal Solutions for WD # 7. Motion was carried.

Monthly Reports and Abstract of Vouchers:

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the following: General (A) Claims 156-168 Totaling \$12,440.31, General (B) Claims 329-332 \$588.12, Highway (DA) Claims 62-69 Totaling \$1764.91, Highway (DB) Claims 212-213 Totaling \$65,571.83, SW1 Claims 39-43 Totaling \$880.75, SW2 Claims 61-71 Totaling \$2269.88, SW3 Claims 38-45 Totaling \$983.72. Town Clerk, Zoning/Watershed, Highway/Water, Assessor, Supervisor reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Tom Davie, seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting as of 8:15 P.M. Motion was carried,

Dated: August 14, 2023
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk, RMC