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Benton Town Board Regular & Organizational Meeting December 13th, 2023

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

Approval of Minutes:

November 8th, 2023 Town Board Meeting

Guest: *Steve Stork/Matt Tette – Stork Insurance.*

Old Business:

Solar – Update

Solar - Discussion Regarding Location moratorium (Skip Jensen)

New Business:

NYS Ag & Markets – Municipal Shelter Inspection Report & Dog Control Officer Inspection Report.

E-Waste: will no longer provide a truck and employees for clean up day – they will provide Supplies and will do a pick up after the clean up day.

NYSEG – Approval to sign the Excavation Blanket Permit

Water District # 3:

Water Rate Increase from Town of Seneca

NYS Office of Temp & Disability Assistance- Renter in WD #3 Assisted with her water bill.

Water District # 5: (Earls Hill)

Update

Water District # 7:

Still receiving signed petitions.

Highway/Water:

Periodic Inspections 12/13/23 – NYSDOH Water Districts 1-2-3

Zoning:

Historian:

Resolutions #29-2023 Appointments:

Bobbi Wolfe – Water Clerk	1/1/24-12/31/2024
Jayson Hoover – Water Operator	1/1/24-12/31/2024
Casey Frankish-Water	1/1/24-12/31/2024
Thomas Rood – Chair PB	1/1/24-12/31/2024
Steve Hullings – PB	1/1/24/12/31/2028
Michael Peacock – Sec PB ZBA	1/1/24-12/31/2024
Matthew Perry – Alternate PB	1/1/24-12/31/2024
Dwight James, Chair ZBA	1/1/24-12/31/2024
Dewey Hauman – ZBA	1/1/24-12/31/2028
Charles Franks – Alternate – ZBA	1/1/24-12/31/2024
Eleanor Parker – Historian	1/1/24-12/31/2024
Chrystal Tomion – Board of Assessment Review	10/01/23 -9/30/28
Michael Peacock – Court Clerk	1/1/24-12/31/2024
Holley Bedient-Bookkeeper&Budget	1/1/24-12/31/2024
Thomas Morris- Animal Control	1/1/24-12/31/2024
Jeffrey Graff, Attorney	1/1/24-12/31/2024

Resolution #30-2023:

Finger Lakes Times as the Official Newspaper
Community Bank N.A., and NYCLASS as depositories
Clark-Patterson-Lee as the Town Engineer
Municipal Solutions – As our Financial Advisor

Highway Superintendent: Authorized to purchase equipment, tools and implements during the year without prior approval from the town board in the amount not to exceed \$1000.00 per water district.

Regular Board Meetings for 2024:

Town Board	Seconded Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.
ZBA	First Tuesday of each month (Upon Request) @ 7:00 P.M.
Planning Board	Fourth Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.

Town Clerk and bookkeeper shall be and hereby authorized to pay the following claims prior to town monthly audit: Retirement, Utilities, Postage, Hospitalization, town approved payroll, payments and any invoices that are due prior to the date of the board meeting.

Mileage Rate for 2024 \$. Federal Rate is \$.066 - .068

Resolution# 31-2023:

Water Fees 2024:

WD# 1 \$50.00/6000	\$5.50/1000 Over the 6000 Gallons
WD # 2 \$75.00/6000	\$5.50/1000 Over the 6000 Gallons

(Due to the increase in cost from the Village of Penn Yan, the next billing, December will be:

\$75.00/6000). (The March billing will be \$89.00/6000 Gallons).(Actual increase comes to \$28.53 + \$60.00) \$88.53 \$90.00 Per Quarter would be easier for billing purposes.

WD # 3 \$50.00/6000 \$5.50/1000 Over the 6000 Gallons

WD # 4 \$50.00/6000 \$5.50/1000 Over the 6000 Gallons

Billed Quarterly

Relevy Fee \$75.00-\$100.00 Per Meter will be charged as of October 31 for each unpaid account as an administrative charge.

Water – Service Sizes

1"- 1 Unit

2" – 4 Units

4" – 8 Units

6" – 12 Units

8"- 16 Units

New Service

In Existing Service

1" Service	\$2400.00	\$1200.00
1 ½" Service	\$3200.00	\$1600.00
2" Service	\$4000.00	\$2000.00
4" Service	\$4800.00	\$2400.00
6" Service	\$5600.00	\$2800.00

Installation of a new water service of a distance of 150' or a crawl space requiring a meter pit hook up fees are as follow:

New Service

In Existing District

1" Service \$2800.00 \$1400.00

***** Meter Pits) 1" Service to be supplied by the town. Any larger service such as :**

1 ½" and 2" will be paid by the homeowner. This installation will be by town specifications and be supervised by the water department.

*****The cost of any service being pushed under the road will be the responsibility of the homeowner.**

*****(The town does not have the equipment to do this and has to be sub-contracted out with supervision of the water department)**

Water Hook UP Fees if Curb Stop and or Meter Pit are Existing:

0-2 Years After Completion of the Water District – NO CHARGE

2-10 Years After Completion of the Water District - \$500.00

10 Plus Years After Completion of the Water District - \$1000.00

Shut Off Fee \$25.00 – No fee to turn water back on.

Note: An account will only be deactivated if the water operator turns the water off.

Resolution: #32-2023:

Approve the standard work day for the Zoning Officer, New Section 315.4 of the NY Codes, Rules and Regulations (Retirement) at 7 Hours/Per Day. Monday – Friday with a term ending 12/31/27. Receipt of ROA was received 24.50 per month to be reported to the NYS Retirement Center.

Resolution #33-2023:

Approve the Wastewater Law & Wastewater Policies/Procedures to presented to Attorney Jeff Graff for a new Local Law.

Resolution #34-2023:

Budget Modifications (In Folders)

Monthly Reports and Abstract of Vouchers:

Executive Session:

M/ 2nd/ Enter into Executive Session at PM Under Article 7, Public Officers Law
Section 105, Paragraph "f" Employment of a particular person.

M/ 2nd/ Enter back into the Regular meeting at PM

Adjournment: M/ 2nd/ P.M.