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The Regular Town Board Meeting was held April 10th, 2024 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

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

Public Present: Matthew Perry

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Thomas Davie to approve the minutes from the March 13th, 2024 motion was duly put to a vote: AYES: Quackenbush, Davie, Harper, Tomion.
Abstained Prendergast.

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the March 21, 2024 Special Meeting minutes with two changes. Motion was duly put to a vote: AYES: Quackenbush, Davie, Harper and Tomion. Abstained: Prendergast.

Public Hearing: Open the Public Hearing for the Wastewater Local Law # 1 of 2024 @ 7:00 PM

Old Business:

Justice Audit:

Thomas Davie and Richard Harper completed the 2023 Justice Audit April 9th, 2024. They stated that the audit looked good and only found a couple of issues. Clerk Wolfe will forward the completed audit to Albany.

Generator:

Councilmen Harper has received several quotes for generators, he is looking to get one more quote. He also needs a quote from Ray Martin for electrical installation.

New Business:

NYS Retirement – Over Payment was taken out of Keith Thomas, Dale Christensen and Tom Fulkrod. Checks have been issued to them and the problem has been corrected.

SCT Computer: Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) will be installed May 30th @ 10:00 AM. Will need all employees here including Richard Harper for Webmaster. They will need to know who wants a FOB or phone sign in.

Historian/Health Officer Replacement: Stephanie Olsen stated that she would be interested in the historian position. Eleanor Parker is now in the Clinton Crest Facility. Tom Fulkrod will take the position of health officer. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Thomas Davie to appoint Stephanie Olsen to the Historian position and Thomas Fulkrod to the Health Officer position at the same rate of pay. Motion was carried.

Shelving – New Vault:

We received a quote from Jim Long in the amount of \$2340.00 for 18” deep shelving. Jayson Hoover checked Lowes 24” Deep \$1372.00, Knapp & Schlappi \$1519.00. Board decided to take Longs quote if without approximately \$300 of the other bids. Clerk Wolfe will contact Jim Long for a price without delivery and set up.

A complaint came in about the placement of the new highway cold storage building. It was felt by a Benton resident that it was too close to the road and would obstruct peoples view coming to the town hall. The town board decided to keep the original placement.

Jayson Hoover explained that the new building will have a charcoal roof as will the existing town barn.

USDA: Is requesting to survey and add trap boxes for “Tree Moth and European Cherry Fruit Fly” Permission is requested to place these boxes. Supervisor Prendergast will get back to them with the board’s ok to place them.

Water District # 2: Wholesale Partners Meeting Thursday, May 23rd @ 10:00 AM at the Village Hall, lunch follow.

Water District # 5: Close out should be finished by the May town board meeting.

Highway/Water:

EDU’s – (Equivalent Dwelling Units) need to be updated this includes Agriculture land along with ½ units on buildable lots. These do not show on our unit list. Also, our town law does not show EDU’s.

Yates County Fire Training Facility: No plans as of yet, but possibly in the works. Jayson stated again, that our water system can not support a fire training facility, we are limited to our capacity of 100K gallons. Jayson has a letter from Sheryl Robbins (NYSDOH) regarding this subject.

Jayson reported that approximately \$3400 has been spent on the vault, the highway guys did a great job on the construction.

On April 18th the highway employees will be traveling to Allentown PA to the Beam Mack plant. Jayson has rented an SUV and asked if he should voucher it to the town, board agreed.

Jayson would like to have a meeting with the highway employees and town board to discuss sick and PTO issues. The meeting will be set up for April 16th @ 1:00 PM.

Zoning:

In April Tom had a pick up in permits \$4K. Have done several fire & safety inspections. Informed the ZBA & PB of the Lulu Training. I've received two complaints for property maintenance in the Bellona area.

NYClass:

Interest rate at this time is 5.3%, the town has money in NYClass for General and Highway. Supervisor Prendergast suggested putting some of the Water Districts savings in this account. Discussion was held on contacting local banks to see if they will match the interest rate.

ARPA:

Final reporting for ARPA will be finalized in 2026

We had an issue with the security system Thursday, alarm went off at 6:45, at 7:05 the sheriff got here. We need to get this corrected with Covert security – explain the new phone system and that Tom has taken over off hours 4:00 PM-7:00 AM from Bobbi Wolfe.

Close the Public Hearing at 9:00 P.M.

Resolutions:

#6-2024: Resolution Determining SEQR LL # 1 Wastewater Law (Tabled Until 4/16/24)

SEQR had not been completed.

#7-2024: Resolution to Adopt LL # 1-2024 Wastewater Law (Tabled Until 4/16/2024)

#8-2024: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Thomas Davie to approve setting up the Public Hearing May 8th, 2024 @ 7:00 PM for LL # 2 of 2024 (Amending the Personnel Policy).

Motion was carried.

Monthly Reports and Abstract of Vouchers:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Thomas Davie to approve the following: General (A) Claims 48-68 Totaling \$13,152.61, General (B) Claims 9-12 Totaling \$910.31, Highway (DA) Claims 20-30 Totaling \$10,639.20, Highway (DB) Claims 205-207 Totaling \$39,859.74, SW1 Claims 16-20 Totaling \$2822.29, SW2 Claims 24-28 and 30-32 (29 Deleted as a duplicate invoice) Totaling \$15,750.75, SW3 Claims 11-15 Totaling \$3655.90, SW4 Claim 6 Totaling \$40.67. Town Clerk, Highway, Zoning, Water, Supervisor Reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Thomas Davie to adjourn the meeting as of 9:10 P.M.

Motion was carried.

Dated: April 16, 2024

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk, RMC