

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held June 12, 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: Bobbi Wolfe – Town Clerk, Jayson Hoover – Highway Supt, Susan Mastronardi – Deputy Town Clerk.

Public Present: George Thompson & Grant Downs (Town of Torrey), Matthew Perry

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the minutes from the May 8th, 2024 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Generator: Richard Harper received two quotes for the generator. Martin Electric 24KW 200 AMP \$10,850.00. \$7500.00 24KW, 200 AMP from Himrod Farm Supply. Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to purchase the generator from Ray Martin including the transfer switch, Mr. Martin will install at a cost of \$7500.00. Motion was carried. An additional propane tank will be installed on the west side of the building with the generator also beside the building on the west side.

Regenerate – Solar: A check was received for the decommissioning 5/28/24 in the amount of \$4037.91. Letters will be sent to David Ingram and Regenerate informing them of the total in this account.

Cleaning Up Day: Was a huge success, all six roll offs were filled, 10 pallets of E-Waste, which were picked up the following Monday. The next clean up day will be June 7th, 2025. The hours will be changed to 8:00 AM – Noon. The suggestion was made to place cones up and down 14A to slow traffic.

Highway New Building: Tom Fulkrod – Zoning Officer wanted the discussion in the minutes regarding the set back for this new building. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the 5’ side yard set back (where 15’ is required) . Motion was carried.

New Business:

The 2024 Finger Lakes Railway “PILOT” Distribution check was received in the amount of \$389.35.

Municipal Solutions – Contract for General Financial Services-signature required – resolution below.

Board of Elections presented information on the upcoming even year election transition.

Tax Collector – Final payment to Yates County Treasurer \$1,072,292.80, town penalties received \$4495.83.

Historian: Stephanie Olsen will take on as the History-Genealogy Consultant for the Town of Benton at \$50.00 a month replacing Ellie Parker.

Assessor – Amber Bryan presented her upcoming schooling/training. Amber informed Supervisor Prendergast that due to not being a certified assessor, the revaluation won't be done until 2026.

Water: Town of Torrey report was given to the town board. He stated that there are 11 residents hooked up out of 45 in the district. Grant Downs Reported that the Torrey highway crew will be doing the clean up/landscaping. Once Serenity Road residents are all hooked up, that road will be paved.

Water District 1 & 4:

A Letter was sent out to Water Districts 1 & 4 explaining the water rate increase. The cost went from \$50.00/6000 Gallons, \$5.50/1000 Over the 6000 Gallons to \$60.00/6000 Gallons, \$6.50/1000 over the 6000 Gallons.

Water District # 2:

Attorney Richard Buck presented a letter to the five water partners regarding updating contracts with each partner.

Village of Penn Yan:

A letter of support for funding projects at the water treatment plant has been given to the Village

Water District # 5:

Final cost for WD # 5 to be paid back by the residents is \$95,690.46. A letter has been sent to Rural Development withdrawing the request for funding. Attorney Graff suggest a bank loan which would be plus interest. Supervisor Prendergast proposed that this be funded through the town eliminating the use of a bank. The town board agreed and more fair for the residents of the district. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Thomas Davie to charge WD # 5 customers the \$95,690.46 divided by the 17.5 units over a five year period to be placed on the 2025 Town/County Taxes. Motion was carried.

Highway/Water:

Jayson explained that the start date for billing Torrey O & M will be May 1st, 2024 and will be billed quarterly, along with payroll.

Jayson received two quotes for electrical to the new building. Ray Martin was the lowest. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to accept the bid from Ray Martin in the amount of \$ 3839.90 for the highway building electrical. Motion was carried.

Jayson informed the board that Glenn Martin, contractor for the new building stated he will start construction some time in June/July. He also reported that the new truck was due 6/11/24, then would be shipping to Viking & Oakfield.

Jayson, Tom Fulkrod and Glenn Quackenbush met with a representative for the Yates County Community center. They will possibly be requesting to purchase water from WD # 2 for a new medical building. Jayson informed them, they need to contact the Benton Town Board before any decisions can be made. This building would have a septic and a 6" water line (12 Units) which will be required for fire suppression. Comment was made that the road leading to the Community Center is not a legal road only a lane way. If it isn't a dedicated road no building can be built there.

The new truck will be financed thru Beam Mack, around \$100K. Jayson stated they have been working a culvert on Loree Road. Repaired a small crack in the water line on Route 14.

Zoning:

Tom Fulkrod was absent from the meeting due to a recent surgery.

Resolutions:

#10-2024: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the “Standard Work Day” for the Assessor. New Section 315.4 of the NY Codes Rules and Regulations (Retirement) at 6 Hours/Per Day. Monday, Tuesday, 1/2 days on Wednesday. Term ending 9/30/2025. Receipt of the ROA was received, 14.78 days per month to be reported to the NYS Retirement Center. Motion was carried.

#11-2024: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the Municipal Solutions – Financial Services. Motion was carried.

#12-2024: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to approve authorizing scheduling of a Public Hearing 7/10/24 @ 7:00 PM. Motion was carried.

#13-2024: Motion was made Alan Tomion, seconded by Thomas Davie approving “Order Calling Public Hearing” to consider creation of said district. 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 89-119 Totaling \$15,762.46, General (B) Claims 17-20 Totaling \$990.89, Highway (DA) Claims 37-39 Totaling \$181.05, Highway (DB) Claims 211-214 Totaling \$121,116.88, SW1 Claims 27-30 Totaling \$932.49, SW2 Claims 39-52 Totaling \$17,804.07, SW3 Claims 21-27 Totaling \$883.03, SW4 Claims 7-10 Totaling \$ 579.36. Town Clerk, Highway, Zoning, Water and Bookkeeper reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Motion was carried.

Dated: June 13, 2024

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk, RMC

ADOPTED: July 10th, 2024