

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the 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: Thomas Fulkrod – Zoning Officer, Jayson Hoover – Highway/Water, Bobbi Wolfe – Town Clerk.

No public present.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion was carried. (8/15/24, Terry Button called Clerk Wolfe noting that there was an error on the NYSEG gas line information, it stated that the gas was free and needed to be corrected).

Clerk Wolfe ask that it be noted, thanking Susan Mastronardi for filling in for her during her time off for hip replacement. I know it was a lot to grasp in such a short time, but she did very well.

**Old Business:**

Delaware Solar decommissioning letter will be sent to Dave Ingram

Solar: (Martin & Horning) decommissioning bonds packet. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to forward this packet to attorney Jeff Graff for his review. Town Board requesting a quick response so these projects can begin construction. Motion was carried. Tom Fulkrod, Tom Davie and Glenn Quackenbush were the committee for this project.

**New Business:**

Community Bank – Money Market Proposal & updated on use of a credit/debit card machine. Proposal attached to the minutes. It was stated that the towns' money can be moved to an account with 3% interest without a time frame. The town board will look into this with more information at the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

A meeting in the future with Community Bank regarding the set up for credit/debit card machines. Tom Fulkrod, Tom Davie, Glenn Quackenbush and Bobbi will head this committee.

2025 Budget Meetings: The first meeting will be August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 @ 1:00 PM lunch will be served at 12:30 PM. The second meeting will be set up for September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 5:00 PM prior to the town board meeting.

CardiacLife – Quote for AED: After board discussion, it was decided to decline the offer. Deputy Harper stated there is a lot of training involved to use and AED.

**Assessor:** Presented to the town board continuing education (Appraisal, Principals & Procedures) class that was passed. Amber has also signed up for several future classes in efforts to acquire her assessor certification.

Councilman, Thomas Davie asked to see paperwork for the Town of Torrey contract, including pay and O&M. Clerk Wolfe will present it to him prior to the next meeting.

**Water District # 5:**

A letter will be sent out to the residents of this district explaining the cost of the failed district. The annual charged will begin on their 2025 tax bill. (Letter attached to the minutes).

**Highway/Water:**

Jayson Hoover received quotes for: Garage doors for the new cold storage building and Covert Security. Cedar Lane Door Service (Uninsulated Door) \$ 11622.00, \$14398.00 (Insulated Doors).

Martin Door \$12420.00 (Uninsulated Door), \$14702.00 (Insulated). Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Thomas Davie to approve the purchase of the Insulated Doors with openers from Cedar Lane Door Services in the amount of \$14,398.00. Motion was carried.

Covert Security: Motion was made by Thomas Davie, seconded by Alan Tomion to purchase Fire Detection, Burglary Detection and

Touch Pad not to exceed \$7,000.00. Also to have Coverts place a better camera on the west side of the town hall for a better view of the new cold storage building. Motion was duly put to a vote: AYES: Prendergast, Tomion, Davie and Harper. NOES: Quackenbush. Motion was carried.

Jayson informed the board that the new truck is at Viking – Cab & Chassie. He also stated that the #4 Truck (Jason Conover’s) needs new tires. Motion was made by Thomas Davie, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the purchase of Bridgestone Tires for truck #4 in the amount of \$4099.00. Motion was carried.

Jayson also informed the board of a new water tank company he is using, Utility Service Co Inc – Steel Tank TOV Inspection. Cost for the inspection is \$2200.00. Scope of work attached to the minutes.

A water bill was given to the county for continued construction of the complex.

Jayson also reported, that the Torrey water bill is getting quite hefty for Benton installing the meter pits. Approximately \$10K.

Water accounts are still lower than expected, all down approximately \$20K from previous years.

**Zoning:**

Thomas Fulkrod reported 152 permits so far this year, 2 new houses and a barn. He reported that one project had been shut down due to engineering paper work was needed and not delivered

Generator has been delivered now a cement pad needs to be put down. We will call Ray Martin for the electrical and Hometowne to hook up the propane.

**Resolutions:**

**#16-2024:** Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion approve the Benton Town Board to authorize the Benton Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2024-2025 grant cycle up to \$10,000.00. Motion was carried.

**Monthly Reports & Abstract of Vouchers:**

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the following: General (A) Claims 135-158 Totaling \$87,307.30, General (B) Claims 21-24 Totaling \$421.67, Highway (DA) Claims 45-52 Totaling \$2548.46, Highway (DB) Claims 219-222 Totaling \$79,248.01, SW1- Claims 35-38 Totaling \$623.50, SW2- Claims 64-72 Totaling \$684.62, SW3- Claims 34-38 Totaling \$174.97. Town Cler, Highway/Water, Zoning and Bookkeeper. Motion was carried.

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Richard Harper to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: August 19, 2024  
Bobbi Wolfe  
Benton Town Clerk, RMC

DRAFT