

The Regular Benton Town Board Meeting was held March 12th, 2025 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

Also present: Town Clerk – Bobbi Wolfe, Highway/Water – Jayson Hoover, Thomas Fulkrod - Zoning Officer, Susan Mastronardi – Deputy Clerk.

Open Public Hearing: (Lawrence Property)

Public Present: Matthew Perry, Crystal Tomion, Mr & Mrs Hernandez

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush seconded by Richard Harper to approve the minutes from the February 12th, 2025 Town board meeting as presented with one typo correction ! Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Justice Audit – Richard Harper stated that the audit will be conducted April 22nd, 2025.

Village of Penn Yan Annexation, Benton has not received any official paperwork from the village.

NYSDOT – Havens Corners Road 50 MPH enacted from Route 14A to Lovejoy Road. Yates County already has the new signs to be installed

Cintas – Credit for three months. Supervisor Prendergast contacted Cintas about not receiving service, in turn they gave the town three months credit.

JCAP – Grant has been awarded to Benton in the amount of \$799.95
Once the grant is received, I will order the chairs and a robe for Justice Grace.

Bellona Fire Protection: Payback to Highway DB account. Meghan Kincaid met with John, Holly, Bobbi and Jayson regarding the over charge. Once the rate is figured out a letter and check will be sent to all residents of the Bellon Fire Protection District.

Finger Lakes Institute – Seneca Watershed (Invoice) Town of Benton isn't part of this organization. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion NOT to join and not to fund. Motion was carried. Supervisor Prendergast will send a letter.

Zoning:

Mr & Mrs Hernandez attended the meeting requesting information on the “Junk Yard” next door to them, owned by the DeBrine family. Zoning Officer – Tom Fulkrod contacted the DEC regarding the disarray of the property. Mrs Hernandez stated they were burying all kinds of equipment. Tom reported that the DEC stated they can bury as long as it is on their property. Next step will be a violation with the court. Tom will follow up for the April meeting.

New Business:

NYSDEC - FEMA Local Law for Flood Insurance – Sent to YCPB & Benton PB. Resolution below.

Revenue sharing checks will be mailed March 13' our understanding these checks will be 50% less than last year.

Assessor: Final Score Basic Certification 88%. Congratulations to Amber.

Water District # 7:

Update from Jeremy/CPL: Benton has requested help from the IDA and Claudia Tenney's office acquiring a grant for this district. It was determined by USDA that this district wasn't eligible for a grant. Without a grant it was determined the capital/water cost for one year equaled approximately \$2800-\$3000/Year. Discussion with Jayson Hoover, Highway Supt. to have the highway department install this district at a considerable reduction in construction cost. Jeremy put some figures together: \$1841.00 Capital - \$398.00 Water. Jayson stated it would be an approximate two week project for the 1200'. Supervisor Prendergast stated we need to set up a meeting in May to explain the new price with no grant to see if the residents are still interested. At this point, the district has NOT been created.

Highway/Water

WD # 2 – Proposal for full tank rehab. Jayson presented a quote for \$260,063 for a full rehab plus maintenance. (Proposal is attached to the minutes). Jayson will request two more quotes for the April meeting. Jayson also reported that the town of Potter will be sending a check for the 10-Wheeler they purchased from us in the amount of \$48,500.00.

Previous minutes there was discussion on converting overtime into comp time, capping at 40 Hours. The employees are asking to add more to their comp time. Recommendation from Jayson was to leave it as it. Motion was made by Thomas Davie, seconded by Richard Harper not to put overtime into comp time with a cap of 40 hours. Motion was carried.

Property next door the highway is being sold (Brian Race property) the concern is the town will lose the right of way on the north side of the town barn once is sold After board discussion, they have no desire to purchase this property. Discussion to possibly purchase 50-60' along the ditch line. Alan Tomion will discuss this with Brian Race.

Town of Torrey: Nardoizzi will be bringing a check to cover their water usage during Torrey WD #1 construction.

Zoning:

Letter sent – Steve Hullings regarding the YCPB

Tom Fulkrod reported that there was a “Comprehensive Meeting” Tuesday 3/11, 14 members and 2 guests attended.

Tom reported that the issue Mike Lilyea had with surveys has been resolved.

Training is all done for this year.. NYS Code denied sprinkler systems in new single family homes.

Glenn Quackenbush stated what a great job that George Fisher Tree Services has done. Jayson reported that Fisher tree service cut down 15-16 trees at a cost of \$7500.00 cost affective for the town.

Richard Harper inquired about any liens on the Lawrence Property, Tom explained that any liens would be paid at the time the house goes up for taxes in three years.

Close the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Thomas Davie, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to close the Public Hearing on the Lawrence Property at 830 P.M. Motion was carried

Resolutions:

#08-2025: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the Public Hearing for Local Law # 3 of 2025 – FEMS Flood Insurance. 4/9/25 @ 7:00 PM. Motion was carried.

#09-2025: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve Highway Agreement for Expenditures. Motion was carried.

#10-2025: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the Lawrence Property – approval of demolition. Motion was carried.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers and Reports:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Thomas Davie to approve the following:
General (A) Claims 48-65 Totaling \$9846.17, General (B) Claims 208-209 Totaling \$655.88,
Highway (DA) Claims 19-29 Totaling \$10,789.70, Highway (DB) Claims 203-204 Totaling
\$9559.78, SW1 Claims
60-64 Totaling \$1002.21, SW2 Claims 13-24 Totaling \$17,109.94, SW3 Claims 68-74 Totaling
\$1020.42, SW4 Claims 23-25 Totaling \$262.40.
Town Clerk, Supervisor, Water/Highway and Zoning Reports. Motion was carried

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Thomas Davie seconded by Alan Tomion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35
PM Motion was carried.

Dated: March 13, 2025
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk, RMC