

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held August 13, 2025 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

Also Present: Jayson Hoover – Highway/Water, Bobbi Wolfe – Town Clerk, Amber Bryan – Assessor.

Public Present: Gary Lilyea and Matt 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 July 9th, 2025 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Open the Public Hearing:

Local Law # 4 of 2025 “Temporary Limiting the Use of Certain Town Roads by Vehicles in Excess of Ten Tons” (Bellona Bridge) (Farm Exempt) Project has moved to Spring of 2026.

Assessor: Amber Bryan reported that she had met with ORPS, they informed her that she is all on time with her paperwork. She also brought up the upcoming revaluation and would like to add some information to the website and our FB page informing the public. She also mentioned possibly sending out a letter, there would be a substantial cost to this. Another option would be to send comparables with the new assessment.

Amber also asked if the board had any suggestions on renting a boat to do lakeshore assessments along Seneca. Tom Davie might have some possibilities and will get back to her.

Old Business:

Laserfish: Scanner was delivered and installed 7/15/25, no training and still no date when the box of birth, death and marriage is to be picked up.

Propane pricing: No new quotes, the town board decided to stay with Hometowne Energy.

General Code Publishers: Updated code pages have been delivered for the boards code books.

New Business:

2026 Budget meeting have been set up for August 20th and September 3rd at 1:00 P.M. Clerk Wolfe will advertise them in the 8/16 FLT legals.

Water District # 7:

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Thomas Davie to approve the Assurance Agreement (Condition of Receipt of Federal Financial Assistance). Motion was carried.

Petition Update: We have received 12 signed petitions. We are waiting for one more to come in before they are sent to attorney Graff for his review.

Village of Penn Yan:

Village submitted a 2026 allocation request to Yates County for continued Sales Tax Sharing. (Request for the Town of Benton is \$77,887.14, Yates County Proposal is \$38,943.57. Continued negotiations. 2024 Benton received \$83,634.05, 2025 we received \$40,158.43.

Highway/Water:

Jayson informed the board that he had presented spreadsheets showing anticipated revenues/expense so the town board is aware of where we stand in the water districts.

Also he had Holly prepare a spreadsheet with General Fund expenses and where we stand with these accounts. We need to be watching these accounts at budget time.

Highway: Jayson received pricing for a mower at \$140K and a 550 \$90K he is looking at a Masey Ferguson (2 Wheel Drive). We will sell the 550 but keep the mower and put a broom on it.

Jayson reported that there was a water main break on Coleman Road during a fire on Reed Road in Geneva. This had nothing to do with the fire departments using the water line. Himself and Casey worked on the break until 1:30 AM, went back and fixed it Wednesday morning until 6:30.

Torrey Water: Jayson and Casey will attend Town of Torrey's board meeting the 19th. There is an issue with them installing meter pits on vacant properties which is not cost affective. That would be an approximate additional cost of \$10-12K plus Benton's cost for the installation. Some of these parcels may never be built on.

Village of Penn Yan:

The Town Board again had a discussion on the village paying for time that our zoning officer has been called out for their code issues. A bill will be sent to cover Tom Fulkrod's time.

Lyons Bank: Town savings account have been transferred to Lyons bank from Community, Highway Capital Reserve in the amount of \$134,253 and Delaware Solar \$174,717.19. Interest had not been accrued on these accounts which has been taken care of.

Resolutions:

#19-2025: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Thomas Davie to Approve Local Law # 4 “Temporary Weight Restriction”. Motion was carried

#20-2025: Motion was made by Thomas Davie, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to Approve Amendment to the original contract 6/21/24 WD # 7 for Submission of an application and documents for the (WIIA) grant. Hourly rate of \$168.00, minimum fee of \$2000.00. (Municipal Solutions). Motion was carried

#21-2025: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Thomas Davie to Approve Application for the (WIIA) grant (Water Infrastructure Improvement & Intermunicipal Water Grant Program). Motion was carried.

#22-2025 : Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Thomas Davie to Adopt Resolution to close out the 2024 petition before it can take up the 2025 revised version of WD # 7. Motion was carried.

#23-2025: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to Approve the (5 Year) Indemnification Agreement with Yates County Highway Dept. Motion was carried.

#24-2025: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to Approve the Bond Resolution to be forwarded for the WIIA Grant. Motion was carried.

#25-2025: Motion was made by Thomas Davie, seconded by Alan Tomion to Approve Order Calling Public Hearing for September 10th @ 7:00 P.M. WD # 7. For Creation of this district. Motion was carried.

Close the Public Hearing: Motion was made by Thomas Davie, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to close the LL # 4 Public Hearing. 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 172-194 Totaling \$8918.49, General (B) Claims 227-229 Totaling \$450.05, Highway (DA) Claims 66-73 Totaling \$5558.22, Highway (DB) Claims 221-224 Totaling \$66,058.19, SW1 Claims 78-79 Totaling \$111.82, SW2 Claims 65-73 Totaling \$1031.01, SW3 Claims 91-94 Totaling \$215.94, SW4 Claims 35-37 Totaling \$235.30.

Town Clerk, Supervisor, Highway/Water and Zoning Reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Thomas Davie to adjourn the meeting as of 8:25. Motion was carried.

Dated: August 14th, 2025

Bobbi Wolfe – Benton Town Clerk, RMC

ADOPTED: September 10, 2025