

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held September 10, 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
		Alan Tomion
		Glenn Quackenbush
		Thomas Davie

Also Present: Jayson Hoover – Highway/Water, Thomas Fulkrod – Zoning/Watershed, Bobbi Wolfe – Town Clerk. Jeremy Delyser – Clark, Patterson & Lee (Town Engineer).

Public Present: Attached Attendance Sheet

Supervisor Prendergast opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Thomas Davis to approve the August 13th, 2025 minutes as presented: Motion was duly put to a vote: AYES: Prendergast, Tomion, Quackenbush and Tomion. Abstained: Richard Harper – Absent.

Open the Public Hearing – Water District # 7:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Thomas Davie to open the Public Hearing @ 7:00 PM with Public Comment: Jeremy DeLyser – CPL – Engineer presented the cost for the debt service as \$1841.00, cost of water per year at \$398.00 which can vary. Cost of the project is projected to be \$489,000 at 3.25% RD – Rural Development Loan. This is with the Benton Highway Department completing the construction of this district. Water cost at this time is \$50.00/6000 Gallons, \$5.50/1000 over the 6000 Gallons.

The threshold at the State Comptrollers office right now for this year is \$1101.00, this district will be over the threshold (\$2239.00) Debit and Water combined and will need the State Comptrollers approval to move forward. Generally this approval can take up to six months. Even though the Benton highway will be completing this construction we still need to hire a contractor to bore under the railroad. The railroad is a very lengthy process, and expensive. \$2500.00 just for the application, permit fee of \$12,000 along with a license fee and their own inspectors on the job daily. (These were cost to the most recent water district in T/Torrey).

The town board made it very clear, that once this district is created tonight and possibly fails, the residents in this district will be liable for any money the town has spent so far minus the cost of the Map, Plan and Report.

Ms. Dalton inquired about putting up a retaining wall, Jeremy stated to go ahead and build the wall. Jayson Hoover suggested not to do any paving until the water district is constructed.

Mr. Day, asked if the water line will be a straight line unless something is in the way. Jeremy stated we go in a straight line but can go around objects that are in the way. Supervisor Prendergast asked if there were any more questions. If no more questions: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to close the public hearing at 7:40 P.M. Motion was carried.

RESOLUTION:

#27-2025: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to Approve the Creation of Water District # 7: Motion was carried.

Zoning:

Pre Emption Road Tear Down – after discussion with Meghan Kincaid, Yates County Real Property Director, she state that this invoice can be added to the property taxes for 2026.

Village of Penn Yan call outs for Zoning Officer: The decision was made to not bill the village for time spent by our zoning officer for ***this one call***. As of now their own zoning officer has been called for all calls in the village.

Old Business:

Laserfish: Tim Goff stopped and will be checking on the copying of Birth, Death and Marriage bound books for Benton.

Schoolhouse: (Previous Minutes) Bank balance is \$1375.90 for painting. Jayson and Tom will check with the Yates County Probation Dept on possibly having weekend community service people help out.

New Business:

Solar: Supervisor Prendergast explained that Greenwood sold the Horning and Martin Solar Companies to Aspen, the bonding needs to be back dated to the start date and issue new bonds.

Cyber Shared Services: (EDR) Program. Bob Wixon – SCT stated that we are already covered. Richard Harper will be checking on this with the county.

Highway:

Jayson is getting quotes for mowing tractors – two wheel drive.

There are water updates on expenses.

He also stated that he has enough money in the “CHIPS” fund to cover the roads. A balance of \$22K.

Richard Harper reported issues with farming equipment damaging town/county roads. Town of Milo ¼ mile Himrod and Second Milo Roads, a farmer is being charge \$11K for repairs and Yates County is also sending an invoice. There was also damage on City Hill Road.

RESOLUTION:

#26-2025: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to appoint Amber Bryan as Assessor for a term of 10/1/25 – 9/30/31. Motion was carried.

Monthly Reports and Abstract of Vouchers:

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to approve the following: General (A) Claims 195-206 Totaling \$4703.43, General (B) Claims 230-232 Totaling \$433.41, Highway (DA) Claims \$74.82 Totaling \$3363.38, Highway (DB) Claims 225-228 Totaling \$82,765.88, SW1 Claims 80-81 Totaling \$254.82, SW2 Claims 74.79 Totaling \$1521.19. SW3 Claims 95-97 Totaling \$894.15. Town Clerk, Highway/Water, Zoning/Watershed, Supervisor Reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. Motion was carried.

(2026 Budget Meeting will be held September 17th @ 11:00 AM)

Dated: September 15, 2025

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk, RMC

ADOPTED: October 8th, 2026