

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held October 8th, 2025 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

Also Present: Jayson Hoover – Highway/Water, Thomas Fulkrod – Zoning, Bobbi Wolfe – Town Clerk.

Public Present: Kurt Gilbert

Deputy Supervisor 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 September 10th, 2025 meeting with two corrections. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2025, 2026 Budget meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Schoolhouse Painting: (Previous minutes). Jayson and Tom were going to check with Yates County probation for help painting. They have decided to do it themselves along with the highway employees.

Cyber Shared Services (EDR) Program: Richard Harper will have more information for the November meeting.. Tim Groth (Yates County IT) had been busy with family matters.

YCCR – Legal Fees: The community center has not been billed for legal fees from the annexation. Mr Harper stated he will prepare a letter and we will send along copies of all the legal invoices.

New Business:

Town of Benton OSC: Fiscal Stress – DiNapoli's Office, Point Range Total 35.0 No Designation range 0-44.9.

Excellus – Dental/Vision Plans: Employee participation only –Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Thomas Davie to offer the Vision/Dental Policy at the employee cost. Motion was carried. Packets to be handed out to employees to decide if they want to take the additional policy.

Clark Road Extension: The town received a request from Floyd Lane for the town to take this road over as it is a private road. Jayson Hoover stated that there isn't a turn around at the end of the road and would need one. Also would look at the base before the town did anything, the width, crusher run and believe it to be a soggy base in the spring. This would be up to the town board. The comment was made: wouldn't Mr Lane have to bring that road up to spec's before the town took it over ? After board decisions: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to not proceed with the request. Motion was put to a vote: NO: Thomas Davie, Alan Tomion Abstained: YES: Richard Harper and Glenn Quackenbush. Vote failed. Tabled until the November meeting. Jayson Hoover will look into the cost for stone or paving.

Yates County Highway Building:

The town has been receiving complaints on the highway building lighting. Kurt Gilbert, land owner across the street from the highway building stated that early on, he stated how bright the lighting was. Doug Rapalee was contacted and he stated that O'Connell checked on the lighting was reviewed and determined to not be dimmable. Tom Fulkrod was disappointed that more residents hadn't shown up with all the complaints he was receiving. Richard Harper informed everyone that next Tuesday @ 1:00 10/14/25 Legislative Meeting, to please go there and inform them of this lighting issue.

Discussion on the intersection of Route 14A and Havens Corners Road: There has been another accident there this week. Kurt Gilbert asked if there could be enhanced stop signs placed at that location. The town has tried several times but have been turned down.

Highway/Water:

Jayson Hoover stated that on his 284 Agreement he has added shoulder work is being done on the Hall Road, he stated that he will be paving that road.

Water: Discussion on the possibility of putting a training facility at the Yates County Highway complex involving WD # 2. Emergency Management Coordinator, Brian Winslow needs to have a meeting with Jayson Hoover, water operator. Jayson stated he is in no way against a training facility, it is the use of Benton WD # 2 water.

Zoning:

Tom Fulkrod informed the board that there are two new solar farms (Stuarts) LaBella, they will be on the Planning Board Agenda for 10/28 then to the Solar Committee.

Tom also informed the board that he will be on vacation October 22-29. Dwight James will be filling in for him on zoning and Jayson Hoover will fill in for watershed.

Bellona Cemetery:

A meeting was held October 7th at the Bellona Church regarding the previous care takers retiring. Bob and Phyllis Johnson have decided to retire after 30 some years of taking care of the cemetery. A couple will be taking over along with four new board members.

Resolutions:

#28-2025: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to Authorize Scheduling a Public Hearing for 11/12/25 @ 7:00 PM to Override the Tax Levy for the 2026 Budget. Motion was carried.

#29-2025: Motion was made by Thomas Davie, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to Authorize Scheduling a Public Hearing for 11/12/25 @ 7:00 PM for the 2026 Budget. Motion was carried.

#30-2025: Motion was made by Thomas Davie, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to Authorize Scheduling a Public Hearing for 11/12/25 @ 7:00 PM for Benton, Bellona, West Lake Road and Penn Yan Fire Contracts. Motion was carried.

#31-2025: Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Thomas Davie to Authorize Scheduling a Public Hearing for 11/12/25 @ 7:00 PM for the Special Water Districts 1-4. 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 207-228 Totaling \$9286.69, General (B) Claims 233-234 Totaling \$82.93, Highway (DA) Claims 83-87 Totaling \$432.99, Highway (DB) Claims 229-236 Totaling \$95,438.53, SW1- Claims 82-88 Totaling \$7415.50, SW2- Claims 80-96 Totaling \$19,043.47, SW3- Claims 98-107 Totaling \$12,167.22, SW4- Claim 38 Totaling \$124.00. Town Clerk, Highway/Water, Zoning and Supervisor reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Thomas Davie to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Motion was carried.

Dated: October 9, 2025

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk, RMC