

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held January 14, 2026 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

Board Present:	Supervisor	Thomas Davie
	Councilmen	Glenn Quackenbush, Deputy
		Richard Harper
		Alan Tomion
		Bruce Kerrick

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

Public Present: Matthew Perry

Supervisor Davie opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval:

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush seconded by Richard Harper to approve the minutes from the December 10th, 2025 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Highway:

Jayson reported that there was an incident at 1645 Twin Oaks Drive – resident, Robert Pierce with a damaged mailbox. (Mr. Pierce did not show up to the meeting). Jayson stated that he was certain that he did not hit the mailbox, but the snow from the plow did cause the damage. Jayson presented several pictures of the area showing the plow did not hit the box. Tom Fulkrod accompanied Jayson when he visited Mr. Pierce and stated that he (Mr. Pierce was very nasty, yelling, Jayson never raised his voice but couldn't get a word in edgewise. Town policy states that if the plow hits the mailbox, the town will replace it.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Clerk Wolfe requested a proposal from Dailey Electric for annual maintenance on the two split systems. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Bruce Kerrick to approve the proposal plus adding the highway split system to the proposal. Motion was carried.

Senior Citizens Exemption from 50% up to 65% is being looked at. We are waiting for the final Local Law from Yates County before the board moves ahead.

Grant Opportunity: (ESD Infrastructure Grant) – the town board needs to look into this for the proposed tank maintenance. Applications are due by 2/20/26 @ 5:00 PM. Also this is a 50/50 grant.

Website:

Richard Harper stated we need new photos for the website. Also, he is working on the new email .gov, he needs to contact SCT for an upgrade.

Water District # 7:

The town applied for a grant from WIIA, we were notified 12/19/25 that the town was not selected to receive the award during this round. The town can reapply in the next offering of the program.

Highway/Water:

Jayson reported that he was \$43,664.00 under budget for 2025. He presented quotes for the F600 to replace F550 from Friendly Ford – State Bid. Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to approve the purchase of the F600 in the amount of \$97,448.68. motion was carried.

Jayson also reported that there are issues with the (2) bay heat exchange. This is being checked on. Still using the waste oil furnace.

Water: We are having issues with our handheld reading system, we used the Town of Seneca's laptop to read our December billing. We are looking at upgrading to a laptop, SCT has upgraded and cleaned out an old laptop the office had. Jayson will be negotiating with Badger to upgrade the system.

Zoning:

Tom Fulkrod reported 242 Permits, 41 Short Term Rentals for 2025. He stated that his Zoning training will be done online this year.

Tom reported on a solar meeting with himself, Tom Davie and Glenn Quackenbush. Stating no bond, cash up front Host Community Agreement, \$35K annually.

Tom also printed out some paperwork on do's and don't on voting down solar projects. Three projects have already been approved, now turning down a solar project would be discrimination. These properties do not have prime farmland. County law does not say you can't put solar on prime farmland.

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Bruce Kerrick approving petty cash for the zoning department in the amount of \$100.00. Motion was carried.

WD # 1:

Discussion on movement of money in Water District # 1 – more information for the Feb mtg.

Resolutions:

#1-2026: Motion was made by Bruce Kerrick, seconded by Richard Harper to approve Thomas Davie, Glenn Quackenbush and Bobbi Wolfe as check signers at Lyons National Bank. Motion was carried. (Removing John Prendergast and Richard Harper)

#2-2026: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Bruce Kerrick to appoint Glenn Quackenbush as the Deputy Supervisor. Motion was carried.

#3-2026: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Alan Tomion to appoint Mindy Johnson to the PB and ZBA secretary for a one year term. Motion was carried.

#4-2026: Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Alan Tomin to approve Thomas Davie, Glenn Quackenbush and Bobbi Wolfe as check signers for Community Bank N.A. motion was carried. (Removing John Prendergast and Richard Harper).

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers & Reports:

Motion was made by Alan Tomion, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following Abstract of Vouchers and Reports: Town Clerk – Zoning (Monthly and Yearly Reports), Highway, Bookkeeper. Motion was carried.

Abstract # 13: SW1 Claims 95-96 Totaling \$196.90, SW2 Claims 121-123 Totaling \$129.00, SW3 Claim 116 Totaling \$25. General (A) Claims 368-372 Totaling \$3122.78.

Abstract # 14:

General (A) Claims 373-386 Totaling \$6410.26, General (B) Claims 242-244 Totaling \$218.41, Highway (DA) Claims 111-129 Totaling \$21,997.01, SW1 Claims 98-99 Totaling \$4172.10, SW2 Claims 124-127 Totaling \$441.62, SW3 Claims 117-120 Totaling \$5906.85, SW4 Claim 44 Totaling \$2967.25.

Abstract # 1 – 2026:

General (A) Claims 1-15 Totaling \$43,085.31

General (B) Claim 400 Totaling \$42.97

SW2 Claims 1-2 Totaling \$820.80

SW3 Claim 1 Totaling \$ 273.21

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Bruce Kerrick, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: January 21, 2026

Bobbi Wolfe – Benton Town Clerk, RMC

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