

The Regular Town Board Meeting was held February 11th, 2026 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

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

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

Public Present: Grant Downs – Town of Torrey, Crystal Tomion

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Bruce Kerrick to approve the minutes from the January 14th, 2026 meeting as presented. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Wd # 1 – previous minutes discussion on the money to be moved \$37,012.83, no decision was made. (Transfer from the reserve to the savings will correct this!)

Supervisor’s Report: Discussion on all the negative amounts showing on the report. The board would like explanations. The board is requesting that Holly be at the next board meeting to get all these questions answered.

Richard Harper reported that he had talked to Bob @ SCT computers regarding the email movement to .Gov he stated we will keep both domains including the .us the new email will end NY.gov.

New Business:

The town received the 2026 Empire Pipeline “PILOT” distribution in the amount of \$61,194.39. The town will receive this for the next 9 years.

USDA – requested permission for annual placement of traps for invasive inspect. Resolution below.

Grant: Any interest in the infrastructure grant thru the county is due by 2/20/26. Possibly submit WD #2 Tank Maintenance proposal.

Bellona Fire Protection & District:

Residents in the Bellona Fire Protection District overpaid on their 2026 Town/County Taxes. Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to reimburse these residents with a check.

Water District # 2:

Yates County EDU's were to be reduced from 12 to 8, which apparently didn't get changed in the file for the 2026 Town/County Taxes. Correction will be made on the 2027 taxes. (Town Board needs to be more active in Water Districts at budget time.)

Grant Downs-Town of Torrey: Grant would like to meet with Stephane Olsen (Benton's Historian) regarding 175 Anniversary of Town of Torrey. Possibly see if Benton has any information on the town's being split into their own towns.

Highway/Water:

Jayson Hoover reported to the board that the waste oil furnace is working now but showing its age. He would like to add a heater, he has gotten three quotes for gas heater infrared heat tubes. He hopes the waste oil furnace will get us thru this winter.

Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to purchase the infrared Heaters thru Penn Yan Supply in the amount of \$2886.57. Motion was carried.

Jayson also presented proposals for brush grinding from two different companies. Green Renewable \$11,150, and Prestons - \$37,800. He explained that we don't need to do this right now. Town board suggested he contact D&L here in Benton, also to call DEC to see if these brush piles can be burnt.

Zoning:

Tom Fulkrod received information from the Shein Housing Foundation, which includes an application for lower income residents for several services. Tom informed "Adult Protective Services" of this service to help with repairs.

Solar Update: They have agreed on \$40K annual payment in the "Host Community Agreement". There will be a public hearing February 24, at that time there will be a Benton Planning Board vote. This is a permitted site plan approval.

Resolutions:

#5-2026: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush seconded by Richard Harper to approve the annual placement of traps thru the USDA. Motion was carried.

Monthly Abstract of Vouchers & Reports:

Motion was made by Richard Harper seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to approve the following: General (A) Claims 16-34 Totaling \$10,978.79, General (B) Claims 401-406 Totaling \$1408.48, Highway (DA) Claims 2-14 Totaling \$7746.55, SW1- Claims 1-2 Totaling \$717.15, SW2- Claims 3-10 Totaling \$2395.43, SW3- Claims 2-7 Totaling \$936.70, SW4- Claim 1 Totaling \$191.50. Town Clerk, Highway, Zoning and Bookkeeper Reports. Motion was carried.

Adjournment:

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

Dated: February 12, 2026

Bobbi Wolfe

Benton Town Clerk, RMC

ADOPTED: March 11th, 2026