

**Town of Independence
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2016**

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on April 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm for the regular monthly meeting

Present: Supervisor Reichman; Council: Meunier, Acomb, Howe; Town Clerk, Cindy Welch, Deputy Clerk, Jasmine Bledsoe; Police, PJ Sherman; Highway Superintendent, Dennis Graves.
Absent: Council Waters. •

Visitors: one WCS student

Supervisor Reichman called the regular meeting to order.

A motion to approve the March 10th, 2016 minutes was made by Council Acomb seconded by Council Howe with all approving. A motion to approve the March 22nd, 2016 Special Meeting minutes was made by Council Acomb seconded by Council Meunier with all approving. A motion to approve the March 29th Special Meeting minutes was made by Council Howe seconded by Council Meunier with all approving.

Denny Graves, Highway Superintendent gave the highway report:

Work: completed excavator chipper work; pothole repairs on Harrigan Rd. and the dirt roads; ditching on Spicer Rd.; cutting brush; serviced all trucks for the summer; replaced the universal on the loader with the drive shaft/carrier bearing still needing to be replaced; completed the 8 Ton sign replacement project; stockpiled gravel needed to complete the Spicer Road project.

Fuel Report:

Gas:	Usage: 172.9 gals.	Purchased: 433 gallons	Tank Measurement: 26 1/4"
Fuel:	Usage: 1236 gals.	Purchased: 1105 gallons	24 1/8"

Discussion was held regarding the online auction results with a motion to accept all bids made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Meunier with all approving. Superintendent Graves will submit final transaction papers to the Town Clerk.

Superintendent Graves reported Trash Days will be held on June 13th, 2016. Clerk to advertise.

At this time the Town Board congratulated P.J. Sherman for receiving the Top Cop NYS Award.

PJ reported the new radar has been installed in the police car; also reported that he assisted the Whitesville Central School with establishing and applying for a "School Zone".

Water Department: Supervisor Reichman reported the next Water Advisory Board Meeting will be held on May 2nd, 2016. Discussion was held regarding hiring a part time, as needed, worker to work with Water Superintendent, Dick Waters. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Meunier to hire Walter Wynn at \$10.00/hr. All approving.

Supervisor Reichman reported:

- STW is still working on the website
- received the latest draft regarding the cell tower contract

The Town Clerk presented the board with the NYS Retirement Standard Workday Reporting Resolution with **Resolution #4-2016 - NYS Retirement Reporting Resolution** being offered by

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Council Howe, moved upon by Supervisor Reichman. Clerk called a roll vote with all votes yes. Clerk to post for the required time and then file with NYS Retirement. (*Resolution in its entirety in Resolution Book*)

Discussion was held regarding the old voting machine with the Clerk declaring she had spoken with the Board of Elections and the Town is allowed to discard of it. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman , seconded by Council Howe to discard the machine. All approving. The board asked Superintendent Denny Graves if they could remove it and take it to the junk yard. He replied they would.

Discussion was held regarding the old copy machine and the need to de-clutter the Town Hall. The Clerk suggested that perhaps the Independence Historical Society could use it. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman , seconded by Council Meunier to donate the old copier to the IHS, to be taken off premise. All approving.

After the bills were reviewed a motion was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Acomb to pay abstracts #4-2016 in the following amounts and vouchers:

General:	vouchers#	44-63	\$10532.69
Highway:		60-82	\$28090.58
Water:		24-31	\$1233.52
St. Light:		4	\$ 665.03

The Town Clerk, Financials, Justice, Police, DCO reports were reviewed by all.

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Acomb with all approving.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Cindy Welch, Town Clerk

