

**Town of Independence
Regular Meeting
Public Hearing
August 11th, 2016**

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on August 11th, 2016 at 7:00 pm for a Public Hearing and the regular monthly meeting. The Public Meeting had been duly advertised in the form of legal notice and posting on the Town Clerk signboard.

Present: Supervisor Jeri Reichman; Council: Acomb, Meunier, Waters, Howe; Town Clerk, Cindy Welch; Deputy Clerk, Jasmine Bledsoe; Highway Superintendent, Dennis Graves.

Visitors: Monica Dean, Exec. Director of AHPC; three area residents.

Supervisor Reichman called the public meeting to order. Monica Dean spoke to the board requesting permission for Andover Historic Pres. Corp. (AHPC) to apply for a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of the town of Independence and act as sub-recipient. She explained the grant would be for housing rehabilitation, i.e. foundation, heating, septic, and all health and safety issues. The Public Hearing was declared closed by Supervisor Reichman at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Reichman called the regular meeting to order. A motion to approve the July 14th, 2016 minutes was made by Council Howe, seconded by Council Waters with all approving.

Upon discussion of AHPC applying for a CDBG grant for the town of Independence, **Resolution #7- 2016 Authorization for AHPC to Apply to the Office of Community Renewal for Grant Monies for the Town of Independence** was offered by Council Howe, moved upon by Supervisor Reichman. Clerk called for a roll vote with all votes yes.

At this time Town Clerk, Cindy Welch, thanked and commended Deputy Clerk, Jasmine Bledsoe for the fine job she did during Cindy's time off for surgery.

West Union resident, Donalea Lewis approached the board to ask if the town could mow and make repairs to the South Hill Cemetery. Discussion was held with the supervisor giving her contact information for the NYS Cemetery Board. Further, the board stated that due to liability issues they could not perform work there.

Denny Graves, Highway Superintendent, gave the Highway Report:

Fuel Report:

Gas: purchased:	250 gals	used: 164.1 gals.	Tank Measurement: 27 1/2"
Diesel:	1300.1 gals.	826.7	32 3/4"

Work report: assisted towns of Willing and West Union; replaced pipe, shoulder work and graveling on Casey Road; graveled Casey, Schoolhouse roads; blacktopped Paynesville Hill Rd.; ditching on Forsythe Road; shoulder work on Hawks road; replaced pipe on Teeter and tree removal. Fire Hydrants, fuel tanks and some guide rails have all been painted by the Otis Eastern workers at no charge to the town.

Equipment work: 2015 Peterbilt needed new hoist cylinder; repair hydraulics and window in the John Deere Tractor; replaced brake cable in grader.

Superintendent Graves also reported: he submitted CHIPS paperwork that reflects \$94915; quote for sealing Town Hall parking lot from Shuttleworth \$550. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Waters to approve the sealing of the Town Hall parking lot by Shuttleworth for \$550. Motion carried by all.

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Superintendent Graves reported he would like to place the old fiberglass brine tank, the roller and old unusable parts on the auction site. Discussion was held regarding values, etc. with Council Meunier stating he would like to see the items before making a decision. A motion was made by Council Howe seconded by Supervisor Reichman to put the items for sale with the allotment at no less than \$135 - brine tank, \$2500 - roller, \$70 parts. Motion passed with Council Meunier voting no, all others voting yes.

Supervisor Reichman reported the Water Advisory Board met on August 8th with the topics of discussion being cross connection control. Letters explaining the necessity will be mailed to business owners.

Also reported: Vertical Wire is waiting on EPA findings; Kevin LaForge is going to submit a quote for demolishing the Double D building and the Fitzpatrick building on Main Street. Information to be used if the Town were to acquire ownership.

At this time the Clerk read the resignation of Town Historian, Roger Easton effective at the end of 2016. Resignation accepted with regret by the board.

The 2016-2019 County Snow and Ice Contract was reviewed with a motion to accept offered by Council Howe seconded by Council Meunier and approved by all.

Justice, Police, Financial, and Clerk reports reviewed by all.

Bills reviewed by all and motion made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Acomb and approved by all to pay abstracts #8-2016 in the following amounts:

General	Voucher #'s 116-127	\$4165.89
Water	57-63	\$2149.96
Highway	143-155	\$17926.28
St. Light	#8	\$573.01

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier, approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Cindy Welch/ Town Clerk

