

**Town of Independence
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2016**

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on February 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm for the regular monthly meeting

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

Visitors: Two WCS students.

Supervisor Reichman called the regular meeting to order.

A motion to approve the January 14th, 2016 minutes was made by Council Acomb seconded by Council Howe with all approving.

Denny Graves, Highway Superintendent gave the highway report:

Work: plowing, sanding, hauling sand, fixed shoulder on Hawks Rd., ditching on Casey Road, potholes on Schoolhouse Rd.

Equipment: 2004 Sterling- repaired box, replaced muffler rebuilt the spare spinner. 2004 Peterbilt -repaired lights, spinner, rear axle spring u-bolts and saddle clamps.

Fuel Report:

Gas:	Usage:96.6 gallons	Purchased:	0 gallons	Tank Measurement:	1'8 1/2"
Fuel:	Usage: 1248	Purchased:	1020 gallons		3'1 1/2"

Discussion was held regarding the 2016 Allegany County Mutual Aid Agreement with **Resolution #2-2016 - Resolution Approving the Mutual Aid Agreement between the Municipalities of Allegany county , NY** being offered by Supervisor Reichman, moved upon by Council Howe with all votes yes. Clerk to submit the signed paperwork.

Discussion was again held concerning purchasing a new plow truck. Denny reported the previously discussed Peterbilt was not approved in the NYS Bidding and supplied board members with information on a 2017 International that is listed on the Onondaga bid#7823. After discussion, **Resolution #3-2016- Resolution to Purchase a 2017 International Truck with Henderson Plow Equipment by \$100,000 Statutory Bond Installment and \$70576.12 from the Highway Equipment Fund** was offered by Supervisor Reichman, moved upon by Council Waters. Clerk call a roll vote, all voting yes. Board directed the clerk to contact the attorney to have the Bond paperwork drawn up.

Discussion was held concerning the need for a Board of Assessment Review member. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman to appoint Tim Putnam to the B.A.R. No second to the motion was offered and the matter was tabled until the March 10th meeting.

Discussion was held concerning the 2016 contract with Independence Emergency Squad (I.E.S.) with a motion to sign the contract made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Waters and approved by all.

At this time Supervisor Reichman stated that to help clarify previous questions in regard to the positions of Bookkeeper, Water Rent Collector, RMO and Town Clerk , the Clerk had prepared packets of old minutes and resolutions of organizations that substantiated the positions had always been positions. Board members reviewed the packets.

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The yearly audit of the Town Clerk books, the Water Dept. books, and the Bookkeeping books was performed at this time. Also, the Clerk stated the Annual Financial Report had been completed and submitted and presented a copy for board review.

The Town Clerk, Financial, Justice, CEO and Police reports were reviewed by all.

After the bills were reviewed a motion was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Howe to pay abstracts #2-2016 in the following amounts and vouchers:

General:	vouchers#	12-27	\$8315.33
Highway:		21-38	\$17725.19
Water:		8-16	\$1371.69
St. Light:		2	\$ 757.16

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Waters and carried by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Cindy Welch, Town Clerk

