

**TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE  
Regular Meeting  
January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 for the monthly board meeting.

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

Supervisor Reichman called the meeting to order.

A motion to approve the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes was made by Council Acomb seconded by Council Waters. Motion carried by all. A motion to approve the December 22, 2015 minutes was made by Council Howe seconded by Council Acomb and approved by all.

Highway Superintendent, Denny Graves gave the highway report:

Gas: Usage: 106.7 gallons Purchased: 0 gallons Tank Measurement: 1'7 1/2"

Fuel: Usage: 939.9 Purchased: 691 gallons 26"

Work report: Cold patch, a new kind, on Pleasant Valley. Denny explained this was done to help alleviate the water runoff from South Hill onto Alan Maynard's property; hauling salt and sand; cold patch on town roads; ditching on Old county Road; plowing and equipment repairs.

Discussion was held regarding the need for a single axle dump truck (*see 12/10/15 minutes*). Denny reported on what was available under the new state bid rules, i.e., the truck companies send their bids to the state, if state approves, we can legally purchase.

International - \$101,000 minus \$2000 if manual transmission

Peterbilt -\$102,000 minus \$4000 if manual transmission.

Steel boxes cost \$72500, with Denny stating the Viking boxes are better than the Tenco. Henderson box -\$74,500

Discussion was held, the Clerk reported the Highway Equipment Fund has \$220,700. A motion was made by Council Howe to purchase the single axle Peterbilt, manual transmission and the Henderson Box with financing to be by \$70,000 from the Equipment Fund and \$100,000 Statutory Installment Bond. Motion seconded by Council Acomb. All votes yes.

Further discussion was held concerning equipment needs ; flail mower, approximate cost \$10,000-12000, loader and a grader.

Water Department: 1/4" leak was found and repaired on Park St. and another leak just located at 602 Main St. today.

The Clerk reported that an area resident [REDACTED] inquired concerning paying St. Light tax on two of his parcels and both of [REDACTED] parcels, further stating he did not feel they were in the St. Light District. Clerk further reported she had spoken with Allegany Co. Real Property Tax Department and presented the board with parcel maps of the properties. All board members agreed the properties were partially or fully within the boundaries and should be taxed as such.

The Clerk presented the proposed yearly retainer agreement from Attorney David Pullen with a motion by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Howe to sign the retainer agreement. Motion carried by all.

The Clerk presented the yearly Corpro Service Agreement for review with a motion to have the basic , Plan C for \$715 for 2016. Motion carried by all.

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The Clerk presented the yearly bookkeeping schedule and the policies and procedures statement for board review.

Supervisor Reichman made a motion to enter into Executive Session for a personnel matter.

Upon re entering regular session, a motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Howe to amend the 2016 Resolution of Organization in the following: Water District Superintendent yearly salary to be changed to reflect \$4050.00. Water Advisor Board: add Bill Meunier. All votes yes.

Council Meunier had questions regarding how long had Bookkeeper to the Supervisor, Water Collector, and RMO been positions. The Clerk explained bookkeeper and water collector had long been positions and that RMO (Records Management Officer) was a position created in 2002 as a recommendation of the NYS grant reviewers that awarded to the town a Records Management grant written and submitted by the Town Clerk.

At this time the board audited and signed the 2015 Justice books.

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 Waters to pay abstracts #1-2016 in the following amounts and vouchers:

General:	vouchers# 1-11	\$3471.39
Highway:	1-20	\$11649.19
Water:	1-7	\$1712.08
St. Light:	1	\$ 715.01

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Cindy Welch, Town Clerk

