

**Town of Independence
Regular Meeting
June 9th, 2016**

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on June 9th, 2016 at 7:00 pm for the regular monthly meeting

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

Visitors: Two WCS students

Supervisor Reichman called the regular meeting to order.

A motion to approve the May 12, 2016 minutes was made by Council Waters seconded by Council Howe with all approving.

Denny Graves, Highway Superintendent gave the highway report:

Work report: patching on Harris, Forsythe, Hallsport-Independence, South Hill, Pleasant Valley roads; cleaning shoulders on Fulmer Valley and Spicer roads; ditching on Nye and Hallsport-Independence roads. Assisted Town of Willing for one day.

Equipment report: Purchased a welder, portable generator and brine tank. Repairs to the 2015 Peterbilt brake chamber; installed chipper bar to the 2004 Sterling; worked on the brine tank.

Also reported: attended a Hazard Mitigation meeting; all items have sold that were placed on the Auctions International site.

Fuel Report:

Gas:	Usage: 203 gals.	Purchased:	180 gallons	Tank Measurement:	22"
Fuel:	Usage: 803 gals.	• Purchased:	420 gallons		31 1/2"

Graves discussed the need for a new 12' trailer for general use purposes and quotes with board. Upon reviewing quotes, the lowest was from Morgan's Tailor in the amount of \$5,875. A motion to purchase was made by Council Acomb, seconded by Council Meunier, and approved by all.

Supervisor Reichman and Council Meunier report that they had met with Tim Steed from Hunt Engineers regarding Independence Town Water and chemical change options. Steed will be conducting further studies on the water in order to recommend further options.

Supervisor Reichman reported that Maurice Mullen, with a Class C license, will be monitoring the daily paperwork and numbers for the town water dept. while Dick Waters is out of town for a short time in June.

Supervisor Reichman reported that the attorney is waiting on a finalized copy of the Vertical Wire contract.

Clerk Welch read CEO report. Board discussed.

Supervisor Reichman reported that the Teamster negotiations will need to begin in the near future. Council Meunier and Council Acomb will be part of the negotiation committee.

Council Acomb reported that Dean Lewis had scraped and painted the Cryder Creek Monument on his own. Board recognized and will be sending acknowledgement.

Council Meunier asked about painting the fire hydrants in town. Supervisor Reichman will inquire.

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SPCA Contract Agreement discussed. Motion to sign made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier, and approved by all.

Inquiries have been made to the town on whether or not they would like two separate adjacent properties donated for town use that are currently in disrepair. Board discussed and would like estimates on the cost of tearing down current structures to make a more informed decision. A motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Howe, and approved by all to get these estimates.

Clerk Welch reported that she had received the Tentative equalization rate report which is 100%.

Board discussed getting a recorder added onto the security system for the Clerk's office due to select patrons this last year. Officer Sherman to get quote.

Supervisor Reichman made a motion, seconded by Council Howe, and approved by all to enter into executive session due to litigation issues.

Motion made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Howe, and approved by all to exit executive session.

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 #6-2016 in the following amounts:

General	Voucher #'s 77-95	\$3,428.07
Water	39-48	\$3,879.95
Highway	101-121	\$96,077.82
Highway Equipment Fund	1-3	\$7,764.15

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Cindy Welch/ Town Clerk
Jasmine Bledsoe/ Deputy Town Clerk

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