

**Town of Independence
Regular Meeting
May 12th, 2016**

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on May 12th, 2016 at 7:00 pm for the regular monthly meeting

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

Visitors: Five WCS students

Supervisor Reichman called the regular meeting to order.

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

Denny Graves, Highway Superintendent gave the highway report:

Work: grading Pete Road; ditching on Spicer, Harrigan and Fulmer Valley roads; pothole repairs on South Hill, Spicer and Roeske roads; Assisted Wellsville on two days; replaced cross pipe on the intersection of Roeske Road and Fulmer Valley Road.

Equipment: replaced air tank on the 2003 Peterbilt; repaired tarp on the 2004 Sterling; cleaning trucks and oiling chains, removed wings.

Also reported he is working on the FEMA Hazard Mitigation renewal; applied for \$26,877.69 of the 1st quarter CHIPS payment; applied for and received BUD and Transporter permits; and reported on the dangers regarding parking on Harrigan Road during sports events, and the inability for Emergency Vehicles to get through.

Fuel Report:

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| Gas: | Usage: 148.6 gals. | Purchased: | 149.4 gallons | Tank Measurement: | 25 1/2" |
| Fuel: | Usage: 255.4 gals. | Purchased: | 878.2 gallons | | 31 1/2" |

Water Department:

Supervisor Reichman reported the Advisory Board met on May 2nd, 2016. They discussed treatment chemicals and the removal of some trees that are blocking the transmission signal and others that are too close to the fencing.

The Clerk presented the board with two written quotes: True Cut Tree Service --\$2350 and Select Logging and Tree Care --\$1750. A motion was made by Council Meunier seconded by Council Waters to award the job to Select Logging. Approved by all.

The Clerk presented the 2015 Annual Water Quality Report to board members and reported it was approved by the Allegany County Health Department for distribution.

The Clerk read a request for donation from WAW/Whitesville Youth Soccer/Jasmine and Scott Bledsoe. Upon discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Acomb to donate \$250.00 for equipment for the youth soccer league. Motion approved by all.

After the bills were reviewed a motion was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Acomb to pay abstracts #5-2016 in the following amounts and vouchers:

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| General: | vouchers# | 64-74 | \$7417.01 |
| Highway: | | 83-100 | \$14601.71 |
| Water: | | 32-38 | \$1092.19 |
| St. Light: | | 5 | \$ 631.13 |

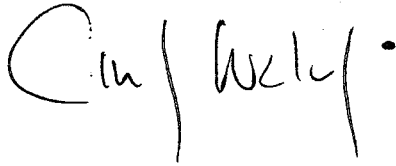
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The Town Clerk, Financials, Justice, Police, DCO and CEO reports were reviewed by all.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Cindy Welch, Town Clerk

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