

**Town of Independence
Regular Meeting
October 20th, 2016**

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on October 20th, 2016 at 7:00 pm for a the regular monthly meeting.

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

Visitors: Eight WCS students

Supervisor Reichman called the regular meeting to order. A motion to approve the September 8th, 2016 minutes was made by Council Acomb, seconded by Council Waters with all approving.

Denny Graves, Highway Superintendent, gave the Highway Report:

Work report: shouldering on Harrigan, Grantier, Heselton, Hallsport-Independence, Snow, South Hill, Harris and Graves roads. Hauled gravel; trimmed trees; sign work; cold patching; mowed roadsides; graded Peet road.

Equipment report: had the engine pulled and oil leak fixed on the grader.

Fuel Report:

Gas: purchased:	192 gals	used: 159.7 gals.	Tank Measurement: 37"
Diesel:	585.5 gals.	192 gals	39 1/2"

Denny also reported we received \$6304.54 from an area resident's insurance company for road damage.

Discussion was held concerning Teater Road and the work recently done. No action taken.

Water District: it was reported that New York State and the County are not enforcing the Backflow prevention and therefore letters are not being sent to area businesses at this time.

The clerk presented the board with the list of delinquent water rentals to be levied onto taxes per Town Law Section 198 (d). **Resolution #10-2016 Resolution to Levy Unpaid Water Rentals onto Taxes** was offered by Council Howe, moved upon by Council Meunier. Clerk called a roll vote with all votes Yes. Clerk to submit to the County.

Supervisor Reichman reported on the following:

- District III meeting -Willing on October 27th, at 7:00 p.m.
- Trick and Treating will be held on October 31st -6:00 - 8:00.
- Budget workshop set for October 25th at 5:00 p.m.
- Letter received from Darwin Fanton, president of the Fulmer Valley Cemetery of their intent to abandon the cemetery. Action and report to follow.

Discussion was held concerning the Resolution of Abandonment from Hillside Cemetery Association that was received at the September 8th, 2016 meeting with **Resolution #11-2016 - Resolution to accept the conveyance of Hillside Cemetery** offered by Council Waters, moved upon by Council Acomb. Clerk called a roll vote with all votes Yes.

The Clerk spoke to the Board regarding a Veterans Grant currently being administered by Andover Historic Preservation Corp. explaining that the grant was to assist income eligible

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veterans with housing accommodation improvements. Clerk asked board members to please pass the information to any veterans they may know and have them contact AHPC.

Police, Financial, and Clerk reports reviewed by all.

Bills reviewed by all and motion made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Howe and approved by all to pay abstracts #10-2016 in the following amounts:

General	Voucher #'s 138-153	\$4272.65
Water	76-81	\$1820.01
Highway	175-203	\$131266.31
St. Light	#10	\$620.38

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Acomb, approved by all.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Cindy Welch/ Town Clerk

