

**Town of Independence
Regular Meeting
Public Hearing
September 8th, 2016**

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on September 8th, 2016 at 7:00 pm for a Public Hearing and the regular monthly meeting. The Public Meeting had been duly advertised in the form of legal notice and posting on the Town Clerk signboard.

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

Visitors: Monica Dean, Exec. Director of AHPC; six WCS students, Kate Hollis as Assemblyman liason for Joe Giglio, and Richard Hollis.

Supervisor Reichman called the public meeting to order. Monica Dean spoke to the board regarding submission by Andover Historic Pres. Corp. (AHPC) of the Community Development Block Grant on behalf of the town of Independence. She requested support letters from the supervisor and board. She further stated the grant application would be for \$400,000. With no further questions or comments the Public Hearing was declared closed by Supervisor Reichman at 7:15 p.m.

Supervisor Reichman called the regular meeting to order. A motion to approve the August 11th, 2016 minutes was made by Council Acomb, seconded by Council Waters with all approving.

Denny Graves, Highway Superintendent, gave the Highway Report:

Fuel Report:

Gas: purchased:	236.7 gals	used: 129.6 gals.	Tank Measurement: 34 1/2"
Diesel:	1211.9 gals.	1025.7 gals	43 1/2"

Work report: assisted towns of Wellsville, Andover, Alma and Willing; Roughed out and widened Teater Road, cut trees on Teater Road, clean up on Teater Road, gravel on Teater Road. Repair/Replace signs town wide; Shoulder work on Spicer, Harrigan and Heselton roads; graveled Pete Road, ditching on US Schoolhouse Road; Repairs to damage on Spicer Road.

Equipment work: repair hydraulics on the 2004 Sterling, took the John Deere in for repairs.

Board held discussion concerning Teater Road, Superintendent Graves reported he took down the Seasonal Signage. No action taken by the board at this time.

Upon further discussion of roads, it was stated that the DOT needed a formal resolution regarding the abandonment of a section of Grantier Road that has been closed for many years. **Resolution #8-2016 - Resolution to Abandon .23 miles of Grantier Road** was offered by Council Waters, moved upon by Supervisor Reichman. Clerk called for a roll vote, all votes yes with Council Howe absent.

Supervisor Reichman reported on the Water Department stating that at the Advisory Board meeting discussion was held concerning notifying applicable businesses of their need for installing cross control protection equipment.

The board expressed their appreciation for Maurice Mullen's assistance in the Water Department.

The Clerk reported that the annual Cathodic Inspection performed by Corrpro resulted in a very good report this year with no warnings or repairs necessary.

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The Clerk ask for a resolution to extend the Filing Date for delinquent water bills stating NYS Town Law date of September 20th is unfair to the customers since the Town has a September 1st billing date. **Resolution #9-2016 -Resolution to Extend the Filing Date** was offered by Supervisor Reichman moved upon by Council Meunier. Clerk called for a roll vote with all votes yes; Howe absent.

Supervisor Reichman reported on the following:

- Teamsters negotiations will commence soon
- no estimates received regarding the cost of demolition of the vacant Main St. buildings
- no EPA report received from Vertical Wire
- Budget workshop September 13th at 5:00 pm
- Denny Graves and Jim Smith are interested in taking the online Water Operator Class C Certification course. Board agreed that upon completion of the course the town will reimburse.

Supervisor Reichman presented the board with a Resolution of Abandonment from the Hillside Cemetery Trustees . Said Resolution is requesting the Town of Independence to assume all maintenance and administrative duties of the cemetery. Discussion was held by board members regarding if the town has a choice in accepting. The matter was tabled until the October 13 meeting.

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 #9-2016 in the following amounts:

General	Voucher #'s 128-137	\$3616.66
Water	64-75	\$10852.54
Highway	156-174	\$31785.56
St. Light	#9	\$596.43

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Cindy Welch/ Town Clerk

