

Town Of Independence
Regular Meeting
April 13th, 2017

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on April 13th, 2017 at 7:00 pm for the regular monthly meeting.

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

Absent: Supervisor Reichman; Deputy Supervisor Howe (both absent due to family issues)

Visitors: Denise Clarke, Town Historian and Sheri Sherman.

In the absence of the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor, the Town Clerk called the regular meeting to order and asked Denise if she had something to share or inquire with the board. Denise stated she would wait for Sheri to arrive.

A motion to approve the March 9th, 2017 minutes was made by Council Acomb, seconded by Council Waters, approved by all.

Superintendent Graves gave the Highway report: Reported the OSHA inspection had been completed.

Work report: ditching Heselton Gully Rd.

At this time Council Acomb had to leave temporarily for a farm emergency. Superintendent Graves asked if he could continue his report upon Acomb's return.

The Clerk asked Denise and Sheri Sherman if they wanted to speak at this time. Denise stated they were requesting the Open Container and Noise Laws be temporarily lifted for the May 27th, 2017 Memorial Day festivities at the Fire Hall. Board members stated they were prepared to make the appropriate resolutions at the March meeting but were told by Dennis Graves that the Memorial Day Committee had not reserved the Fire Hall. Sheri Sherman stated she would not reserve the Fire Hall until she knew if the Town Board would lift the local laws. Board Members and the Clerk stated they had always temporarily lifted the laws for Memorial Day festivities and that they would again if the festivities were going to held. Upon further discussion and the return of Council Acomb, **Resolution # 7-2017 - Resolution Suspending Enforcement of Local Law #2-1987, Open Containers, on May 27th, 2017 from 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM** was offered by Council Meunier, moved upon by Council Waters. Clerk called a roll vote with the three present voting yes. **Resolution # 8-2017 - Resolution Suspending Enforcement of Local Law #1-1989, Excessive Noise, on May 27th, 2017 from 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM** was offered by Council Meunier, moved upon by Council Acomb. Clerk called a roll vote with the three present voting yes. The Clerk declared both resolutions passed .

Auxiliary member, Sheri Sherman stated they would like assistance from a Town Board Member to work on the Citizen of the Year Committee. Board stated Council Howe.

At this time Council Waters asked if the board had donated to the Auxiliary for the Easter Bunny visit, the Clerk stated no request had been received. Superintendent Graves stated he would get a request. Council Waters made a motion to donate \$50 to help with the annual Easter Bunny visit. Motion seconded by Council Acomb with the motion approved by all.

Superintendent Graves continued his report at this time:

Work report: plowing, sanding, opening ditches, replaced cross pipes on Peet Rd., Repair DI at Maple and Main St., cold patching.

Equipment report: serviced the 2003 Peterbilt, and repairs to the 2004 Sterling.

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Fuel Report:

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| Gas: | Usage: 145.2 gallons | Purchased: 0 gallons | Tank Measurement: : 2'6" |
| Diesel | Usage: 1545.6 | Purchased: 1763.2gallons | 2'10" |

Discussion was held regarding a roller. (see March 2017 minutes) Denny suggested purchasing a new one. Council Acomb stated he felt the town should purchase a used one and save money for purchasing a Loader. After discussion a motion was made by Council Meunier to bid out for purchase of a new or used roller, 2010 or newer and having less than 1000 hours. Motion was seconded by Council Acomb with the three present voting yes. Bids to be due April 28th by 5:00 at which time a Special Meeting will be held for the opening. Clerk to advertise meeting, Superintendent Graves to advertise the bid request with specs. Reports to follow.

The Clerk read a letter of complaint from an area resident in regards to all of the stray cats in town. Owners are encouraged to keep their cats on their own property.

The Clerk, Justice, Police and Financial reports were reviewed by all.

Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Council Acomb seconded by Council Waters and approved by all to pay abstracts #4-2017 in the following amounts:

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| General | Voucher #'s | 40-58 | \$22594.46 |
| Water | | 26-31 | \$1098.03 |
| Highway | | 43-65 | \$29836.99 |
| St. Light | | 3 | \$637.84 |

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Acomb, seconded by Council Meunier, and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Cindy Welch, Town Clerk

