

Town Of Independence
Regular Meeting
December 14th, 2017

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on November 9th, 2017 at 7:00 pm for the regular monthly meeting.

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

Visitors: Mike Sutley, one WCS student

Supervisor Reichman called the regular meeting to order.

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

A motion to approve the November 16th, 2017 minutes was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Howe, approved by all.

Mike Sutley was present to request the Town Board attempt to have the State DOT establish two (2) Handicap Parking spots by the Fire Hall, one in front of the Library and one in front of 490 Main Street. Mike further explained this would be convenient for the senior citizens that attend the Senior Luncheons. Council Acomb suggested there should be one in front of the bank also. It was reported that the Friendship DOT, Shawn Whitney is checking into this.

Denny Graves gave the Highway Department report:

Work report: rolling worked roads, fixing potholes on gravel roads; gravel section of Hawks Road, brush cleanup on Hawks, Grantier; grading rough spots; cut shoulders on Harrigan; installed signs at the Amish school; haul sand.

Equipment report: Put new tires on the 2015 and the 2004 Peterbilts; warranty work on the 2017 International; truck inspections; attached grapple to the JD tractor.

After questioned by the board, Superintendent Graves stated that restrictions have been lifted and employee Joshua Fry can get back his CDL on 12/15/2017.

Fuel Report:

Gas:	Usage: 120.7 gallons	Purchased: 420.3 gallons	Tank Measurement: 2'8"
Diesel:	Usage: 1059.8	Purchased: 1560 gallons	2'8"

Discussion was held regarding the 2003 Peterbilt with Denny stating he would like to put it on the online auction. A motion to sell the 2003 Peterbilt on Auctions International was offered by Council Acomb, seconded by Council Meunier and approved by all. Report to follow.

Patrolman Sherman explained to the board that he had changed the Impound Form to reflect that the current \$100 towing fee be changed to whatever the towing company charges, with the town's fee of \$100 staying the same.

Sherman also presented quotes for flashing "your speed is" signs for the school speed zone, stating he had asked WCS school superintendent, Laurie Sanders to purchase one sign.

Supervisor Reichman stated Ms. Sanders said she didn't want to spend the money at this time. The clerk suggested a formal letter of request be sent to the WCS Board of Education for a proper paper trail. Report to follow.

Shoveling the Town Hall was discussed. The clerk asked if Austin Waite could be retained to shovel as needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Much discussion was held with

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Council Acomb stating he would rather have a "kid" do the job than pay Deputy Clerk, Jasmine Bledsoe. The clerk asked what about when we pay Water Superintendent, Dick Waters Jr. to shovel. No response. After continued discussion it was decided that Austin Waite could be retained to shovel on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the rate for all shoveling was reduced from \$15 per shovel to \$10 per shovel.

Water report: board reviewed the quote from Root Water Well to replace the main well pump and corresponding work for \$9482.40. Report to follow.

The clerk presented the annual Aged Property Tax Exemption for review with a motion by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Meunier to adopt with no changes. Motion carried by all.

Discussion was held regarding the Board of Assessment review with a motion by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Howe to re-appoint Caren Gibson for a new term. Motion carried by all.

The clerk presented a bill from IES for repairs to the Ambulance Bay door that houses the police car. Motion to approve paying the bill was made by Council Meunier seconded by Supervisor Reichman and approved by all.

An End of Year meeting was scheduled for December 28th at 5:30 pm.

The Town Clerk, Justice, Police, and Financial reports were reviewed by all. No CEO report received.

Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Howe and approved by all to pay abstracts #12-2017 in the following amounts:

General	Voucher #'s	164-187	\$15729.89
Water		86-91	\$658.93
Highway		192-212	\$31652.54
St. Light		12	\$737.27

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Acomb and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Cindy Welch, Town Clerk

