

Town Of Independence  
Regular Meeting  
May 11, 2017

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on May 11th, 2017 at 7:00 pm for the regular monthly meeting.

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

Visitors: Two WCS students; resident, Jan Talbett; property owner, David Mietlicki.

Supervisor Reichman called the regular meeting to order.

A motion to approve the April 13th, 2017 minutes was made by Council Acomb, seconded by Council Waters, approved by all.

A motion to approve the April 28th, 2017 minutes was made by Council Meunier seconded by Council Howe, approved by all.

Jan Talbett, Secretary/Treasurer of the Whitesville Rural Cemetery spoke to the board concerning the financial situation of the cemetery. She explained that she was sending out a bulk mailing letter to ask for donations and hopefully bring awareness. She also expressed that the NYS Division of Cemeteries had informed her that many towns assist their local cemeteries financially. Upon discussion, a motion was made by Council Meunier to donate \$1500 at this time and to budget each year for a \$1500 donation. Motion seconded by Council Acomb. Meunier, Waters, Acomb approving, Supervisor Reichman and Council Howe abstaining due to involvement with the Whitesville Rural Cemetery Association.

David Mietlicki was present to request that repairs be made to Pleasant Valley Road, Superintendent Graves expressed he has planned to make such repairs.

Superintendent Graves gave the Highway report:

Work report: working roads, cold patching, fixing South Hill, hauling gravel, replaced D.I. on Park St., ditching Roeske Rd., Skinner Hill

Equipment report: 2004 Sterling needed hoist repairs and box hinges replaced.

Fuel Report:

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|--------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Gas:   | Usage: 102.1 gallons | Purchased: 0 gallons     | Tank Measurement: : 2'1.5" |
| Diesel | Usage: 617.1         | Purchased: 1763.2gallons | 1'7.5"                     |

Trash days will be held on June 12th and June 13th, 2017.

Supervisor Reichman reported on the following:

- District 3 Meeting - 5/24/17 at 7:00 pm in Scio
- Bill Eckenrode came to review needed building repairs/improvements, will draw up specifications for bids/quotes.
- No Union contract yet
- Slack Chemical will do water tests in regard to possibly changing the water treatment for corrosion control

Discussion was held concerning health insurance for Highway Superintendent Graves. Graves had previously declined insurance and receives a stipend, but is now requesting it. Supervisor Reichman presented three plans for the board to look over. Council Meunier stated he did not feel non union people should receive the same as union members . Discussion was held

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concerning the non-bargaining insurance. Supervisor Reichman asked if the board wanted her to contact a Univera representative to set up a meeting in regards to replacing the non bargaining insurance. Board replied yes. Reports to follow.

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

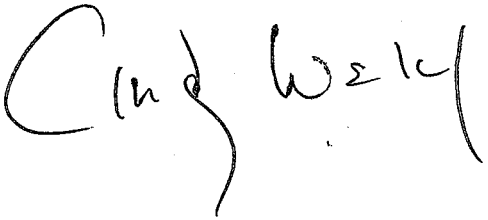
Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Council Acomb seconded by Council Waters and approved by all to pay abstracts #5-2017 in the following amounts:

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|-----------|-------------|-------|------------|
| General   | Voucher #'s | 59-71 | \$6646.59  |
| Water     |             | 32-38 | \$1449.53  |
| Highway   |             | 66-83 | \$16120.58 |
| St. Light |             | 5     | \$637.84   |

At this time a motion was made by Supervisor Reichman to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

8:35 pm

Cindy Welch, Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Welch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.