

Town Of Independence  
Regular Meeting  
November 9th, 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, Waters; Town Clerk, Cindy Welch; Deputy Town Clerk, Jasmine Bledsoe. Highway Superintendent, Dennis Graves.

Visitors: Armstrong Telephone General Manager, John Rayeski and Donna Graybeal, Office Manager and approximately thirty area residents.

Supervisor Reichman welcomed area residents and the Armstrong Representatives.

Armstrong representatives were present to explain the new fiber optic being installed in the area and many other areas. Mr. Rayeski explained this project is in partnership with the New NY Broadband (BB) Project and Governor Cuomo and is extending broadband internet access to portions of Western New York that are currently underserved by their providers. Mr. Rayeski presented a slide show on the project that covers over 2000 miles. A time of questions and answers followed.

Supervisor Reichman called the regular meeting to order.

A motion to approve the October 12th, 2017 minutes was made by Council Waters, seconded by Council Acomb, approved by all.

Judy Easton, area resident asked the board what they were doing regarding unlicensed dogs and reported a dog at large had entered their yard on a few occasions. The Clerk stated she would contact DCO Pat Gay concerning the issue. Also discussed was the horse manure in the roads and if anything could be done concerning that. No action taken.

Highway Superintendent Graves gave the Highway Department report:

Work report: shouldering South Hill Rd. and Hallsport Independence Rd.; graveled on South Hill, Livermore, Roeske and Peet roads; Assisted town of Alma and village of Wellsville ;

Equipment Report: took 2016 International for warranty transmission work and the 2003 Peterbilt for engine oil leak repairs.; mounted the new broom to the JD tractor.

Fuel Report:

Gas:	Usage: 116.1 gallons	Purchased: 0 gallons	Tank Measurement: 1'1"
Diesel	Usage: 777.5	Purchased: 335 gallons	1'11"

Water report: Root Water Well Company completed the repairs to the pump and is sending a quote to install a new pump.

Supervisor Reichman reported:

- the Town Hall roof replacement is completed
- no report from the code enforcement
- waiting for attorney comments regarding the cemeteries money and proper usage / segregation requirements

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Supervisor Reichman stated she would like to form an equipment committee with board members and community members, Superintendent Graves stated he felt it should just be board members.

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

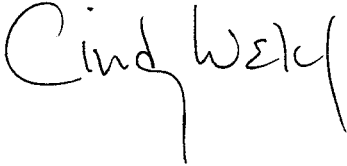
Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Council Meunier seconded by Council Acomb and approved by all to pay abstracts #11-2017 in the following amounts:

General	Voucher #'s	154-163	\$15824.57
Water		79-85	\$2029.62
Highway		171-191	\$59575.58
St. Light		11	\$646.39

The Preliminary Budget Hearing was scheduled for November 16th, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Howe seconded by Council Meunier and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Cindy Welch, Town Clerk



**Town of Independence  
Preliminary Budget Hearing  
November 16, 2017**

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on November 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm for the regular monthly meeting and the 2018 Preliminary Budget Hearing.

Present: Supervisor Reichman; Council: Meunier, Waters, Howe. Town Clerk , Cindy Welch.  
Absent: Council Acomb.

Visitors: none

Supervisor Reichman called the Public Hearing to order. The Clerk declared the Hearing had been duly advertised in the form of Legal Notice and posting on the Town Clerk signboard.

The clerk reported that the 2018 preliminary budget reflected a rate per thousand decrease and was well below the allowable tax cap set forth by the State Comptroller.

With no persons present to be heard the Hearing was declared closed by the Supervisor at 6:10 p.m. and the regular meeting opened.

**Resolution #12-2017 - 2018 Budget Adoption** was offered by Supervisor Reichman, moved upon by Council Howe. Clerk called a roll vote with all votes yes, Council Acomb absent. Clerk will submit the 2018 budget to the county.

Cindy Welch, Town Clerk

