

Town Of Independence
Regular Meeting
September 14, 2017

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on September 14th, 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. Police, PJ Sherman. Tax Collector, Jackie Moon.

Visitors: Laurie Sanders, WCS School Superintendent, Monica Acomb, WCS Board Member.

Supervisor Reichman called the regular meeting to order.

A motion to approve the August 10th, 2017 minutes was made by Council Waters, seconded by Council Acomb, approved by all.

Laurie Sanders was present to explain and answer questions regarding the proposed 2017 Capital Improvement Project. She passed out informative detailed papers and explained that the project would be financed by approximately 92% state aid and WCS Capital Reserves. She further explained that many of the issues were safety issues.

Jackie Moon, Town Tax Collector was present to discuss that the State and County are now allowing partial tax payments, and that it is up to the discretion of each town. Upon discussion of the extra work involved in regard to the salary a motion was made by Council Howe seconded by Council Waters to keep the Tax Collection as is and to not allow partial payments. Motion approved by all.

Highway Superintendent Graves gave the highway report:

Work report: patching on Nye, Crandall, Harrigan, Heselton, Grantier, and Cross Roads. Cleaned brush and shoulders on High and Hill Street. Shoulder work on Harrigan Road, smoothed up rough spots on dirt roads.

Equipment report: John Deere Tractor sent to Hall for repairs of the fuel system, overall maintenance of equipment.

Supervisor Reichman asked Denny if they could sweep the streets, no action taken.

Superintendent Graves discussed that he has warned haulers about damaging the roads and tells them about the weight limits with no resolve.

Supervisor Reichman reported:

- read the CEO report
- stated that the owner of the trailer park on Harrigan is requesting town water be supplied to them. The Clerk explained that would require formal extension of the Water District. Matter tabled.
- Auxiliary insurance certificate was received for the Whitesville Auxiliary walk

Council Howe reported that she had contacted the remaining owner of the Whitesville House telling him that the town would offer any help, i.e. cleaning , sorting etc. if that would assist with reopening the establishment.

Union Negotiations: Supervisor Reichman reported that the Highway Employees have accepted the new proposed contract with Supervisor Reichman offering a motion that the town sign the

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contract. Council Meunier seconded the motion. All approving. No contract available to sign at the meeting.

Discussion was held concerning Health Insurance for Superintendent Graves (see May 11th 2017 minutes) . A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Meunier to provide insurance for Denny and spouse beginning in January of 2018. Board clarified that when the insurance commences, the additional stipend paid to Superintendent Graves in lieu of insurance will be stopped. Motion carried by all.

Discussion was held concerning having Holiday Lighting on the Street Light Poles. National Grid has been out and surveyed fifteen (15) poles for electrical outlet installation. The cost would be approximately \$900 per year. National Grid requests that a town resolution be adopted and submitted. **Resolution #10-2017 - Resolution Authorizing National Grid to Install Festoon Outlets Onto Poles Numbered 19, 21, 23, 24, 25A, 28, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 40, 42, 45, 58 For the Purpose of Installing Holiday Lighting** was offered by Supervisor Reichman, moved upon by Council Howe. Clerk called a roll vote with all five votes yes. Clerk to submit Resolution to National Grid. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Meunier that National Grid will be listed as additional insured on the Town's insurance. Carried by all.

At this time Superintendent Graves stated he would like to purchase a root rake for \$3000 and a broom and submitted two broom quotes:

George Swede	----\$6700
Kevin Oliver	----\$5600

Motion was made by Council Meunier seconded by Council Acomb to purchase the Kevin Oliver broom for \$5600 and the root rake for \$3000. Motion carried by all.

The Clerk reported that the WCS backflow prevention report has been received and is on file.

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 #9-2017 -Resolution to Extend the Filing Date** was offered by Supervisor Reichman moved upon by Council Waters. Clerk called for a roll vote with all votes yes. Clerk to submit to Allegany County.

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

Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Howe and approved by all to pay abstracts #9-2017 in the following amounts:

General	Voucher #'s	129-146	\$5531.88
Water		62-68	\$900.47
Highway		132-151	\$122938.27
St. Light		9	\$609.28

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Acomb and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Cindy Welch, Town Clerk

