

Town Of Independence  
Regular Meeting  
June 14th, 2018

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on June 14th, 2018 at 7:00 pm for the regular monthly meeting.

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

Visitors: Tige Ellison

Supervisor Reichman called the regular meeting to order and the board said the Pledge of Allegiance .

A motion to approve the May 10th, 2018 minutes was made by Council Acomb, seconded by Council Waters and approved by all.

A motion to approve the May 22nd, 2018 Special Meeting minutes was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Howe and approved by all.

Dave Pullen, Attorney for the Town was invited to the meeting for clarification/discussion regarding **LL#3-2008 - Establishing Policies Temporarily Limiting the Use of Certain Roads in the Town of Independence by Vehicles in Excess of Eight (8) Tons Total Weight** and if there is a need to make changes/and or adopt a new law. The issue being that the Town Board does not want to restrict commerce in the town, and the Highway Superintendent does not want to lose all control of protecting our roads. Attorney Pullen explained that is wouldn't be good to lift all restrictions and that is good to have "a relatively strict standard that you apply lightly". After much discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Howe to leave the law as is and address any issues as they arise. Motion carried by all.

Denny Graves gave the Highway Department report:

Work: ditching, shouldering on Harrigan; changing sluice pipes, installing check dams on Harrigan Road. Patching potholes; sweeping roads, mowing roadsides, cutting brush on Snow Road.

Equipment: 2015 Peterbuilt out for accident repairs; 2009 1 T dump at Hess's for repairs; 2016 International in Rochester for computer issues.

Fuel Report:

	Used	Purchased	Water	Fire Dept.	IES	Police	Measure
Gas:	166.8 gals	300 gals	20.2	7.6	0	19.0	2' 3"
Diesel:	544.2	645.1	0.	29.5	19.4	0	2'2 1/4

Loader bids were opened:

USED:

George & Swede	\$124,000.
Tracey Road Equip	\$126,690
Baschmann Services	\$134,717

NEW:

George & Swede	\$151,761
5 Star	\$163849.58
Monroe Tractor	\$161772.40

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Area resident, Tige Ellison questioned the town purchasing a loader and asked what was wrong with the current loader and why the town had two pickups. He further stated the town is losing residents, businesses and the people that want to continue living here are going to be "footing the bill" for taxes. At this time a motion was made by Council Meunier to table the purchase of a loader. Motion seconded by Council Howe and carried by all.

Water Dept:

Council Meunier stated a Water Advisory meeting was held on May 22, 2018 with discussion regarding a new water pump. Superintendent Waters recommended a new pump. Supervisor Reichman presented two quotes from Root Water Well: one being a lesser amount and would have to change fittings etc. , the other being a larger amount and would need no change outs. Discussion was held, the Clerk presented the Procurement Policy and stated the need for formal bid. Motion by Supervisor Reichman to advertise for bid, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all.

Code Enforcement applications were reviewed. Discussion was held concerning how long John Leonard would be willing to fill in. Board will interview applicants and check with the Association of Towns regarding how uncertified Building Inspectors can issue permits, etc. Report to follow.

A letter from an area resident regarding neighbors burning garbage was read. Discussion held, Clerk suggested mailing the "proper burning letter".

The CDBG Grant reports provided by Andover Historic Preservation Corp. were reviewed by all.

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

Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Council Howe seconded by Council Acomb and approved by all to pay abstracts #6-2018 in the following amounts:

General	Vouchers #	89-105	\$4745.68
Water		35-44	\$5711.99
Highway		84-107	\$92558.33
St. Light		6	\$ 678.38

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Meunier and approved by all.

Cindy Welch, Town Clerk

