

Town Of Independence
Regular Meeting
May 10, 2018

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on May 8th, 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. Police: Percy Sherman.

Visitors: Tige Ellison

Supervisor Reichman called the regular meeting to order.

A motion to approve the April 12th, 2018 minutes was made by Council Acomb, seconded by Council Meunier approved by all.

Denny Graves gave the Highway Department report:

Reported there is a 2015 CASE loader that was on the auction site and did not sell, board gave him permission to go look at it.

Work report: storm cleanup, cutting brush, graveling rough spots, replaced cross-pipes on Harrigan, Fulmer Valley , brooming roads, ditching Grantier Rd.

Equipment report: repairs to clutch on 2015 Peterbilt

Fuel Report:

Gas:	Usage: 166.6 gallons	Purchased: 240 gallons	Tank Measurement: : 2' 2"
Diesel	Usage: 1235.7	Purchased: 2346.9 gallons	3' 7"

Tige Ellison told the board he was concerned about a blind spot on Snow Rd. caused by huge overgrown bushes. He stated it is dangerous, especially with Amish travel. Superintendent Graves stated cutting back the bushes was on his list. Report to follow.

The board held discussion regarding LL#3-2008, Road posting Law due to issues related to the exclusion of certain vehicles. After much discussion the clerk suggested it may be more productive to ask Attorney Pullen to attend a meeting . Clerk to contact Dave Pullen's office.

Discussion was held concerning setting a digging fee for Hillside and Fulmer Cemeteries. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Meunier to set the fees at \$600 and \$300 for cremation. Carried by all. Council Howe reported that the Allegany County Job Trac workers can mow Hillside Cemetery. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Meunier to purchase a new mower and have the Job Trac use the old one. Carried by all.

The clerk reported that Andover Historic Preservation Corp. received notice that any board member with the authority to sign checks cannot be a signatory for the GOSC draws, therefore eliminating Council Howe. The clerk asked Council Waters and Acomb if they would consider the appointment, both declined. At this time a motion was made by Council Howe seconded by Council Meunier to appoint Jasmine Bledsoe, Deputy Clerk as a signatory. Motion carried by all.

The clerk read the resignation of Building Inspector, Charles Cagle effective May 1st, 2018. Motion by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Meunier to accept the resignation and to advertise the position. Clerk to advertise. Report to follow.

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The clerk read letters of request for donations with the following results:

- Motion by Council Acomb seconded by Council Waters to donate \$100 to the Rex Nye Fishing Derby. Carried by all.
- Motion by Council Howe seconded by Supervisor Reichman to donate \$100 to the Ladies Auxiliary. Carried by all.

Town Hall mowing was discussed with the price remaining at \$15 per mowing.

Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Council Howe seconded by Council Meunier and approved by all to pay abstracts #5-2018 in the following amounts:

General	Vouchers #	70-88	\$7499.13
Water		30-34	\$557.10
Highway		67-83	\$30148.74
St. Light		5	\$ 678.38

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Howe and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Cindy Welch, Town Clerk

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