

**Town of Independence  
Regular Meeting  
Preliminary Budget Hearing**

October 11, 2018

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on October 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm for the regular monthly meeting and the 2019 Preliminary Budget Hearing.

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

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. With no visitors to be heard and no negative comments the Hearing was declared closed by the Supervisor at 7:10 p.m.

Supervisor Reichman called the regular meeting to order. A motion to approve the September 20th, 2018 minutes was made by Council Howe seconded by Council Acomb with all approving.

Upon discussion **Resolution # 10-2018 - Budget Adoption for 2019** was offered by Supervisor Reichman, moved upon by Council Howe. Clerk called a roll vote, all voting yes. Clerk to file with the County.

Denny Graves gave the Highway Report:

Work: cleaning ditches and sluices on Hawks road, Old County road, South Hill road, Livermore road, Paynesville Hill road, Casey road; cleaning storm sewers on High Street; assisting Village of Andover, town of Willing; trimming brush; sign installations; repairing storm damage on Frost Rd.

Equipment: repairs to the 2010 Kentworth.

Fuel Report:

	Used	Purchased	Water	Fire Dept.	IES	Police	Measure
Gas:	190.1 gals	326.0 gals		10	4.8	0 28	2'6"
Diesel:	611.6	350.0	0.	21	17	0	2'9"

Denny further reported having a conference call with the NYS DEC and NYS Senator Young regarding the brine issue and the financial hardship the situation is causing towns. The DEC is continuing to work on the problem.

The Clerk read a letter from Steve and Kay Nagy thanking Council Howe for her quick help in calling the Highway Department and the NYS DOT in regard to alleviating possible flooding caused by a buildup of debris at their culvert .

Discussion was held regarding building permit # 251 (see Sept. 20th, 2018 minutes) The Clerk reported the attorney for the town had been contacted along with the NYS DOT and Senator Young's office. No waiver was granted by the DOT and the project would have to be removed. In lieu of an impending lawsuit discussion was held concerning reimbursement from the town to the homeowner. The clerk presented receipts from the homeowner for cement that was poured. The town cannot reimburse sales tax so the amount of the cement minus tax and the cost of the building permit were tallied with the total being \$3693.00. A motion was made to reimburse the homeowner in the amount of \$3693.00 by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Howe and approved by all. At this time the clerk reported that upon the advice from the attorney the building permit applications and permits should be amended to include that the homeowner is aware and responsible for knowing all easements and boundaries on their project's location.

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The board reviewed the sample Discrimination and Harassment Policy provided by NYMIR Insurance. Upon review a motion was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Meunier that the policy be adopted. Motion carried by all. All employees are to read their copy and sign an acknowledgement of receipt and return to the Clerk.

Superintendent Graves talked to the board about a 2013 International truck he saw on Auctions International. Discussion was held about highway equipment with a motion by Council Meunier seconded by Council Acomb to authorize Denny to bid up to \$75,000.00 . Motion carried by all. Report to follow.

The Clerk presented the list of unpaid water bills to be levied onto taxes. Upon review **Resolution #11-2018 - Resolution to Levy Unpaid Water Rentals** was offered by Supervisor Reichman and moved upon by Council Acomb. The Clerk called a roll vote with all votes yes. Clerk to submit to the County.

The Justice, Police, Clerk and Financial reports were reviewed.

Supervisor Reichman at this time reported on the Fiscal Stress Scoring put out by the NYS Comptroller's Office and expressed appreciation to the bookkeeper.

Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Council Howe seconded by Council Meunier and approved by all to pay abstracts #10-2018 in the following amounts:

General	Vouchers #	155-166	\$2693.04
Water		67-71	\$538.73
Highway		161-171	\$31125.10
St. Light		10	\$686.03

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Waters and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Cindy Welch, Town Clerk

