

Town Of Independence
Regular Meeting
October 10th, 2019

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on October 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm for the regular monthly meeting.

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

Supervisor Reichman called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

A motion was made by Council Acomb to approve the September 12th, 2019 minutes seconded by Council Waters and carried by all.

Highway Superintendent, Dennis Graves reported on the Highway Department.

Work report: working on beaver dam removal, assisting Town of Willing, Andover, West union and Wellsville; gravelling Pleasant Valley Road, oil and stoning Nye Road, mowing roadsides, cleaning ditches on Casey, rebuilding D/I's on Commercial Ave. Completing sexual harassment training.

Equipment report: repairing 2004 Sterling brake lights, replace batteries and disconnect switches on the 2015 Peterbilt.

Discussion was held regarding equipment, the grader has metal shavings in the oil.

Superintendent Graves ask the board to consider purchasing a loader and using \$25000 of CHIPS monies for a down payment and continuing with CHIPS for SIB principal payments. No action taken.

Fuel Report:

	Used	Purchased	Water	Fire Dept.	IES	Police	Measure
Gas:	146 gals	226 gals	9.8			23	2'3"
Diesel:	736	1020 0.		32 19	19		3'4"

Water report: The clerk reported on the Corpro report. No further repairs necessary at this time. At this time the clerk presented the board with the delinquent water list and **Resolution #9A Resolution to Re-Levy Delinquent Water Rentals** was offered by Supervisor Reichman, moved upon by Council Meunier. Clerk called a roll vote with all voting yes. Howe absent.

(resolution in entirety in the Resolution book)

Discussion was held on the Little League Field. The Town is in receipt of the survey for the purchase and will have attorney Pullen draw up the purchase agreement. Next step will be the fencing installation.

The board entered into discussion regarding a solar energy law and reviewed the draft local law prepared by the attorney for the town. Upon further discussion, **Resolution 9-2019 Resolution to Accept and Propose to Adopt Local Law #2-2019 - Town of Independence Solar Energy Systems and Facilities Local Law** was offered by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Meunier. Clerk called a roll vote, all votes yes. Howe absent. Public Hearing to be held on November 14th 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Clerk to advertise.

Supervisor Reichman made a motion to approve the OYA Solar Development project on the Hallsport Independence Road be sent to the Allegany County Planning Board for review. Motion seconded by Council Meunier and approved by all. Supervisor Reichman will ask the attorney for suggestions regarding permit fees.

- Agriculture and Markets Dog Inspection Report was presented and reviewed.
- Allegany County Snow and Ice Contract was reviewed, on hold until Superintendent Graves can have input. (Graves had to leave meeting early)
- Budget workshop - October 15th at 5:00 pm

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- Clerk gave an update in regard to the Town changing Banking institutions. Reported it is going well and will take approximately two months to complete.

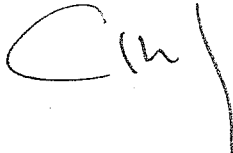
The Clerk, Financial and Police and DCO monthly reports were reviewed by board members.

Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Waters and approved by all to pay abstracts #10-2019 in the following amounts:

General	Vouchers	160-175	\$6938.82
Highway		150-166	\$51102.14
Water		64-71	\$1200.87

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Acomb and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Cindy Welch, Town Clerk



Special Meeting
Topic: Health Insurance
October 17th, 2019

A Special meeting was held on October 17th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss health insurance options for Highway Superintendent Dennis Graves.

Meeting was advertised by signboard posting.

Present: Present: Supervisor Reichman; Council: Waters, Meunier, Acomb, Howe; Town Clerk, Cindy Welch; Highway Superintendent, Dennis Graves.

Discussion was held regarding the current Univera and Paul Revere insurance coverage.

A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Meunier to cancel both policies effective January 1, 2020 and to offer a stipend to Dennis Graves in lieu of insurance in the amount of \$9065/year to be paid with each biweekly paycheck .(\$348.65 per pay) All voting yes. Supervisor will cancel both policies.

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Cindy Welch, Town Clerk

