

Town of Independence
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2020

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on May 14, 2020 at 7 pm for the regular monthly meeting. Due to COVID-19, no visitors were permitted. Town Clerk posted signs that requested all questions and/or concerns to be addressed from the public be submitted in writing prior to meeting.

Present: Supervisor Reichman; Council: Howe, Meunier, Acomb, Ellison; Town Clerk, Bledsoe; Highway Superintendent, Graves
Absent: 0

Supervisor Reichman called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Council Ellison, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all to accept the March 12, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Council Acomb, seconded by Council Ellison and carried by all to accept the April 9, 2020 write-up in exchange for the Regular Meeting minutes due to cancellation.

Superintendent Graves gave the Highway report. They have been busy working rough spots in the dirt roads, ditching Cobb and Walters Rd, Graveling South Hill and Frost Rd, Replacing sluice pipes on Walters Rd, and many truck repairs.

Graves also reported that due to the town's Grader no longer fixable, he has rented a Grader from Bradco. With much discussion with the Board, a motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Acomb and carried by all to have Superintendent Graves bid out on a used Grader to see what further options there are for purchase.

Fuel Report:

	Used	Purchased	Ball field	Water	Fire Dept.	IES	Police	Measure
Diesel:	477.9	481.8	0	0	38.5	20	0	2'10"
Gas:	130.4	256.2	0	0	0	0	0	2'11"

OYA Solar Project has been held up due to COVID-19, but is planning on starting back up between August and September.

Update on the Ball field playground and land purchase was given. As of now, the purchase may not go through. Supervisor Reichman and Council Howe to speak with Otis again regarding help getting the land prepared for the playground equipment. Town Clerk Bledsoe reported that she had been in contact with the playground equipment company, AAA State of Play, and is organizing delivery soon as they had stored it for an extra length of time.

After Board discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Acomb and carried by Council Howe and Ellison with Council Meunier voting "No" to cancel the Annual Memorial Day Parade due to COVID-19.

Supervisor Reichman reported that she would like National Grid to begin converting all of the street lights in town to LED bulbs with a cost of \$23 per bulb. Motion made by Council Howe, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to begin that process.

Town Clerk Bledsoe discussed approving pool fills for purchase for the 2020 year. The Board discussed and decided to raise the fee to \$60 per pool. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Acomb and carried by all to approve pool fills at the increased rate.

The Town Clerk presented the board with the NYS Retirement Standard Workday Reporting Resolution with **Resolution #7-2020 - NYS Retirement Reporting Resolution** being offered by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier, approved by all.

The Town Clerk reported that she has completed the Annual Water Report. It has been submitted to the county, state and mailed to all water customers. Additional copies are available at Town Hall.

Financial, Clerk (April and May), and police report were reviewed.

Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Acomb and carried by all to pay abstracts #5-2020 in the following amounts:

General: Voucher:	70-82	\$5,233.24
Highway:	62-76	\$21,712.88
Water:	31-40	\$2,756.00

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all at 8:40pm.

Jasmine Bledsoe, Town Clerk

