

Town of Independence
 Regular Meeting
 October 8, 2020

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on October 8, 2020 at 7pm for the regular monthly meeting.

Present: Supervisor Reichman; Council: Howe, Meunier; Town Clerk, Bledsoe; Highway Superintendent, Acomb
 Absent: Council Ellison
 Visitors: Duane Brubaker, Mike Sutley

Supervisor Reichman called the meeting to order and everyone stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all to accept the September 10, 2020 minutes.

Highway report was given by Superintendent Acomb. This month they have been shouldering many roads, mowing, graveled Perkins Rd., Ditched South Hill and Peet Rd's, fixing washouts, servicing on equipment, and installed 2 sluice pipes.

Superintendent Acomb praised the highway crew for being very cooperative during his transition.

The Board asked about a Trash pickup day for the residents. He agreed and set a date for October 26, 2020. Acomb will be in touch with more specifics to have information available for residents.

Fuel Report:

| | Used | Purchased | Ball field | Water | Fire Dept. | IES | Police Dept. | Measure |
|--------|--------|-----------|------------|-------|------------|------|--------------|---------|
| Diesel | 1084.0 | 740.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18.8 | 0 | 1'10" |
| Gas | 148.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 8.6 | 2'6" |

Resident, Mike Sutley addressed the Board regarding the Town water tank. He expressed his concerns over the wearing paint, over grown trees surrounding the tank not allowing sun to hit the area, insulation and the need for a spare tank for the town. Board discussed.

Update on the Ball field playground. The equipment has been installed and is already being enjoyed by town children!

Supervisor Reichman gave update on the generators for the Town Hall and Water Building.

A budget workshop meeting has been set for October 13, 2020 at 5:30pm.

A Public Hearing for the 2021 Preliminary Budget has been set for November 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Reichman gave a Teamster's Contract update.

Community Solar was discussed. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to sign the Town of Independence up for Community Solar through National Grid at a 10% (or higher) reduction in service costs.

A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all to Appoint Duane Brubaker as Council member to fill the remainder of Scott Acomb's term. Followed by Oath of Office.

A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all to set Trick or Treat hours. Trick or Treating to be held on October 31, 2020 from 6-8 pm, Only houses with porch lights on.

Supervisor discussed the Town Board being asked to judge the upcoming Scarecrow Contest sponsored by the Whitesville Public Library!

Bookkeeper to begin direct deposit process for all town employees. Forms are to be given out and handed back in as soon as possible.

Board discussed Police Reform Survey to be done by the town. Board would like Supervisor to advertise and ask for interested community members to sit on a committee to help with the survey and policy.

Clerk and police reports were reviewed by Board.

Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to pay abstracts #10-2020 in the following amounts:

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| General: | Voucher: 142-156 | \$7,031.30 |
| Highway: | 150-156 | \$19,671.63 |
| Water: | 76-82 | \$636.36 |

A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to enter Executive Session Re: personnel.

A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to exit Executive Session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Brubaker and carried by all at 8:45pm.

Jasmine Bledsoe, Town Clerk

