

Town of Independence  
Regular Meeting  
January 14, 2021

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on January 14, 2021 at 7pm for the regular monthly meeting.

Present: Supervisor Reichman; Council: Howe, Meunier, Ellison, Brubaker; Town Clerk, Bledsoe; Highway Superintendent, Acomb.

Visitors: Town Attorney, Dave Pullen, Bradley Davis (via Zoom)

Supervisor called the meeting to order and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to accept the December 10, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes was made by Council Howe, seconded by Council Ellison and carried by all.

A motion to accept the December 30, 2020 End of Year Meeting minutes was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Brubaker and carried by all.

A motion to accept the January 4, 2021 Organizational Meeting minutes was made by Council Howe, seconded by Council Brubaker and carried by all.

Superintendent Acomb gave the Highway report. They have been filling potholes on many roads, plowing, sanding, installing new road signs, repairs on brush cutter, sander and 2 trucks, and started cutting brush and chipping on Pleasant Valley.

Also reported that Ken Stebbins finished the tin work on the Town Barns today and that the insulation company will be coming to do that once they have a little warmer weather.

Discussion was held regarding installing concrete posts around the Town Barns, Highway dept. will look into and begin work on this when they can.

Superintendent Acomb left at this time.

Supervisor turned the meeting over to Attorney Pullen to discuss the ReneSola Power application. The Board took time to ask Attorney Pullen and Bradley Davis questions regarding the use of Casey Rd and their concerns, the Decommissioning Plan, and Pilot agreement changes. After discussion, **Resolution #2-2021 - Application for a Solar Permit** was offered by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Howe with all voting "Yes."

A Public Hearing for the ReneSola Power Solar Project is set to be held on February 11, 2021 at 6:30pm in the Town Hall.

Attorney Pullen left at this time.

Update on Judge's bench, Supervisor and Judge Howe will be meeting with Bill Lynch, carpenter, to discuss changes needing to be done.

Supervisor reported that Water Superintendent, Dick Waters, has been working with Austin Waite on some training. Austin should be receiving his Class C information soon to begin. A request was made regarding the town purchasing Austin a pair of work boots and overalls. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all for town to purchase both.

Update on DCO position. Supervisor received one resume, will be setting up meeting to interview.

Supervisor informed board that she purchased new assessor computer. Stated that it is very outdated and not working properly.

Board discussed the Board of Assessment Review. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to keep the members as is.

Book keeper's Financial Report read by Supervisor Reichman.

Board discussed options for a garage for parking the Police car at town hall property. Supervisor Reichman to get bids on an approx. 24'x24' garage and will discuss further at February meeting.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Reichman and carried by all to renew our Annual Corrpro Contract for the Water Dept.

Upon discussion, **Resolution #3-2021 - Approving Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Municipalities of Allegany County, NY** was offered by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Brubaker with all voting "Yes."

2020 yearly Clerk and Water reports were reviewed by board.

Monthly 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 #1-2021 in the following amounts:

General	Voucher: 1-14	\$4,730.44
Highway	1-8	\$26,024.07
Water	1-5	\$4,894.89

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all at 9 pm.

Jasmine Bledsoe, Town Clerk

