

Town of Independence  
Regular Meeting  
March 11, 2021

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on March 11, 2021 at 7pm for the regular monthly meeting.

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

Absent: Council Howe

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

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

A motion to accept the February 22, 2021 minutes was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Ellison and carried by all.

Dave Pullen and Brad Davis discussed the ReneSola Solar Project with the Board. All had a chance to ask questions and receive Dave Pullen's recommendations on the projects agreements. After discussion, the following Resolutions were offered:

**Resolution #4-2021 - Host Community Benefit Agreement** was offered by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Brubaker with all present voting "Yes."

**Resolution #5-2021 - Decommissioning Plan Agreement** was offered by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Ellison with all present voting "Yes."

**Resolution #6-2021 - Reimbursement of Expenses** was offered by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier with all present voting "Yes."

**Resolution #7-2021 - ReneSola Application Approval** was offered by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier with all present voting "Yes."

Superintendent Acomb gave his Highway report. They have spent the past month plowing and sanding, working on shop repairs, hauling scrap steel to Hornell, and many equipment repairs. Acomb approached the Board regarding trees that need to be taken down. Upon discussion and brief consult with the Book Keeper, a motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Brubaker and carried by all to have one removal done on Skinner Rd. for the time being. Discussion was held regarding bids for the purchase of a tilt Trailer. After review a motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Supervisor Reichman and carried by all to purchase the Trailer from Fayette Trailers for no more than \$7,000.

Acomb also suggested that the Board think about insulating more of the ceiling in the shop and that they also buy a Hot water heater. A motion to buy the hot water heater and to look into estimates for the ceiling was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Supervisor Reichman and carried by all.

Supervisor Reichman gave the Water Report. A water board meeting was recently held where they discussed a new water pump to which Supervisor Reichman sent questions on to the County for guidance regarding replacement, etc. They also discussed future water rate options.

Discussion was held regarding the new Police Reform Plan required by NY State with the Supervisor reporting that the online survey resulted in 63 responses. A motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Supervisor Reichman with all present voting "Yes" to approve **Resolution #8-2021 - New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan.**

DCO Sherman gave an update that he was off to a good start with the position. He has ordered a new dog crate, bite gloves and catch pole which are required by NY State regulations. A Dog Enumeration was discussed.

Officer Sherman told the Board that the Police car is in need of new struts. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to approve his estimate from Simmons & Rockwell for the needed work.

Board discussed the Police garage with storage room on one side at Town Hall. The garage is to be approx. 20'x24'. Supervisor to make list of needed requirements and Clerk to put ad in the paper regarding bids for the project.

Board discussed final Road Use Agreement. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier with all present voting "Yes" to Adopt the Town of Independence Road Use Agreement.

Supervisor Reichman discussed the Equalization Rate and that Teresa Lyons (Town Tax Assessor) would like to perform a Revaluation of the Town for the rate of an additional \$1.10 x 12x # of parcels. A motion to approve was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Supervisor Reichman and carried by all.

Monthly Clerk, Financial, Justice, Police, and DCO reports were reviewed by the Board.

Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to pay abstracts #3-2021 in the following amounts:

General	Voucher: 37-51	\$8,347.83
Water	18-27	\$1,776.12
Highway	22-42	\$37,383.49

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all at 9:30 pm.

Jasmine Bledsoe, Town Clerk