

Town of Independence
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2021

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on April 8, 2021 at 7pm for the regular monthly meeting.

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

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

A motion to accept the March 11, 2021 minutes with 1 change was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Brubaker and carried by all.

Superintendent Acomb gave his highway report. It included unplugging sluice pipes on South Hill and Hawks Rd, work on Town Barns building, brooming, grading potholes, ditching, hauling gravel, cleaning up brush and down trees, and equipment repairs.

Discussed salt shed with the board, due to costs at this time they will be postponing project. Superintendent will continue to look further into cost info and inquiries.

1 bid was received for insulating the ceiling in the Highway building. A motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all to accept the bid for \$6,675.

Council Howe left at this time.

Board discussed the garage to be built at the Town Hall. Still waiting on bids.

Supervisor gave an update on the playground at the Little League Field. The newest addition, donated by Kim and Dan Howe, will soon be installed by Meehan construction. Chet Norton will first be doing some welding on one of the pieces before install.

An update was given on the current Solar projects. Construction will be starting in the coming months.

Discussion was held regarding the current Dog Enumeration. A motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Reichman and carried by all to pay the DCO \$1 per dog for every new license from the start date through December 31, 2021.

Town Clerk discussed the 2021 Pool fill fee with the Board. A motion was made by Council Brubaker, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to keep it the same as last year, which was \$60 per pool being paid to the Whitesville Water District. The Whitesville Fire Dept. also has their own donation fee.

A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Brubaker and carried by all to hire Austin Waite to continue mowing the Town Hall property again this year at \$15 per mow.

Discussion was held regarding Austin Waite's continued interest in his Class C license for the Whitesville Water District. A motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Supervisor Reichman and carried by all to pay \$675 for him to attend a 3 day Certified Operator Class in June in Olean, NY.

Resolution #9-2021 - Stating that the Independence Town Board Commits to Having a Full Re-Evaluation Performed was offered by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier with all present voting "Yes."

Supervisor Reichman read a letter to the Town Board received from a WCS student regarding the need for a recycling facility. The Board would like to thank the student for expressing such interest in our community, they were very impressed with the letter and research put forth! Supervisor to write letter in response.

Discussion held regarding the trees on the water property by the tank. Norman Patterson, a Forester, will be coming to evaluate the trees on the property to give further recommendations.

F&F Electric update. Still waiting on generators for Town Hall and the Water building.

Water update given by Supervisor. The Whitesville Water Board had met on April 5th to further discuss water rates. As recommended by the Water Board, a motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Brubaker with all present voting "Yes" to accept **Resolution #10-2021 - Establishing New Water Billing Rates**. The new rates will include the minimum charge of \$30 and .0040 per gallon over 6,600 gallons.

There will be a District III meeting on April 22nd at 7pm.

Monthly Justice, Clerk, Police, Financial, 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 #4-2021 in the following amounts:

General	#52-63	\$9,516.43
Water	#28-34	\$1,066.12
Highway	#43-59	\$52,318.93

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

Jasmine Bledsoe, Town Clerk