

Town of Independence
Regular Meeting
July 8, 2021

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

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

Visitor: Josh Fry

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

A motion to accept the June 10, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Ellison and carried by all.

A motion to accept the June 17, 2021 Special Meeting minutes was made by Council Brubaker, seconded by Supervisor Reichman and carried by all.

A motion to accept the June 24, 2021 Special Meeting minutes was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Brubaker and carried by all.

Josh Fry (Resident and Highway Employee) wondered why the Highway employees couldn't charge their clothing allowances with a town account instead of purchasing and submitting receipts for reimbursement. Board discussed and Supervisor to talk to bookkeeper and possibly start an account at Blue Collar Workwear. Will give an update.

Josh Fry had questions regarding personal employee information being kept off property and on personal computers. Board assured that all personal information is kept in locked areas and bookkeeper's work is on a separate town owned computer with password and software protections in place.

Josh Fry showed concerns for the look of the outside of the Town Hall building and the long grass and weeds. Supervisor explained that the current mower has been going away to work more and is looking into finding someone else to mow and weed eat the Town Hall property.

Josh Fry also showed concerns over the door at the small water building by the Town Barns. The door won't stay shut and also concern over a valve needing to be fixed among other concerns with the electric pole outside of the water building. Supervisor to talk to Superintendent Waters about repairs.

Superintendent Acomb gave his Highway report. They have spent the month ditching and working many roads, installing new sluice pipes, oil and chipped Harrigan Rd, top coat on Walter's Rd, brining, and assisted Willing, West Union, and Wellsville.

Update on Clark Patterson Lee. Will set a date later this month to start the water/sewer study.

Camera update was discussed and camera's and equipment have been ordered.

OYA informed town that they may have to extend their solar permits and delay project due to costs of materials at this time.

Supervisor informed Board that the Application for the American Rescue Plan has been submitted.

Bid requests for the purchase and install of a water pump has been submitted to the Spectator.

Monthly Clerk, police, DCO, and financial 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 #7-2021 in the following amounts:

General	#96-110	\$7,596.47
Water	#56-59	\$574.12
Highway	#92-109	\$87,082.67

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Howe, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all at 8:25 pm.

Jasmine Bledsoe, Town Clerk