

Town of Independence
Public Hearing
Regular Meeting
September 9, 2021

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on September 9, 2021 at 7pm for a Public Hearing Regarding **LL#1-2021 - "A Local Law Adopted Pursuant To Cannabis Law 131 Opting Out Of Licensing And Establishing Retail Cannabis Dispensaries And/or On-Site Cannabis Consumption Establishments Within The Town Of Independence"** and for the regular monthly meeting.

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor called the Public Hearing to order. Hearing has been duly advertised in the form of Legal Notice, Town of Independence Facebook page, Town website and Town Clerk sign board. Board Discussed.

Supervisor Closed Public Hearing at 7:05 pm.

Supervisor Opened Regular Meeting.

A motion to accept **LL# 1-2021 "A Local Law Adopted Pursuant To Cannabis Law 131 Opting Out Of Licensing And Establishing Retail Cannabis Dispensaries And/or On-Site Cannabis Consumption Establishments Within The Town Of Independence"** was offered by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Howe with all members voting "Yes."

A motion to accept the August 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Council Brubaker, seconded by Council Ellison and carried by all.

Superintendent Acomb gave his highway report which includes hot patching, shouldering multiple roads, brining, ditching, machine repairs, and assisting Andover, Wellsville, Willing and West Union.

Town wide trash pick-up day was set for October 18th.

Town Clerk read a letter from a resident re: brush growth along the road on neighbors property. Supervisor to talk to home owner.

Supervisor gave updates on the following:

- New utility pole has been installed on Mill St. with updates.
- PFOA water test is set for this coming Wednesday.
- Cameras at the Town Barn property have been installed.
- Generator at Town Hall has been installed, still waiting on Water Dept. generator.
- Blue Collar Work wear account for the Highway Dept. has been set up.
- AT&T Tower.
- Budget Workshop has been set for 9/13 at 6pm.

Board discussed and set Trick or Treat Hours for Saturday, October 30th, from 6-8pm for houses with porch lights on.

Town Clerk presented **Resolution #14-2021 - "Extending date for Filing Delinquent Water and Sewer Rentals."** Board discussed and a motion to accept was offered by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Brubaker with all members voting "Yes."

Town Clerk reported that she had received the Backflow Prevention test results from WCS.

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

Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all to pay abstracts #9-2021 in the following amounts:

Water	#66-69	\$713.91
Highway	#120-136	\$69,462.49
General	#123-133	\$3,295.61

A motion to open Executive Session re: personnel was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all at 8:18pm.

A motion to exit Executive Session was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all at 8:30pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all at 8:30pm.

Jasmine Bledsoe, Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jasmine Bledsoe', written over a horizontal line.