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Town of Independence  
Regular Meeting  
November 11, 2021

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on November 11, 2021 for the regular board meeting.

Present: Supervisor, Reichman; Council: Meunier, Howe, Brubaker, Ellison; Town Clerk, Bledsoe; Highway Superintendent, Acomb  
Visitor: Dave Pullen (Town Attorney)

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

October 14, 2021 Monthly minutes were given to Board. They will remain Unapproved due to lack of quorum at that meeting.

A motion to accept the October 18, 2021 Special meeting minutes was offered by Council Howe, seconded by Council Brubaker and carried by all.

Superintendent Acomb gave his Highway report which included mowing, ditching, shouldering, applying dirt on 3 roads, grading, cold patching, hauling sand, repairs, and cleaning out a beaver dam. They also assisted Wellsville.

Attorney, Dave Pullen, spoke regarding the proposed LL#2-2021 with the Board. After much discussion, **Resolution #13-2021 - Adopt LL#2-2021 - Town of Independence Wind Energy Systems and Facilities**" was offered by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Brubaker with all present voting "Yes." Public Hearing is set for December 9, 2021 at 7pm.

Pullen Reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form with Board. A motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Ellison and carried by all to authorize Supervisor Reichman to File the Assessment and Law with the County Planning Board.

A motion was also made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all to Approve the Short Environmental Assessment Form, with revisions, and allow Attorney to send notices to adjacent towns.

Supervisor gave updates on the Generators and Cell Tower.

Town Clerk announced that the credit card system is finally up and working. She can accept card payments for the Clerk's office and Water Dept. The tax collector will also be able to tax card payments starting with her 2022 tax collection. There will be a 4% transaction fee for card holder per transaction.

Clerk read a letter from a local resident regarding feral cats.

The seat held by Mike Sutley on the Board of Assessment Review is up for renewal. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to re-appoint Mike Sutley. Clerk to file with Real Property.

A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Brubaker and carried by all to approve the Aged Tax Exemption with no changes. Clerk to file with Real Property.

Clerk read a letter from the IES, Whitesville Fire Dept, and Ladies Aux requesting a donation toward their 2021 Santa Claus visit and gift give away. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all to donate \$100.

Board Member, Robert Ellison, presented his resignation letter effective immediately as he will be moving. A motion to accept, with regret, was offered by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all.

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

Bills were reviewed with the motion made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Brubaker and carried by all to pay abstracts # 11-2021 in the following amounts:

Water	#79-83	\$1,517.97
General	#149-167	\$23,307.46
Highway	#159-171	\$41,725.36

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Howe, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all at 8:55pm.

Jasmine Bledsoe, Town Clerk