

August 12, 2015

Work Session

6:30 PM

Present were Supervisor Grant, Council Members, Mohun and Frounick, also Superintendent Czworka. Councilman Hoy excused, Councilman Gadd called, on the road, will be here approx. 8 PM.

Board Members audited the Highway, General Fund and Special District claims.

Superintendent Czworka reported on road projects – Working on Lapp and Getman (oil & stoning) wants to get over onto Tooley, needs to do more work on the end of Maxon where there was a 5' deep hole washed out during the heavy rain.

Supervisor Grant received a call regarding a cell tower project for this area, also discussed the proposed local Laws #1 and #2 and reviewed the agenda.

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Regular Meeting

7:30 PM

Supervisor Grant called the meeting to order and asked Council Member Mohun to lead the pledge to the flag. Present were Council Members Mohun and Frounick. Councilman Gadd arrived at 8 PM, Councilman Hoy excused. Also present was Highway Superintendent Czworka.

Financial Matters:

General Fund claims #184 - 213 totaling \$14,142.97 presented. Motion made by Frounick/Mohun to approve the General Fund claims presented. Voting all ayes, carried.

Highway claims #104 – 122 totaling \$65,884.03 presented. Motion made by Mohun/Frounick to approve the Highway Fund claims. Voting all ayes, carried.

Special District Claims: Cowlesville Water District claims #36-42 totaling \$2195.50. Motion made by Mohun/Frounick to approve the Water District claims, voting all ayes, carried.

Cowlesville Street Lighting claim #8 in the amount of \$190.73 presented. Motion made by Frounick/Mohun to approve the Cowlesville Street Light claim, voting all ayes, carried.

Supervisor's Financial Statements for June: Supervisor Grant reported she's received the CHIP's money, not included in this statement. Motion made by Mohun/Frounick to accept the Supervisor's Financial report, voting all ayes, carried.

Minutes from June & July – There being no corrections/amendments, a motion was made by Mohun/Frounick to accept the minutes as presented, voting all ayes, carried. Board members received the minutes from the Special Session tonight, will be presented next month for approval.

Correspondence:

Notice from GLOW of the free Household Hazardous Waste/Pharmaceutical Collection scheduled for Sept. 19th in Rock Glen. Appointments required. Laminated copy of this posted at the transfer station.

Memo from NY Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation on the Summer programs at Letchworth State Park.

Letter from Kubota Leasing, contract is scheduled to expire 11/15/2015.

Final reconciliation report from Tax Collector for 2015.

Non-collusive bidding certificate received from L.B. Tiling.

Monthly report from Assessor Wittmeyer.

May and June meeting minutes received from Planning Board.

Thank you card received from Dave & Kathy Ludwig thanking the Board, (especially Council Member Mohun), for their diligence in tracking down the missing monies from the Town Clerk's office.

Notice from NYS Dept. of Public Service re: Survey on telecommunications Assess. Report – Hearing set for Aug 5th in Buffalo.

Letter from Marilla Town Attorney re: Sustainable BioElectric, Anaerobic Digester Facilities. Will need to set up a Special Meeting.

Departments:

Assessor: Monthly report in Board Members folder. Town received the Final Equalization rate from the State – it's 45% for 2015.

Zoning: Blocker Special Permit – Mr. Blocker sent signed notice that he is no longer in the business of selling, stripping top soil, nothing more will be done in the future and therefore does not need the permit.

Highway: Superintendent Czworka reported he's started working on tiling on Tooley and Burrough. Also has been, will need more work on Maxon where this last heavy rainfall washed out a 5" deep hole near the Sheldon town line end of Maxon. He stated he's putting down brine on Burrough but getting hard to get, not flushing gas wells like they used to, where we'd get the brine free. Short discussion held on brine.

Supervisor Grant reported Town Highway Employees like the new HRA Plan and that the final payment on the excavator is coming due.

Park /Recreation: Supervisor Grant reported that someone broke into the shed up at the park early July. The baseball commissioner was on vacation over the 4th of July, after he got back and went up to the park, found that the lock had been broken. Only thing missing was a pop up tent. State Police were contacted.

Swim Program at Bryncliff – tomorrow is the last day, had over 60 kids registered.

Water District: Bills out.

Transfer Station: As reported in the correspondence, GLOW has scheduled their FREE Household Hazardous Waste/Pharmaceutical Collection for Sept. 19th at Rock Glen,

appointments are required. There is a laminated copy of this posted at the Transfer Station. Supervisor Grant reported that will need to order recycling boxes for batteries and light bulbs. Still a box of bulbs up there (never pick-up by UPS). Supervisor Grant asked Board Members to think about ideas for the transfer station for the 2016 budget. Maintenance work needs to be done on the compactor, as well as ideas needed to get it more self sustaining, been in the red for the past few years and getting worse. Do they want to add money on the tax bills, move the transfer station to a different site, will need to have something by the September meeting. Short discussion held.

Public Concerns: Nothing

Old Business:

Local Laws #1 and #2, Abandoned Property Registry (law to make up a list of where the vacant buildings are unsightly and have a negative effect on the community) Property Maintenance (giving the Town Board the authority to provide for the proper maintenance on all properties within the Town of Bennington to preserve the public safety, health and welfare and protect values within the Town of Bennington) : Supervisor Grant noted that the public Hearing was held in June, must act one way or the other on these laws tonight. Board Members discussed the laws in length. Councilman Gadd felt that the 30 days, unoccupied period was too short (Section II Definitions, F-6), 90 days more reasonable. After further discussion a motion was made by Council Member Mohun to change the number of days from 30 to 90 (Section II, F-6) and approve adoption of Local Law #1 for 2015. Motion seconded by Frounick, voting all ayes, carried.

Local Law #2 – Board Members felt that more work needed to be done on this law . Motion made by Gadd NOT to approve this law at this time, seconded by Frounick, voting all ayes, carried. Supervisor Grant asked Board Members to bring in ideas next month.

New Business: Attica Central School requested use of the Town Hall on October 22nd for their Board Meeting. Motion made by Frounick/Mohun to allow Attica Central School the use of the town hall on Oct. 22nd, voting all ayes, carried.

Zoning Updates – Home Occupation Law, Hamlet District, Seasonal/Ag District – Out-dated need to review, some gray areas in Home Occupation, (types of services); Hamlet District (set back requirements); Seasonal/Ag District (areas ie Hodge Road area). Short discussion held.

2016 Budget: Memos out to the departments to get their anticipated expenses for 2016 in by the end of September.

Other matters to come before the Board: Council Member Mohun asked about the web site. Supervisor Grant reported that was suppose to be up and running within a short time, been awhile, she will get in touch with him and find out what's going on, he was suppose to pick up some information from the town hall and never did.

Council Member Mohun reported on the Employee Policy/handbook, getting ideas from other towns.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Mohun to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Judith Brown, Town Clerk