

Supervisor Grant opened the 2016 Organizational Meeting at 7:20 PM and asked for approval of the following:

A. Set Salaries, Fees & Financial Matters:

2016 Town Salaries as per the adopted 2016 budget:

Supervisor	\$ 5,200/year
Town Council Members 4@	1,912Year
Town Justice 2@	5,000year
Highway Superintendent	46,350/Year
Town Clerk/Collector	15,000/Year
Deputy Town Clerk	12/hour
Budget Director	550 /Year
Town Assessor (sole)	21,500 /Year
Zoning & Fair Housing Officer	15 /hour
Deputy Zoning Officer	15/hour
Planning Board , ZBA Members	15.25/Mtg.
Planning Board, ZBA Chair	20 /Mtg.
Planning Brd., ZBA, Assess. Review Sec'ys	9/hour
Bd. Of Assessment Review Members	9.50/hour
Court Clerk	7,050/Year
Town Bookkeeper	4,700 /Year
Voting Machine Operator	110/ machine
Town Custodian	1,850/year
Transfer Station Operator	4,950/Year
Town Historian	135/year
Attorney for the Town of Bennington	as per voucher
Town Park Maintenance Person	5,250/year
Transfer Station Assistant	9/hour
Prosecutor	3,840/year
Water System Operator	15.50/hour
Assist. Water System Operators	13.50/hour
Water Clerk	550 /year
Dog Enumerator	1.50 per dog
Motor Equip. Operator (PT Seasonal)	12/Hour

Zoning Fees:

Variance \$125.00

Special Use Permit	\$125.00
Special Use Permit renewals	10.00/year
Special Use Permit for Meteorological Towers:	
Installation for a term not to exceed two (2) years	25.00
Each additional year there after	25.00
Zoning Permits under 400 sq. ft	25.00
Zoning Permits over 400 sq. ft.	50.00
Ponds	25.00
Home Occupation Permits	50.00
Home Occupation Permits – yearly renewal	10.00
Sale of Zoning Books	25.00
Application to re-zone	500.00
Tower Special Use Permit Fee	2,000.00
Building Permit Fees for Towers;	
First 100 feet	1,000.00
Next 100 feet (or part thereof)...	600.00
Each 100 feet thereafter or part thereof	400.00
Co-location Application fee	1,000.00
Co-location Building Permit fee	1,000.00
Other fees:	
Park Rental	25.00
Park Security Deposit	25.00
Copies of official documents	.25/page

Official Rate for Mileage while on Town Business: .45/mile

Banking Accounts:

General Fund Checking	Five Star Bank
Highway Checking	Five Star Bank
Trust & Agency Account	Five Star Bank
Reilein Account	Five Star Bank
Town Clerk Account	Alden State Bank
Tax Collector Account	Bank of Castile
Justice Court Funds	Five Star Bank
Cowlesville Water District	Five Star Bank
Certificates of Deposit	Banks with the best interest rate

Motion made by Gadd/Mohun to approve the 2016 Salaries, Fees/rates and Banking Accounts.
Voting all ayes carried.

B. Notice of Meeting Dates, Times, Locations and other legal notices

Official Meeting Dates:

Town Board	Second Wednesday 7:30 PM at Town Hall with work session beginning at 6:30 PM
Planning Board	Third Wednesday, 7 PM
Zoning Board of Appeals	First Wednesday, Meet as needed at 7PM
Official Election Places	District #1, 2 & 3 – Bennington Town Hall
Official Newspaper for Legal and Official Notices	– The Batavia News, Batavia, NY
Official Bulletin Board for posting of Town Notices	– Town Clerk's , Town Hall Bennington Center, New York

Motion made by Hoy/Frounick to approve the meeting dates, time Locations and other legal notices. Voting all ayes, carried.

C. Appointments :

Attorneys for the Town	David DiMatteo
Deputy Supervisor	James Hoy Jr.
Zoning & Fair Housing Officer	Vacant
Deputy Zoning Officer	Lisa Clemente
Historian	Lesa VanSon
Transfer Station Operator	John Wojtkowiak
Assistant Transfer Sta. Oper.	Jim McCulloch
Voting Machine Custodian	Jean Perkins
Registrar	Judy Brown
Bookkeeper	June Spencer
Budget Director	Ellen Grant
Town Prosecutor	James Wucjik
Court Clerk	Christa Dake
Deputy Town Clerk	Carolyn Busch
Dog Enumerator	Carolyn Mruczek
Planning Board Chairman	Robert Gadd
Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman	Rick Storch
Sec'y, Zoning Board of Appeals	Donna Hummel
Sec'y, Planning Board	Donna Hummel
Inter-Community Medical Ctr. Board	Michael Hardie
Town Custodian	Carolyn Mruczek
Town Park Custodian	Dante Caselli
Office for the Aging Representative	Vacant
County Planning Board Representative	Vacant
Assessor	Kandace Wittmeyer
Water System Operator	Mark Pruitt
Assist. Water System Operator	Dan Czelusta
Water Clerk	Judy Brown

Motion made by Mohun/Gadd to approve the 2016 appointments, voting all ayes, carried.

Motion made by Hoy/Frounick to close the Organizational Meeting, voting all ayes, carried.
Meeting closed at 7:36 PM.

Regular Session

January 6, 2016

7:36 PM

Supervisor Grant declared the meeting open.

Supervisor Grant asked for approved of the following Contracts/Agreements for 2016:

Williamson Law Book, Tax Collector Maintenance contract - \$400.

Eagle Systems – Koycera Copier \$474.60 includes drum, parts, toner & mileage

Wyo. Co. Water - \$160

Motion made by Mohun/Frounick to approve the contracts/agreements, voting all ayes, carried.

Financial Matters:

General Fund claims #1 – 13 totaling \$4686.62 presented. Motion made by Hoy/Gadd to approve the General Fund claims, voting all ayes, carried.

Highway claims # 1 -9 totaling \$7,851.66 presented. Motion made by Frounick/Mohun to approve the Highway Fund claims, voting all ayes, carried.

Special District claims – Cowlesville Water District claims #1 -3 totaling \$280.41;; Bennington Fire Company (partial payment of their 2016 fire contract- \$25,000) presented. Motion made by Hoy/Frounick to approve all of the Special District claims, voting all ayes, carried.

Supervisor Financial Reports – Supervisor Grant reported that the decrease in the Highway Fund was the \$100,000 it borrowed from the General Fund for cash flow purposes and repaid, at the end of 2015 the Town has a balance of \$220,166.56. Motion made by Mohun/Hoy to accept the Supervisor’s Financial Report, voting all ayes, carried.

Correspondence:

Certificates of Insurance naming the Town of Bennington as additional insured received from: Nichols, Long & Moore Construction; Time Warner Cable and Spring Creek Construction.

Letter from the Assoc. of Towns re: Report by the Resolutions Comm. Regarding the proposed amendments to the Assoc. of Towns’ operating Constitution and By-laws. (2015).

Notice from the Assoc. of Towns’ Re: 2016 Training School and Annual Meeting scheduled in New York City Feb. 14-17th.

Notice from D&D Alarm re: Emergency contact info.

Notice from the Wyo. County Arts Council re: Member solicitations

Letter from Chatfield Engineering requesting that the Town appoint them as the Town Engineers' firm for 2016. Supervisor Grant informed them that the Town hires Engineering firms when the need arises.

DEC Notice re: Regulation electric generating equipment.

Departments:

Zoning:

Special Use Permit application received from Kimo Brandon (Sugarbush Archery LLC), looking to open a small business within his home to provide gunsmith services and sell firearms. Mr. Brandon informed the Board that he has his tax ID and sales tax certificate, now checking into the Federal Firearms Law regarding licensing/requirements etc. Supervisor Grant complimented him on his application (through & complete) and informed him that if he intends to put up any signs to contact the Zoning Officer for the requirements. After reviewing the application with Board Members, Mr. Brandon also informed the Board that he will have security and insurance. Motion made by Frounick/Hoy to accept Mr. Brandon's application, to schedule a Public Hearing for the February 11th Town Board meeting and declare the Town Board at the Lead Agency for SEQR. Voting all ayes, carried.

Renewal of Raymond & Joan Kissell's Special Use Permit – have applied for a 3 year renewal, no complaints, they now operate by appointment and only occasionally sell material out of the gravel pit. Motion made by Frounick/Mohun to approve Mr. Kissell's renewal for 3 years, voting all ayes, carried.

Highway: Nothing to report

Assessor: Excused. Working on Exemptions.

Park/Rec. Family-Cross-Country Ski Day scheduled for Feb. 15th, at Byrncliff Resort, 10 AM – 4 PM.

Water: Will be reading the meters this month, also will be taking 10 - 12 water samples from various places throughout the district this month to be analyzed, for lead and copper, which should be happening shortly.

Transfer Station – Working on the Annual Report for the GLOW Solid Waste, has to be submitted this month., just under 39 tons of recycling and 191 tons of garbage was hauled out last year. Town Clerk's 2015 Annual Report included in Board Member's packets showing the income for the Transfer Station last year. Short discussion held. Council Member Mohun suggested that should have someone sitting up there periodically to take license plate numbers of the people going in and out.

Public Concerns; None

Old Business:

2016-2020 Agreement with County for Dog Control Services – Calls for payment to the county of \$6/Neutered/spayed dog and \$13 Unspayed/unneutered dog. After a short discussion, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolution 2016-1-1 Contract for Dog Control with the County of Wyoming

Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Bennington, hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with the County of Wyoming for Dog Control Services for the period 2016 through 2020, and that the Town will make all required payments to the County as detailed with the agreement, in exchange for the services as detailed in Appendix A of said agreement.

Motion to approve the agreement and authorize the Supervisor to execute same, made by Council Member Mohun, seconded by Councilman Hoy. Voting 5 Ayes. Carried.

Inter-Community Medical Center - Supervisor Grant reported that the sale is contingent on the Articles of Separation being in order, also some closing costs.

New Business:

Shared Service with NYS DOT- Supervisor Grant reported that Highway Superintendent Czworka has no problem with it, nor does Attorney DiMatteo have any issues. Superintendent Czworka will have to keep track of the hours. After short discussion, the following resolution was approved.

Resolution #2016-1-2 Contract for Shared Services with NYS DOT

Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Bennington, hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with the State of New York Department of Transportation for the period 1/1/16 through 12/21/16 for Shared Service in the event of an emergency situation in absence of an emergency declaration by the Governor of the state of New York. Said agreement to include emergency assistance, including snow and ice control, an at amount not to exceed \$10,000 in cost.

Motion made by Councilman Frounick, seconded by Councilman Hoy to approve the Contract for Shared Services with NYS DOT 1/1/16 – 12/31/16, voting 5 ayes, Carried.

Advertise for Vacancies: County Planning Board Representative; Zoning Officer; Board of Assessment Review Member; Office for the aging Representative.

Motion made by Frounick/Hoy to authorize the Clerk to advertise for the above vacancies. Voting all ayes, carried.

Other Matters to come before the Board:

Council Member Mohun reported she attend the re-organization meeting of the Cowlesville Fire Company and informed them about the potential hazard, vacant, condemned house (Roberts) on Kern. She informed them that no one lives there and electric and heat are on. They were not aware of it. She also informed the Fire Department of the 2 Local Laws the town passed on Abandoned/Vacant House Registry and the Law Providing Property Maintenance for Vacant Buildings and Properties. Maybe should also make the Bennington Fire Company aware of these laws.

There be no further business, a motion was made by Mohun to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Judith Brown, Town Clerk