

September 9, 2015

Work Session

6:30 PM

Present were Supervisor Grant, Council Members Mohun, Hoy, Gadd and Frounick, also Highway Superintendent Czworka. Supervisor Grant reported that she's heard nothing from Roach regarding the Property Maintenance Law. Reported by Councilman Frounick that the drive shaft went on the push mower at the park. Superintendent Czworka updated Board Members on road projects, also transmission blew in #128, under warranty, has been replaced, now at Caledonia Diesel for tuning.

Supervisor Grant reported the Town should hear something shortly on the Records Management Grant. She also reviewed the agenda with Board Members>

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Regular Meeting

7:30 PM

Supervisor Grant called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Hoy to lead the pledge to the flag. Present were Council Members Hoy, Gadd, Frounick and Mohun, also Highway Superintendent Czworka.

Financial Matters:

General Fund claims #214 - 242 totaling \$8,803.22 presented. Motion made by Hoy/Gadd to approve the General Fund claims presented. Voting all ayes, carried.

Highway claims #123 – 134 totaling \$46,908.09 presented. Motion made by Mohun/Frounick to approve the Highway Fund claims. Voting all ayes, carried.

Special District Claims: Cowlesville Water District claims #43-48 totaling \$2273.26 and **Cowlesville Street Lighting** claim #9 in the amount of \$190.73 presented. Motion made by Hoy/Mohun to approve the Special District claims, voting all ayes, carried.

Supervisor's Financial Statements for A: Supervisor Grant reported that the amount will increase a little later this month when the CHIP's money is received . Motion made by Mohun/Gadd to accept the Supervisor's Financial report, voting all ayes, carried.

Minutes: August Monthly and the July 27th Special Session : Supervisor Grant corrected the August Meeting County Snow Money NOT CHIPS money that was received. There being no other corrections/amendments, a motion as made by Gadd/Mohun to accept the minutes as amended, voting all ayes carried.

Correspondence:

July 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes received from the Town's Planning Board.

Updated Zoning and Land Separation Permits issued by the Zoning Officers.

Certificate of Certifications received for Mark Pruitt (Possesses the qualifications prescribed by Subpart 5-4 of the State Sanitary Code, for a grade D-Distribution System Water System Operator) from the NYS dept. Dept. of Health.

Letter from Folsom Trailblazers thanking the town for allowing them the privilege of letting their trail system run through town property. They also provided a certificate of insurance naming the Town of Bennington as additional insured on their liability policy.

Letter from the NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets to Attorney DiMatteo Re: AML 305-a (1) Review of the town of Bennington's Local Law #1 of 1995 and Local Law #1 of 2014 as Applied to TRAVCO Farms' land application of biosolids in the Town of Bennington.

Notice from the Public Service Commission on two hearings: Sponsoring a series of regional information sessions and public statements hearings regarding two proceedings currently before the Commission, (1) Examination of low income programs offered by the major electric and gas utilities in New York State ie NYSEG, National Fuel and NationalGrid. (2) Concerns a joint Petition submitted by Time Warner Cable and Charter Communications seeking Commission approval to merge into a new entity called New Charter.

Notice from the Wyoming County Sheriff's Office re: Drug Take Back day scheduled for Sept. 26th in Warsaw and Arcade. Past collection over 200# of unused, outdated drugs were collected.

August Newsletter from Wyoming County Soil and Conservation.

Newsletter from Wyoming County Arts Council re: Arts' event Sept. 25th.

Departments:

Assessor: Assessor is not here tonight, Supervisor Grant reported that she's been out doing her field work this past month.

Zoning/Planning: Jason Meyers Special Use Permit – Mr. Meyers has applied for a 3-year renewal for his construction business on Bear Road. There have been no complaints received on him. Motion made by Mohun/Frounick to approve his permit for 3 years. Voting all ayes, carried.

Highway: Superintendent Czworka reported he's started working on Poland hill Road, has the drains all in on South Burrough, will next be putting in the soft laterals, tiling will be done within the next 1-1/2 weeks, been doing cold patching pot holes in spare time, was doing roadside mowing, but the county mower broke down; has Ken Eastman coming in to cut trees (2 on Urf,

2 on Cozy and 1 on Friedman); Truck #128, transmission blew (under warranty) has been replaced and vehicle is now at Caledonia Diesel for tuning and blown seal.

Superintendent Czworka would like to get an estimate from Jason Meyers to do some ditching on Bailey and Sinn if possible. Supervisor Grant reminded him that we must abide by the bidding process. If gets an estimate and over the limit, then will have to advertise for bids. Motion made by Hoy/.Mohun to authorize the clerk to advertise for bids for ditching on Bailey and Sinn Roads. Voting all ayes, carried.

Mr. Czworka reported that he has been working with Texas Brine trying to set up an account for brine. Cost is .40/bal, feels he needs about 500 gallon, will get pricing on having them spread it (if cheap enough) or they can haul and dump in town's tank and town highway can spread it. Councilman Gadd asked if anything done on the undercoating of town vehicles yet. Mr. Czworka said no. Mr. Czworka received a notice from Greater Transportation Council – Rochester of State and Federal funding for Rts. 354, 77 and 98, nothing for town roads.

Park /Recreation: Supervisor Grant reported that the water will need to be turned off shortly at the park. Councilman Frounick reported in the Work Session that the drive shaft has gone on the hand/push lawn mower. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Frounick/Hoy to purchase a new one for up to \$450, voting all ayes carried.

Water District: Supervisor Grant that the BAN update Agreement from Municipal Solutions is up for renewal. They are the firm that coordinates/draws up all of the documents between the McGull, DiMatteo's Office and the Financial Institutions for the Water District. Motion made by Mohun/Hoy to approve the Updated Agreement, voting all ayes, carried.

Transfer Station: 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. Someone dropped off some TVs at the Transfer Station (which will have to be taken to Ed. Arnold or ARC in Batavia).

Public Concerns: Nothing.

Old Business: Supervisor Grant read letter from Mr/Mrs Taylor on Kern Road regarding the vacated property at 423 Kern regarding their concerns because the gas and possibly the electric is still on. Council Member Mohun emphasized her concerns as to why the town needs to adopt the Property Maintenance Law to get some of these places cleaned up before something happens. She also stated that she has called Don Roberts about this and he doesn't return her phone calls and asked Supervisor Grant if she will give him a call to see if can't get the gas turned off. Discussion turned to the property maintenance law which all Board Members agreed that there has to be chances made, adjustment made to fit our town.

New Business: 2016 Budget – Will need to schedule a Special Session for Town Board to Review the Budget. Motion made by Mohun/Hoy to schedule a Special Session on Saturday, Oct. 3rd at 8 AM and authorize the clerk to advertise same. Voting all ayes, carried.

Credit Card Payments to the town – Supervisor Grant reported that they are looking into different vendors so the town can collect fees by credit cards, even have residents pay on line.

Authorize Supervisor to apply for 2016 Arts Council grant for concerts - Motion made by Mohun/Hoy to authorize Supervisor to apply for Arts Council grants, voting all ayes, carried.

Other matters to come before the Board:

Website: Supervisor Grant reported she met with him on a Saturday, he was suppose to come back and pick-up some information, but never did, she will call him.

Joe Heller asked about the hospital, what does the county intend to do with it. Supervisor Grant reported that they are offering early retirements trying to down size, also reported that the state has \$400 million dollars set aside, so far only 3 grants have been approved and are all down state.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mohun to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Judith Brown, Town Clerk