

Bennington Town Board

May 12, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

Work session began at 6:50pm. Councilmembers Frounick, Waite, Mohun and Gadd audited the bills. Superintendent Koch was in attendance. Discussion on County agreement to spend highway funds. Blood and Dersam Rd will get some work done on them next week. Superintendent Koch briefed the Board on a surplus truck that the Town of Arcade has up for sale. The one we had received from Darien is not in great shape and should be replaced.

Supervisor Grant called the meeting to Order at 7:35pm; Supervisor Grant asked Councilman to lead the pledge of allegiance.

Financial Matters:

General Fund vouchers #81 to #99 \$6,365.26

Highway Fund vouchers #49 to #60 \$23,225.88

Cowlesville Water vouchers #21 to #26 \$2,631.73

Cowlesville Light vouchers # 5 \$108.90

The Town Board rejected a bill that was from 2020 from the Planning Board as we are unable to pay it since so much time has passed and the books/audits have been closed.

- Motion by Mohun, seconded by Waite to approve all other vouchers for payment.
Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Financial Reports

- Motion by Gadd, seconded by Frounick to approve the Financial Reports ending April 30, 2021.
Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Communications: A resident from Sierk Rd called the Town Clerk to inquire about a snowbird fee for garbage collection. Councilman Gadd commented; would have to direct to the County for their determination. Certificate of Analysis received from BioTrax for the month of April. The Town Clerk received a certificate of recognition from NYS Town Clerk Association that 100% of Town Clerks have supported membership for 2021. A report was received from Wyoming County Zoning for monthly activity for Town projects. Two open projects regarding land separation and five permits were issued for building projects in the Town. No violations were reported. The Town Clerk received a packet from the Town Attorney regarding the Town of Darien "2021 Updates to Town Zoning Law". Supervisor Grant noted that Charter Communications sent a payment of \$45,382.48 for the franchise fee for cable services only. Councilman Waite asked if that fee could be used towards expanded coverage of services. Certificate of Insurance was received from Driven Contracting; doing work on French Rd. A letter from the Town Attorney, DiMatteo & Roach regarding an engagement letter for Zoning work. Petition from Schoellkopf Rd. residents that they want their road black topped. The infrastructure money from the Federal Govt. cannot be used to repair roads in the Town. The money that is coming to the Town should be coming within the next few weeks and there is very little that the Town can do with it per the guidelines that have been set by the Federal/State government. Justice report was received for the month of April.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion to approve minutes for April 2021, made by Mohun, Seconded by Gadd.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Petitions and public concerns: Schoellkopf Rd. Petition received. Chris Domes is happy with the garbage pickup. Has noticed that a lot of dumping is taking place on Tinkham Rd. A resident of Bear Rd. called the Clerk about dumping that is taking place adjacent to her property. The Supervisor will contact the County for them to follow up on.

Departments:

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – The Clerk is conducting a Dog enumeration currently.

Postcards went out and residents have done a great job getting them back in. The Town Clerk distributed her Monthly report during work session.

Highway – Getman Rd to be shimmed with blacktop to shore up that road, Dirt roads are getting addressed as weather permits. Potholes are getting filled for now, but will be addressed as the weather gets warmer. The current truck that we have is not in great shape and looking to replace it. The Town of Arcade has one that they will be putting up for sale. Superintendent Koch will take a look at the truck and will advise the Board if it is in good shape and whether he would be interested in purchasing it.

Assessor – Grievance Day is scheduled for May 27th. Jim Kirsch sent out information to residents on the process. Councilman Gadd having second thoughts about the revaluation. Discussion held on levies, house value changes and percentages.

Zoning – Home Occupation permit renewal was submitted by Teri Wildey for a Hair Salon. Motion to approve by Mohun, seconded by Frounick. All Ayes, carried.

Water District – Annual report needs to go out to users in the District. Highland Glen is still not hooked up to the system.

Court – We have a surplus Fax machine from the Court, Motion to dispose by Mohun, second by Gadd; All Ayes, carried.

Park/Recreation – Teresa Acquard is working on signing up kids for the summer swim program. Byrncliff should be sending over their contract. Meyer septic coming to the park to pump out the tanks at the Park.

Old Business:

Zoning Board of Appeals Vacancy

Resolution #2021-5-1 Appoint David Best to ZBA and as Chair

Be it Resolved, that David Best, 683 Tinkham Road, Attica NY is hereby appointed to fill the vacant term of Zoning Board of Appeals Member and as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective immediately, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

Motion by Frounick, seconded by Waite

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

New Business:

Supervisor Grant has ordered LED lighting panels to be installed in the Clerk's office along with the Meeting room. They are energy efficient and very bright.

Memorial Day Observance at the Historical Society. There will be a service at the Cowlesville Cemetery, but there will not be a parade or school band. The Clerk's office will be closed Memorial Day weekend.

Any other Business to Come before the Board/County Matters:

Adjourn at 8:35pm by Councilman Mohun.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Busch
Town Clerk