

**REGULAR MEETING OF
TOWN OF BENSON TOWN BOARD
APRIL 10, 2013**

MEETING AGENDA

Meeting opened @ _____
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

APPROVAL OF THE ABSTRACTS: General - \$ _____, Highway - \$ _____
Moved _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

Reading of the Minutes of the March 13, 2013 Regular Meeting
Motion to accept as read, or amend
Moved _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

PUBLIC INPUT

REPORTS FROM STANDING / SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

We are still missing a Board Member due to illness and we are still collecting information regarding the calculation of highway crew overtime as it relates to a week with a paid holiday or use of personal time or vacation time. This is an item that is to be discussed annually at budget time anyway and all aspects of this issue can be researched and addressed during the ensuing months up to budget time.

Regarding John Shepard's request that he be given his own copy of each map of the two cemeteries: Paraphrasing the Senior Investigator of the NYS Division of Cemeteries, a private citizen is not entitled to a full map as they are usually very large; cost a lot to copy and who would pay for the copy/copies?; how would the maps be updated if everyone had their own copies and who would do updates?; many times the maps have 'private' information on them not for just everyone to see. The full maps are always available to the public for review but not removal for copying. At the time of a sale, not only should the buyer receive an easement but should be supplied with an 8.5 x 11 copy to show where the plot is and be given a copy of the current Cemetery Policy.

John Shepard has further information concerning the ongoing discussion regarding Woods Lake Road recently being blocked with vehicles going to Lapland Lake Nordic Ski Centre.

NEW BUSINESS

Frank Fernandez has agreed to serve on the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) to replace Mike Shepard. The training session(s) will be coordinated with Barry Baker, Director of Hamilton County Real Property Tax Services. Also, Barry has determined that there is no conflict with our new Town Clerk retaining her seat on the BAR. We now have four Benson citizens on the BAR.

Resolution 44-13

Effective immediately, Frank Fernandez is appointed to the Town of Benson Board of Assessment Review (BAR) for a three term.

Moved _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

To complete the process of appointing Jeanne Cox as our new Town Clerk we have the following two Resolutions:

45-13

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk appoints a Deputy Town Clerk. (Town Law Section 30; subdivision 10) The Town Clerk appoints NANCY STORTECKY for the remainder of 2013. There is to be no remuneration and are to be no fringe benefits associated with this appointment.

Moved _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

46-13

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints JEANNE COX as Registrar of Vital Statistics for the remainder of 2013.

Moved _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

To amend the 2013 Organizational Meeting Resolution 33-13 for Cemetery Committee which in part reads: "RESOLVED, that the Supervisor establishes the following Committees for 2013: (Town Law; Section 63; subsection 13)

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- Cemetery Committee
- Ermina Pincombe - Supervisor
- Judy Webber - Town Clerk
- Cecil Blowers - Highway Superintendent"

we have Resolution:

47-13

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints John Shepard III, Sexton for the remainder of 2013. The sexton's duties will be to meet parties interested in burial plots in either of the town's two cemeteries, oversee burials, coordinate the undertaker and gravedigger, to keep the Cemetery Records up-to-date, and coordinate operations with the rest of the Cemetery Committee. There is to be no remuneration and are to be no fringe benefits associated with this appointment.

Moved _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

We are in receipt of a Letter of Intent from the town's Tax Collector. It will be read at this time.

If anyone would like one, we have twenty copies of the NYS Firearms License Exemption Form supplied by Hamilton County Sheriff, Karl Abrams. They should be filled out and gotten to our County Clerk before the end of this month.

Any further information on the proposed Town of Benson billboard?

For anyone wanting a burning permit, our Town Clerk is to post the contact information in our present billboard for the officer in charge.

PUBLIC INPUT

TOWN BOARD INPUT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved _____ @ _____

REMINDER: The next meeting of the Benson Town Board will be held here at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 08th, 2013.

In conformity with the Resolutions passed at the Organizational Meeting which determine Board procedure, the following shall apply to all Public Input and comments made during each and every meeting:

RESOLVED, that, in some circumstances and only on a limited basis, those in attendance may be allowed to speak during a Regular Meeting. These interruptions must follow certain protocol. The speaker must address the Chair, obtain permission to speak, speak in an orderly fashion, and must limit his/her input to two minutes. Regular Meetings of the Town Board are expressly for the purpose of conducting necessary Town business. There is a Public Input section at the beginning of each meeting and again at the end of each meeting. Visitors' input should be limited to those times. Visitors wishing to have their comments read into the Minutes shall provide a short summary of their input.