

Benson Town Board
Regular Meeting
July 9, 2014

Minutes

Meeting Opened at 6:30 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: Supervisor Phil Snyder
Councilmen: Robert Cox, Doug Gregor, John Shepard III, John Stortecky
Hwy. Supt. Cecil Blowers

Public Present: Dick Barlow, Beth Junquera

Motion to approve Minutes of June 11, 2014 Regular Meeting as written moved by John Shepard,
2nd by John Stortecky

Vote: All in favor, motion carried

Public Input: Mr. Barlow asked why Accounts Payable and Receivables aren't made public in writing or verbally anymore. Totals are not listed in Minutes anymore.

Board Response: Mr. Snyder responded that he can take care of it; that they should be in the minutes; that they are public information.

Reports from Special/Standing Committees:

Mr. Cox asked for clarification on what Bldgs. And Grounds Committee is responsible for doing.

Mr. Snyder responded that they are to take care of the building and grounds conditions. They are welcome to have committee meetings to discuss these problems, if necessary.

Old Business:

Mr. Gregor is in favor of a response letter being written to Mrs. Webber or any citizen who writes to the Board in regards to a concern.

A motion was made in favor of a letter of response to any citizen who writes to the board in regards to a concern.

Moved by Doug Gregor

2nd by John Stortecky

Vote: R. Cox – Aye

D. Gregor – Aye

J. Shepard – Noe

J. Stortecky – Aye

P. Snyder – Noe

Motion Carried.

New Business:

Letter from Elizabeth Van Epps regarding condition of Town Hall on Election Day received by D. Gregor and read to the Board.

Lori will be advised by the Town Clerk in a timely manner of events to take place at the Town Hall. Bldg. and Grounds Committee member, Mr. Cox, will see if he can be of any assistance to her in regards to supplies and Town Hall requirements.

Resolution # 57-14 Meeting Time Change to 6:00PM

Moved by : J. Stortecky 2nd by D. Gregor
Vote: R. Cox – Noe D. Gregor – Aye J. Shepard – Abstain
J. Stortecky – Aye P. Snyder – Noe

Motion Denied

Further discussion for Meeting Time Change tabled by P. Snyder; 2nd by J. Stortecky

Resolution # 58-14 Line Item for Fire Tax on Real Estate Property Tax Bill

Moved by: Phil Snyder 2nd by J. Shepard
Vote: R. Cox – Aye D. Gregor – Aye J. Shepard – Aye
J. Stortecky – Abstain P. Snyder – Aye

Motion Carried

Resolution # 59-14 Support Grant Application to Adirondack Upper Hudson Recreation Hub

Moved by: R. Cox 2nd by J. Shepard
Vote: R. Cox – Aye D. Gregor – Aye J. Shepard – Aye
J. Stortecky – Aye P. Snyder – Aye

Motion Carried

Resolution # 60-14 Support Grant Application to Adirondack Upper Hudson Recreation Hub

Moved by: J. Shepard 2nd by D. Gregor
Vote: R. Cox – Aye D. Gregor – Aye J. Shepard – Aye
J. Stortecky – Abstain P. Snyder – Aye

Motion Carried

2013 AUD has been submitted to the State Comptroller's Office; copy to Town Clerk.

Code Enforcer's Report Read

Excellus has advised that the Health Ins. Premium for 2015 may show a 16% increase from 2014.

State Comptroller's Office returned \$553.39 to Benson from State Ins. Fund.

Motion to pay abstracts moved by J. Shepard; 2nd by D. Gregor

Vote: R. Cox – Aye D. Gregor – Aye J. Shepard – Aye
J. Stortecky – Aye P. Snyder – Aye

Motion Carried

Mr. Shepard suggested that when signs are stolen, a report be filed with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office so that if prosecution ensues, restitution might be made to the town.

Public Input:

Mrs. Junquera asked why chairs are locked up?

Board Response: For court sessions

Mrs. Junquera thought that if a citizen writes a letter to the Board, it is a good idea to have a letter of response on file. It is easy to forget what was said. A letter covers what was said as well as being a courtesy.

Board Response: Thank you

Mr. Gregor reported that cars are cutting too close to wrong side of River Rd. when coming from East on Benson Rd. and entering onto River Rd. He asked if anything could be done.

The Board reviewed the Monthly Financial Report.

Pay for the Benson Town Justice being held.

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:55PM by J. Shepard; 2nd by D. Gregor.

Jeanne Cox
Town Clerk
July 15, 2015