

Benson Town Board
Regular Meeting
Sept. 10, 2014

Minutes

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

Present: Supervisor Phil Snyder
Councilmen: Robert Cox, John Shepard, Douglas Gregor
Highway Supt: Cecil Blowers

Public Present: John Stortecky, Cheryl Gregor, Elizabeth Junquera

Motion to accept the minutes of the Aug. 13, 2014 minutes as written moved by J. Shepard; 2nd by D. Gregor.

Vote: R. Cox – Aye, J. Shepard – Aye D. Gregor – Aye P. Snyder – Aye
Motion Carried.

Public Input: None

Reports from Special/Standing Committees:

Bldgs. And Grounds

Prioritized list of things to be done to Town Hall handed out to all.

Discussion of Grant from Justice Court to fix main Justice area.

Motion by J. Shepard for the supervisor and town justice to utilize information to submit a grant application for the justice court. 2nd by D. Gregor

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

D. Gregor reported figures of monies paid to Benson by County for equip. rental and labor year to date as \$29,872.50 - a goodly portion is attributed to Jan. and Feb. 2014.

Old Business:

New Business: Request by D. Gregor to review Shared Service Agreement between Hope and Benson. Mr. Gregor wished to know what agreement supports the condition that Benson will pay for ½ the cost of the new sand and salt pad in Hope and how is Benson going to pay for it. Safety issues were cited for current conditions of loading sand and salt. Benson will plow section of River Rd. in Hope when requested. Cecil and crew will be responsible for keeping track of sand and salt used.

The councilmen requested documentation of expenses involved for sand and salt pad as well as location, materials, and labor.

Mr. Shepard made a motion for supervisors of Hope and Benson to give documentation of projects being done this year and the nature of sharing responsibilities in the future; 2nd by R. Cox

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

Motion Carried.

A future meeting was requested with Hope to identify future use of equipment and facilities and any purchases desired.

A written note from the Food Pantry in Northville was received thanking Benson for donations from the Garage Sale, Mrs. Gregor for her cash donation, and all the food the Benson Residents generously donated.

Board discussed the 2015 Budget. Motion was made by J. Shepard to draft a Resolution to override the 1.56% tax cap; 2nd by D. Gregor

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

Motion Carried.

Any Other Business Brought Before The Board:

Mr. Snyder read a letter presented to the board by Lawyer Mr. Lomanto on behalf of Gary and Judy Webber re: the plowing of Tannery Rd.

Public Input: John Stortecky stated page 7 of the Town Law Manual, Sec. C and page 15, sec. A. He asked who gave authorization to write application for Justice Court Grant.

Answer: Until an action is taken, it is permissible to have discussion of it. Mr. Stortecky did concur that things must be discussed before mandatory decisions are given – pro or con.

Mr. Stortecky submitted a letter at Aug. 13, 2014 meeting and wondered why he received no written response. Mr. Snyder stated he thought that Mr. Stortecky said no response was necessary.

Mr. Stortecky inquired about grant amounts mentioned at the Supervisor's Meeting regarding BTI and Stream Stocking and requested a response in writing. It was clarified and no written response is necessary.

Cheryl asked about remuneration for using salt and sand shed in Hope. Since Benson will be plowing that portion of River Rd. in Hope, is ½ the cost of the pad fair?

Answer: The board responded that they will have a discussion with Hope about costs, but that Benson uses loader, salt and sand shed and will help with costs.

Cheryl asked what became of the Grant Writer?

Answer: He could find no grants applicable so he declined to continue doing the job.

Audit of Abstracts:

Receivables - \$7533.72

Payables - \$11,903.30

Gen. Fund abstracts in the amount of \$3486.17 dated Sept. 10, 2014

Hwy. Fund abstracts in the amount of \$ 8417.13 dated Sept. 10, 2014

Motion to approve abstracts made by R. Cox; 2nd by J. Shepard

Vote: R. Cox - Aye

J. Shepard - Aye

D. Gregor - Aye

P. Snyder - Aye

Motion carried.

Town Board Input:

Motion to adjourn @ 8:00PM made by J. Shepard; 2nd by D. Gregor

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Cox

Town Clerk
Sept. 15, 2014