

BENSON TOWN BOARD
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2015

Minutes

Present: Supervisor Phil C. Snyder
Councilmen: R. Cox, J. Stortecky, J. Shepard, D. Gregor
Deputy Hwy. Supt. George Blowers

Public Present: Donna Blowers, Dick Barlow, Cheryl Gregor, Peg Shutze, Dom & Michele Cusano, Jay Gander, Mr. Charles Biche, Peter Junquera

Public Input: Peg Schutze asked about shared services, Justice opening, and dog warden. The board responded that these items would be discussed during the meeting.

Motion to accept Feb. 18, 2015 Minutes as written moved by D. Gregor; 2nd by J. Stortecky
Vote: R. Cox-Aye, J. Stortecky-Aye, J. Shepard-Aye, D. Gregor-Aye, P.C. Snyder-Aye

Reports From Standing Committees:

Buildings and Grounds:

Mr. Cox reported costs for refurbishing restroom to be approx. \$175.00 – \$200.00.
Mr. Snyder made motion for installation of a handicap sink and faucet and a mirror.
Seconded by R. Cox
Vote: R. Cox-Aye, J. Stortecky-Aye, J. Shepard-Aye, P.C. Snyder-Aye, D. Gregor-Aye

Highway Committee:

Legal Committee:

Cemetery Committee:

Board Business: OLD

Phil made a motion for J. Stortecky and D. Gregor to audit the past justice's checkbook along with Mr. Close. 2nd by J. Shepard

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

*Note: There is \$273.00 left in prior justice's account. Must be put in proper place before Justice Peters can take on his responsibilities.

J. Shepard made a motion to put ad in Leader Herald for Town Justice which may be appointed till the upcoming election in Nov. 2015 and take extensive training to meet judicial requirements.(see ad) 2nd by J. Stortecky

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

The Board discussed the Hope/Benson work session this past week and the idea of buying a loader through getting a Grant for shared services. Deputy Hwy. Supt. George Blowers will keep track of time worked, etc. for shared services.

Mr. Cox asked for written agreement between Benson/ Hope for shared real estate, etc. not covered in existing shared services agreement Resolution 48-11.

Peg Shutze asked for written agreement, also.

Board discussed the BTI treatment and stated that there were not enough people to satisfy training for this year. Therefore, let us contract with company that had done the treatment last year. This years cost to Benson agreed Ms. Kathy Vanselow will be \$10,000.00. Benson will proceed to train their own people in the future including Mr. Snyder.

Motion was made by J. Stortecky to approve said contractor to do BTI Treatments. 2nd by J. Shepard
Vote: R. Cox-Aye, J. Stortecky-Aye, J. Shepard-Aye, D. Gregor-Aye, P.C. Snyder-Aye

A letter was read from Mr. David J. Rogers regarding vehicles speeding on Storer Rd. J. Shepard made a motion that a resolution be drafted addressing the problem and sent through Hamilton County Hwy. Supt. Tracy Eldridge to the NYSDOT.

2nd by D. Gregor

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

Mr. Shepard made a motion that alternative signage be put up on Storer Rd. while waiting for a decision from NYSDOT. 2nd by J. Stortecky

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

J. Shepard made a motion that a response letter be sent to Mr. Rogers that the Benson Town Board had received and reviewed his letter and that necessary documentation is being sent through the proper channels to NYSDOT. 2nd by J. Stortecky

Vote: R. Cox-Aye, J. Stortecky-Nay, J. Shepard-Aye, D. Gregor-Aye, P.C. Snyder-Nay

*Note: Mr. Gregor requested that a resolution be done for River Rd., also. Mr. Shepard made a motion to do so. 2nd by D. Gregor

Vote: R. Cox-Aye, J. Stortecky-Nay, J. Shepard-Aye, D. Gregor-Aye, P. C. Snyder-Aye

Roll Off Truck for Hope dump needs replacing in the near future. It may carry a total cost of approx. \$80,000.00. Benson's portion will be half the total cost. Purchase may be put off until 2016.

Resolution # 50-15 Supervisor to move monies for future purchase of Roll Off Truck

Moved by J. Shepard 2nd by R. Cox

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

*Note: Move from General Fund Line Item A5010.1 \$20,000.00 and place in General Fund A8160.4

The board confirmed Mr. Dom Cusano as appointed dog warden with Resolution # 45-15. He will get immunization and instruction from Ags & Markets.

Board voted on Resolutions:

Resolution # 43-15 Winter Burials in Washburn Cemetery

Resolution # 44-15 Establish Safety Committee

Resolution # 46-15 Appoint Dog Warden

Resolution # 49-15 Appoint John G. Stortecky to Cemetery Committee

Supervisor requested getting four bids to engineer an addition (14'x18') to existing Town Hall for Records, etc. Board gave permission.

The Supervisor brought 2014 Town of Benson financial records of fiscal affairs to be audited by the Board.

Abstracts: Receivables: \$107653.71 Payables: \$8495.01

General Payables: \$2574.88

Highway Payables \$5920.13

Motion to accept the abstracts made by J. Stortecky; 2nd by R. Cox

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 made by D. Gregor; 2nd by J. Shepard

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Cox

March 13, 2015