

Benson Town Board
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2014

Minutes

Meeting Opened at 6:01 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Public Present: Dick Barlow, Peg Schutze, Cheryl Gregor, Peter Junquera

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

Motion to accept minutes as amended: Moved by John Stortecky, 2nd by Doug Gregor

Vote: Robert Cox – Aye Doug Gregor - Aye John Shepard – Aye
Phil Snyder – Aye John Stortecky – Aye

Public Input: Peg Schutze requested that the meeting time be changed to a later hour.

Board Response: A motion was made by Phil Snyder and 2nd by J. Stortecky to move all future meetings to begin at 6:30PM.

Vote: Robert Cox – Aye Doug Gregor – Aye John Shepard – Aye
Phil Snyder – Aye J. Stortecky – Aye

Reports from Standing/Special Committees:

The Bldg. and Grounds Committee will look into the price of purchasing Traverse Rods for existing Drapery at Town Hall.

Board Business: OLD

Crushed road gravel on Benson Rd. appears to be washing out in places.

Motion moved by R. Cox and seconded by D. Gregor to support hwy. supt. to enforce NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law prohibiting Town Vehicles from plowing and maintaining private roads and property except for emergency situation.

Vote: Robert Cox – Aye Doug Gregor – Aye John Shepard – Aye
Phil Snyder – Aye John Stortecky – Aye

Note: A letter of permission will be sent to those on dead ends for the purpose of being able to turn around. Also, the letter will state that town vehicles are prohibited from plowing and maintaining private roads.

Board Business: NEW

Phil will set up meeting date for the board to meet and interview Mr. Henry who may be hired to write grant applications for the Town of Benson. If chosen, he will be paid at a rate of \$8.00/hr. for approx. a three month period – the cost to be shared with the Town of Hope who will also be the recipient of this grant writing process.

The Benson Town Board declined to purchase Flood Ins. For the Town Barn due to the \$5000.00 annual cost.

The board discussed an NBT Credit Card, with a \$2500.00 limit for the hwy. supt. , in his name, for the purchase of materials.

A motion was made by Phil and 2nd by J. Shepard to institute the acquiring of said card.

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

Chips money was \$16,686.00 for last year; same for this year. Might we consider using a portion for the cost of the new truck.

Resolution #52-14 SOCIAL MEDIA

Moved by John Shepard III

Seconded: No One

Resolution: VOID

The expenditure for stamps to send a second annual newsletter approved by the board.

The board reviewed the budget worksheet and acknowledged that the date had been amended, as had % used.

A request to look into a transfer fuel tank for town truck was made by hwy. supt.

The 2013 audit is being worked on by the bookkeeper.

Public Input: None

Town Board Input: None

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30 PM moved by J. Stortecky, 2nd by J. Shepard.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Cox

May 24, 2014