

Town Of Independence  
Regular Meeting  
December 12th, 2019

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on December 12th, 2019 at 7:00 pm for the regular monthly meeting.

Present: Supervisor Reichman; Council: Acomb, Waters, Meunier; Town Clerk, Cindy Welch; Deputy Clerk, Jasmine Bledsoe; Highway Superintendent, Dennis Graves.

Absent: Council Howe

Visitors: Attorney Dave Pullen; Council Elect, Robert Ellison , two WCS students, resident Phil Saunders.

Supervisor Reichman called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

A motion was made by Council Acomb to approve the November 14th, 2019 minutes seconded by Council Waters and carried by all.

A motion was made by Council Meunier to approve the November 18th, 2019 minutes seconded by Council Waters and carried by all.

Attorney for the town, Dave Pullen, spoke on the revisions that were made to Local Law#2-2019 - Town of Independence Solar Energy Systems and Facilities Local Law . All board members had been given copies of the revised law for review. The final revision included a GPS map with hamlet description, Building Permits will be valid for one year renewable for 50% original cost, negative declaration regarding SEQR. After much discussion, questions and answers, Resolution # 13-2009 - Resolution to Adopt Local Law#2-2019 was offered by Council Meunier seconded by Council Waters. The Clerk called a roll vote with all present voting yes.

At this time a short break was called so the Attorney and the Clerk could complete the State filing paperwork.

Highway Superintendent, Dennis Graves reported on the Highway Department.

Work report: plowing, sanding, clearing downed trees and brush, assisted Armstrong Telephone with hanging Christmas lights.

Equipment report: up fitting the 2016 pickup for street maintenance, replaced worn out front plow.

Fuel Report:

	Used	Purchased	Water	Fire Dept.	IES	Police	Measure
Gas:	151	177		0	0	24.4	2'8"
Diesel:	696.6	575.1.		13.8	11.4		2'7"

In other business:

- End of year meeting set for Dec. 19th - 5:00 pm
- Re organizational meeting set for Jan. 3rd - 5:00 pm
- Regular monthly meeting set for Jan. 16th - 7:00 pm
- Motion by Meunier seconded by Waters authorizing Supervisor Reichman to sign the 2020 IES contract. Carried by all.
- Clerk reported the transition to First Citizens Community Bank is now complete, all Steuben Trust accounts are closed.
- Clerk reported the IT person is getting everything set up for the separation of bookkeeping and Clerk software.

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The Clerk, Financial, Justice, and Police monthly reports were reviewed by board members.

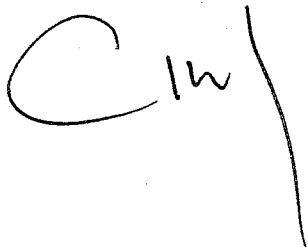
Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Meunier and approved by all to pay abstracts #12-2019 in the following amounts:

General	Vouchers	197-219	\$23461.34
Water		83-88	\$755.77
Highway		183-199	\$66666.35

Supervisor Reichman thanked Council Don Waters for his service on the Town Board. The board and Supervisor Reichman thanked Town Clerk, Cindy Welch for her 32 years of service to the town and presented her with a gift.

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman seconded by Council Acomb and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Cindy Welch, Town Clerk

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