

Town of Independence  
Regular Meeting  
August 13, 2020

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on August 13, 2020 at 7pm for the regular monthly meeting.

Present: Supervisor Reichman; Council: Howe, Meunier, Acomb, Ellison; Town Clerk, Bledsoe; Highway Superintendent, Graves; Police, Sherman  
Visitors: Tim Freitag, Marianna Pires (Via Zoom), Terry Rasmussen (Via Zoom)

Supervisor Reichman called the meeting to order and everyone stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Council Howe, seconded by Council Acomb and carried by all to accept the July 9, 2020 Regular monthly minutes.

A motion was made by Council Acomb, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to accept the July 23, 2020 Public Hearing minutes.

A motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Ellison and carried by all to accept the July 28, 2020 Special meeting minutes.

Supervisor Reichman announced that she had received Superintendent Graves' resignation letter. A motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Acomb and carried by all to accept, with regret, the resignation of Dennis Graves, Highway Superintendent effective 8/29/2020.

Superintendent Graves gave the highway report. They have been busy assisting Willing, Andover, and Allegany County. Also, fixing shoulder washouts, patchwork on Crandall, Harrigan & Hallsport Independence Rd's, shouldering Harrigan, truck & tractor repairs, and graveling.

Fuel Report:

	Used	Purchased	Ball Field	Water	Fire Dept.	IES	Police Dept	Measure
Diesel:	914.2	838.3	0	0	0	35.2	0	2'7"
Gas:	188.7	175.0	0	0		0	26.3	2' 4 1/2"

Upcoming meeting dates were set: Teamster's contract on 8/19/20 at 6pm and Budget Workshop on 8/26/20 at 6pm.

Supervisor Reichman let the board know that she is still waiting on an estimate for the bathroom construction at the water building on Main Street.

Tim Freitag and Terry Rasmussen gave updates on concerns expressed at the previous Special Meeting.

Freitag, Rasmussen, and Pires all left meeting at this time.

Supervisor Reichman gave an update on the water leak on Hill St. A culvert had collapsed and was replaced along with other needed repairs.

Discussion was held regarding generators to be installed at Town Hall and the Water Well House. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all to purchase and install a generator at Town Hall on State Bid. A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to purchase and install generator at the Water Well House on State Bid.

Board reviewed two letters from a local resident regarding a neighbor complaint.

Supervisor Reichman informed the Board of a \$1000 donation from the WCS class of 2020 to go toward the playground at the Ball field. The Board would like to thank the Class of 2020 for their donation and contribution to their community!

Update was given on the Ball field playground. Meehan's have done work with leveling and top soiling the area for the playground equipment. Supervisor Reichman to find an installer once the preparations are finished.

Officer Sherman approached the Board about the purchase of a new laptop. With the times changing there is more of a need for virtual arraignments, etc. Board discussed and a motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all to purchase if funds are available in the budget.

At this time a motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Acomb and carried by all to enter Executive session regarding personnel at 8:10 pm.

A motion to end the Executive session and enter back into regular session was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all at 8:25 pm.

Clerk reported to the Board that the Report on Test and Maintenance of Backflow Prevention Device was received from WCS.

Clerk and police reports were reviewed by Board.

Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Acomb and carried by all to pay abstracts #8-2020 in the following amounts:

General:	Voucher: 112-126	\$5,522.76
Water:	57-66	\$8,506.28
Highway:	114-130	\$49,565.64

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all at 9:10 pm.

Jasmine Bledsoe, Town Clerk

