

Town of Independence
Regular Meeting
January 16, 2020

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on January 16, 2020 at 7 pm for the regular monthly meeting.

Present: Supervisor Reichman; Council: Acomb, Howe, Meunier, Ellison; Town Clerk, Jasmine Bledsoe

Absent: Highway Superintendent, Dennis Graves

Visitors: Three WCS students, three local residents, two Willing residents

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

A motion was made by Council Acomb, seconded by Council Meunier, and carried by all to approve the January 3, 2020 Reorganizational Meeting Minutes.

Bill Barney, local resident, expressed his concern over the conditions of the dirt roads. Would like to find new ways to update and maintain some of the back dirt roads.

Dave Koch, local resident, asked board if they would be willing to post more meeting details and town info on the town website for the community. Supervisor Reichman stated that she will start having more of those dates uploaded to the site.

Supervisor read the Highway report. Reported that the Highway has been busy plowing, maintenance on the 2013 and 2017 International's, ditching South Hill area, and taking down Christmas decorations for the town.

Fuel Report:

	Used	Purchased	Water	Fire Dept.	IES	Police	Measure
Gas:	147	170				15.4	2'11"
Diesel:	1594	1570		90.5	16.2		1'10"

Supervisor Reichman gave an update on Oya Solar, they are currently working with the IDA on a pilot payment.

Supervisor Reichman gave an update on ReneSola, will be at the February monthly Board Meeting.

The annual Mutual Aid Agreement was reviewed with **Resolution #2-2020 Mutual Aid Agreement** (*resolution in its entirety in the Resolution book*) offered by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier. Clerk called a roll vote, all votes "yes."

Supervisor Reichman stated the Caren Gibson has resigned as a member on the Board of Assessment Review. She made a motion to appoint Richard Pensyl as the new member, seconded by Meunier and carried by all.

Board of Assessment Review Grievance Day will be held on Friday, May 29th from 4-8pm at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Reichman read the Bookkeeper's report to the Board.

Supervisor Reichman reported that the town has received a \$800 donation from First Citizens for town improvements.

Supervisor Reichman reported that Superintendent Graves as requested to sell the 2009 1 ton at auction due to its many issues. Board is tabling in order to get more information and ask further questions.

Clerk presented the Annual Retainer Agreement from the Attorney (Richardson, Pullen & Buck). Supervisor Reichman made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all.

Clerk presented the Annual Corrpro Cathodic Protection water contract. Supervisor Reichman made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all.

Clerk presented the Annual Southern Tier West contract. Supervisor Reichman made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all.

At this point the board performed their annual audit of the Justice Books. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all.

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

Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to pay abstracts #1-2020 in the following amounts:

General:	Vouchers: 1-25	\$11,514.73
Highway:	1-16	\$22,000.29
Water:	1-6	\$884.32

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Acomb and carried by all at 9:15 pm.

Jasmine Bledsoe, Town Clerk

