

Town of Independence  
Regular Meeting  
July 9, 2020

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on July 9, 2020 at 7pm for the regular monthly meeting.

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

Absent: Highway Superintendent Graves

Visitors: Samantha Mullen, Phillip Saunders

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

A motion was made by Council Howe, seconded by Council Ellison and carried by all to accept the June 11, 2020 minutes.

Samantha Mullen, Owner of The Whitesville House, requested permission from the Board to lift the noise ordinance on 7/18/20 from 10pm to 11pm. They are having a band for their grand opening and have the scheduled band playing outdoors due to COVID-19 regulations. A motion was made to change the ordinance to 11pm on 7/18/20 by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all.

Clerk informed Board that Samantha has submitted a copy of her liquor license for the town files.

Supervisor Reichman read the Highway report. The highway dept. has been busy assisting Willing and Scio, graveling, ditching, and working bad spots in roads. Graves has submitted reimbursements from EWR, Pave NY, and CHIPS.

Fuel Report:

	Used	Purchased	Ball Field	Water	Fire Dept.	IES	Police Dept.	Measure
Diesel:	1599.2	1604.8	0	0	43	0	0	2'10"
Gas:	173.6	320.1	0	9.5	0	0	27.6	2'11"

Supervisor Reichman read book keepers report.

Update and reminder on the upcoming Public Hearing for the OYA Solar projects. Public Hearings will be held at 6 and 6:15 pm on 6/23/20. ZOOM link will be available for anyone that cannot make the meeting but would like to join.

Board discussed revision on the town ATV law. Board has decided to table at this time.

Discussion held on the bathroom needed at the Main St. Water building. Supervisor Reichman to get contractor estimates.

Clerk informed Board that the playground equipment for the ball field has been delivered and Supervisor Reichman reported that the dirt piles at the field have been moved by the highway dept.

A motion was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by Council Ellison and Howe with Council Acomb voting "No" to a \$50 donation to Veterinarian Dr. Lopez for the upcoming free Rabies Clinic on 8/8/20 at the Willing Town Building.

Clerk reported that the new DEC system and printer have been set up. Also reported that she will be holding extended hours every Friday in August from 6-8 pm for DMP and hunting license sales.

Clerk discussed a residents water bill on behalf of the customer. Resident would like a fee that they acquired reversed. After board discussion they decided that the late fee would still be due. Clerk to notify customer.

Clerk, financial, police, and justice reports reviewed by board.

Bills were reviewed with a motion made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to pay abstracts #7-2020 in the following amounts:

General:	Voucher:	98-111	\$12,026.22
Water:		47-56	\$1,189.00
Highway:		99-113	\$98,666.19

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Acomb and carried by all at 8:05pm.

Jasmine Bledsoe, Town Clerk

