

Town of Independence
Regular Meeting
March 12, 2020

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on March 12, 2020 at 7 pm for the regular monthly meeting.

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

Absent: Council Ellison; Highway Superintendent, Dennis Graves

Visitors: 1 WCS student, 4 area residents, Samantha Mullen

Supervisor Reichman called the meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Council Acomb, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to accept February 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Council Howe, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to accept the February 26, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all to accept the March 9, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.

Samantha Mullen, new owner of the Whitesville House, introduced herself and spoke some about her and her husband's progress and ideas for the business. She asked many questions and received lots of feedback from the board and residents that were present.

She had previously sent the Clerk a "Request for Waiver of the 30 Day Municipality Notification." A motion was made by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all to grant that request. Clerk to send the letter for waiver.

Supervisor Reichman read the Highway report. They have been busy plowing, patching potholes on dirt roads, ditching South Hill, road sign repairs, repairs on the spreader chain and broken spring on the 2015 Pete, and repairs to the hydraulic hose on the 2013 International.

The 2009 Dump Truck had been put up for Auction with the top bid being \$7300. Graves requested that if something happened and the top bidder backed out if they would accept the 2nd highest bidder. Council Meunier made a motion to accept the highest bid with approval to accept the second highest if need be, seconded by Council Acomb and carried by all.

Fuel Report:

	Used	Purchased	Ballfield	Water	Fire Dept.	IES	Police	Measure
Diesel:	2178.0	1451.2	0	0	0	15.1	0	1'9 1/2"
Gas:	133.2	173.0	0	0	0	0	23	3' 1/2"

Supervisor Reichman gave update on OYA Solar from the Special meeting on March 9th.

Supervisor Reichman gave update on ReneSolar, they are planning a phone conference with the intentions of moving forward with the application and paperwork process.

Supervisor Reichman gave the Board a sample of a Computer Use Policy. Council Meunier made a motion to adopt, seconded by Council Acomb and carried by all.

Supervisor Reichman supplied the Board with an updated Drug and Alcohol Policy for town employees. Supervisor Reichman made a motion to adopt, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all.

Update was given on the property purchase next to the town ball field. Attorney has been supplied paperwork, including survey, and will be drawing up papers for purchase.

Supervisor Reichman made everyone aware of the District III meeting on March 24th at 7pm in Bolivar.

Supervisor has been working with the Town's computer tech on the Cyber assessment and has been reviewing recommendations.

Community member, Dave Koch, questioned if Allegany County had a road specialist available that could work with the Highway Superintendent on a road assessment for the town and give recommendations. Board stated that they were unsure and would inquire at the District III meeting.

Financial, Clerk, Justice and Police reports were reviewed.

Bills were reviewed with the motion made by Council Acomb, seconded by Supervisor Reichman and carried by all to pay abstracts #3-2020 in the following amounts:

General: Voucher: 44-58	\$5,314.76
Highway: 35-49	\$37,904.12
Water: 13-21	\$1,886.92

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all at 8:25 pm.

Jasmine Bledsoe, Town Clerk



Town of Independence
April 9, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the regular board meeting scheduled for April 9, 2020 was Cancelled, not to be rescheduled for the month.

As a safety measure, Supervisor Reichman called the Board members in to Town Hall one at a time to sign off on necessary bills and vote on two needed approvals. (Signatures and votes on file in Clerk's office)

- Approvals:
1. To hire Austin Waite to mow at Town Hall for \$15 per mow.
Robert Ellison- Yes
Kimberly Howe - Yes
William Meunier - Yes
Scott Acomb - Yes
Jeri Reichman - Yes
 2. Purchase of Roller for Water Department.
Robert Ellison - No
Kimberly Howe - Yes
William Meunier - Yes
Scott Acomb - Yes
Jeri Reichman - Yes

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