

TOWN OF COVERT  
SENECA COUNTY  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JULY 11, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilman Gary Hunt	Present
	Councilman Jeffrey Vann	Present
	Councilman Leon Anderson	Present
	Councilman William Bishop	Present

**Others Present:** Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, Town Clerk Colleen Freese, Reporter Aneta Glover, Planning Board Member Rob Schoffel, Assessment Review Board Members Will Millard and Brayton Foster, and other interested citizens.

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Hunt moved, seconded by Vann, that the regular meeting minutes from June 13, 2016 be approved. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Anderson and Aye-Hunt.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve special meeting minutes for June 30, 2016. Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Anderson and Aye-Bishop

Wil Millard and Brayton Foster gave a report regarding grievance day. There were about 10% or (101) that contested their new assessments. The majority of the petitions dealt with conditions of homes. Residents did a nice job providing material to dispute their cases of why they did not agree with their assessments. It was stated that it was good the Town had a revaluation done.

Highway Superintendent MacCheyne reported that he had attended Highway School at Cornell, and the 2001 Gradall came in. This week the new tractor will be here. Councilman Bishop asked if an update of inventory had been done with new tools that were ordered and could they be engraved; this will look good in an audit. Highway Superintendent MacCheyne said 'no', but he would be updating the inventory list and he could look into the cost for an engraver to mark the tools.

Councilman Bishop expressed his concern about the Town Budget's Court line and that it's going to be short funds because the Town Justice has recused herself from any tickets that are written by the Village Police Department, as she was advised by the higher court system.

Councilman Vann addressed Councilman Anderson that the public at large still needs to be aware and reminded of the fact that there is a conflict of interest by Anderson serving on the Town of Covert Board as a Councilman and as the Village of Interlaken Chief of Police. This has forced the Judge to recuse herself from hearing any tickets written by the Village Police Department. Councilman Anderson believes the Judge has recused herself so there is no longer a conflict of interest and no reason he has to be recused from working on the budget or other items relating to Court. He also asked where the Court stands financially at this time.

Town Attorney Morrell stated that the Attorney General opinion is that Councilman Anderson is to recuse himself from anything to do with Town of Covert Court including the budget. The Town Board needs to avoid the appearances of any impropriety. As sitting Chief of Police for the Village of Interlaken, he should recuse himself.

Councilman Anderson stated that the Judge has removed herself from the situation and He should not have to recuse himself.

There was more discussion about the concern of the budget and where the money will come from to balance out the loss of income on the court.

Councilman Vann reported that more people were in favor of changing the road sign on Schier road to the original spelling of Schrier. But some did not want to have to change all of their legal paperwork and wait for the mail to get straightened out, because the Postmaster said it can take up to a year.

Supervisor Reynolds suggested a memorial sign with Charlie Schrier's name on it at each end of the road with the correct spelling of Schrier. Many thought this was a good idea; it would give the Schrier family the recognition of their grandfather, Charlie Schrier, whom the road was named after.

Councilman Hunt gave information on the Bicentennial Committee, and that Chris Wolf would be willing to do a painting in the Town Hall. There are different events planned and money needs to be raised.

**RESOLUTION 5-16 Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. RS2417A**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Covert hereby establishes the following standard work days for these titles and will report THE OFFICIALS TO THE New York State and Local Retirement System based on time keeping system records or their record of activities;

Title	Standard Work Day <small>(Hrs/day) Min. 6 hrs Max. 8 hrs</small>	Name  (First and Last)	Social Security Number (Last  4 digits)	Registration Number	Tier 1 (Check only  if member is in Tier 1)	Current Term Begin & End Dates  <small>(mm/dd/yy-mm/dd/yy)</small>	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System  <small>(Yes/No-If Yes, do not complete the last two columns)</small>	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted (Check only if official did not submit their
<b>Elected Officials</b>									
Town Supervisor	3	Michael Reynolds				1/1/2016-12/31/2019	No	10	
Town Clerk	7	Colleen R. Freese			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1/1/2014-12/31/2016	No	20	
Highway-Superintendent	8	Jeffrey MacCheyne				1/1/2016-12/31/2019	No	20	
<b>Appointed Officials</b>									

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM ON REVERSE SIDE**

I, COLLEEN R FREESE, secretary/clerk of the governing board of the TOWN OF COVERT of the State of New York do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Covert on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

Affidavit of Posting: I Colleen R. Freese, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on July 11, 2016

and Continue For at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the official sign board.

Employer's website at

Posted on the Town's official sign board at 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, NY 14847

Motion: Hunt, Seconded: Vann, Vote: Aye-Bishop, Aye-Anderson, Aye-Vann and Aye-Hunt.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Supervisor's revenue and expenditure report for June 2016. Aye-Anderson, Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Hunt.

Bishop moved, seconded by Hunt, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report for the month of June 2016. Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Anderson and Aye-Bishop.

Anderson moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Town Clerk's monthly report for June 2016. A total of \$1,292.50 was received and \$659.83 was remitted to the Town Supervisor. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Anderson and Aye-Hunt.

Vann moved, seconded by Hunt, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's report for the Month of July 2016. Aye-Bishop, Aye-Vann, Aye-Anderson and Aye-Hunt.

Anderson moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve Dog Control Officer's report for May 2016. Aye-Anderson, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Vann and Aye-Bishop.

Hunt moved, seconded by Bishop, that Highway Fund Vouchers #87-99 in the amount of \$105,494.39 and General Fund Vouchers #115-126 in the amount of \$20,272.97 be approved for payment. Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Anderson.

Hunt moved, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen R. Freese, Town Clerk