

TOWN OF COVERT  
SENECA COUNTY  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, June 13, 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
	Councilperson Deborah Nottke	Present
	Councilman William Bishop	Present

**Others Present:** Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, Town Clerk Colleen Freese, Reporter Aneta Glover, Code Enforcement Officer John Poludniak, Planning Board Member Rob Schoffel 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. A moment of silence was held for Bill Larsen who served as the Village Mayor for over 30 years and will be greatly missed. Also, a moment of silence was held for all the deaths and family that were affected by the Florida shooting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Hunt moved, seconded by Nottke, that the regular meeting minutes from May 9, 2016 be approved. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Hunt.

Highway Superintendent MacCheyne reported that he and the Highway guys attended a safety meeting that's required every year. He also reported that the 1982 Gradall has to be replaced: its transmission is bad, has a cracked frame, it's not worth putting money into it. MacCheyne shared that he looked and priced out Gradalls and found a used one for \$58,000.00. They will give us \$10,000.00 for trade in for the 1982 Gradall, leaving the balance of \$48,000.00. There is money in the DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment account to buy the Gradall.

Councilperson Nottke asked what other equipment they see buying in the next few years. Supervisor Reynolds said they don't foresee buying any equipment next year. The following year will be a trade-in for the pickup truck, and the big truck will be next.

There was discussion about the Village of Interlaken Offices being moved up here to the Town of Covert to help save money for the Village and the Town. There is the possibility of applying for grants to help with the cost to build an addition. This would be considered shared services and there are some grants available, if you show that it will save the Town and Village taxpayers' money. Supervisor Reynolds will go to the Village Board meeting.

Town Attorney Morrell encouraged the Board that if Board members want to go to observe, as long as you don't try to take any action, you can go there and not have to worry about the Open Meetings Law.

There was discussion on the Highway Barns and the electrical wiring and the roof repairs that need to be done. Councilman Vann shared ideas for repairing the roof and has been working on a scope of services for the repairs that need to be done on the Highway Barns. They discussed fixing the break room and the bathroom or should they fix the roof on the Highway Barn?

Councilperson Nottke stated that Jeff just said the roof wasn't leaking; we should do the wiring first to prevent a fire. Highway Superintendent Jeff MacCheyne shared that he took out some of the wiring that was causing trouble at this time.

Councilman Hunt shared that The Historical Society will get together and discuss ideas for the Bicentennial for the Town of Covert. Then the Town's committee will join in later to share ideas. They are asking if any citizens are interested in helping, please contact The Historical Society.

Councilman Hunt shared that he attended a solar meeting and this is an ongoing project to learn more about solar and the cost and if it will benefit the town and how.

Councilman Vann shared a few residents want to recognize the Town of Covert with a gift of a print of the Declaration of Independence for the Bicentennial to be hung in the Town Hall. Councilman Hunt wanted to know if they wanted something more that has to do with Town of Covert, so no decision was made at this time.

Councilman Vann shared that he is still working on the Code Enforcement Officer's job description and how they can improve it and he would like to see two Board Members and two Planning Board Members, someone from Assessment Review Board, Code Enforcement Officer and Town Clerk on this reviser Board to work on the Code Enforcement job description.

Councilperson Nottke shared that she was privileged to be part of the Memorial Services and Olde Home Days and was pleased to see how well organized they were. Also, she thanked Diane Bassette-Nelson for explaining to her about the Town of Covert's Budget and the process of the budget.

Town Attorney Morrell shared that Mr. Anderson has filed an Article 78 against the Town Clerk and would like to discuss the litigation in an executive session at the end of the meeting.

Supervisor Reynolds shared that the Library and Historical Society agreements are up for renewal. Town Attorney Morrell shared that the insurance is good and the agreements are set to sign if the Board approves them.

Jessica, Nancy, and Stanley Schrier addressed the Town Board about the road sign for Schier road, that the spelling on the road signs is wrong. The road signs are spelled Schier, the correct spelling is Schrier. Their Grandfather Charles Schrier had tried for many years to get the road signs replaced with the right spelling. Their Grandfather Charles Schrier tried to get the spelling corrected when he was still alive. Councilman Vann stated that he would visit the people on Schier Road and see if they wanted the road signs changed as they would need to change all of their legal documents.

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

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

Nottke moved, seconded by Hunt, to approve the Town Clerk's monthly report for May 2016. A total of \$730.50 was received and \$614.648 was remitted to the Town Supervisor. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Hunt and Aye-Nottke.

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

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

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Library Agreement with the Town of Covert for the year 2016 in the amount of \$1,400.00. Aye-Bishop, Aye-Vann, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Hunt.

Hunt moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Historical Society Agreement with the Town of Covert for the year 2016 in the amount of \$1,400.00. Aye-Bishop, Aye-Vann, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Hunt.

Nottke moved, Seconded by Hunt, to approve Highway Superintendent MacCheyne to buy a 2001 Gradall for \$58,000.00 and trade the 1982 Gradall in for \$10,000.00, making the final cost of the Gradall \$48,000.00 to come out of line item DA5130.2 - Machinery Equipment. Aye-Bishop, Aye-Vann, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Hunt.

Vann moved, seconded by Hunt, that Highway Fund Vouchers #71-86 in the amount of \$7,015.25 and General Fund Vouchers #97-114 in the amount of \$18,754.45 be approved for payment. Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Nottke.

Bishop moved, seconded by Vann, to go into executive session to discuss litigation for an Article 78 filed against the Town Clerk. Aye-Bishop, Aye-Vann and Aye-Hunt. Nottke—recused.

Town Board went into excessive session at 8:30 and came out of executive session at 8:50, no action was taken, and returned to the regular board meeting at 8:51.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen R. Freese, Town Clerk