

**TOWN OF COVERT
TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilman Gary Hunt	Present
	Councilman Jeffrey Vann	Present
	Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
	Councilman Leon Anderson	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Colleen Freese, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Reporter Aneta Glover, Planning Board Member Robert Schoffel, Town Attorney Patrick Morrell 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: Anderson moved, seconded by Vann, that the October 10, 2016 and November 10, 2016 minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Presenter: Charles Bosman reported that the Interlaken Public Library has begun construction for a porch which will be a replica of its original facade based on photos the Interlaken Historical Society provided. A new sign will be going up on the front yard, designed by Christopher Wolf. Due to recent resignation of the library manager, they are looking for a replacement to fill the position. They are really needing volunteers to help out with the Library.

Highway Report: Superintendent MacCheyne reported they have been cold patching, hauled crusher run, installed culvert pipe on Frontenac Road, have been cleaning equipment and building up driveways and shoulders on West Covert and Kelly's Corners Road.

Town Clerk Report: Town Clerk Freese reported that the American Legion filed their quarterly Bell Jar report. The Dog Control Office has been working at contacting people who are late on renewing their dog licenses. There will be a Joint Public Hearing on November 11, 2016 at Town of Ulysses Town Hall, 10 Elm Street, Trumansburg, NY, to hear any comments on the 2017 Fire Contract.

Supervisor Reynolds shared that the Planning Board met again to discuss lot size and building on the smaller size lot regarding Joe Seamon's request for variance on property. Three Planning Board Members approved and one abstained, but they did not have a quorum, so the vote didn't carry. Joe Seamon shared that the village has approved hook up to village water for the lot. The set back and side line are as required and there is enough room to put in a septic system. Councilman Hunt shared that contaminating wells was one of the main concerns, but with village water, it is no longer a concern. There was discussion that the Land Management Ordinance could be changed to allow smaller lot sizes when properties have access to village water.

Anderson moved, seconded by Hunt, to approve a variance request from Joe Seamon to build on a smaller size lot because there is a Village water line available which relieves the concern of sewer contamination in the well. Nay-Vann and Nay-Bishop, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Anderson and Aye-Reynolds. Motion carried.

Vann moved, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Supervisor's income and expenditure report for the month of October, 2016. Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Anderson.

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

Anderson moved, seconded by Hunt, to approve the Town Clerk's monthly report. The total revenue was \$734.00 and \$388.44 was remitted to the Supervisor for the month of October, 2016. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Hunt and Aye-Anderson.

Vann moved, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer report for the month of October, 2016. Aye-Anderson, Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt and Aye-Bishop.

Hunt moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Dog Control Officer report for the month of October, 2016. Aye-Anderson, Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, THAT the 2017 Preliminary Budget be adopted as the final budget for 2017 and, WHEREAS, this Town Board met November 10, 2016 at the time and place specified in the notice of the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town Board of the Town of Covert hereby adopts such Preliminary Budget, as originally compiled with modifications and amendments, as the Annual Budget of the Town of Covert, as for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and that such budget, as adopted, be entered in detail into the minutes of the proceeding of the Town Board, and Be it FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town Clerk of the Town of Covert shall prepare and certify in duplicate copies of said Annual Budget, as adopted pursuant to Section 202, Subd.2 of the Town Law, and deliver one copy thereof to Supervisor of this Town to be presented by him to the Board of Supervisors of this County. Aye-Hunt, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Anderson and Vann-Aye.

Anderson moved, seconded by Hunt, to go into executive session at 8:20 to discuss personnel matter and litigations. Aye-Vann, Aye-Anderson, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Hunt.

Anderson moved, seconded by Hunt, to come out of executive session at 8:45; no action was taken. Aye-Vann, Aye-Anderson, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Hunt.

Anderson moved, seconded by Hunt, that the Highway Fund Vouchers #141-156 in the amount of \$23,192.97 and General Fund Vouchers #176-197 in the amount \$14,132.67 be approved for payment. Aye-Bishop, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Vann and Aye-Anderson.

Hunt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M. Aye-Anderson, Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt and Aye-Bishop.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Freese, Town Clerk