

TOWN OF COVERT
SENECA COUNTY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, October 10, 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 Leon Anderson	Present
	Councilman William Bishop	Present

Others Present: Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, Town Clerk Colleen Freese, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Reporter Aneta Glover, Code Enforcement Officer John Poludniak and other interested citizens.

Call to Order: Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Opening of Mower Bids: In September the Town Board received one sealed bid for the 2017 Lawn Maintenance Contract. This bid contained a \$300.00 savings for a 3-year contract. The bid was rejected and re-advertised for a three year contract, and the Town Board will consider all bids for a 3-year contract. The Board re-advertised and received another bid for a three year contract.

The First bid was from Grease Lightning for one year in the amount of \$2,210.00 or for a three year contract would be 2,100.00 a year, a total of \$6,300.00 for three years. The second bid was from Cayuga Lawns for \$2,925.00 per year, for a total of \$8,775.00 for three years.

Presenter: Joe Seamon shared that his property is under the required one acre lot that is required in the Town's Land Management Ordinances. The Planning Board had concerns about the 50' set back. Mr. Seamon shared there is room for a 50 foot set back and he will be able to get village water. There was discussion about the creek in the back and flooding. After some discussion, Councilman Hunt recommended that the application for variance be sent back to the Planning Board to review again and Mr. Seamon shares information at the meeting.

Krys Cail shared about DE Squared (Distributed Equity), a small Consulting Company specializing in bringing community solar gardens that are locally owned and regionally financed to the Finger Lakes and Central New York. In November 2015 Community Solar became legal. They are trying to help communities take a look at who is interested and what the cost to the Community would be. Krys shared that a letter of interest is needed from the Town Board, from the local municipalities, libraries, etc. Krys asked the Town Board to write a letter of interest. There were many questions on the cost and how many had to be involved to get Community Solar. For information, go to (Info.desquared@gmail.com).

Councilman Hunt mentioned that the art competition for the Bicentennial is underway and the committee is meeting regularly. Volunteers are needed to help with projects and planning for the Bicentennial.

Councilman Vann shared that the Town Justice has received two applications for the Court Clerk position and is doing interviews.

Supervisor Reynolds shared about the addition the Trumansburg Ambulance would like to build. The cost will be around one point six million dollars; this will be shared between towns that use the Fire and Ambulance services. The Town of Covert's cost will increase around \$20,000.00. Things are still being worked out for the addition.

Town Attorney Patrick Morrell asked the Town Board for an executive session to discuss the litigations for an assessment matter.

Approval of Minutes: Anderson moved, seconded by Vann, that the regular meeting minutes from September 12, 2016 be approved. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Anderson and Aye-Hunt.

Resolution #7-16 Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials- RS 2417-A

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Covert (30313location) 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 their record of activities:

Title	Standard	Name	Current Term	Record of Activities	Not Submitted
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Elected Officials

Highway Superintendent	6	Jeffery Mac Cheyne	1/1/2016-12/31/2020	39.09	
Town Clerk	6	Colleen R. Freese	1/1/2016-12/31/2020	23.17	
Town Justice	6	Eileen Schmidt	1/1/2016-12/31/2020	7.55	
Councilman	6	Leon Anderson	1/1/2016-12/31/2020		No record submitted

Appointed Officials

Dog Control Officer	6	Christopher Bulmahn	09/04/2012-12/31/16		0.89
Town Attorney	6	Patrick Morrell	01/01/2016-12/31/2016		2.68

I, Colleen R. Freese, Town 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 10th day of October, 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 10th day of October, 2016 Affidavit of Posting: I, Colleen R. Freese, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of this Resolution began on October 10, 2016 and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the main entrance of Town Clerks, Official sign board at 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, NY 14847. Motion-Councilman Vann, Seconded By Councilman Anderson. Aye-Vann, Aye-Anderson, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Hunt.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Supervisor's Revenue and Expenditure Report for September 2016. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Anderson and Aye-Hunt.

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

Hunt moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Town Clerk's monthly report for September 2016. A total of \$3,419.75 was received and \$831.96 was remitted to the Town Supervisor. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Hunt and Aye-Anderson.

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

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

Hunt moved, seconded by Anderson, to authorize the Town Clerk to spend up to \$1,000.00 for the purchase of a computer and monitor. Aye-Bishop, Aye-Vann, Aye-Anderson and Aye-Hunt.

Hunt moved, seconded by Anderson, that the Town Clerk write a letter of interest from the Town Board to the DE Square Community Solar Program. Aye- Hunt, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Anderson and Nay-Vann.

Hunt moved, seconded by Anderson, to refer variance request application #22-16 for Joe Seamon, County Rd. 150, to construct a residential building that does not meet a full acre as required by the Land Management Ordinances back to the Town of Covert Planning Board to review it again and for Mr. Seamon to attend the meeting and bring the information to the Planning Board. Aye-Hunt, Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Anderson.

Anderson moved, seconded by Vann, to accept Grease Lightning's bid for the lawn maintenance contract for the year of 2017, 2018 and 2019, a three-year contract for \$2,100.00 per year. Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Anderson.

Vann moved, seconded by Anderson, to go into executive session at 8:40 to discuss the litigation of an assessment matter for the Town of Covert Assessor and the Assessment Review Board for the Town of Covert. Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Anderson

Hunt moved, seconded by Vann, to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 8:55. Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Anderson.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop to authorize Town Attorney Patrick Morrell to enter into stipulation and agreement for tax assessment litigation Index #50311 and the Assessor for the Town of Covert and the Assessment Review Board of Town of Covert. Aye-Hunt, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Anderson and Aye-Vann.

Vann moved, seconded by Anderson, that Highway Fund Vouchers #119-131 in the amount of \$82,341.21, and General Fund Vouchers #160-175 in the amount of \$18,013.25 be approved for payment. Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Anderson.

Vann moved, seconded by Hunt, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Colleen R. Freese, Town Clerk