

TOWN OF COVERT  
SENECA COUNTY  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, December 11, 2017 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
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present
	Councilman William Bishop	Present

**Others Present:** Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, Town Clerk Colleen Freese, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Reporter Aneta Glover, Councilman-Elect 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.

**Public Hearing :** Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to open the Public Hearing at 7:03p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear comments on the 2018 Fire Protection Agreements between the Village of Trumansburg and Town of Ovid and ,also, to hear comments on the Ambulance Agreement between the Village of Trumansburg and Town of Covert. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Hunt.

Barry Ford asked the Town Board why don't they shop around to see what South Seneca has to offer. Supervisor Reynolds shared that they had South Seneca Ambulance a few years ago, they had problems and decided to go with the Village of Trumansburg.

Councilwoman Nottke shared that the Fire Company and Ambulance may not be an entity, with all the State requirements changing and that she would check into South Seneca Ambulance next year.

Hunt moved, seconded by Nottke, to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 and return to the regular meeting. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Hunt.

**Approval of Minutes:** Hunt moved, seconded by Nottke, that the regular meeting minutes from November 13, 2017 be approved. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Hunt.

**Highway Superintendent Report:** Highway Superintendent MacCheyne gave his monthly report and then shared about what it was going to cost to order a John Deere 624K-II Loader. It will cost the Town \$49,986.00 after the trade allowance of \$111,800.00 for the old pay loader. He also said the cost of a 2019 Western Star would be \$225,892.50; this would be on a four-year payment plan. These are state bids. There was discussion on how this would benefit the Town to have a plan for the Highway equipment to be replaced.

**Town Clerk Report:** Town Clerk Freese reported that the American Legion post 770 filed for their 2018 Bell Jar license.

Councilman Vann asked Town Attorney Morrell when section 3A Multi-dwelling on the Land Management Ordinances would be done. Town Attorney Morrell shared there was a lot of changes to be made regarding the Land Management Ordinances and he is working on it and may have it ready for the next meeting.

Supervisor Reynolds shared that there are two choices for court security. 1. Village of Interlaken Police Department. 2. Seneca Security Services. Town Justice Schmidt has asked the Board to consider the Village of Interlaken Police Department for court security.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Supervisor's Revenue and Expenditure Report for November 2017. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye Hunt and Aye-Nottke.

Nottke moved, seconded by Hunt, to approve the Highway Superintendent's Report for the month of November 2017. Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Hunt moved, seconded by Vann , to approve the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for November 2017. A total of \$1,236.25 was received and \$450.14 was remitted to the Town Supervisor. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Hunt and Aye-Nottke.

Nottke moved, seconded by Hunt, to approve the Dog Control Officer's report for the month of November 2017. Aye-Nottke, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Vann.

Hunt moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Village of Interlaken to provide court security for the Town of Covert Court sessions. The cost will be \$21.00 per hour for around five hours a month and extra hours for trials and/or hearings. Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Hunt moved, seconded by Vann, to set the date for the Town of Covert Court records to be audited on January 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Aye-Nottke, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Vann.

Nottke moved, seconded by Hunt, to reappoint Gerald R. Reynolds to the Planning Board. His new term will be from January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2024. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Hunt and Aye-Nottke.

Bishop moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the American Legion Post 770 Bell Jar Gaming application to conduct Games of Chance for 2018. Aye-Bishop, Aye-Vann, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Hunt.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve buying 2019 Dump truck which is a piggyback on the Onondaga County state bid #7823 for the 2019 Western Star 4700SF in the amount of \$225,892.50 on a four-year plan. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Hunt and Aye-Nottke.

Hunt moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the purchase of John Deere 624 K-II Loader-NJPA for \$49,986.00 after the trade allowance of \$111,800.00 on the NYS OGS Contract PC67075 state bid. Aye-Nottke, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Vann.

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

Hunt moved, seconded by Nottke , that the Town of Covert is opposed to a waste energy power plant facility in the former Seneca Army Depot. Waste would be carried into the facility by trucks and trains and burned using furnaces fueled with natural gas to generate energy. The County has enough waste without bringing in more. Aye-Vann, Aye-Nottke, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Hunt.

Vann moved, seconded by Hunt, that the Highway Fund Vouchers #180-191 in the amount of \$8,084.10 and General Fund Vouchers #179-202 in the amount \$ 7,242.60 be approved for payment. Aye-Bishop, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Vann and Aye-Nottke.

Hunt moved, seconded by Nottke, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen R. Freese, Town Clerk