

TOWN OF COVERT  
SENECA COUNTY  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, February 13, 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
	Councilman Leon Anderson	Present
	Councilman William Bishop	Present

**Others Present:** Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, Deputy Town Clerk Colleen Freese, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey Mac Cheyne, Reporter Aneta Glover, Planning Board Member Rob Schoffel, Code Enforcement Officer John Poludniak 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:** Vann made the motion, seconded by Hunt, to open the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. to hear any comments on the variance request for Glenn & Cassandra Galbreath to construct a 28'x40' addition which is 12' feet from neighbor property line. Hearing the comment and report from Planning Board Member Rob Schoffel shared that Mr. Galbreath had prepared his variance application very well and the Planning Board was pleased, and hearing no other comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m. Motion: Councilman Anderson, Seconded By Councilman Vann. Vote: Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Anderson and Aye-Bishop.

**Presenter:** The new Librarian Chelsea Stirlen shared about new things being done at the library. The new front porch project is wrapping up the final details, for seating and planting flowers for the community to enjoy this summer. There are different classes being given and the library's facebook page has been updated.

Tony Del Plato shared, about the Solar program and that they were getting ready to accept applications and what will be need to go with the application, like a year of electric bills and a letter of support. It is coming along it just takes time. There are four towns involved and three villages.

**Approval of Minutes:** Hunt moved, seconded by Anderson, that the regular meeting minutes from January 9, 2017 be approved. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Anderson and Aye-Hunt.

Councilman Hunt shared that they have extended the art contest for Town of Covert residents and all entries must be submitted by April 14, 2017 by 4:30 at the Town Clerk's Office. There will be a barn dance in October and other bicentennial activities going on throughout the year.

There was discussion on the Land Management Ordinance and what should be put in the LMO for the management of Solar panels and not blocking lake views. Councilman Anderson stated that maybe something should be put in the LMO to define a view shed. Other towns have restrictions for Solar Panels the board could view them for ideas of what will work for the Town of Covert.

Supervisor Reynolds shared about the Cable franchise agreement and that the Town Hall will get free cable service which will save the town about \$5,000.00 a year. There will be a public hearing to hear

comment and hopefully approve the agreement.

Supervisor Reynolds also shared that he is trying to get a NYSERDA grant to help replace old lighting and put in new lights that are more energy efficient.

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

Anderson moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report for the month of January 2017. Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Anderson and Aye-Bishop.

Bishop moved, seconded by Hunt, to approve the Town Clerk's monthly report for January 2017. A total of \$639.00 was received and \$524.00 was remitted to the Town Supervisor. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Hunt and Aye-Anderson.

Bishop moved, seconded by Hunt, to approve the Tax collector's report that a total of \$1,700,000.00 has been collected and payments are being made to Seneca County Treasurer's Office. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Hunt and Aye-Anderson.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's report for the month of January 2017. Aye-Bishop, Aye-Vann, Aye-Anderson and Aye-Hunt.

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

Anderson moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the variance request for Glenn & Cassandra Galbreath to construct a 28' x 40' addition that is 12' from property line instead of the 20' required, with approval from the neighbors and the Planning Board. Aye-Bishop, Aye-Anderson, Aye-Vann and Aye-Hunt.

#### RESOLUTION : 1-2017 GAR Payment Resolution

WHEREAS The Town of Covert contracted with GAR in 2014 to conduct a re-evaluation of the properties in the Town of Covert; and WHEREAS the total cost was to be paid over three budget years; and WHEREAS in preparing the 2017 budget, the final payment was overlooked ; and WHEREAS the General Fund does not have the necessary excess funds to make the payment, and the DA fund has sufficient funds in excess of current needs, now therefore be it RESOLVED that the following short term loan be made from DA Highway Town-wide funds to A General Funds to make the needed payment to GAR with the intent that the funds will be paid back by Fiscal Year End 2017 or other arrangements be made to insure the funds are fully paid back, and be it further BE IT RESOLVED that a budget modification be made reflecting this loan to General fund and a budget line of \$42,000.00 be added to the 2017 General Fund budget to make the payment to GAR. Motion: Hunt, Seconded by: Vann  
Vote: Aye-Hunt, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Anderson and Aye-Vann

Hunt moved, seconded by Vann, to hold a public hearing on March 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to hear any comments on the Cable Television Agreement for the Town of Covert. It is available for public view during the Town Clerk normal business hours. Aye-Vann, Aye-Anderson, Aye-Hunt and Aye-Bishop.

Hunt moved, seconded by Anderson, to go into executive session at 9:30 to discuss a personnel matter. Aye-Vann, Aye-Anderson, Aye-Hunt and Aye-Bishop

Hunt moved, seconded by Bishop, to come out of executive session at 9:40 and return to regular meeting. Aye-Vann, Aye-Anderson, Aye-Vann and Aye-Bishop

Anderson moved, seconded by Hunt, to approve eight more hours that Justice Schmidt has requested for Yvonne to train Court Clerk Mary Gregg. The cost of \$ 80.00 will come out of line item A1110.1A. Aye-Vann, Aye-Anderson, Aye- Hunt and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Anderson, that Highway Fund Vouchers #12-30 in the amount of \$18,207.65 and General Fund Vouchers #13-29 in the amount of \$296,001.44 be approved for payment. Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Anderson.

Hunt moved, seconded by Bishop , to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen R. Freese, Town Clerk