

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, November 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
	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.

**Approval of Minutes:** Hunt moved, seconded by Nottke, that the regular meeting minutes from October 9, 2017, and Budget Workshop & Public Hearing minutes from October 16, 2017 and November 8, 2017 be approved. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Hunt.

Highway Superintendent MacCheyne gave his monthly report on roadwork. He shared about the cost of a new 10-wheeler truck and said that payment can be made for two to four years on new trucks. The plan is for the town pickup truck to go to auction every two years; that way a new truck can be bought for about \$2,000.00 more with the auctions price of the old truck.

Town Clerk Freese shared that the American Legion filed their quarterly Bell Jar Report and that the Beverly Animal Shelter Contract was due and asked if we should have a one-year or open end contract. Town Attorney Morrell suggested that the Town do it yearly and renew it at the Organizational Meeting each year.

Town Clerk also shared that the Interlaken Reformed Church has been running a Kitchen cupboard in this community for 35 years, thanks to Phyllis & Bob Betzler. They have stepped down after all these years . They are asking for help to keep this program up and running. Sixty to seventy families are served weekly; most of them work, but depend on this because they just don't make enough. If you can help, please call (607)532-4321.

Councilman Hunt shared that Diane Bassett Nelson was the one who headed up the Bicentennial events. She is very efficient and she did a lot of 'behind the scenes' work. A big Thank You to Diane for all she did for this event.

Supervisor Reynolds shared that the town needs to take out a deficiency note for \$40,00.00. It is a budget deficit note that will be paid in February.

Town Attorney Morrell shared on the resolution for the deficiency note pursuant to Local Law § 40.10 and recommended the board adopt the resolution to cover the \$40,00.00 deficit.

**5-17 -RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A DEFICIENCY NOTE PURSUANT TO LOCAL FINANCE  
LAW § 40.10**

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Covert has determined that there will be a deficiency in the Town's general fund by the end of the fiscal year 2017; and

WHEREAS the 2017 revenues will not be sufficient to make the final payment to GAR Associates, Inc. required under the contract for assessment services entered by the Town Board of the Town of Covert in 2015; and

WHEREAS the Town Board has determined that there is no other source of financing available except for a budget deficit note and the Town Board has received a proposal from Community Bank, N.A for a budget deficit note in the amount of \$40,000.00; and

WHEREAS under the terms of the proposed budget deficit note, the maturity date is February 9, 2018 and all principal and interest will be repaid on or before that date; and

WHEREAS the Town of Covert has total indebtedness during the current fiscal year that will not exceed \$5,000,000.00 and the amount of the budget deficiency note is less than 5% of the 2017 budget of the Town of Covert; and

WHEREAS Local Finance Law §§ 29.20 and 40.10 allow for this type of municipal finance and the Town Board of the Town of Covert intends for this resolution to satisfy the requirements of these sections of the Local Finance Law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Covert hereby adopts this Deficiency Note Resolution pursuant to Local Finance Law § 40.10 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Covert hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute any and all documents necessary to arrange for this financing on behalf of the Town of Covert.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to authorize Supervisor Reynolds to sign the paperwork from the Community Bank for a budget deficit note in the amount of \$40,000.00 to be paid off by February 9, 2018. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Hunt and Aye-Nottke.

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

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

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop , to approve the Town Clerk's monthly report for October 2017. A total of \$1,030.00 was received and \$528.82 was remitted to the Town Supervisor. Aye-Vann, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Hunt and Aye-Nottke.

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

Hunt moved, seconded by Vann, to approve the Beverly Animal Shelter agreement from November 13, 2017 till January 10, 2018 and the agreement will be reviewed at the Organization Meeting each year starting January 10, 2019. Aye-Nottke, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Bishop and Aye-Vann.

Hunt moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve having a joint public hearing for Ovid, Trumansburg and Covert for the fire contracts for 2018. The hearing will be December 11, 2017 at 7 o'clock.

Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Hunt moved, seconded by Bishop, to confirm the request from the Interlaken Public Library Director Chelsea Stirlen, that Marty Schlabach has the approval from the Town of Covert Town Board to serve as a trustee for the Interlaken Public Library. Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Bishop, to approve the Spectrum Services Agreement for the Highway Department and the Town of Covert Town Hall. The Town will save some money and will now receive 5% franchise fees instead of 3%. Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Nottke moved, seconded by Vann, to have FDR Ungleich Hardwood Floors to refinish the Town Hall wood floor in the courtroom for \$1,150.00. They will be paid half (\$575.00) as required now and \$575.00 when floor is finished. Aye-Vann, Aye-Hunt, Aye-Nottke and Aye-Bishop.

Vann moved, seconded by Hunt, that the Highway Fund Vouchers #167-179 in the amount of \$25,145.92 and General Fund Vouchers #162-178 in the amount \$7,119.92 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