

**Bennington Town Board
June 12, 2024**

Workshop Session 6:30 p.m.
Audit of bills; Highway Dept report; review Board meeting agenda

In attendance: Town Supervisor Ellen Grant, Council Members Chris Domes, Michael Gadd, Joyce Mohun, Highway Superintendent Jake Jensen, Clerk Joanne Rosenthal.
Absent: Council Member Bernard Frounick

Regular Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order by Supervisor Grant; Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member M. Gadd; moment of silence in respect for the passing of Board of Assessment Review member Robert Padak.

**Set Agenda - No additions.
Report of Conflict of Interest - No conflicts.**

<u>Financial Matters</u>	General Fund vouchers	#108 to #131.	\$ 13,316.64.
	Highway Fund vouchers	#115 to #131.	\$ 150,792.02.
	Cowlesville Water vouchers	# 22 to # 27.	\$ 9,265.60.
	Cowlesville Light vouchers	# 6.	\$ 149.89.

***Motion by J. Mohun, seconded by C. Domes to approve vouchers for payment.
Ayes: All (4). Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1 Frounick.***

Financial Reports Supervisor Grant presented the Monthly Report of Supervisor

***Motion by J. Mohun, seconded by M. Gadd to approve the Financial Reports ending May 31, 2024.
Ayes: All (4). Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1 Frounick.***

Unfinished Business

Zoning Updates:

The Town Attorney is reviewing the most recent draft and making edits to correct redundancies, clarify wording and structure the law tighter. He will provide a summary at the end of the month and that will be provided to our solar consultants to review prior to the July Board meeting. If there are no substantive changes to be made, the Town Board will be able to set a date for a public hearing on a Local Law to adopt new zoning regulations.

Some initial review has been done on wind energy conversion systems (WECS) zoning law and that will be taken up fully following the wrap up of the solar process. At the same time, we will be looking at regulations on renewable energy battery facilities.

Councilman Mohun is working on additional zoning changes that the Town has identified over the past year and we plan on having those updates done this year.

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New Business

Resolution #2024-6-1 Agreement to Spend Highway Funds

Be It Resolved, that the Town Supervisor, Town Council Members and Town Highway Superintendent are hereby authorized to sign the 2024 Agreement to Spend Highway Funds for repairs and improvements to Town roads in a total amount of \$834,800.00, as per the adopted 2024 Town Budget.

Motion by: J. Mohun. Seconded by: M. Gadd
Ayes: All (4). Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1 Frounick.

Communications

Presented by Supervisor Grant

- Justice Court Fund report
- Correspondence from NYSDOT State Aid and CHIPS funding guideline changes.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Special Session - April 22, 2024

Present: Supervisor Grant, Clerk Rosenthal, Councilman Mohun.

Town Clerk Joanne Rosenthal received two bids for electrical work at the highway garage project. Two bids were opened in the presence of the Town Supervisor and Councilman Joyce Mohun. Neither bid included the non-collusive bidding certificate, one was not a sealed bid and the other was unclear about meeting the required specifications. As there was not a quorum, no action was taken.

Special Session - April 24, 2024

Present: Supervisor Grant, Councilman Mohun and Councilman Domes.

At a special session of the Town Board, ***a motion was made by Councilman Domes and seconded by Councilman J. Mohun*** to reject all bids received on the electrical work at the highway garage.

Ayes: 3. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 2. Frounick, Gadd.

Motion was made by Mohun and seconded by Domes to re-bid the electrical work and set the date and time for bids to be received by the Town Clerk to be 6 pm on May 8, 2024, with bids opened by the clerk at 6:30 pm. Notice of bid to be published in the Batavia Daily News and on the Town website.

Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1 Frounick.

Motion to adjourn by Mohun, meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

May 8, 2024 Town Board minutes

All Minutes approved as submitted.

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Departments

Highway

- Discussed Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds.
- Installation of driveway pipes; costs to be adjusted in January 2025 to reflect increases.
- Three trucks in for repair.
- Ditching work continues.
- Stedman Rd. project near completion.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

- Presented the Town Clerk report disbursement of funds for May 2024.
- Vital Statistics YTD 2024. Births 0. Marriages 4. Deaths 10.
- Certificate of Liability Insurance presented to Town by KCM Custom Built Garages, Inc.
- Presented Wyoming County Building and Zoning Departments monthly reports for May.

Assessor

- BAR (Board of Assessment Review) meeting held.
- Will be seeking a replacement for Robert Padak for next year.

Zoning/Planning

Approve renewals of Special Use Permit requests for 3 Year Renewal with no incidents reported.

1. Michael Fontaine - Clapp's Mills
2. Michael Wulf - M&M Auto

***Motion by M. Gadd. Seconded by J. Mohun
Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1 Frounick.***

Approve renewals of Home Occupation Permit requests for 1 Year Annual Renewal with no incidents reported.

1. Stacey Acquard - Acquard's Professional Dog Grooming
2. Cynthia Ciupek - C-Shore Design
3. Thomas Hudson - Sunset Printing
4. Allan Lindsay - Precision Cylinder Head Automotive Machine Shop
5. J. Brian Pfeiffer - Design A Tea

***Motion by J. Mohun. Seconded by C. Domes
Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1 Frounick.***

Recreation

Summer Swim sign ups continue, 42 children signed up, at least three more expected for the July/August Summer Swim Program at Byrnclyff Country Club. Swim instructors and lifeguards are in place.

The Summer Concert Series continues for 2024, July 11 - August 1 on Thursdays. See the Town website for details and locations.

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Water District

- No report

Petitions and public concerns

No public comments.

Any other Business to Come before the Board/County Matters

- WCCHS designed a Critical Access Hospital, which will have a multimillion dollar benefit to their finances. Able to receive Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement for the actual cost of services, not a lesser amount, and also have the ability to participate in purchasing discounts and consortiums. They have been working on this application for several years.
- Recognized Certified Nursing Assistants week June 13 - 19.
- 50th anniversary of WCIDA.
- June 12th is Women's Veterans Day.
- June is Dairy Month in Wyoming County.
- Updated County Addressing Policy
- Fire Advisory Board delegates: Bennington Chet Zymowski, Cowlesville Nick Szuniewicz, Harris Corners Tom Keem and Varysburg Adam Vetter.
- The Board of Supervisors office is accepting comments on amending the veterans property tax exemption for Cold War Veterans.

**Adjourn at 8:10 pm. Motion by J. Mohun
in attendance: 9.**