

Town of Independence

Regular Meeting

March 10, 2022

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on March 10, 2022 at 7pm for the Regular Monthly Meeting.

Present: Supervisor Reichman; Council: Meunier, Howe, Bissett, Brubaker; Town Clerk, Bledsoe; Highway Superintendent, Acomb; Policeman, Sherman

Visitors: Dave Pullen (Town Attorney), Randy Bebout (Bohler Engineering), 3 WCS students, 3 Via Zoom (Including Mariana Pires, Oya Solar)

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor called the meeting to order.

A motion to accept the February 10, 2022 minutes was offered by Council Howe, seconded by Council Bissett and carried by all.

Superintendent Acomb gave his Highway report which included repairs, new lights around the town barns, plowing and sanding, unplugging sluice pipes which have caused some damage to the roads, and reported a problem with the cameras that he is having looked at.

Reichman and Acomb gave a FEMA update. Have been having regular phone/zoom meetings and are working with the FEMA reps on getting necessary paperwork submitted.

Randy Bebout, Bohler Engineering, spoke regarding the Permit Application for the proposed Chenunda Creek Project with OYA Solar, a new 2.4 megawatt Community Solar Project in the Town of Independence. Board and Dave Pullen discussed and asked questions re: the project with Randy and Mariana Pires. They also discussed the Road Use Agreement and Road Bonding.

An offer to accept **Resolution #3-2022- OYA Chenunda Creek Permit Application** was offered by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Brubaker with all members voting "Yes." The Board then set the Public Hearing for April 14, 2022 at 7pm then proceeding on to the Regular April meeting after. Clerk to post legal notice.

Town Board and Officer Sherman discussed proposed Shared services suggestion from the Town of Willing who would like to share a police force and patrol car. Due to the nature of the agreement, the Board is not interested at this time.

Water Dept. Generator update given by Supervisor Reichman. According to F&F Electric, legal action has been taken by them against another company for never receiving certain generators, it is her understanding that the Town will be getting the money back for this Generator at some point. Will continue to get updates.

Clerk and Supervisor verified that there is no update on the Dollar General build at this time.

Council Howe gave an update for the Bicentennial Committee.

Supervisor reported that she has had Glen Hoehn, who has a computer and security business in Wellsville, come talk to her regarding computer security and maintenance services for the Town of Independence. He will be submitting a proposal to the town for further discussion.

Monthly Clerk, Police and Justice reports were reviewed by the board.

Bills were reviewed with the motion made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all to pay abstracts #3-2022 in the following amounts.

General	#32-49	\$9,146.58
Water	#15-23	\$2,755.24
Highway	#23-40	\$14,439.80

A motion to adjourn was offered by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Brubaker and carried by all.

Jasmine Bledsoe, Town Clerk

