

Town of Independence

Regular Meeting

January 13, 2022

The Independence Town Board met in the Town Hall on January 13, 2022 at 6pm for the Regular monthly meeting.

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

Visitors: 18 visitors (6 via zoom), Floyd Helms

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor called the meeting to order.

A motion to accept the December 9, 2021 minutes was offered by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Bissett and carried by all.

A motion to accept the December 28, 2021 minutes was offered by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Meunier and carried by all.

A motion to accept the January 3, 2022 minutes was offered by Council Meunier, seconded by Council Bissett and carried by all.

Floyd Helms spoke at this time regarding construction of a Highway Salt Shed. He gave a brief background of his experience and helped Superintendent Acomb answer questions and review different style, size, material and price options. After discussing with the board, Floyd and Acomb are going to discuss more of the options at length and report back with more accurate numbers and options for the February meeting.

Superintendent Acomb gave his Highway report which included equipment repairs, plowing, checking road signs and tree and limb clean up.

Superintendent and Supervisor gave a FEMA update. Have been working weekly with FEMA rep's to work on required paperwork.

At this time the Supervisor let members of "The Concerned Citizens of the Fulmer Valley Wind Project" present to the board. They expressed many concerns over having possible windmills installed in the Town of Independence which included their top 3 concerns of setbacks, noise issues and shadow flicker which they feel can all lead to health and environmental issues. Although the town has already adopted LL#2-2021, they have requested that the Board consider making amendments to some of these issues in the near future. After much discussion between the visitors and the board, Supervisor Reichman and Gus Weber (Supervisor for the neighboring Town of Andover) would like to work together with a couple others to talk about the possible amendments. Supervisor to report at the February meeting.

Visitors left at this time.

Supervisor gave a water update. Root will be coming soon to assist Dick Waters with pipe pressure repairs at the well house.

Supervisor gave an update on the SIB loan for the new Highway truck purchase. Supervisor and Clerk to sign paperwork at Community Bank on January 19th to finish the bond.

Resolution #2-2022- Mutual Aid Agreement was offered by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Brubaker with all members voting "Yes."

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

Bills were reviewed with the motion made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all to pay abstracts #1-2022 in the following amounts:

General	#1-11	\$5,906.63
Highway	#1-11	\$5,550.73
Water	#1-4	\$1,412.89

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Reichman, seconded by Council Howe and carried by all at 8:45pm.

Jasmine Bledsoe, Town Clerk

