

Benson Town Board

Special Meeting

Nov. 4, 2015

Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Meeting Opened at 6:30 PM

Present: Supervisor P. C. Snyder  
Councilmen: J. Stortecky  
J. Shepard  
D. Gregor  
Deputy Hwy. Supt. George Blowers

Public Present: Dick Barlow, Cheryl Gregor, D. Pincombe, Sadie & Jay Gander, Donna Blowers, Charles Biche, Betty Flanders, Norbert Lippig

Special Guests: George Harrington, Bruce Ellsworth of the Northville Central School District

Public Input:

New Business:

Buildings and Grounds:

Highway Committee:

Letter given to participant (Benson) of Field Station (Northville) by the Northville Central School District in regard to fuel used by Benson during the past two years that was used, never billed, and consequently not paid. Billing error has been found and fuel usage has been billed. See MEMO.

Response – Phil: Benson will attempt to pay said fuel bill within the next couple of years.

Mr. Harrington and Mr. Ellsworth Response: If you will issue a contract stating such intentions, we will accept said intentions.

Jay Gander: Was there a chance of duplicate billing?

Phil: Not to my knowledge. I am still going over stuff.

David Pincombe: Is it verified that it was a problem only when a new card would get issued?

Phil: Correct

Dick Barlow: How common a problem is lost keys?

Phil: It has come to my attention that Cecil was frequently losing keys

Tentative Budget was gone over by board page by page. Tax Cap is set at .73 or \$2909.00 for Benson.

Doug: Request a raise for the Town Councilpersons to \$100.00 per month. This would perhaps attract younger people to the board. We are paying about half the amount other towns our size are paying.

Phil: That is why we raised the pay a little bit last year.

BTI new contract for 2016 is staying at a cost of \$10,000.00.

Doug: My e-mail of Oct. 16, 2015 stated my belief that the new Hwy. Supt. position be paid less than the former Hwy. Supt. whose salary was based on experience as well as time on the job. About \$32,000.00 to start would be appropriate in my estimation.

Phil: Let us table this to discuss after the official election results.

Betty Flanders stated she was very unhappy about the possibility of a two man crew for the Hwy. Dept. She does not believe the roads can be well enough maintained if the crew should be short due to an illness, etc.

Phil: Thank you for your statements.

Old Business:

Board Business: Any other business brought before the board:

The Hope/ Benson Transfer Contract was read and discussed. See Contract.

Cheryl: Who owns the truck used at the transfer station to transport waste?

Board: Hope and Benson

The Board is hoping next year to be able to start a search for a new Snow Plow Truck.

Date is set for next Budget Meeting on Nov. 10, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Public Input: Betty Flanders stated that she was not happy with what she considers to be the unethical behavior of the Board as she sees it. With the Supervisor, she is very disappointed in his behavior during the campaign (campaigning for candidates) and his behavior at the polls during post election period.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you for your input.

Board Input:

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM moved by D. Gregor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Shepard

Respectfully submitted:

Jeanne Cox

Nov. 8, 2015