

August 10, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Supervisor Matthew Hicks; Town Council Members: Matthew Rathbun, Ken Quick, Mary Emery and Thomas Cosey; Town Clerk Jenny Martelle; Highway Superintendent Eric Towne; Town Accountant Joel Carpenter; Sole Assessor Dan Boone; Local Ordinance Officer Russ Bronson

ABSENT: Animal Control Officer Nancy Quell; Town Attorney Mike Catalfimo

Supervisor Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Sole Assessor Dan Boone

Councilman Cosey moved and Councilwoman Emery second to approve the Minutes of the July 13, 2017 Meeting. Carried 4-0. Councilman Rathbun abstained.

BUDGET OFFICER REPORT: Town Accountant Joel Carpenter prepared and submitted the financial report for July 2017. A copy is on file in the office of the Town Clerk. Councilwoman Emery moved and Councilman Cosey second to adopt Resolution No 42 Budget Amendment.

SOLE ASSESSOR REPORT: Sole Assessor Boone reported sale prices of vacant land have risen as well as tillable land sales. He noted three farm sales that sold over assessment values. These sales will result in the current value of \$1,200 per acre increased to \$1,400 to \$1,800 per acre next year. Boone presented the Board with sales analysis report for sales from July 2016 through June 2017. Boone advised the Board that the equalization rate is down to 97%. The properties that are selling for more than assessed value will raise assessments for properties next year mostly in the Town but not in the Village.

LOCAL ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT: Local Officer Russ Bronson reported that three rooftop solar, one new garage and one new house building permits were processed this past month.

ANIMAL CONTROL/DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT: DCO Nancy Quell prepared and submitted the July 2017 Dog Control Report. A copy is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Highway Superintendent Eric Towne reported that roadside mowing was completed for the second time. The DPW has been patching roads, cutting brush and removing stumps. Paving on Taylor Hill and New Boston Road will complete CHIPS spending. Councilman Quick inquired about the work that the Highway DPW was doing on River Valley Drive in the Village. Supervisor Hicks informed the Board that Washington County contacted Highway Superintendent Towne requesting the Town's help by providing a grader and man-power for the project as they did not have one available and that the paving project was taking place right away. Supervisor Hicks advised the Board that the Town Highway Department has assisted the

County and Village previously when asked and assistance is reciprocated by the County and Village when asked by the Town. Councilmen Quick and Rathbun voiced their concern that they were left in the dark and that Town Board members should receive prior notification for such projects undertaken by the Highway DPW.

NORTH GRANVILLE WATER DISTRICT REPORT: The average usage per day was 37,000 per day or 1,176,000 for the month of July. High Superintendent Towne advised the Board that the leak on County Route 17 could have been the cause of high usage in previous months.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Quick moved and Councilwoman Emery second to adopt Resolution No. 43 Planning Board Clerk Rebecca Morse Resignation. Carried: 5-0 Councilwoman Emery moved and Councilman Cosey second to adopt Resolution No 44 Planning Board Clerk Appointment of Gretchen Richards. Carried: 5-0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Ernest Wood inquired as to the status of the County vs. Murphy situation. He was advised that the matter was going to be in Town Court on August 17th. Former Highway Superintendent John Tanner remarked that the equipment, fuel and man hours used to assist other municipalities should be kept track by the Highway DPW.

AUDIT OF BILLS:

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FUND	VOUCHER NUMBERS	AMOUNT	MOVED BY	SECOND BY
DA HWY TW	109-122	\$2,628.04	COUNCILMAN RATHBUN	COUNCILMAN QUICK
DB HWY OUT	24-27	\$9,276.31		
B GEN TOWNOUTSIDE	13-14	\$3,836.10	COUNCILMAN COSEY	COUNCILWOMAN EMERY
SW NO GRAN WATER	56-60	\$1,319.82	COUNCILWOMAN EMERY	COUNCILMAN COSEY
A GENERAL FUND	176-202	\$28,451.54	COUNCILMAN QUICK	COUNCILMAN RATHBUN
SL1 MID GRAN LIGHTS	14-15	\$484.20		
SL2 NG LIGHTS	15-16	\$300.46		

ADJOURNMENT: Councilwoman Emery moved and Councilman Cosey second to adjourn until September 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Carried 5 – 0.

Attested To:

Jenny Martelle
Granville Town Clerk