

**TOWN OF COVERT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2011**

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, December 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilman Gary Hunt	Present
	Councilman Stephen Selover	Present
	Councilwoman Valerie Bassett	Present
	Councilman Duane Waid	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk, Colleen Freese
Highway Superintendent, Jeffrey Mac Cheyne, Reporter Aneta Glover,
Attorney John Sipos, Charles Bosman, Jeffrey Vann, Donald Kenyon, Dick Westbrook, Ralph Bailey,
Kass & Marilyn Crooker, William Wech, Robert & Linda Schoffel, William & Diana Millard, and
Cathy M. Millspaugh

Call to Order:

Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Reynolds opened the public hearing at 7:05; the purpose was to hear any comments on the proposed amendment to the Land Management Ordinance. There was much discussion on height, size of letters and placement of signs. The decision was to check on state requirements for height of lettering and make a few changes to the amendment before the Town Board approves the amendment.

Supervisor Reynolds closed the Public hearing at 7:45 and opened the regular meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid, that the November 14, 2011 minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Petitioners to the Board:

Cathy Millspaugh Chair of the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway presented the Board information about a project they are presently working on organizing called Geocaching.

Geocaching is a modern day equivalent of treasure hunting, combining the love of nature, hiking and exploring with modern technology that allows individuals to find hidden caches in predetermined locations along a "trail" using GPS coordinates. The Geocaching trail will be along Cayuga Lake Byway. This will be promoted on "cayugalake.com". It is estimated to take two to three days for cacher to complete the trail because of the amount of time spent on the trails Geocaching will bring business in to the areas.

Town Attorney:

Attorney John Sipos stated it has been an honor to serve the residents of the Town of Covert for over thirty-five years, but he will not accept reappointment for the upcoming year.

Town Clerk:

Town Clerk Freese reported Kent Stuetz, Regional Advisory Officer from State Archives came down and looked over the vault in the basement of the Municipal Building. Mr.Stuetz stated it was a great size

vault, and with a moisture barrier, flooring, paint, and a dehumidifier, the town will be able to use the vault to store records. Town Clerk Freese asked the board to approve Diane Bassette-Nelson to write a New York State Archives Specification LGRMIF Grant that the town is eligible for. This grant is to apply for shelving, dehumidifier and other items that are needed for the vault.

A lengthy discussion was held on the financial report received from South Seneca Ambulance Corp. The report is not a CPA report as requested by the board. Until the requested 2011 CPA report from South Seneca Ambulance is presented to the board, no further action will be taken to sign a contract.

Councilman Steven Selover shared that it has been a pleasure serving on the Town Board all these years; "It's time to move on to new things in life".

The Board thanked Mr. Selover for all he has brought to the table as a Board Member over the years and that it has been a pleasure working with him.

There was discussion on the Interlaken Fire Contract, but before the Board approves the contract, the area of coverage needs to be corrected.

There was discussion on replacing the wooden soldier displayed with the Veterans Memorial in front of the building with a couple statue soldiers that Richard Bauer is trying to have donated to the Veterans Memorial.

Actions:

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid, to replace the wooden soldier on the Veterans Memorial with statue soldiers that Richard Bauer is trying to have donated to the Town of Covert. Motion carried unanimously.

Selover moved, seconded by Waid, to approve Diane Bassett-Nelson to write a New York State Archives Specification LGRMIF Grant for the Town of Covert. Motion carried unanimously.

Selover moved, seconded by Hunt, that Highway Fund Vouchers #151-160, in the amount of \$31,717.86 and General Fund Vouchers #198-222, in the amount of \$21,986.087 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent, Jeffrey MacCheyne, filed his November, 2011 written report with the Board.

Code Enforcement Office, John Poludniak, filed his November, 2011 written report with the Board.

Supervisor Reynolds filed his revenue and expenditure report for November, 2011.

Town Clerk Freese filed her November, 2011 report with the Supervisor. A total of \$290.01 was remitted.

On the motion of Selover, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Supervisor, Michael Reynolds

Town Clerk, Colleen R. Freese