

TOWN OF COVERT  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
November 9, 2009

Call to Order: The Public Hearing and regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Michael Reynolds at 7:30PM.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilman Gary Hunt	Present
	Councilman Stephen Selover	Present
	Councilman Duane Waid	Present
	Councilman Valerie Bassett	Present

**Others Present:** Town Clerk, Colleen Freese  
Highway Superintendent, Jeffrey Mac Cheyne  
Town Attorney, John Sipos  
Reporter, Aneta Glover

**Residents Present:** Charles Bosman, Daniel & Georgeanne Bakker, and Justice Louis Van Cleef, and Howard Porter.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Supervisor Reynolds opened the public hearings.

The purpose of the first public hearing was for a variance under land management Ordinance for Howard Porter 8600 Powell Road to installed 20'x 21' American Steel Carport. There is inadequate clearance on the side and rear lot line to meet the 20' setback required. Application No. 09-26

There was discussion that the car port may be able to be moved a little closer to the house or placed differently on the property, and then it could be reconsidered.

Supervisor Reynolds closed the Public hearing at 7:40.

Supervisor Reynolds opened the second Public hearing at 7:41

The purpose of the second public hearing was to hear comments on the proposed 2010 Budget, including General Town Funds, Highway Funds, Five Town Coordinated Assessment Program Funds, South Seneca Ambulance Fund and Trumansburg and Interlaken Fire Protection District Funds.

Supervisor Reynolds closed the public hearing at 7:45 and opened the regular meeting, with the same people present.

**Approval of Minutes:** October 12, 2009 and Special Meeting October 28, 2009 Town Board Meeting accepted.

Motioned: Councilman Duane Waid

Seconded: Councilwoman Valerie Bassett

Motion carried unanimously

**Petitioner to the Board:**

Charles Bosman thanked the Board for their support in the Conifer Project, and gave a Senior Housing progress report: The Interlaken Senior Housing project is off to a flying start under the leadership of the construction firm of Conifer- Lachase.

The driveway and parking lot off Cayuga Street have been dug, plastic underlayment and stone placed and rolled. The driveway is now passable for large trucks. Asphalt will probably be installed in the spring.

The Construction trailer is in place behind the storage sheds off Cayuga Street, (entrance facing east.) The site is a "Hard Hat" area so please stop at the trailer prior to entering the site. The area to collect runoff has been bulldozed out, and barriers put in place to prevent the runoff of spill into the adjacent stream.

The building area has been leveled and the concrete poured for the footers. Cement blocks have been installed up to ground level for the building.

Note: MR. Bosman will try to keep the Town Board informed on a regular basis as to progress.

MR .Bosman also informed the Board that the Planning Board members were concerned because training for Planning Board members is too far to travel and would cost the Town too much for mileage. They would like to see training closer to this end of the County for Planning Board Members. Daniel Bakker also is concerned and wanted this matter looked into.

Councilwoman Valerie Bassett said we need to check and see if there is any online training or video conferences to meet the requirements for the Planning Board members. Supervisor Reynolds will talk with Harriet Haynes and see what can be done for training locally.

The Board agreed that the Code Enforcement Office needs to give a written report to the Town Clerk each month.

Highway Superintend Jeffrey Mac Cheyne:

- a. Oil & Stone on West Covert, Six Comers, East Covert and County Road 142
- b. Helped Town of Ovid and Romulus oil and Stone
- c. Replaced exhaust pieces on both 10 wheelers
- d. Cold patching on Townline and Halls Comers
- e. Replaced hydraulic pump on 1998 Ten Wheeler
- f. Replaced 24' crossover pipe on Savercool Road
- g. Hauled several free loads of millings from Cayuga Medical and Lowes in Ithaca
- h. Started fall mowing on roadsides and back slopes
- i. Oil and stone with la's stone on Halls Comer Road J. Worked on Federal Stimulus report for Government

Supervisor Reynolds reported that the County is preparing a Request for a Proposal to EAP (Services for Employees) to continue services for the next five years. They are looking for Town and Villages of the County that would be interested in the EAP program.

### **Old Business:**

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid to approve the bid for \$925.00 from Charles Freese to do the ceiling in the Justice Office with a down payment of \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett to declare the three old radiators as surplus and a Dell Imprison 3800 lap top as surplus items for sale. Also a 1984 Auto car, 10wheeler, plow and

wing, 5speed main transmission, with a 4 speed air auxiliary, 18000lb.Front Axle, 46000lb rears, 300 Cummins engine, air brakes and 22.5 rubber.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business:**

Bassett moved, seconded by Hunt to deny Howard Porters variance request on the recommendation of the Planning Board and a letter received from Carl Pell. Motion carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION NO.09-09**

Selover moved, seconded by Waid, THAT the 2010 preliminary Budget be adopted as the final budget for 2010 and,

WHEREAS, this Town Board met at the time and place specified in the notice of the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Town Board of the Town of Covert hereby adopts such Preliminary Budget as originally compiled with modifications and amendments, as the Annual Budget of the Town of Covert as for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010 and that such budget as adopted be entered in detail into the minutes of the proceeding, of the Town Board, and Be it FURTHER RESOVLED THAT, the Town Clerk of the Town of Covert shall prepare and certify in duplicate copies of said Annual Budget, as adopted pursuant to Section 202, Subd.2 of the Town Law, and deliver one copy thereof to Supervisor of this Town to be presented by him to the Board of Supervisors of this County. Motion Carried unanimously. (See Attached)

Selover moved, seconded by Waid to have a motion sensor light installed on the porch of the main entrance to the municipal building not to cost more than \$150.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Michael Reynolds filed his revenue and expenditure report with the Board.

Town Clerk Colleen Freese filed her September report with the supervisor. A total of \$ 238.75 was remitted.

Waid moved, seconded by Bassett, that the Highway Fund Vouchers #140-155 in the amount of \$59,494.58 and General Fund Vouchers # 186-205 in the amount of \$17,014.17 be approved for payment. Motion Carried

On the motion of Hunt, seconded by Bassett, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Supervisor, Michael Reynolds

Town Clerk, Colleen Freese