

**TOWN OF COVERT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 11, 2011**

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, April 11, 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
Town Attorney, John Sipos
Reporter, Aneta Glover
Charles Bosman, Barbara McCall, Angela Champion

Call to Order:

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

Meeting Minutes:

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett, that the March 14, 2011 and April 2, 2011 minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Petitioners to the Board:

Town of Covert Court Clerk submitted papers to the Town Attorney as a result of a dispute for a vehicle and traffic situation. Town Attorney Sipos advised the Town Board to send a copy to NYMIR Insurance Company.

Chuck Bosman reported that Conifer Village has not received a schedule for the public bus transportation. Bosman stated an effort is needed to let residents know when the bus will be available.

Barbara Mc Call representing the South Seneca Ambulance Corps, informed the Town Board that the lawyer is still working on the contract for the South Seneca Ambulance Service and is working with an expert on Medicare Laws for a way to **handle** co-pays. Bassett **inquired** how much does South Seneca Ambulance pays Multi-Med for collecting payments; Mc Call said Multi-Med receives 13% of what they collect. Hunt asked does that come off the gross charge; Mc Call said it comes off the total they collect. Bassett stated it seems the money paid to Multi-Med could go a long way to pay someone local to do the job. Mc Call stated they have tried before to have someone do billing and it didn't work. They need to have knowledge of Insurance codes and the laws.

Highway Superintendent:

Superintendent Mac Cheyne reported they are preparing the 2001 Ford 550 truck for auction. The new 2011 Ford 450 truck has been ordered and will be delivered in about six months. He also informed the board that he met with the Personnel Committee and they reviewed the job applications for the Highway position and are ready to do interviews.

Town Clerk:

Town Clerk Freese reported Justice William Shaw received a Court Grant in the amount of \$1,590.00 to use for equipment. The Dog Control Office will be checking into delinquent unlicensed dogs.

Town Attorney:

Attorney Sipos reported on the proposals from Enviro-Tech and Corcraft for mold removal. He stated Corcraft is through the state and is more apt to stand behind the work. Enviro-Tech encapsulates. If any damage is done to break the encapsulation, it could release mold spores. Sipos stated either one would be sufficient.

Attorney Sipos stated South Seneca Ambulance has a certificate to serve which requires them to provide service to residents. Aneta Glover stated the village approved payment to South Seneca Ambulance at the last meeting. Hunt noted the Village of Interlaken is supposedly paying for a contract so the village residents are paying taxes on that contract **and** town taxes for same service.

Bassett noted that if the village of Interlaken is paying for ambulance service, it may be that Village residents are paying more times for ambulance service than is appropriate. She questioned whether or not the Village of Interlaken is included in the service area of the town. Supervisor Reynolds thinks the Village is included in the Town's service area and residents are therefore paying for the service through their town taxes. He said he would look into this.

Town Supervisor:

Supervisor Reynolds asked what are we going to do about South Seneca Ambulance. Bassett said we need to wait for a draft contract and have a public hearing. Reynolds agreed before we can move forward a new contract is needed from South Seneca Ambulance. Hunt asked if we are going to have a contract with South Seneca Ambulance in 2012. Bassett stated we need to see what is in the contract first.

There was a lengthy discussion on Trumansburg ambulance service and Supervisor Reynolds reported the Village of Trumansburg is instituting fee-for-services billing for Trumansburg Ambulance Department Emergency Medical and Vehicle Transport Service.

Supervisor Reynolds stated there is a need for a maintenance person for the Municipal Building. Hunt asked who he had in mind. Reynolds replied he asked Howard Barrows and the Cleaner but they were not interested. He said he asked Charles Freese and he was interested in the job.

Supervisor Reynolds reported the Veterans Memorial dedication will be May 30, 2011. There will be a parade and chicken barbecue. Senator Michael Nozzolio will be doing the dedication.

Councilwoman Bassett suggested that the Planning Board applications be turned over to the Planning Board for its recommendation. Hunt said it was a good idea for them to review those interested in being on the Planning Board.

There was a lengthy discussion on the removal of the mold and which company to go with, and whether it would be good to encapsulate or not. Councilpersons Bassett, Hunt, Selover and Waid all feel the mold should be removed. Bassett stated we have been dealing with this long enough and it needs to be done right. Selover wants to know what it would cost Alarmtech to take down the wires and put them back up. Hunt mentioned Mr. Freese to see what he would charge.

Selover moved, seconded by Waid, to accept the Mr. Outside contract without the following sections: G. surcharge, H. tax rate and I. Labor rate for trimming yard cleanup, raking, mulching at \$37.00 per hour. The Contract is for thirty-four hundred dollars. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION No. 4-2011

Bassett moved, seconded by Selover, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Covert hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by the official to the clerk of this body: Appointed Official: Dog Control Officer, Christopher Austin based on activities will receive one day a month. On this 11th day of April, 2011. Motion carried. Aye Hunt, Aye Selover, Aye Bassett, Aye Waid.

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid, to hire Charles Freese as maintenance man for the Municipal Building at \$8.50 an Hour with a minimum of \$10.00 per call. Motion Carried. Aye Bassett, Aye Waid, Aye Hunt, Aye Selover.

Bassett moved, seconded by Selover, that Highway Fund Voucher #46-59, in the amount of \$26,339.69 and General Fund Vouchers #51-#69, in the amount of \$30,747.32 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent, Jeffrey MacCheyne, filed his March, 2011 written report with Board Members.

Tax Collector, Colleen R. Freese, filed the 2011 tax report with the Board Members.

Supervisor Reynolds filed his revenue and expenditure report for March 2011.

Town Clerk Freese filed her March, 2011 report with the Supervisor. A total of \$283.50 was remitted.

On the motion of Waid, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Town Supervisor, Michael G. Reynolds

Town Clerk, Colleen R. Freese