

**TOWN OF COVERT  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2011**

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	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,  
Wilfred & Diana Millard, Charles Bosman, Ralph Bailey, Richard Westbrook,  
Robert & Linda Schoffel, Dan & Georgeanne Bakker, Ronald Mc Ardle,  
Diane Bassette Nelson, Brian Snyder, Jon & Janice Conrad and John Latronica.

**Call to Order:**

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

**Public Hearing:**

Supervisor Reynolds opened the first public hearing at 7:05p.m.

The purpose of the first public hearing was for a variance request under the Land Management Ordinance for Jon Conrad, 8085 Bainbridge Beach Road, to construct a residential building 55' x 63.' It would have a 10' set back on the north side, instead of the required 20' feet. Application # 02-11.

No one appeared for or against said variance request and the Planning Board recommended that the variance request be approved.

Supervisor Reynolds closed the first public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Supervisor Reynolds opened the second public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

The purpose of the second public hearing was for a variance request under the Land Management Ordinance for Douglas Van Benschoten, 8206 Rt. 96, to construct a carport 20' x 8' with a 5' feet set back on the south line instead of the 20' feet required. Application # 03-11.

No one appeared for or against the variance request and the Planning Board recommended that the variance request be approved.

Supervisor Reynolds closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 and opened the regular meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Bassett moved, seconded by Hunt, that the May 9, 2011, minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**Petitioners to the Board:**

Charles Bosman reported to the board that Conifer Village now has bus service for the residents. He also recognized Duane Waid as Citizen of the year.

Richard Westbrook asked the board about the highway pick-up truck and why it doesn't have a caution light and a town sign on the truck. Highway Superintendent Mac Cheyne stated they do use a caution light in the window and not on the top because it decreases the resale value of the truck, as does a sign on the door.

Ralph Bailey addressed the board about road work and is it cost effective to have three men cold patching? He also asked if the new highway truck had come in yet. Highway Superintendent Mac Cheyne reported that the road work gets done quicker and that it is cost effective with a three man crew. The new 450 dump truck is on order and has not been delivered yet.

Brian Snyder, representative for the Trumansburg Village Ambulance Service stated that they have been working on a new program to defray the cost of purchasing and maintaining a village ambulance service. To provide services, it is necessary for the village to receive payments from municipalities, which may be offset by user fees.

Town Attorney Sipos asked if the Trumansburg Ambulance contract the town now has with Trumansburg would be honored until December 31, 2011, when it expires.

Brian Snyder said they will honor the present contract; but under the new contract, if signed by the Town, residents that use the ambulance service will be billed.

Hunt asked if under the current contract which is valid until December 31, 2011 will the town receive a refund on the current contract, if they were to sign a new contract?

Town of Covert attorney stated he was waiting for the village attorney to get back to him to discuss this matter. Mr. Snyder said he will have the village attorney Brad Pinsky contact Attorney Sipos so they can discuss the ambulance matter further.

Councilwoman Bassett stated that until the village attorney Pinsky and the Town Attorney Sipos discussed this matter the town cannot move forward. She also asked if the attorneys that are involved would be attending the next EMS meeting on June 27, 2011 and request that Town attorney Sipos attend the meeting.

**Highway Superintendent:**

Superintendent Mac Cheyne reported that the 550 truck sold at the auction for \$18,500.00 less the commission. The town received \$16,650.00 from the sale.

**Town Attorney:**

Attorney Sipos reported he has filed a report with the U.S. Attorney's Office in relation to the matter of double billing; with all correspondents from South Seneca Ambulance Corp; and filed a copy with the Town Clerk.

**Town Clerk:**

Town Clerk Colleen Freese appointed Leslie Adams-Compton as Deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

**Supervisor:**

Supervisor Reynolds is getting more information about the annexation of the Property Tax Map No. 8-

1-31.12 Interlaken Fire Department into the Village of Interlaken. There is a Public Hearing scheduled for July 14, 2011 at the Village Hall.

**RESOLUTION No.05-11**

Waid moved, **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 New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by the clerk of this body: Appointed Official: Dog Control Office, Christopher Austin, based on activities will receive one day a month. The resolution was duly seconded by Selover and adopted on June 13, 2011 by Hunt -Aye, Bassett- Aye, Selover-Aye, and Waid- Aye.

**RESOLUTION No.06-11**

Hunt moved, **THAT WHEREAS**, a balance in the Veteran's Memorial account year end of 2010 was \$3,817.09 and **WHEREAS** there are current bills to be paid, and **THAT WHEREAS**, the amount of \$3817.09 be appropriated for the budget line A6510.5.Veteran's Memorial account, **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Covert does hereby, authorize this amendment to the 2011, budget. The resolution was duly seconded by Selover, and was adopted on June 13, 2011 by, Bassett –Aye, Hunt- Aye, Waid-Aye and Selover – Aye.

**RESOLUTION No. 07-11**

Bassett moved, **THAT WHEREAS** the 2011 budget does not reflect either income or expenses related to the 2011 JCAP grant, and **WHEREAS** \$1,590.00 was received from the grant application, and **WHEREAS** Justice Shaw proposes to purchase the following: Hand held dictation device, speech recognition software, ceiling light, two office chairs, and a bookcase, floor eyebolt to secure prisoners with the grant funds as outlined in the application, **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2011 budget be amended to reflect \$1,590.00 added to Revenues line A 2770 Miscellaneous Funding and \$1,590.00 added to Expenses line A1110.42 Justice Court Grant. The Resolution was duly seconded by Hunt, and was adopted June 13, 2011 by, Bassett-Aye, Hunt-Aye, Waid- Aye and Selover-Aye.

Bassett moved, seconded by Waid, that the variance request application No.09-11 for Chris and Gail Peck, 4364 Lower Covert Road, Trumansburg, for a 21'x8' porch be referred to the Planning Board. A public hearing will be held at the Municipal Building July 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Bassett moved, seconded by Hunt, that the variance request be approved for Jon and Janice Conrad, 8085 Bainbridge Beach Road, Interlaken, residential building 55'x63'. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid, that the variance request be approved for Douglas Van Benschoten, 8206 Rt. 96 Interlaken, for a 20'x18' carport. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett, that Highway Fund Vouchers # 71--83, in the amount of \$ 18,365.83 and General Fund Vouchers #86-111, in the amount of \$ 23,311.26 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Town Clerk Freese filed her May, 2011 report with the Supervisor. A total of \$424.45 was remitted.

On the motion of Bassett, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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Town Supervisor, Michael G. Reynolds

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Town Clerk, Colleen R. Freese