

**TOWN OF COVERT
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, February 14, 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	Absent

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

Residents Present: Charles Bosman, Jeffrey Vann, Joan Hendrix, Patrick Seaman

Call to order:

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

Meeting Minutes:

Bassett moved, seconded by Hunt, that the January 10, 2011 minutes be approved as delivered. Motion carried unanimously.

Petitioner to the Board:

Joan Hendrix introduced herself to the Board as the new Library Manager to Interlaken Public Library. Seneca County Libraries now have a common library card which may be used to access books and to view the holdings of all five libraries and have those items delivered to your home library for pick up. Hendrix also shared they are working on getting programs set up for all age groups, and working with the school to get the new library cards to students.

Charles Bosman stated that Confier Village is full at this time and asked Supervisor Reynolds to check on the bus service for Confier residents.

Highway Superintendent:

It has been requested by Thomas Seaman that the town consider taking over and maintaining Oak Harbor Road. Highway Superintendent Mac Cheyne and Councilman Hunt looked at Oak Harbor Road and concluded that the road needs a chip seal, guide rails, three soft spots in the road fixed and a stop sign installed at end of road to bring the road up to spec. Councilman Hunt recommends that the town take over Oak Harbor Road after the repairs are made and the road is brought up to the required spec.

Councilwoman Bassett stated the Oak Harbor Road has to be brought up to spec before the town takes over this road. She does not want to see the Town take on anymore roads due to cost.

Councilman Selover stated that if the roads are going to have real estate and they are done to spec the Town Board should consider taking on the roads case by case.

Highway Superintendent Mac Cheyne also stated that highway employee Ronald Mc Ardle is considering retiring as of June 1, 2011 Mc Ardle has unused sick leave and would like the Board to consider crediting this time toward paying for his health insurance premium.

Town Attorney:

Attorney Sipos addressed the South Seneca Ambulance contract and presented a resolution to the Board to approve in order to be able to move forward in this matter. Attorney Sipos also stated the new contract received from South Seneca Ambulance is town wide and still does not give consideration. He recommended the Town Board hold a public hearing to inform the public and to hear the concerns on this matter.

Town Clerk:

Town Clerk Freese reported that Diane Bassette Nelson gave her resignation as Deputy Town Clerk effective March 31, 2011. There was a lengthy discussion on the Beverly Animal Shelter Agreement and how it would affect the Dog Control Officer. Dog Control Officer Austin only takes dogs to Beverly Animal shelter when they have a special need.

SUPPORT THE VILLAGE OF INTERLAKEN- RESOLUTION 02-11

Whereas the Town Board of Town of Covert considers the safety of children getting to and from School is important to all residents, and

Whereas the need to improve sidewalks, and signage is important to the community, and

Whereas the elementary school children, and the public, can benefit from education efforts, and

Whereas the Village of Interlaken is preparing a grant application for the Safe Routes to Schools program, now therefore be it

Resolved that the Town of Covert Town Board does hereby support and encourage the efforts by the Village of Interlaken in their grant Application.

Moved: Hunt

Seconded: Bassett

Councilman Selover and Supervisor Reynolds Aye, Councilman Waid- Absent.

Motion carried

SOUTH SENECA AMBULANCE CORP. - RESOLUTION 03-11

Bassett moved, seconded by Selover, to approve following resolution recommended by Town Attorney John Sipos.

Whereas South Seneca Community Volunteer Ambulance Corps, (SSCVAC) did submit a signed proposed 2011 contract to the Town Board for renewal and further,

Whereas the Town Board in an attempt to further negotiate the contract, did direct their Attorney to prepare a draft amendment so as to put the past practices in writing, and further,

Whereas after review the Town Board did direct that the draft "Addendum" be sent to SSCVAC and further,

Whereas after SSCVAC received the Addendum and without any further written communication to the Town Board did ask to be placed on the agenda at a January fourth meeting of the Board and further,

Whereas the SSCVAC and its Attorney did meet with the Town Board on January 4, and their Attorney advised the Town Board that it was their position that the proposed contract for 2011, which had been approved by SSCVAC, and the Addendum were both illegal and further, Whereas SSCVAC has submitted a new proposal, drawn by their Attorney, for the Town Board's consideration, be it,

Resolved, that the proposed contract, executed by the SSCVAC, shall be deemed withdrawn and the draft Addendum be rescinded and treated as a nullity.

Hunt, Selover, Bassett, Reynolds Ayes, Waid Absent. Motion carried

Bassett moved, seconded by Hunt, to accept Town Clerk, yearend report for 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett, to accept Town Supervisor Reynolds 2010 annual report. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett, to set a public hearing for South Seneca Ambulance on March 14, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Selover moved, seconded by Hunt, to approve Supervisor Reynolds to sign an agreement with Beverly Animal Shelter. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt moved seconded by Selover, to accept the resignation of Bookkeeper Nancy Swartwood effective March 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Selover moved, seconded by Hunt, to accept the resignation of Deputy Town Clerk, Diane Bassette Nelson effective March 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett, that Highway Fund Voucher #16-33, in the amount of \$31,574.73 and General Fund Vouchers #19-#36, in the amount of \$139,498.22 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Town Clerk Freese filed her January 2011 report with the Supervisor. A total of \$205.79 was remitted.

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