

**TOWN OF COVERT
TOWN BOARD
MARCH 14, 2011**

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, March 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	Present

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

Residents Present: Charles Bosman, Jeffrey Vann, Karen Taddeo, Barbara McCall, Lee Hoglan

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 public hearing at 7:05 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear comments on the South Seneca Ambulance Contract.

Attorney Sipos discussed the South Seneca Ambulance Corp. contract and stated if the board adopts this contract they would have to amend the Town Budget. The contract includes the whole town, and not just the area that South Seneca Ambulance provides service for. Attorney Karen Taddo stated that the metes and bounds could be included in the new proposal. Barbara Mc Call answered question about billing and discussed patient responsibility for payment according to the law. Each case is taken into consideration upon individual need. Councilwoman Bassett stated that the contract needs to be written to include the metes and bounds and what the consideration is for the Town of Covert.

Charles Bosman stated it was his understanding that the \$25,000.00 paid by the Town of Covert is to pay the deductibles for those who need the services of South Seneca Ambulance.

Aneta Glover stated it was her understanding that the Town of Covert paid South Seneca Ambulance to help pay for supplies and the services they provide.

Supervisor Reynolds closed the public hearing at 7:40 and opened the regular meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Meeting Minutes:

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett, that the February 14, 2011 minutes be approved with correction. Motion carried unanimously.

Petitioners to the Board:

Diane Bassett Nelson stated that she is looking forward to the bookkeeper position and working with the Board. She will attend one board meeting each quarter. The Village Board has given her permission to use the record management computer which is secure and only she has access to. The Town Board agreed this is the most cost effective solution for now. Diane will be attending Municipal School in April and the cost will be divided between Lodi and Covert.

Highway Superintendent:

Superintendent Mac Cheyne reported the electric motor on the twenty-three year old overhead door at the Highway Barn burnt up and it will cost \$1,110.00 to replace. The 2001 Ford550 transmission needs to be repaired if the Town plans on keeping this truck. It will cost about \$7,500.00 to repair.

Councilman Hunt suggest they hold off repairing the 550 truck, and have Superintendent Mac Cheyne check and see what the 550 Ford and the 2003 Ford pickup truck would bring at an auction and check on prices for a new 550 truck to replace the old one and report back to the Board.

Town Attorney:

Attorney Sipos suggested after a lengthy discussion on the proposed South Seneca Ambulance Contract, that it would be in the best interest of the Town Board to refuse South Seneca Ambulance Contract as proposed and request a new proposal with the metes and bound included.

Town Attorney Sipos request a confidential lawyer-client meeting with the Town Board.

Town Clerk Freese asked for executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Waid moved, seconded by Bassett, to go into executive session to discuss the personnel matter, followed by lawyer-client meeting with Town Attorney Sipos. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Board went into executive session at 8:15 which end at 8:25, and then went into lawyer-client meeting at 8:26 and returned to the regular meeting at 8:45.

Supervisor Reynolds discussed the bids for mold removal. A bid from Enviro-Tech quoted the amount of \$7,763.04 and the second bid from Corcraft in the amount of \$8,549.00. After a discussion on how the companies would remove the mold, Councilwoman Bassett asked for references from the companies before the Board makes a decision.

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett, to refuse South Seneca Ambulance Contract as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Selover moved, seconded by Waid, to request a new proposal from South Seneca Ambulance District including metes and bounds as on file in the Town Assessor Office. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid, to approve Superintendent Mac Cheyne to purchase the motor for the overhead door at the Highway Barn for the amount of \$ 1,110.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Bassett moved, seconded by Hunt, that Highway Fund Voucher #34-45, in the amount of \$19,587.96 and General Fund Vouchers #37- 50, in the amount of \$11,852.49 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Town Clerk Freese filed her March 2011 report with a total of \$235.50 remitted to the supervisor.

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