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November 8, 2010

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

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

Resident Present: Michael Borzansky, Donald Kenyon, James Wyckoff, Jeffrey Vann, Glenn & Michelle Boyes, John & Karen Darling

Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:30 with the pledge to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes

For October 11, 2010 Regular Town Board Meeting and October 25, 2010 Special budget meeting.

Motion: Councilwomen Valerie Bassett
Seconded: Councilman Duane Waid
Carried Unanimously

Petitioners to the Board:

Glenn & Michelle Boyes, John & Karen Darling, Michael Brozansky, addressed the board regarding the damage caused by the animals owned by their neighbors, the Jones family. They want them to be held financially responsible for the damage and repairs and responsible for preventing further damage. They were informed they could file a civil Law suit. Supervisor Reynolds has been working on other options to help solve the problem.

Richard Bauer wanted permission to place a large postal mail box in the parking lot at the municipal building to collect old flags. The Town Board feels it is a duplication of efforts that is already being done in the town and they will not consider it.

Highway Superintend: Jeffrey Mac Cheyne

1. Installed two new overhead lights in the main shop.

2. Worked on the turbo charger on the grader.
3. Graded and added Run of crusher on West Covert Road, Hall's Corner Road and Townline Road
4. Cut shoulder on Lower Covert Road and added cold mix pavement to widen the road.
5. Graded and paved Town Hall parking lot.
6. Helped the Town of Ovid oil and stone Munson Road.
7. Took 2002 Sterling to Tenco for repair.
8. Scraped and added millings to lower section of Frontenec Road.
9. Helped Town of Lodi haul Item # 4 gravel.
10. Regular maintenance on all equipment.

Committees:

Councilwoman Valerie Bassett sent a letter to the Office of State Comptroller requesting an audit of the financial practices, processes, and records of the Town of Covert. The Office of the State Comptroller is considering sending an examiner to review the Town of Coverts books. Bassett wants to make sure the Town is following the correct procedures.

Councilman Duane Waid requested that the Town Clerk look up the Planning Board minutes and Town Board minutes for the Town Board to review in order to see what has been approved for the Oak Harbor Road to be maintained.

Supervisor Reynolds discussed adding ambulance charges per parcel; one residence (mobile home, cottage or dwelling) would equal 1 unit, 2 residences would equal 2 units and so on. Councilman Hunt made motion, seconded by Councilman Waid, to table the review of the ambulance charges at this time. Supervisor Reynolds will setup a time with Ann Morgan to come and address the Board about the ambulance charges and answer any question. Motion carried unanimously

Don Kenyon addressed the Board with concerns about the budget and the increase in tax rates each year. He requested the Budget Officer present a budget which includes past, present, and expected future revenues, expenditures, and goals.

Supervisor Reynolds suggested they wait to purchase a 550 truck for the Highway Department. He wants to keep the tax rate down and have a good fund balance.

Resolution No.7-10

On the motion Bassett, seconded by Waid, that a Public Hearing be set for the Town Budget , THAT WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Covert has reviewed and made changes to the 2011 Tentative Budget for the Town of Covert, The Five Town Coordinated Assessment Program. Trumansburg and Interlaken Fire Protection Contract and the South Seneca Ambulance, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is duly authorized to schedule the Public Hearing for the Town of Covert's 2011 Preliminary Budget to be held on Monday, November15, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York. Motion carried unanimously

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COVERT,
SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK
RESOLUTION No. 8 - 2010
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW ENTITLED "Town of Covert Dog Control Law"**

Bassett moved, WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Covert, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to schedule a public hearing to solicit public comment upon a proposed Local Law entitled "Town of Covert Dog Control Law;" and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Covert has reviewed the draft of the aforementioned proposed Local Law No.01-10 for "Town of Covert Dog Control Law" and deems it in the best interests of the Town of Covert to proceed in accordance with the Code of the Town of Covert and the Laws of the State of New York in adopting said Local Law,

WHEREAS, this action by the Town Board is a "Type II" action under the regulations promulgated by authority contained in the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), which appear in 6 NYCRR Part 617.5, thereby requiring no further action by the Town Board, in that Part 617.5 (c) states that actions that are not subject to review under SEQRA include, "(27) adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions in connection with any action on this list" and subsection (20) on this list includes "routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment". This action involves continuing agency administration and management in that it pertains to the adoption of regulations regarding the licensing of dogs, an activity the Town of Covert has conducted in the past and will continue to conduct.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to schedule a public hearing to be held on December 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 S. Main Street, Interlaken, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk, be and hereby is, authorized to forward to the official newspaper of the Town a Notice of Public Hearing in the form substantially the same as that attached notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to post a copy of the proposed Local Law on the Town of Covert sign board and take any and all other necessary actions to **properly** bring the aforementioned Local Law before the Town Board of the Town of Covert for its consideration. The resolution was duly seconded by Councilman Waid, Motion carried unanimously.

I, Colleen R. Freese, Town Clerk of the Town of Covert do hereby certify that the

aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Covert on November 8, 2010 by the following vote:

	AYE	NAY
Michael Reynolds		
Duane Waid	yes	
Valerie Bassett	yes	
Gary Hunt	yes	
Steve Selover	yes	

Supervisor Reynolds gave an update on the Veterans' Memorial. The Town Board has decided to wait and have a dedication for the Veterans' Memorial in May, 2011 on Memorial Day which will allow more time to complete the project.

Carl and Debra Guy, application # 24-10, withdrew their variance request.

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid to hold executive session at the end of meeting as requested by Town Attorney John Sipos.

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid, to come out of executive session and go back into the regular Board meeting.

Town Clerk Freese filed her October report with the supervisor. A total of \$182.55 was remitted.

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

Bassett moved, seconded by Hunt, that the Highway Fund Vouchers # 148-159 in the amount of \$29,881.14 and General Fund Vouchers # 177-197 in the amount of \$ 23,128.69 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

On the motion of Hunt, seconded by Bassett, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Supervisor, Michael Reynolds

Town Clerk, Colleen Freese