

Coventry Town Board Meeting
March 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Present were John Wicks, Kathy Moore, Dan Clark and Marion Ireland. Bob was absent.

Invocation: Marion

Pledge: Marion

Review and correction were made to the February 14, 2018 Board minutes. A motion was made by Kathy to accept the minutes as corrected. Dan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

David Craine from Mang Insurance was at our meeting and went over the coverage for the Town.

Reports:

Supervisor's report: Marion Ireland

- The United Gospel Church of Coventry is holding a Spiedie Dinner on Saturday, March 24, 2018 The dinner is a free will offering.
- The County passed a resolution to have a Veterans Service Organization.
- Marion received for the General Checking –February Tax penalty fees of \$1,013.17, clerks fees of \$82.00, January Judicial fees of \$670, Traffic Diversion Program \$3,894.12, Highway Savings –close out FEMA Account \$231.15 for a total received of \$5,890.44.

Highway Advisor Committee: No meeting

Assessors Report: Brian Fitts

- See attached.

Coventry Volunteer Fire Company:

- There will be a Chicken Barbecue the 2nd Weekend in April.
- The new Brush Truck should arrive in April.

Coventry Emergency Squad: No Report

Planning Board: No Report

Coventry Museum:

- The monthly meetings will start in April. The meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of the month.

Community Events Committee: Daron Schultes

- There will be an Easter Egg Hunt here at the Town Hall on March 24 at 1:00.
- There will be a Chicken Barbecue at the Town Barn on March 25.
- The Committee is possibly going to do a Spring Fling and they are working on the events for the Blueberry Festival.

Old Business:

- Kathy let the Board know that she has spoken to Dave Reniker at LOWES and if she can let him know the amount of Paint, Lumber and miscellaneous things needed for the Schoolhouse he is willing to help. Rick would like to have it put on record that he would like to have the Schoolhouse put on the back burner until something is done with the Town Barn.

Old Business continued:

- Marion submitted the Community Foundation Grant and we have confirmation that they received it. We are now waiting for the Committee decision.
- Chris Olds is here from Five Star Equipment to talk to the Board and answer any questions we may have about purchasing or leasing the Loader. Some discussion was had on the Loader.

New Business:

- The lawn mowing bids will go in the newspaper this week and run for two weeks. We will open them at the April meeting.
- Received information from the Chenango County DPW asking about Shared Services-Mowing Contract for 2018 with the Town. Rick has declined the County shared service as far as the Mowing and Equipment only.

Town Highway Superintendent Report: Rick Granger

- March has been a bumper month as far as snowplowing.
- Down a Highway Employee. Rick is picking up the slack. Have moved routes around to cover. Rick thanked Adam and Eric for their hard work and Marion thanked Rick for all of his hard Work.
- Sand is low but we have enough to get through the season.
- Rick and Marion met with Chris about the Loader. Our Loader is back. Five Star has offered \$20,000 to trade the Loader in. We can purchase through the CHIPS Program. Chris has given Rick information for Financing through NJPA alliance to get better pricing. This helps with financing and is similar to the State Bid process just not as limited as the State Contracts. Members get a discount. CHIPS rolled over due to weather so that will help. It is a 5 year program and we are on the 3rd year so 2 years are left. We do not have to go to bid if we do an outright purchase. Ricks thought is after 2 years the Governor can eliminate or cut the CHIPS. So leaning towards outright purchase due to roller over of last years CHIPS money. We would use \$122,000 CHIPS this year and be back to normal the next year, if we buy outright and will save \$5,000. This is because we submit to CHIPS this year and will be reimbursed through CHIPS this year.
- The Board Resolution authorizing the Town Board to purchase a John Deere 544K II Loader from Five Star Equipment Inc. through the NJPA Contract. See attached. John made the motion to purchase the John Deere Loader. Dan seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dan, yes; Kathy, yes; John, yes and Marion, yes. Bob absent.

Public Participation: None

Audit of Bills:

- Clerk report having been audited by the Board is submitted for approval. Moved by Kathy; seconded by Dan. Roll Call: Dan, yes Kathy, yes; John, yes; and Marion, yes. Bob was absent.
- Highway bills in the amount of \$20,071.36 as listed on Warrant 3; items 19-27 having been audited by the Board are submitted for approval. Moved by John; seconded by Dan. Roll call: Dan, yes; John, yes; Kathy, yes and Marion, yes. Bob was absent.
- General bills in the amount of \$4,113.82 as listed on Warrant 3; items 23-35 having been audited by the Board are submitted for approval. Moved by Dan; seconded by John. Roll call: John, yes; Kathy, yes; Dan, yes and Marion, yes. Bob was absent.

The next Board meeting will be on April 11, 2018, at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m., motioned by Dan: Seconded by Kathy. All are in favor.

Supervisor _____ Town Clerk _____
 Town Council _____
