

**TOWN OF COVERT
BOARD MEETING AND
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2011**

The organizational and regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, January 10, 2011 at 7:30 pm at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

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| 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

Call to order

Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:30 all rose for the pledge allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

Waid moved, seconded by Bassett, that the minutes from December 27, 2010 yearend meeting be approved with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

ORGANIZATIONAL

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett, that for year 2011 the Town Board sets 50 cent per mile reimbursement as mileage allowance for personal vehicles used by Town Officers while performing official duties other than attendance at Town Board Meetings or Town Court Proceedings. Motion carried unanimously.

Waid moved, seconded by Selover, to authorize that Community Bank, N.A., Interlaken Branch, be designated the official bank of the Town of Covert and Town Justice William Shaw and the Supervisor be authorized to invest town monies consistent with the requirements of New York State and with appropriate consideration given to elements of safety, liquidity and yield. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett, to authorize Highway Superintendent MacCheyne to spend up to \$500.00 per purchase to acquire equipment, tools, and implements and \$1,000.00 for repairs during 2011 without prior approval of the Town Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Waid moved, seconded by Selover, to designate the Interlaken Review as the official newspaper

of the Town of Covert for the year 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Bassett moved, seconded by Waid, to appoint Christopher Austin as Dog Control Officer at the budgeted salary. For the year 2011, the Town of Covert agrees to lease the private kennels of the Dog Control Officer for \$55.00 per month; additional \$5.00 per day fee for each dog will be charged to the owner upon redemption of impounded dog, or to the Town in the event of euthanasia. Motion carried unanimously.

Selover moved, seconded by Waid, to appoint John Poludniak as Code Enforcement Officer for 2011 at the budgeted amount and 50 cents per mile. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett, to appoint Ralph Jones as cleaner for the Town of Covert Municipal Building, at the wage of \$8.50 per hour for the year 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Bassett moved, seconded by Hunt, to appoint Ralph E. Jones as cleaner at the Town of Covert Highway Department, at the wage of \$8.50 per hour for the year 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Bassett moved, seconded by Waid, to allow Supervisor Reynolds to file his 2010 annual report with the Town Clerk by the same date and in the same manner as the Annual Report is required to be filed with the State Comptroller. Such authorization is allowed by Town Law Section 29 (10a). Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt moved, seconded by Selover, to appoint Mr. Outside to mow the lawns at the Municipal Building, Town Hall and Covert Cemetery for an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 for the year 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Bassett moved, seconded by Waid, to appoint John Sipos as attorney for the Town of Covert at the budgeted salary for 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Waid moved, seconded by Bassett, that the salaries of all elected and appointed officers shall be the amount indicated by the currently effective resolution or the amount budgeted in the 2011 budget. Wages of hourly highway employees shall be set by the Highway Superintendent with concurrence by the Town Board within the limits of the Highway Budget. Payment of salaries and wages shall be at times and dates that are legally permissible and mutually acceptable to the Supervisor and the recipients. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS BY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Highway Superintendent MacCheyne appoints Glenn Boyes as Deputy Highway Superintendent for 2011.

Town Clerk appoints Diane Bassette Nelson as Deputy Town Clerk and Registrar of Vital Records. Wage shall be \$8.50 per hour.

Town Justice William Shaw appoints Angela Champion Clerk to the Town Justice. Salary shall be as budgeted.

Supervisor Reynolds makes the following appointments for 2011

Bookkeeper to the Supervisor -- Nancy Swartwood

Budget Officer -- Michael Reynolds

Deputy Supervisor -- Stephen J. Selover

Four Town Assessment Committee -- Stephen J. Selover and Michael Reynolds

Historian for the Town—Diane Bassette Nelson

Highway Committee—Gary G. Hunt, Chairman and Duane C. Waid

Courts, Ordinances & Law Enforcement -- Stephen J. Selover, Chairman and Valerie J. Bassett

Utilities & Insurance -- Duane C. Waid, Chairman and Gary G. Hunt

Personnel -- Duane C. Waid, Chairman and Valerie J. Bassett

Planning and Buildings -- Gary G. Hunt, Chairman and Stephen J. Selover

Fire and Ambulance -- Valerie J. Bassett, Chairman, Michael G. Reynolds and Stephen J. Selover

Any appointment which may have been overlooked shall continue to be filled by the incumbent subject to review by the appropriate appointing authority.

RETURN TO THE REGULAR MEETING

Petitioner to the Board:

Pat Seaman addressed the Board on behalf of his father, Tom Seaman, in regard to the decision made at last month's Board Meeting by the Board not to take over maintaining Oak Harbor Road at this time. Mr. Seaman stated his father put a lot of money in the road to bring it up to spec because he was told if the road was brought up to spec the Town would consider maintaining the road. Highway Superintendent MacCheyne stated that he had visited the site when the project was being done, and Mr. Seaman did cooperate and built the road to the spec required. There are four houses at this time on Oak Harbor Road and it has eleven more lots with potential to build on them in the future.

Councilwoman Bassett stated the concern is for the safety of the employees and if the Town has proper equipment to maintain the road. After much discussion, the Board decision was

to have Highway Superintendent MacCheyne check over the condition of the road to see if there are any concerns taking over and maintaining the road and report back to the Town Board.

Town Attorney John Sipos reported to the board that he e-mailed the NYS Comptroller concerning the legality of donating a financial gift to a nonprofit, volunteer ambulance Corp. The NYS Comptrollers replied that the constitutional gift and loan are prohibited as it relates to the contract with the ambulance corps. Attorney Sipos stated the Town is waiting for South Seneca Ambulance to accept the proposed amendments to section 6.

Supervisor Reynolds reported that Peter Brown is writing a grant through Homeland Security for the Town of Covert to see if funds are available to purchase material to make house number signs for residents.

Bassett moved, seconded by Hunt, to approve signing of the Trumansburg Fire Protection Contract with the contingency that Ann Morgan check the metes and bounds description to be sure it is written properly.

RESOLUTION 01-11

Waid moved, seconded by Selover THAT WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Covert does hereby authorize the appropriated amount for 2010,
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Covert does hereby authorize the following budget amendments:

| | Debit | Credit |
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| GENERAL | | |
| A2610 Justice Fees | \$43,953.50 | |
| A1110.41 Justice Fees Expenses | | \$43,953.50 |
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| A1110.2 Court Clerk | \$13.71 | |
| A1110.4 Court Contractual | | \$13.71 |
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| Independent Auditing | | |
| A1320.2 Equipment | \$18.92 | |
| 1320.4 Contractual Expense | | \$ 18.92 |
| Safety Inspection | | |
| A3620.4 Contractual Expense | \$50.00 | |
| A3620.0 Inspection | | \$50.00 |
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| Highway Superintendent | | |
| A5010.0 Equipment | \$ 121.30 | |
| A5110.4 Contractual Expense | | \$121.30 |
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| Veterans Memorial | | |
| A2770A Gifts Veterans Memorial | \$455.94 | |

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| A6510.5 Paid out of Veterans Memorial | | \$ 455.94 |
| HIGHWAY | | |
| DA2680 Insurance Claims | \$22,896.91 | |
| DB Expenditures | | \$ 22,896.91 |
| DB Expenditures | | |
| DB51110.4 Contractual Expense | \$ 7,851.33 | |
| DB5112.4 Contractual Expense | | \$7,851.33 |
| TOTAL: | \$75,361.61 | \$75,361. |

Motion carried unanimously.
Aye Bassett, Aye Hunt, Aye Selover, Aye Waid.

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid, to approve the four hours training on land use planning from New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal for John Swanson III and the six hours training that Charles Bosman took pertaining to Housing Summit as required training for the Planning Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Bassett moved, seconded by Selover, that Highway Fund Vouchers of \$128,708.23 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Town Clerk Freese filed her December report with the Supervisor. A total of \$210.28 was remitted.

Code Enforcement Officer filed his December report with the Town Clerk reporting that one new permit was issued.

On the motion of Hunt, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 PM.

Supervisor, Michael G. Reynolds,

Town Clerk, Colleen R. Freese

**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.

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| 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.

**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.

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| 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.

**TOWN OF COVERT
TOWN BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 2, 2011**

The Covert Town Board held a special meeting Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

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| 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
Reporter, Aneta Glover

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the purchase of a new 2011 Ford 450 truck for the Highway Department and discuss sending the 2001 Ford 550 to auction.

Supervisor Reynolds called the special meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

Highway Superintended Mac Cheyne reported that the state bid for a 2011 Ford 450 is \$79,946.82. The state bid would save the Town about \$25,000.00 on the purchase of the truck. Mac Cheyne also reported that there may not be state bids available later on because right now Ford is the only company doing state bids on small trucks.

There was discussion on the budget and what funds are available to purchase the 2011 Ford 450 truck. The DA-5130.2 Machinery Equipment account has \$40,000.00 available and then the balance of \$39,946.82 will come from reserve funds.

Councilwoman Bassett stated that some of the funds they use from reserve will be replaced with the sale of the 2001 Ford 550 and the 2003 Ford.

With the auction of the 2001 Ford 550 and the 2003 Ford truck the Town Board is estimating \$25,000.00 revenue. The Highway Department would need to keep the 2001 Ford truck for road work until the new truck arrives which will take about six month.

Hunt, moved seconded by Selover, to declare the 2001 Ford 550 as surplus and send it to the Palmyra auction. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt, moved seconded by Bassett, to purchase a new 2011 Ford 450 dump truck for \$79,946.82 from Van Bortel Ford Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

On the motion of Hunt, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

**TOWN OF COVERT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 11, 2011**

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

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| 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
Charles Bosman, Barbara McCall, Angela Champion

Call to Order:

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

Meeting Minutes:

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett, that the March 14, 2011 and April 2, 2011 minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Petitioners to the Board:

Town of Covert Court Clerk submitted papers to the Town Attorney as a result of a dispute for a vehicle and traffic situation. Town Attorney Sipos advised the Town Board to send a copy to NYMIR Insurance Company.

Chuck Bosman reported that Conifer Village has not received a schedule for the public bus transportation. Bosman stated an effort is needed to let residents know when the bus will be available.

Barbara Mc Call representing the South Seneca Ambulance Corps, informed the Town Board that the lawyer is still working on the contract for the South Seneca Ambulance Service and is working with an expert on Medicare Laws for a way to **handle** co-pays. Bassett **inquired** how much does South Seneca Ambulance pays Multi-Med for collecting payments; Mc Call said Multi-Med receives 13% of what they collect. Hunt asked does that come off the gross charge; Mc Call said it comes off the total they collect. Bassett stated it seems the money paid to Multi-Med could go a long way to pay someone local to do the job. Mc Call stated they have tried before to have someone do billing and it didn't work. They need to have knowledge of Insurance codes and the laws.

Highway Superintendent:

Superintendent Mac Cheyne reported they are preparing the 2001 Ford 550 truck for auction. The new 2011 Ford 450 truck has been ordered and will be delivered in about six months. He also informed the board that he met with the Personnel Committee and they reviewed the job applications for the Highway position and are ready to do interviews.

Town Clerk:

Town Clerk Freese reported Justice William Shaw received a Court Grant in the amount of \$1,590.00 to use for equipment. The Dog Control Office will be checking into delinquent unlicensed dogs.

Town Attorney:

Attorney Sipos reported on the proposals from Enviro-Tech and Corcraft for mold removal. He stated Corcraft is through the state and is more apt to stand behind the work. Enviro-Tech encapsulates. If any damage is done to break the encapsulation, it could release mold spores. Sipos stated either one would be sufficient.

Attorney Sipos stated South Seneca Ambulance has a certificate to serve which requires them to provide service to residents. Aneta Glover stated the village approved payment to South Seneca Ambulance at the last meeting. Hunt noted the Village of Interlaken is supposedly paying for a contract so the village residents are paying taxes on that contract **and** town taxes for same service.

Bassett noted that if the village of Interlaken is paying for ambulance service, it may be that Village residents are paying more times for ambulance service than is appropriate. She questioned whether or not the Village of Interlaken is included in the service area of the town. Supervisor Reynolds thinks the Village is included in the Town's service area and residents are therefore paying for the service through their town taxes. He said he would look into this.

Town Supervisor:

Supervisor Reynolds asked what are we going to do about South Seneca Ambulance. Bassett said we need to wait for a draft contract and have a public hearing. Reynolds agreed before we can move forward a new contract is needed from South Seneca Ambulance. Hunt asked if we are going to have a contract with South Seneca Ambulance in 2012. Bassett stated we need to see what is in the contract first.

There was a lengthy discussion on Trumansburg ambulance service and Supervisor Reynolds reported the Village of Trumansburg is instituting fee-for-services billing for Trumansburg Ambulance Department Emergency Medical and Vehicle Transport Service.

Supervisor Reynolds stated there is a need for a maintenance person for the Municipal Building. Hunt asked who he had in mind. Reynolds replied he asked Howard Barrows and the Cleaner but they were not interested. He said he asked Charles Freese and he was interested in the job.

Supervisor Reynolds reported the Veterans Memorial dedication will be May 30, 2011. There will be a parade and chicken barbecue. Senator Michael Nozzolio will be doing the dedication.

Councilwoman Bassett suggested that the Planning Board applications be turned over to the Planning Board for its recommendation. Hunt said it was a good idea for them to review those interested in being on the Planning Board.

There was a lengthy discussion on the removal of the mold and which company to go with, and whether it would be good to encapsulate or not. Councilpersons Bassett, Hunt, Selover and Waid all feel the mold should be removed. Bassett stated we have been dealing with this long enough and it needs to be done right. Selover wants to know what it would cost Alarmtech to take down the wires and put them back up. Hunt mentioned Mr. Freese to see what he would charge.

Selover moved, seconded by Waid, to accept the Mr. Outside contract without the following sections: G. surcharge, H. tax rate and I. Labor rate for trimming yard cleanup, raking, mulching at \$37.00 per hour. The Contract is for thirty-four hundred dollars. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION No. 4-2011

Bassett moved, seconded by Selover, 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 the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by the official to the clerk of this body: Appointed Official: Dog Control Officer, Christopher Austin based on activities will receive one day a month. On this 11th day of April, 2011. Motion carried. Aye Hunt, Aye Selover, Aye Bassett, Aye Waid.

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid, to hire Charles Freese as maintenance man for the Municipal Building at \$8.50 an Hour with a minimum of \$10.00 per call. Motion Carried. Aye Bassett, Aye Waid, Aye Hunt, Aye Selover.

Bassett moved, seconded by Selover, that Highway Fund Voucher #46-59, in the amount of \$26,339.69 and General Fund Vouchers #51-#69, in the amount of \$30,747.32 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Tax Collector, Colleen R. Freese, filed the 2011 tax report with the Board Members.

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

Town Clerk Freese filed her March, 2011 report with the Supervisor. A total of \$283.50 was remitted.

On the motion of Waid, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Town Supervisor, Michael G. Reynolds

Town Clerk, Colleen R. Freese

TOWN OF COVERT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 9, 2011

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

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| 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
Wilfred & Diana Millard, Charles Bosman
Robert & Linda Schoffel, Donald Kenyon

Call to Order:

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

Meeting Minutes:

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett, that the April 11, 2011 minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Petitioners to the Board:

Robert Schoffel addressed the board concerning property taxes and why assessments have increased 14 1/2 percent when the housing market is declining. Is the system really fair and what does the town do in order to assure that property assessments are fair?

Wilfred Millard also stated he studied property listings and found lots listed as vacant lots that actually have homes on them. He feels assessments are completely wrong and out of line. It is hard for residents in this area to absorb the increase in property taxes.

Don Kenyon suggested that they write out their concerns and mail them to the Assessor. Supervisor Reynolds encouraged them to go and talk to the assessor and mail their concerns to the Town Clerks Office where a copy will be kept on file and he will deliver a copy to the tax assessor.

Highway Superintendent:

Superintendent Mac Cheyne reported that he has done interviews for the MEO position and has narrowed it down to two applicants and will be calling them in for a second interview.

Town Clerk:

Town Clerk Freese reported that Planning Board Member Raymond Langlois gave his resignation. He stated if others are interested in serving on the Planning Board, let's give them a chance to be involved.

Committees:

Councilman Selover attended the Cayuga Medical Center Corporate Board Meeting. Dr Rob Mackenzie reported on how Cayuga Medical is now able to offer interventional care to heart attack patients. They have enhanced cardiac-related services from the Emergency Department; Intensive Cardiac Care Unit to Imaging Services, the Pharmacy, and the Lab. Cayuga Medical Center has developed an Island Health

Center and the Cayuga Center for Healthy Living. Cayuga Medical Center's affiliation with Rochester Heart Institute and Roswell Park Cancer Institute means that patients in our area have access to very sophisticated care right here where they live.

Town Attorney:

Attorney Sipos advised the Town Board that South Seneca Ambulance contract still does not provide consideration for the town residents and advised them not to sign this contract.

Councilwoman Bassett said she does not support having a public hearing for South Seneca Ambulance contract because it is an incomplete contract and we don't have anything to go to a public hearing for.

Councilman Selover stated that when the board did the budget last year there was a certain amount that was budgeted to pay South Seneca Ambulance Corp for their services. The money budgeted was for the residents of the Town of Covert to receive ambulance service at no extra cost. Since the budget was passed and negotiation started with South Seneca Ambulance the contract is not what the money was budgeted for. If they are going to require that co-pays are made, we don't need an ambulance contract.

Councilman Hunt is concerned what the respond time will be for the residents of the Town of Covert to receive emergency medical care.

Councilman Waid stated if this contract is not benefiting the residents and if co-pays are going to be charged then we should not contract with South Seneca Ambulance.

Letters from Don Kenyon:

RE: PROPOSED SOUTH SENECA AMBULANCE CORPS CONTRACT.

I don't really want to be doing this. I wish the matter had been dealt with in the past, when it should have been dealt with, and then I wouldn't be here and you wouldn't have to listen to this.

I request this communication in its entirety be entered in the minutes of this meeting. Thank you.

First point I want to make is Attorney Sipos' professional opinion is this contract is illegal and funds already collected as taxes should be returned to the taxpayers.

Secondly, this contract results in double dipping.

Thirdly, corrective action should be taken now and not pushed off to the future when corrective action may or may not be taken.

Next I'd like to go through some things stipulated in proposed contract:

Paragraph 3. Decision as to which hospital patient will be taken to is decided by the Corps, not the patient. WRONG! Patient should be taken to one of 3 hospitals of choice where their medical and insurance networks are based.

Paragraph 6. Contractor imposes fees or charges but there is no schedule of fees/charges stated. This is a "blank check" and not the way Trumansburg is presently configured to run. Trumansburg states a fee schedule.

Paragraph 6. contd. OIG Opinion 97-4 pertaining to forgiveness of deductibles/copayments is not attached. I presume that's a copying oversight but I have no idea what it may say.

Paragraph 7. B. Annual Financial Statement. Is there such a statement presently filed with the Town Clerk for 2010 and a budget for 2011? Have copies been provided to all Town Board members for their review?

Paragraph 8. Pay the contractor the sum of \$25,522.72 [presumably already collected in 2011 property tax]. There's the obvious and illegal double dipping. Taxpayers are paying twice; first to their insurance provider and then in their tax bill AND SUCH TAX PROVIDES NO BENEFIT, SINCE THEY WILL BE BILLED ANYWAY, AND STILL PAY THE SAME DEDUCTIBLES AND COPAYS THEY WOULD HAVE PAID WHETHER THEY WERE TAXED OR NOT.

SUMMARY:

*ILLEGAL.

*DOUBLE DIPPING.

*CANNOT BE ASSURED OF HOSPITAL OF CHOICE.

*SUGGEST TO, AND REQUEST OF, TOWN BOARD THAT THERE BE NO PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS CONTRACT DUE TO THE REASONS STATED.

*REQUEST TOWN BOARD TO CONSIDER GETTING OUT OF THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING AMBULANCE SERVICE AND ALLOW THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROPOSE PROVIDING THAT SERVICE.

*REQUEST TOWN BOARD AND SOUTH SENECA TO ATTEMPT TO RENEGOTIATE CONTRACT TO ELIMINATE UNRESOLVED ISSUES WHICH COULD INCLUDE GOING TO A FEE ONLY CONTRACT AND/OR FOR TOWN TO PLEASE CONSIDER SEEKING OTHER SERVICE PROVIDER PROPOSALS.

For "the icing on the cake" I request that the Town Board keep in mind that widely available statistics state the real property tax load in Seneca County makes it the 10th highest in the U.S. based on total taxes as a percent of property value. I would hope a priority for the Town Board would be to do what is possible to change that.

I would like South Seneca to know I appreciate their service and regret having to point out unpleasant realities here. I hope it is possible to re-engineer the present situation.

Thank you for your consideration!

Don Kenyon

Town Supervisor:

Supervisor Reynolds asked the board which company they want to use for mold removal.

Councilman Selover stated it would be better to have Alarmtech System take down their alarm System wires and have Mr. Freese take down the other wiring and lights and when mold removal is done put the wires back up.

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid, to have Corcraft do the mold removal in the basement of Municipal Building, with a reduction in price for the wiring being done by someone else. To have Alarmtech remove their wires and Mr. Freese remove the other wires and lights and when mold removal is done have them put the wires back in place. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION No. 05-11

Bassett moved, seconded by Hunt, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the money for unused sick leave owed to Ronald Mc Ardle upon his retirement be credited toward his share of BlueCross/Blue Shield premium, to continue his health insurance coverage with the Town of Covert through

December 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Bassett moved, seconded by Waid, to accept the resignation of Raymond Langlois from the Planning Board with regrets and thank him for serving. Motion carried unanimously.

Bassett moved, seconded by Waid, that the variance requests application No. 02 for Jon & Janice Conrad, 8085 Bainbridge Beach Rd. Interlaken for a new residential building 55'x63'and, application No.03 Douglas VanBenschoten, 8206 Rt. 96 Interlaken for a 20'x18' carport be referred to the Planning Board. A public hearing will be held at the Municipal Building, June13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Waid moved, seconded by Bassett, to appoint George Richardson and Eric Spiegler to fill unexpired term to the Planning Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Bassett moved, seconded by Selover, that Highway Fund Voucher # 59-70, in the amount of \$ 16,126.35 and General Fund Vouchers #70-85, in the amount of \$ 9,170.70 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Town Clerk Freese filed her April, 2011 report with the Supervisor. A total of \$255.79 was remitted.

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

Town Supervisor, Michael G. Reynolds

Town Clerk, Colleen R. Freese

**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.

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| Roll Call: | Supervisor Michael Reynolds | Present |
| | Councilman Gary Hunt | Present |
| | Councilman Stephen Selover | Present |
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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,
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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.

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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.

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

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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.

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Town Clerk, Colleen R. Freese

**TOWN OF COVERT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2011**

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| Roll Call: | Supervisor Michael Reynolds | Absent |
| | 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
Reporter Aneta Glover, Charles Bosman, Richard Westbrook,
Robert & Linda Schoffel, Wilfred & Diana Millard,
Jeffrey Vann and Dan & Georgeanne Bakker

Call to Order:

Deputy Supervisor Selover called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett, that the July 11, 2011, minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Petitioners to the Board:

Charles Bosman shared that he has people who may be interested in helping with the cost of material to provide signage for house numbers for the Town of Covert. He needs to know how many signs are needed and what the cost of material would be to make the signs.

Mr. Bosman shared he is concerned about the fact that Trumansburg has purchased a new fire truck with a bond and how that will affect Covert tax payers. He suggests that the Town of Hector, Covert and Ulysses get together and look at where we are going in the future.

Wilfred Millard stated that he has been coming to Town Board meetings for last three months asking about property assessments and he wanted to know if any action has been taken to see why there is a discrepancy in how the property is assessed.

Councilman Waid stated that Supervisor Reynolds had suggested that they put in writing their concerns about assessments and he will discuss them with assessor Ann Morgan.

Robert Schoffel addressed the board about the information he gave to the Board last month on comparing what properties are assessed for and what they actually sell for. Has anyone looked into these situations and do you have any answers? He also presented information on other properties assessments and what they sell or are listed for to Deputy Supervisor Selover.

Deputy Supervisor Selover stated he will talk with the assessor about these properties and report back at next month's board meeting.

Richard Westbrook addressed the board about the Highway truck having a strobe light in the window and again inquired why it doesn't have a light on top of the truck.

Superintendent Jeffrey Mac Cheyne stated it does have a strobe light which meets the law's requirements.

Deputy Supervisor Selover said that state law requires some type of light on the truck and he will check on what exactly is required. If the state requires more than a strobe light in the window, the Town will comply with the law.

Highway Superintendent:

Superintendent Mac Cheyne reported that the 2002, 10-wheeler transmission blew up. The truck has been repaired with a new transmission. It still needs a left front spring hanger replaced but there is a new update coming and will be out at the end of August. For now it has been welded and will be replaced when new hangers' updates are available.

Town Clerk:

There will be a Budget workshop, on August 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the municipal building.

Deputy Supervisor:

Deputy Supervisor Selover, asked John Poludniak to share about the energy saving information he presented to the Board. Mr. Poludniak noted it is a private company called Ambit and there is no cost to switch and savings have been reported from 6.3% to 15% on electric bills. It is one of the fast growing companies in the US and is available in five states now.

Deputy Supervisor Selover reported that work continues on understanding how the town will proceed with Trumansburg fire and ambulance services contract. The question is whether or not Trumansburg can require both services be contracted or none at all remains unanswered, especially in light of the two districts in the town covering different areas. Ulysses is concerned and wants answers also.

Action Items:

Bassett moved, seconded by Waid that any property owners who paid for South Seneca Ambulance service in their 2011 tax bill will be refunded the amount they paid. This is due to the fact that the Town of Covert and South Seneca Ambulance did not come to an agreement for a 2011 contract. Motion carried unanimously

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid, that the annexation of 3.406 acres, the Interlaken Fire Department property, tax map number 8-1-31.12, be annexed into the Village of Interlaken as requested by the Village of Interlaken. Motion carried unanimously.

Bassett moved, seconded by Hunt, that the variance request application No.16-11 for Charles & Colleen Freese, 3782 County Road 141, Interlaken to build a closed in porch 10' x 27' be referred to the Planning Board. A public hearing will be held at the Municipal Building, September 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett, that Highway Fund Vouchers # 94-106, in the amount of \$ 64,544.77 and General Fund Vouchers #132-149, in the amount of \$ 12,838.90 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Code Enforcement Office, John Poludniak, filed his July, 2011 written report with the Town Clerk.

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

Town Clerk Freese filed her July, 2011 report with the Supervisor. A total of \$447.67 was remitted.

On the motion of Bassett, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Deputy Supervisor, Steve Selover

Town Clerk, Colleen R. Freese

**TOWN OF COVERT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

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| Roll Call: | Supervisor Michael Reynolds | Present |
| | Councilman Gary Hunt | Present |
| | Councilman Stephen Selover | Present |
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Others Present: Town Clerk, Colleen Freese
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Reporter Aneta Glover, Attorney John Sipos Charles Bosman, E. Lee Davidson
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Ralph Bailey, Barb McCall, Jason Henderson, Richard & Mary Heichel, Joan Hendrix, David Kaiser,
Donald Kenyon, Alfred Prouty, John Hubbard, Joseph R. Borst, David & Karen Drumheller.

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Bassett moved, seconded by Waid, that the August 8, 2011, minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing:

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

The purpose of the public hearing was for a variance request under the Land Management Ordinances for Charles and Colleen Freese, 3782 County Road 141, to construct an existing front porch 10' x 27'. It does not meet the 50' required set back from the center of the road. Application # 16-11

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

Supervisor Reynolds closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. and opened the regular meeting.

Petitioners to the Board:

Penny Gugino from Tobacco Action Coalition of the Finger Lakes gave a media presentation sharing the information they are using to educate the public in their efforts to reduce tobacco use in our communities. Their purpose is to educate community leaders and the general public about the social cost of tobacco and the danger of second hand smoke. Their goal is to reduce secondhand smoke exposure and eliminate cigarette butt litter so families can enjoy outdoor activities in a healthy environment. One way of doing this is to encourage business to display tobacco products out of children's eyesight and to have tobacco-free smoking areas in community.

Diane Laws from United Way shared that OASAS has awarded United Way of Seneca County Substance

Abuse Coalition a grant in its efforts to prevent underage drinking. Seneca County has the largest underage drinking problem. The grant is to focus on reducing underage drinking and its related consequences among 9th through 12th grade youth. They asked for support in taking an on-line survey at <http://edu.surveymoz.com/s3/538756/NYprevention>.

Richard Heichel, President of South Seneca Ambulance Corp, asked the Town Board Members “What can we do better; what did we do wrong? Why did the Board not approve the 2011 ambulance contract was there a reason behind it?”

Supervisor Reynolds: The town attorney didn’t recommend signing the contract.

Jason Henderson introduced himself as Director of Operations for South Seneca Ambulance and informed the Board that the town supervisors of Covert, Varick, Lodi, and Romulus and Ovid met to discuss the ambulance service. They had a good meeting and were able to settle some issues. He asked what is illegal in the contract.

Town Attorney Sipos: The contract is legal but when South Seneca started charging additional charges the contract became illegal. According to the State of New York, you have no right to charge additional charge. How do you even justify charging people an additional charge?

Jason Henderson: The contract monies are not to take care of co-pays. They are to be used to cover where insurance and co-pays don’t cover. By law, South Seneca Ambulance must bill co-payments. He explained that through Multi-Med, their billing service, and all patients who receive ambulance services are billed. After insurance, and Medicare, have paid their portion, the patient is billed for the balance.

Richard Heichel: The contract is to provide ambulance service 24 hours a day.

Jason Henderson: Suggested that supervisors get together with South Seneca Ambulance and come up with a contract that will work for all the towns.

David Kaiser: “I feel we need an ambulance service and it is important to our residents to make sure the ambulance services stays here. The Town of Romulus opted to abide by the contract they have used the last ten years and signed the contract for 2011 to keep the ambulance service solvent, while working on a solution to solve the problems”. Mr. Kaiser asked the Covert Town Board to please consider signing the 2011 contract as it was presented. He suggested that the Town Supervisor get together with South Seneca Ambulance representatives and work together to come up with a solution to solve the problem. The Town of Lodi and Romulus have presented a contract and explained the situation to the State Comptroller’s Office and requested a legal opinion.

Lee Davidson: First and foremost “we are not going to pay for your coverage”. It is not fair to Lodi residents. The five supervisors got together with Jason Henderson director from South Seneca Ambulance and had a good meeting. They are all willing to work on finding a solution. We are trying to put a budget together and we need to know some figures.

Jason Henderson: I would like to make sure the ambulance is here for the community. There is talk about bringing Bangs Ambulance Service from Ithaca. I’m concerned the distance, in some case five minutes can make a significant difference between in life and death.

Walter Prouty: “It sort of matters to me if the contract is legal or not. We had a Town consortium here on ambulance service and now Town of Covert doesn’t want to pay. If you don’t want to pay maybe we should not have any dealings with the Town of Covert.

Councilwoman Bassett: "That kind of black mail will not work here."

Councilman Waid: We had three attorneys together and still could not come to a conclusion to what is legal or not legal. I got the impression the ambulance service and their attorneys are not willing to make any changes.

David Kaiser: This is a personal vendetta carried out by a certain person who is dragging in your town and all five towns. This is jeopardizing our health care because of a personnel vendetta and all the towns have been dragged into it. Shame on the town for letting- this go this far and not putting a stop to it.

Richard Heichel: I have an open door policy. If you have any question, concerns or comments please give me or Jason a call or stop by South Seneca Ambulance. Please consider signing the ambulance contract.

Jason Henderson: "Is the Town of Covert against meeting and working out the issues for this year's contract and all the towns work together on a contract for 2012?" Or is Town of Covert going to give coverage to the south end of Covert with Trumansburg and not cover the north end of the town?"

John Hubbard: "I have a vested interest in all of this and have a history in EMS and have worked close with South Seneca, Interlaken, and Bangs. I agree we need EMS here and we can't get EMS any cheaper. What I'm seeing is we have a personnel clash here and I believe tax payers in all five towns deserve to have local ambulance service. What will work?"

Town Attorney Sipos: What will work is if South Seneca ambulance bills according to the contract as they have in the past.

Lee Davison: Suggest that "the supervisor from each town and one appointed person meet together and see what solutions they can come with that will work."

Don Kenyon: It is a great idea for the town representatives to get together and work out the ambulance contract. But make sure that all five lawyers are present at the same time.

Attorney Sipos: Mentioned that he has filed legal action with the New York State Attorney General's Office and is waiting for a reply from them on the South Seneca Ambulance. He also stated if he does not get a response soon, he will recommend that Supervisor Reynolds contact the Seneca County DA's Office.

Don Kenyon: Is there "any consideration of privatizing the ambulance service?"

Councilman Hunt: Private companies, such as Bangs, get their money from transporting patients.

John Hubbard: It is very important to have a 24/7 ambulance service available and response time is an important matter in ambulance calls.

Councilman Selover: The reason for two ambulance districts was: one, the proximity of the district on the north end of Town of Covert and two, the proximity of the district on the south end of Town of Covert to Trumansburg, each providing a faster response time rather than one district providing coverage.

Councilwoman Bassett gave her support to the consortium to meet and that each supervisor and one other member from each town board should get together with the lawyers and work this out.

Chuck Bosman: There are approximately 1,300 properties in the Town of Covert that need signage. After checking on different options for signs, it appears that the most cost-effective way would be buy materials and get volunteers to complete and install the signs.

Mr. Bosman: It's good to have all supervisors here. There is a total disaffection with our assessor and the assessments system and how the job is being done. Assessments do not seem to be fairly done. After talking to many people, they want to see a handle on the assessment system.

Robert Schoffel: We met with the assessor the end of August and talked to her about some of the issues with assessments. I am concerned with the system the assessor is using to collect the tax information. There should be a data base system used to collect the same information to determine the assessment for each property fairly.

Wilfred Millard: A couple things assessors Morgan mention is that she isn't getting building permits from towns or information from the county she needs to do assessments. With technology today we should be able communicate that information quickly.

Mr. Kenyon: As long as there are four out of five supervisors here of the assessment group and there are questions and accusations about how assessments are done, could you please tell us how the assessment group works.

Mr. Kaiser: The assessor does not work for one supervisor more than the other when assessments are done and my residents in Romulus come to me I talk to the assessor about the assessment and have asked her what she has done to assess the property. She has given me the answer. Do I always agree? No but I'm not the assessor. That is her profession. I don't think any of us want government officials to control the assessor. The system was set up to be independent from politics.

Mr. Kenyon: I think what your saying is the government body should have a hands-off policy as far as the actual assessments are concerned because the assessor is the professional and the boards are not. I think that was the policy when we stated this organization. I don't know that it's understood in this room what the employer reporting control mechanisms are. All five towns are the employers, and there is one supervisor who acts as the head of the committee.

Mr. Kaiser: We work with the assessor on the assessor's budget and the supervisors approve the budget.

Mr. Kenyon: So you are saying if someone has a question with their assessment they go to the supervisor with the problem and he will go to the assessor.

Mr. Kaiser: Yes each supervisor is responsible for their residents.'

The key question that Mr. Kenyon asked relative to the administration of the Five Town Assessment Group was "Who is the administrator in charge? Is there a supervising Supervisor as it had been originally organized?"

The answer, which all four Supervisors in attendance agreed with, was "there is no one in charge".

Mr. Bosman: Most people are concerned that they don't have a proper data base that compares all the properties the same way.

Mr. Drumheller: I got my assessment and was up \$30,000.00. My house is deteriorating and my assessment should not have been raised. To say that property is looked at and compared with other

property is not true.

Councilwoman Bassett: Four of the five supervisors are here and they hear your concerns. There is not anything that we can do right now. But they are willing to talk to the Assessor about your concerns.

After a lengthy discussion about assessments and how they are being done, it was decided that the Supervisors will talk with the Assessor to discuss the issues that the residents have brought to them and if there is a resolution.

Lee Davison, Supervisor of Town of Lodi: Addressed the board about the condition of the Lodi- Covert Road which was discussed about a year ago. We need to address this situation and we want to have answers to complaints when they come into the office. What are we going to do about this?

Councilwoman Bassett: The board received an e-mail about the road. I decided to talk to Highway Superintendent Mac Cheyne and he assured me that this road will be fixed this year. I responded to Ms. Leinthall with this report.

Highway Superintendent Mac Cheyne: We determine what roads to work on by the number of homes on the road and the shape of the roads.

Lee Davison: I assume from past history that the Town of Covert doesn't want to enter into any venture in trying to get water into the towns.

Supervisor Reynolds: Get us some facts and figures about the water and present it to the Town Board and we will review it.

Councilwoman Bassett: We don't have the density of population which puts the cost is out of our range. The Village of Lodi has been attempting for years to get a reliable water source and is probably interested in a study. Unless Trumansburg is part of this, it is simply not a feasible solution.

Lee Davison: Town of Lodi is interested in getting some kind of water source. There has been talk about putting storage tanks on Butcher Hill and feeding to the town. Maybe after all the natural disasters we don't want water from the lakes and should look into another water source.

Highway Superintendent:

Superintendent Mac Cheyne reported that the 2003-Ford pick-up sold at the auction and it brought \$7,000.00.

Town Clerk:

Town Clerk Freese reported that Lucas and Americana Vineyards & Winery have applied to renew their New York State Liquor Licenses for the year 2012.

There will be a Budget workshop, on October 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the municipal building.

Town Attorney:

Attorney Sipos: I recommend that the class action suit against South Seneca Ambulance Service be referred to the District Attorney's Office if they don't hear from the Attorneys General Office to see if they can solve the billing matter.

Councilman Hunt thanked the Interlaken Fire department for lowering its budget.

Councilman Waid urged the supervisors continue to meet so we can work together and come up with a solution to the Ambulance Service.

Supervisor Reynolds reported that Ambit Energy does not work with government entities.

Supervisor Reynolds noted that he, Councilwoman Bassett, and Councilman Selover attended the Trumansburg Ambulance meeting. They have agreed to provide the town a fire contract with or without ambulance services.

Councilman Bassett noted that one of the issues was to provide ambulance service without fire, but it looks like they have made a decision to provide one service without the other. But the Village has not voted on it so we're still not sure.

Jason Henderson asked if Covert would be willing to sit down and talk about the ambulance contract and come to a solution.

Councilman Selover: I think we should move forward, I don't want to get rid of ambulance service and South Seneca Ambulance is located in a good area. The Board has responsibility to the tax payers to make sure the contract is legal. As we stand right now when South Seneca Ambulance Service is doing direct billing and taking tax payers' money there is a gray area and no one knows if it's legal. When the residents ask why we are paying x amount of dollars, what do I tell them.

Councilman Hunt: I would sign the contract upon our attorney's approval if its legal and you do not double charge the tax payer.

Jason Henderson: By law we have to make a reasonable attempt to collect for services rendered. When there is a balance due, we bill once and then we write it off.

Attorney Sipos: The opinion I handed out is that the only entity that has a right to charge is the town. You have already been paid by contract. The law is you cannot charge for co-pay.

Jason Henderson: Why don't we get a mutual lawyer that knows the law and sit down together and see what needs to be done for contract to be legal?

Councilwoman Bassett: Do you have audited financial statements? When I say audited you pay someone to come in and look at books and determine if funds have been used properly.

Barb Mc Call: I send all of our financial information to our CPA for tax purposes every year.

Councilman Bassett: Legal issues aside, one of the issues I have is our tax payers are hurting and we shouldn't be paying for something twice. We pay for our insurance and we pay co-pay and now we have to pay through our taxes. We cannot pay over and over for the same service.

There was lengthy discussion on looking into Bangs or private ambulance service and whether or not they would serve in a smaller area and if it's legal for them to come into the area. Supervisor Reynolds will look into this and see what he can find out about private coverage.

John Hubbard: "First responders are important to get things started but many medical situations need to have a Paramedics and Critical Care Tech. I feel my family needs the best care possible in an emergency medical situation. I love this area and have chosen to live here and don't plan on moving but it's going to

cost to have emergency service”.

What we don't need to do is penalize South Seneca Ambulance to where they don't have enough money to funds Paramedics and Critical Care Techs. You step down below this level where you can only provide basic care. We need the full coverage that South Seneca Ambulances offers. Time is important here and we don't want to see South Seneca Ambulance have to cut the service they provide for the community.

Action Items:

Hunt moved, seconded by Selover, to approve the JCAP Grant application for the amount of \$500.00 for Quick Books 2012,-\$150.00, Judicial Robe- \$ 250.00, and Video Camera and Software-\$100.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Waid moved, seconded by Bassett, to reappointed Seward W. Ritchie to the Assessment Review Board for another term. His term will expire September 30, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid, that the variance request be approved for Charles & Colleen Freese, 3782 County Road 141, Interlaken, for a 10' x 27' front porch. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett, that Highway Fund Vouchers # 107- 119, in the amount of \$ 26,725.88 and General Fund Vouchers #150-167, in the amount of \$ 16815.89 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Code Enforcement Office, John Poludniak, filed his August, 2011 written report with the Board Members.

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

Town Clerk Freese filed her August, 2011 report with the Supervisor. A total of \$537.02 was remitted.

On the motion of Selover, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Supervisor, Michael Reynolds

Town Clerk, Colleen R. Freese

**TOWN OF COVERT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2011**

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, October 10, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

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| 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, Reporter Aneta Glover,
Attorney John Sipos, Charles Bosman, Wilfred Millard, Jeffrey Vann, Donald Kenyon, Harold & Judy Kugelmass, Tammy Reynolds.

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Bassett moved, seconded by Hunt, that the September 12, 2011, minutes be approved with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Petitioners to the Board:

Judy Kugelamass addressed the board about her concerns about hydraulic fracturing and how it can contaminate the water supply and the land. "What is the board's position on hydraulic fracturing?"

Supervisor Reynolds stated "I went to a presentation by William Kappel on hydraulic fracturing and it was very informative on the pros as cons of hydraulic fracturing."

Councilwoman Bassett stated "I don't think people are aware of what is really involved in hydraulic fracturing. People need to be educated on hydraulic fracturing before any decisions are made."

Kugelamass stated one of the issues for the town to consider is to be prepared for accidents that can happen with hydraulic fracturing and have a plan on how to handle situations. What happens if there is a contamination of the water? New York City is not going to allow hydraulic fracturing because they are concerned with the water being contaminated. We need to be concerned and protect our water supply.

Supervisor Reynolds stated there is potential for money to be made but there are many things that need to be looked at and considered before a decision can be made on hydraulic fracturing.

Chuck Bosman addresses the board about house signs and shared that the cost would be about \$15,000.00 to buy material and have volunteers help make signs for the homes in the Town of Covert.

Bosman stated that the planning board made a recommendation that all new home owners be required to purchase and display their house number sign in compliance with the Town of Covert's requirements. This will keep house numbers current and make it more convenient for 911.

Town Attorney:

Attorney Sipos stated he has some concerns with Village of Trumansburg proposal about ambulance districts and the territory they will serve. "I have tried to reach their lawyers to discuss this but he has been out of the office. I would like to talk with him before the Town Board makes a decision on the contract."

Attorney Sipos stated there has to be a special ambulance district formed for the village of Trumansburg as well as for South Seneca Ambulance Service if the Town opts to have an ambulance service.

Councilwoman Bassett asked attorney Sipos, "So legally, we as a town need to have an ambulance district?"

Attorney Sipos reply, "yes."

Attorney Sipos stated "I don't know how they are going to handle the money for the contracts. They can't be doing double dipping; it's against the law."

Councilwoman Bassett stated that what is collected for the Trumansburg Ambulance will go into a special account and the balance left over at the end of year will go toward the cost of the following year's ambulance contract.

Councilman Hunt asked Attorney Sipos, "So you are standing with the statement that collecting a bill for co-pays is illegal?"

Attorney Sipos replied, "It's illegal to bill for co-pays."

There was a lengthy discussion on how the ambulance services are going to handle co-pay and how money will be returned to the towns or how it will be credited to the following year's ambulance contract. The main concern with ambulance contracts are that the money will be handled in compliance with the laws and that the ambulance services provide the town with monthly income and expenditure reports.

Councilman Hunt shared that after last month's meeting and hearing concerns about ambulance services, "I don't feel we can get out of the ambulance service."

Supervisor Reynolds:

Supervisor Reynolds reported he was forming the Right to Farm committee which oversees complaints and protects farmer's rights. The committee members are Carol Doolittle, Wilfred Millard, and Steve Messer as the alternative. One more member is needed and Allen Buddle will be asked if he would be willing to serve on the committee.

There was discussion on house number signs and changing the Land Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board to include that house number signs are the responsibility of new home owners. Chuck Bosman offered to provide the information to Town Clerk Freese, so a resolution could be drafted for the Town Boards to review at the next board meeting.

Bassett moved, seconded by Selover, THAT WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Covert has reviewed and made changes to the 2012 Tentative Budget for the Town of Covert, The Five Town Coordinated Assessment Program, The Trumansburg and Interlaken Fire Protection Contract and the South Seneca Ambulance. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is duly authorized to file said Preliminary Budget for public inspection. Said Budget shall be filed at the Town

Clerk's Office at 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York. A Public Hearing for the Town of Covert's 2012 Preliminary Budget will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York. Motion carried unanimously.

Bassett moved, seconded by Selover, that Highway Fund Vouchers # 120-133, in the amount of \$30,272.22 and General Fund Vouchers #168-177, in the amount of \$16,517.38 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Code Enforcement Office, John Poludniak, filed his September, 2011 written report with the Board Members.

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

Town Clerk Freese filed her September, 2011 report with the Supervisor. A total of \$368.53 was remitted.

On the motion of Hunt, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Supervisor, Michael Reynolds

Town Clerk, Colleen R. Freese

**TOWN OF COVERT
PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2012 BUDGET
NOVEMBER 9, 2011**

Public Hearing for the 2012 Budget for Town of Covert was held Wednesday November 9, 2011 at 6:00 pm at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

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| Roll Call: | Supervisor Michael Reynolds | Present |
| | Councilman Gary Hunt | Absent |
| | Councilman Stephen Selover | Present |
| | Councilwoman Valerie Bassett | Present |
| | Councilman Duane Waid | Present |
| Others Present: | Town Clerk, Colleen Freese, Charles Bosman, | |

Call to Order:

Supervisor Reynolds opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear comments on the proposed 2012 Budget, including General Town Funds, Highway Funds, Five Town Coordinated Assessment Program Funds South Seneca Ambulance Funds and Trumansburg and Interlaken Fire Protection Districts Fund.

Selover moved, seconded by Reynolds to adjourn the public hearing. With many concerns on Fire and Ambulance Districts the meeting was adjourn and the Budget was not adopted at this time.

Supervisor, Michael G. Reynolds

Town Clerk, Colleen R. Freese

**TOWN OF COVERT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

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| 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, Reporter Aneta Glover,
Attorney John Sipos, Charles Bosman, Wilfred & Diana Millard, Jeffrey Vann, Donald Kenyon, Diane Bassette Nelson, Richard & Betty Westbrook, Robert & Linda Schoffel and Kate & Patrick Seaman.

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Waid moved, seconded by Selover, that the October 10, 2011, minutes and November 9, 2011 Public Hearing for proposed 2012 Budget minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Petitioners to the Board:

Chuck Bosman reported to the board that Conifer Village of Interlaken has been named, by New York State Affordable Housing Association, as "Upstate Rural Housing Project of the Year."

Bosman also discussed the lights in the parking lot and for security reasons there should be a light on all the time at night.

Hunt stated that they were working on fixing the light situation.

Highway Superintendent MacCheyne requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Town Attorney:

Attorney Sipos stated that he had received the documentation for the dedication of Oak Harbor Lane to the Town of Covert. There are a few corrections but everything is set to go as long as the Highway Superintendent is in agreement.

Superintendent Mac Cheyne reported that all the requirements on Oak Harbor Lane have been completed as requested.

Robert Schoffel asked if the Town of Covert is taking over Oak Harbor Lane, would this absolve the Association of Home Owners.

Attorney Sipos stated that we don't have anything to do with the Home Owners Association of Oak Harbor. The conveyance is from the Home Owners Association. How this will affect the taxes, I don't really know, except, the road itself will be exempt from taxes, because it's owned by the Town of

Covert.” In further discussion it was noted it will be up to the tax assessor to take a look at the properties and see if the home values will change now that the road will be maintained by the Town.

Schoffel stated, “I will assume the Town Board will make sure the assessors know about the change of Oak Harbor Lane, and that it will be maintained by the Town.” Supervisor Reynolds responded that all parties will be notified.

Town Clerk:

Town Clerk Freese requested that the Town of Covert Regular Board Meeting on December 12, 2011 be rescheduled to December 19, 2011 and year end meeting be scheduled for December 29, 2011.

Committees:

Councilman Hunt is concerned about the letter received from a taxpayer who is concerned about dogs barking. Chris Austin was contacted by petitioner to find out about the previous complaint.

Councilman Waid is also concerned about the dog situation and what can be done about it. “It’s not the Dog Control Officer; he is doing his job.” Citizens are concerned that things are not being handled in Court properly.”

Supervisor Reynolds:

Reynolds stated that he is concerned about the court and the way things are being handled. He has talked to the presiding Judge William Kocher before and, “I will talk with him again. I will send the letter of concern to him and see what he suggests.”

Bassett stated it would be good to get a list of the cases each month and see how they are handled. “Can we request, as Town Board, a monthly court report?”

Attorney Sipos replied, “You can foil the court for a court report, or Supervisor Reynolds can foil The Office of Court Administration requesting a court report.”

Bassett was concerned that if the Town forms an ambulance district then they would be responsible to provide ambulance service. “Why do we have to form a district for ambulance service?”

Attorney Sipos stated, “You have to form a district because you are charging the tax payers and according to town law it is up to the county to levy taxes.

Supervisor Reynolds asked if the Town Board would agree to hire Bradley Pinsky to form the ambulance district and the cost would be \$2,000.

Attorney Sipos stated that he feels Mr. Pinsky knows what he is doing and that \$2,000 dollars is a fair price for forming the Ambulance district.

Bassett stated we have funding in the 2012 budget for South Seneca Ambulance and we don’t have a contract yet that we agree on. This is what happened in 2011: we put the money in the budget before a contract was in place and the terms changed. We still don’t have a contract for South Seneca Ambulance for 2011. If we put the money in the budget for 2012, the same thing is going to happen. “This contract has or doesn’t have things in it that I think should be in it and we still can’t come to an agreement.”

Selover is concerned if towns pull out from South Seneca Ambulance and they don’t generate enough revenue they will close the doors. There is no one close to respond; and, to leave that hole is a disservice

to the Town residents. "I feel we need to provide the residents of the Town of Covert an ambulance service. For the amount that is put into ambulance services and what the residents get out of it, I feel its well worth it. I believe if we put this to a vote, the people will be behind South Seneca Ambulance."

Bassett stated that in order to move forward, South Seneca Ambulance needs to have an audit done. The audit needs to be formed by a CPA and the audit needs to be approved by the Town Boards and the boards need to be satisfied with how the money is being spent. "My concern is this is public funds and I want them to be careful with the funds and how they are spending it."

Sipos stated that if you are going to put the South Seneca Ambulance amount in the 2012 budget that is illegal; the Town doesn't have a contract with them!

Don Kenyon responded "why can't the ambulance situation be put on hold until we can come to an agreement. Just stop it and put it on hold for now. Don't put them out of business. Just tell them it's unacceptable."

Bassett suggested that we encumber the 2011 South Seneca Ambulance fund. The Board should take out the 2012 amount from the budget and use the 2011 money to pay the contract when the Town Board is satisfied with the audit and have come to an agreement.

Selover suggested having the audit to see how their money has been handled. "Why don't we hang on and have them get the audit done."

There was much discussion on forming an ambulance district. If an ambulance district is formed will the town be locked into an ambulance district? Does the Town really need to form an Ambulance district?

There was discussion regarding the correspondence from the Hunt survey proposal for water. The Board would like more information regarding the scope of services and basis of compensation before further discussion.

Action Items:

RESOLUTION 08-11

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid, THAT WHEREAS the Town of Covert Personnel Policy Manual has a clause for longevity pay, and WHEREAS Edward Turk has worked for the Town of Covert since November 1988, and WHEREAS he received a 10 cent per hour longevity pay increase in 1993 in accordance with that policy, and WHEREAS he has not received any other longevity pay increases, 15 cents per hour in November 1998, 20 cents in November 2003, 25 cents per hour in 2008, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Edward Turk receive a one-time payroll check for the gross amount of \$10,345.14 based on the attached schedule of hours worked for the years since his last longevity increase, with all normal withholding deductions resulting in a net check of \$6,587.25; and it is further resolved that effective with hours worked on or after November 27, 2011 a 60 cent per hour increase be applied to his current hourly wage. The resolution was adopted by: Bassett-Aye, Hunt-Aye, Waid-Aye and Selover-Aye.

RESOLUTION 09-11

Waid moved, seconded by Hunt, THAT WHEREAS the Town of Covert Personnel Policy Manual has a clause for longevity pay, and WHEREAS Roger Ike has worked for the Town of Covert since July 2005, and WHEREAS he has not received his longevity pay increase of 10 cents per hour effective July 2010, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Roger Ike receive a one-time payroll check for the gross amount of \$306.00 based on the attached schedule of hours worked since July 2010, with all normal withholding deductions resulting in a net check of \$214.57; it is further resolved that effective with hours worked on or after November 27, 2011 a 10 cent per hour increase be applied to his current hourly wage. The resolution was adopted by: Bassett-Aye, Hunt-Aye, Selover-Aye and Waid-Aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 10-11

Selover moved, seconded by Hunt, THAT WHEREAS the Highway Superintendent of the Town of Covert has approved and recommended acceptance of the dedication of Oak Harbor Lane to the Town of Covert that all road construction of said roadway is in accordance with the Town of Covert's specification, that the Town Attorney has reviewed all legal documents and approves them. The Town Board authorizes Supervisor Reynolds to sign the documents with changes made for the dedication of the Oak Harbor Lane to the Town of Covert. Bassett-Aye, Hunt-Aye, Selover-Aye and Waid-Aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 11-11

Selover moved, seconded by Waid, THAT WHEREAS the Preliminary Budget be adopted as the final budget for 2012, less the amount of \$26,490.32 for South Seneca Ambulance. WHEREAS, THIS Town Board met November 9, 2011 for public hearing on the Preliminary Budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby adopts such Preliminary Budget as originally compiled with modification and amendments, as the Annual Budget of the Town of Covert for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012 and that such budget be entered in detail into the minutes of the proceeding of the Town Board, and be it FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Town Clerk of the Town of Covert shall prepare and certify duplicate copies of said Annual Budget, as adopted by the Town Board and given to the Supervisor of this Town to be presented by him to the Board of Supervisors of this county. Motion carried by Councilwoman Bassett, Councilman Hunt, Councilman Waid, and Councilman Selover all Voting Aye. Supervisor Reynolds-Nay (See Attached Budget)

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid, to hold an executive session at end of the meeting to discuss personnel matters as requested by Highway Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously

Town Board went into executive session at 8:30 which ended at 8:45, and returned to regular meeting.

Bassett moved, seconded by Waid that before the Town Board takes any further action with South Seneca Ambulance Corp the Town Board of Town of Covert is requiring South Seneca Ambulance to get a CPA financial audit for 2011 and the Town Board will review the audit and determine how to move forward. Motion carried unanimously.

Bassett moved, seconded by Waid, to reschedule the December 12, 2011 Board Meeting to December 19, 2011 and to schedule the year end meeting for December 29, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid, to accept the resignation of Charles Bosman from the Planning Board,

with regrets and thanked him for serving. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt moved, seconded by Selover, to hold a public hearing on December 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments on the proposed amendment to the Land Management Ordinance, that all new structures will be required that a proper property address sign be erected according to new amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

Hunt moved, seconded by Bassett, that Highway Fund Vouchers #134-150, in the amount of \$97,594.91 and General Fund Vouchers #178-197, in the amount of \$15,615.37 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent, Jeffrey MacCheyne, filed his October, 2011 written report with the Board.

Code Enforcement Office, John Poludniak, filed his October, 2011 written report with the Board.

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

Town Clerk Freese filed her October, 2011 report with the Supervisor. A total of \$393.90 was remitted.

On the motion of Waid, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Supervisor, Michael Reynolds

Town Clerk, Colleen R. Freese

**TOWN OF COVERT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2011**

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, December 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

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| 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, Reporter Aneta Glover,
Attorney John Sipos, Charles Bosman, Jeffrey Vann, Donald Kenyon, Dick Westbrook, Ralph Bailey,
Kass & Marilyn Crooker, William Wech, Robert & Linda Schoffel, William & Diana Millard, and
Cathy M. Millspaugh

Call to Order:

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

Supervisor Reynolds opened the public hearing at 7:05; the purpose was to hear any comments on the proposed amendment to the Land Management Ordinance. There was much discussion on height, size of letters and placement of signs. The decision was to check on state requirements for height of lettering and make a few changes to the amendment before the Town Board approves the amendment.

Supervisor Reynolds closed the Public hearing at 7:45 and opened the regular meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid, that the November 14, 2011 minutes be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Petitioners to the Board:

Cathy Millspaugh Chair of the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway presented the Board information about a project they are presently working on organizing called Geocaching.

Geocaching is a modern day equivalent of treasure hunting, combining the love of nature, hiking and exploring with modern technology that allows individuals to find hidden caches in predetermined locations along a "trail" using GPS coordinates. The Geocaching trail will be along Cayuga Lake Byway. This will be promoted on "cayugalake.com". It is estimated to take two to three days for cacher to complete the trail because of the amount of time spent on the trails Geocaching will bring business in to the areas.

Town Attorney:

Attorney John Sipos stated it has been an honor to serve the residents of the Town of Covert for over thirty-five years, but he will not accept reappointment for the upcoming year.

Town Clerk:

Town Clerk Freese reported Kent Stuetz, Regional Advisory Officer from State Archives came down and looked over the vault in the basement of the Municipal Building. Mr.Stuetz stated it was a great size

vault, and with a moisture barrier, flooring, paint, and a dehumidifier, the town will be able to use the vault to store records. Town Clerk Freese asked the board to approve Diane Bassette-Nelson to write a New York State Archives Specification LGRMIF Grant that the town is eligible for. This grant is to apply for shelving, dehumidifier and other items that are needed for the vault.

A lengthy discussion was held on the financial report received from South Seneca Ambulance Corp. The report is not a CPA report as requested by the board. Until the requested 2011 CPA report from South Seneca Ambulance is presented to the board, no further action will be taken to sign a contract.

Councilman Steven Selover shared that it has been a pleasure serving on the Town Board all these years; "It's time to move on to new things in life".

The Board thanked Mr. Selover for all he has brought to the table as a Board Member over the years and that it has been a pleasure working with him.

There was discussion on the Interlaken Fire Contract, but before the Board approves the contract, the area of coverage needs to be corrected.

There was discussion on replacing the wooden soldier displayed with the Veterans Memorial in front of the building with a couple statue soldiers that Richard Bauer is trying to have donated to the Veterans Memorial.

Actions:

Hunt moved, seconded by Waid, to replace the wooden soldier on the Veterans Memorial with statue soldiers that Richard Bauer is trying to have donated to the Town of Covert. Motion carried unanimously.

Selover moved, seconded by Waid, to approve Diane Bassett-Nelson to write a New York State Archives Specification LGRMIF Grant for the Town of Covert. Motion carried unanimously.

Selover moved, seconded by Hunt, that Highway Fund Vouchers #151-160, in the amount of \$31,717.86 and General Fund Vouchers #198-222, in the amount of \$21,986.087 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent, Jeffrey MacCheyne, filed his November, 2011 written report with the Board.

Code Enforcement Office, John Poludniak, filed his November, 2011 written report with the Board.

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

Town Clerk Freese filed her November, 2011 report with the Supervisor. A total of \$290.01 was remitted.

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

Supervisor, Michael Reynolds

Town Clerk, Colleen R. Freese

**TOWN OF COVERT
TOWN BOARD YEAR END MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 2011**

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, December 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

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| 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, Reporter Aneta Glover,
Charles Bosman, Jeffrey Vann, Donald Kenyon, Tammy Reynolds

Call to Order:

Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

There was a discussion on the proposed amendment to the Land Management Ordinance. There are questions pertaining to house number signage for new construction at this time. Jeffrey Vann and Supervisor Reynolds will seek further information before the board makes a final decision on the amendment.

RESOLUTION 12-11

Selover moved, seconded by Hunt THAT WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Covert does hereby authorize the appropriated amount for 2011, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Covert does hereby authorize the following funds to be encumbered for designated use in 2012 by the recommendation of Town Supervisor:

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| A1110.42 Justice Grant | \$ 728.11 |
| DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment | \$40,000.00 |
| SF33410.4 South Seneca Ambulance | \$25,522.72 |
| A2770 Veteran's Memorial | \$735.40 |
| DA2665 Sale of Equipment | \$2,348.00 |

For a total of \$69,334.23 to be encumber for the 2012 budget.

Motion carried: Aye Waid, Aye Selover, Aye Hunt, Aye Reynolds, and Aye Bassett.

RESOLUTION 13-11

Waid moved, seconded by Selover THAT WHEREAS, the Town Board of Covert does hereby authorize the appropriated amount for 2011, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Covert does hereby authorize the following budget amendments:

| DEBIT | | CREDIT | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| GENERAL | | | |
| A1110.4 Justice Contractual | \$98.07 | A1110.1A Justice Clerk | \$98.07 |
| Independent Auditing | | | |
| A1320.2 Bookkeeper | \$0.02 | A1320.1 Personal Services | \$0.02 |
| Town Clerk | | | |
| A1410.4 Town Clerk Contractual | \$79.51 | A1410.1A Deputy Clerk | \$79.51 |
| Veterans | | | |
| A2770A Veteran's Memorial Gifts | \$1,140.95 | A 6510.5 Veterans Memorial | \$1,140.95 |
| Safety Inspection | | | |
| A3620.4 Inspection Contractual | \$ 50.00 | A3620 Inspection | \$50.00 |
| Highway Superintendent | | | |
| A5010.2 Highway Equipment | \$95.02 | A5010.4 Highway Contractual | \$95.02 |
| HIGHWAY | | | |
| DA5120.4 Bridges Contractual | \$ 4,898.60 | DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual | \$5,452.59 |
| DA5130.4 Sale of Equipment | \$12,428.06 | DA5142.1 Personal Services | \$11,874.07 |
| DA9055.8 Disability Insurance | \$33.00 | | |
| DA9060.8 Health Insurance | \$485.46 | DA9010.8 Retirement | \$2,799.25 |
| DA2665 Sale of Equipment | \$3,173.54 | DA9060.8 Health Insurance | \$ 893.15 |
| DB Contractual Expense | \$10,926.27 | DB 5110.4 Contractual Expense | \$10,926.27 |
| DB5112.1 Personal Services | \$316.16 | | |
| DB Reserves | \$25,270.81 | DB Contractual Expense | \$25,586.97 |
| DB9030.8 FICA ect. | \$36.84 | | |
| DB9010.8 Retirement | \$3,178.75 | DB Reserves | \$3,108.51 |
| TOTAL | 62,174.62 | | \$62174.62 |

Motion carried: Aye Bassett, Aye Hunt, Aye Selover, Aye Waid, and Aye Reynolds.

Waid Moved, Seconded by Bassett, that Highway Fund Voucher # 161, in the amount of \$4,172.99 and General Fund Voucher # 223, in the amount of \$7,583.62 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

On the motion of Selover the meeting was adjourned.