

**Town of Bradford**  
**Special Meeting of the Bradford Town Board**  
**Tuesday May 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Town Hall**  
**Minutes**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Town Board Chair Sharon Douglas called the Special Meeting of the Bradford Town Board to order at 6:30 p.m. Also present were Supervisors Loren Bobolz, Ron Duffy and Ben Wellnitz and Clerk Sandra Clarke. Supervisor Sarah Pope was absent.**

2. Motion to adopt the agenda

**Motion to adopt the agenda. (Ben Wellnitz/Ron Duffy) The motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote.**

3. Interviews with contractors on brush and tree removal in the right of way and emergency tree service

Chair Sharon Douglas reported that letters had been sent to 13 different contractors, a notice had been published in the paper and the notice was posted in three places and on the Town website. She had received only 4 responses. She stated that Larry Popanz had responded but could not attend the meeting. He was interested in the emergency tree removal and had stated that the fee for a very large tree would be about \$1,000.00. Brian Ayre was on the east coast and unable to attend. He had sent a proposal that was \$1,250.00 per tree per occurrence. He would remove it from the roadway within 3 hours and would cut up and remove within 48 hours. Bills Johns who had responded stated that they could not do this because of their commitment to the Town of Clinton.

Supervisor Ron Duffy stated that he had asked earlier in the year that the Board create a policy and set up a program of \$10,000 per year for tree and brush removal for a period of five years. He added that the

Town has a contract for mowing ditches to the fence line and the contractor is unable to do that in some areas because of the brush and trees. The board allocated \$10,000 with \$7500 to be spent and to hold back \$2500 for emergency work and if not used it is to be moved to the next year. If the board said they had a ¼ of a mile to do, they wanted to have somebody who would do it. He noted that both Brian Ayre and Bryce Nass have the equipment to do this. Ron Duffy stated that he would like a service contract in place so that after they started doing this there would not be so many emergencies. He reported that at the WTA meeting he attended they stated that at 25 mph a 4" tree will cause a fatality. He noted that Ideal Midwest did an excellent job on Emerald Grove Road last year and had a worker who was experienced with this and with two workers they worked rapidly and well.

Loren Bobolz asked if they would mark an area to be done and Ron Duffy replied that the board could select some areas and ask for an estimate.

The Board members have been responding to the calls from dispatch for emergency tree removal at all hours of the day and night and have provided their own equipment, fuel and labor at no cost to the Town which has been a huge savings for the taxpayers. Ben Wellnitz, Ron Duffy, Sharon and Wayne Douglas and Bill and Sandra Clarke have been providing this. Lucas Hargarten has also volunteered and removed trees. The board decided to continue to provide as much of the emergency work as possible to save money for the other roadwork. Loren Bobolz offered to use his skid steer to help as he did on Reid Road and Maple Lane after the last storm.

Sharon Douglas reported that the County contract now is \$2600 per mile with \$900 of that for snowplowing and the rest of the contract would be split equally with half for maintenance of woody vegetation and surveillance and the other half for new construction. For the Town of Bradford the contract would be about \$140,400 per year.

**Motion that Sharon Douglas and Ron Duffy get together with Bryce Nass on a service contract for tree and brush removal and to**

**determine a cost for significant emergency removal. (Ron Duffy/Ben Wellnitz)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Loren Bobolz, "Yes."**

**Ron Duffy, "Yes."**

**Ben Wellnitz, "Yes."**

**Sharon Douglas, "Yes." The motion carried with 4 in favor, 0 opposed and one member absent.**

**4. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn. (Ron Duffy/Loren Bobolz) The motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sandra Clarke, Clerk**