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The regular monthly meeting of the Truxton Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Gus Wehbe at the Truxton Town Office, Historic Train Depot on July 15, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Gus Wehbe, Stephanie Potter, Lloyd Sutton, Jr., Nicole Albro-Sprouse and Tom Brown.

Others present: Kim Harris and her two daughters, Jim Denkenberger, Cortland Co. Legislator and Frank O'Donnell.

Pledge to the Flag.

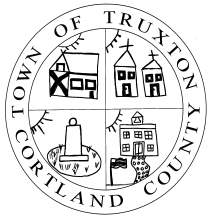
Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes for the June 17, 2015 meeting, as presented, was made by Tom Brown and seconded by Nicki Sprouse. All in favor.

Privilege of the Floor: No comments received from the floor.

Gus invited Frank O'Donnell to come tonight to discuss with the Board the status of the installation of high-speed internet to households in Truxton and throughout the County. Frank works for Frontier Communications and was able to clarify to the Board information that was recently published in the *Cortland Standard*. Gus said that a few residents were questioning him about the availability of high-speed internet in Truxton. Frank shared details of a grant "Connect America" which is federal monies allocated toward this project. Frank said this round of funding has 13 sites identified in this area; 2 in Cuyler and 11 in Truxton. Frank said that this is a 6-year project for Frontier which ultimately will include 45,610 households.

Jim Denkenberger, Cortland Co. Legislator. Jim gave an update on county happenings. He said that the TC3 budget has been a "hot topic". Jim said that he cast the sole opposing vote to approve the county providing additional funding to the TC3 budget. Jim said that he voted against it because attendance at the college is declining and he feels that someone else needs to pick up the tab other than the county taxpayers.

Ash for Trash. Gus asked the status of this matter. Jim said that he didn't know. Tom asked Jim if he felt that the matter is being delayed until after the election. Jim said that he didn't know the schedule. He said that he continues to ask questions but that he does not get answers.



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Frank asked Jim about the status of the lawsuit involving the former Chairman of the Legislature, Susan Briggs. Jim said that as far as he knows that the lawsuit will not proceed because the state has opined that the County can run itself the way it wants to.

Misc. Matters. Gus congratulated the Truxton seniors that graduated from high school and read their names. They are as follows:

Alec Bastian
Camrin Brown
Mackenzie Brown
Cole Burnette
Sarah Denkenberger
Kiersten Hawks
Kenneth Hutchings
Courtney Kran
Sonya Larabie
Andrew Potter
Morgan Reakes
Ashley Reid
Hiland Bush
Willis Gibbs
Vincent Harris
Connor Mitchell
Douglas Wehbe
Lindsay Petit
Kyle Hoke

Cortland County Mortgage Tax. Gus said that he received notification from the County that the town's allocation of mortgage tax is \$4,508.41 for the semi-annual distribution (October 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015).

Gus shared a letter he received from Richard Petit who commended Tom Baranska and Ken Rainbow for their efforts each week at the transfer station.

Gus read aloud a letter he received from the Department of Public Service regarding its intent to examine the state of telecommunications in New York State. The letter also invited residents to attend six forums planned to be held throughout the state.



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Gus shared with the board the proposed annual Resolution required by the New York State Retirement System for employees. Motion to approve the Resolution made by Stephanie Potter and seconded by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. All in favor.

Gus provided the board with a packet of information received from NBT Bank regarding its FDIC security measures. The bank is requesting the town sign an agreement authorizing the bank to hold collateral for any amount over the FDIC insurance coverage. Motion to authorize the Town Supervisor to execute the agreement made by Nicki Sprouse and seconded by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. All in favor.

Gus received a letter from the Cortland County Real Property Tax Office asking the town if they intend to have their sales tax distribution formula remain the same as last year. The board discussed briefly and decided to keep the distribution the same as last year. Kim will let the Real Property Tax Office know that no changes will be made.

Old Business. Transfer Station. Gus said that he discussed with Jeff the possibility of moving the Transfer Station shed closer to the gate which may make it easier for the attendant's to view the dump tags.

Employee Manual. Gus said that this topic was brought up some time ago and never completed. Gus said that he would like to the board to work on this matter. Kim will contact the Town of Preble and Town of Solon to see if they have an Employee Manual that they use.

Gus asked the board members to please provide him with any budget information as very soon they 2016 budget work will start.

Supervisor's Report:

General Fund	\$398,873.36
Highway Fund	\$539,638.40
Trust & Agency	\$ 143.36
Comm. Dev Fund	\$ 75.88
Capital Project-Depot	\$ 43,577.13

Motion to approve the General bills (abstract #7) made by Stephanie Potter and seconded by Nicki Sprouse. All in favor.



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Motion to approve the Highway bills (abstract #7) made by Lloyd Sutton, Jr. and seconded by Tom Brown. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.