

SENECA FALLS TOWN BOARD REORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 2, 2019

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Reorganizational and regular monthly Meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street.

Present were Supervisor Gregory Lazzaro; Councilmen Vittorio Porretta, Douglas Avery, David DeLelys and Louis Ferrara. Also present were David Foster, Town Attorney; Dean Zettlemyer, Zoning Officer; James Spina, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation; Stephanie Holtz, Assessor; James Peterson, Highway Superintendent; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; Joseph Tullo, Chief WWTP Operator; Marshall Foster, IT Network Administrator; Peter Baker, Town Engineer and a Member of the local Media.

Supervisor Lazzaro opened the Reorganizational and regular monthly Meeting at 6:00 P.M. A roll call of Board Members was taken and all were present; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

2019 Appointments:

Mr. Lazzaro stated the Zoning Board, Planning Board and Heritage Preservation Commission will not be discussed tonight as there are applications that have to be reviewed by all the Board Members. The Board will be doing that at the February Meeting. He said as to Committee assignments, he is asking Board Members to let him know what their preferences are as to which Committees they wish to serve on. He will be working on those during the month.

A motion was made to appoint David Foster as Town Attorney by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reappoint the Firm of Boylan Code as Environmental Attorneys by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Lazzaro stated the Deputy Town Clerks will not be appointed at this time; there is a resolution later in the Meeting.

A motion was made to reappoint Eileen Schmidt, Ashley VanDoren and Courtney Adams as Court Clerks by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Lazzaro reappointed Louis Ferrara as Deputy Supervisor.

Mr. Lazzaro said the Deputy Highway Superintendent will be addressed in contract negotiations.

A motion was made to reappoint Nicaletta Greer as Assistant to the Zoning Officer by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Nicaletta Greer as Registrar of Vital Statistics by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Nicaletta Greer as Records Management Officer by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reappoint Dallyn Jenkins as Dog Control Officer by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara.

Mr. Ferrara asked if she was approached to see if she was still interested; Mr. DeLelys responded yes. He added she was going to be instructed as to how to properly fill out reports for the Court.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to reappoint Dallyn Jenkins as Dog Control Officer was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Kevin McDonald and Elizabeth Becht as Members of the Recreation Commission by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Chief Peenstra as Ex-Officio Member of the Recreation Commission by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Michael Kelly as a Member of the Cemetery Commission, by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reappoint Fran Barbieri as Town Historian by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reappoint Barton & Loguidice as the Town Engineering Firm by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reappoint the Bonadio Group as Town Auditors by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to conduct a regular monthly Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Lazzaro stated he is going to skip Banks and maybe go into a quick Executive Session to discuss this.

Official Town Newspaper: Mr. Lazzaro stated there was concern about the Reveille Between the Lakes being the Town's Official paper. When the Town has to print material that is time sensitive, if the deadline is missed, then the publication will not be until the following week.

A motion was made to designate the Finger Lakes Times as the Official Town newspaper by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara.

Mr. Foster provided the Board Members with some background information, one being Town Law Section 64-11 which gives the Town the authority to designate an official paper. He also attached an Opinion of the Attorney General which spells out the various parts in the Law.

After lengthy discussion, Mr. Lazzaro withdrew his motion to designate the Finger Lakes Times as the Official Town newspaper, and Mr. Ferrara withdrew his second.

A motion was made to designate the Reveille Between the Lakes as the Official Town newspaper by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No question. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to adopt the current IRS mileage rate (.58 per mile) and Per Diem rate by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to adopt the Procurement Policy by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

Mr. Avery referred to Guideline 7 which states "all purchases less than \$2,000 that are budgeted in the current year Budget may be procured by signoff approval by Department Board Committee", and said the Board doesn't do approvals by Committees before a purchase is done. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Lazzaro stated the Board can modify this Procurement Policy as time goes along as we need a Procurement Policy.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the Procurement Policy was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Brian DeVay as Deputy WWTP Operator by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Fred Peterman as Deputy W/S Distribution System Operator by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. DeLelys requested that the Board act on the following Resolution creating two Deputy Town Clerk positions:

WHEREAS, Seneca County Civil Service Rules allow each town to have one Deputy Town Clerk in the exempt class; and

WHEREAS, the Town Law allows each Town Clerk to appoint not more than three (3) Deputies; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls wishes to allow the Town Clerk to appoint up to three (3) Deputies in the exempt class.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls hereby creates two (2) Deputy Town Clerk positions; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that employees holding the position of Deputy Town Clerk are authorized to act generally for and in place of the Town Clerk.

A motion was made by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution creating two Deputy Town Clerk positions.

Mr. Lazzaro asked who made up the resolution; the Town Clerk replied the Seneca County Personnel Officer Kathy Corona. The Town Clerk stated this is to appoint two additional Deputies to comply with Civil Service Rules; Town Law allows up to three Deputies. Mr. Foster said he thought there was an indication that the Town couldn't do two additional exempt positions. The Town Clerk responded that Ms. Corona said she could have

three exempt positions. Mr. Foster suggested running it by the Town's outside employment Counsel. The Town Clerk stated this is according to Civil Service Law. Mr. DeLelys stated this has been like this in the past without any problem. Mr. Lazzaro said Mr. Foster brings up a good point. Mr. Foster stated when you change a person's status to exempt, you are taking away from that employee certain Civil Service protections. The Town Clerk reiterated that Kathy Corona did the resolution which states that it allows the Town Clerk to appoint three Deputies in the exempt class. Mr. Foster said he believes outside Counsel would ask the Town Clerk to go to the three Deputies and ask if they understand what they are giving up. The Town Clerk stated it's always been that way – the Deputies serve at will.

Mr. Ferrara stated he works close with the County who has one Deputy, and they also run Motor Vehicles – I don't know how we wind up with three. The Town Clerk responded the County has one full time person; she has three part-time persons – it saves money by doing part-time. She added her third Deputy is also Deputy Tax Collector, and her second Deputy only works 2 hrs. a day for the Clerk and 2 hrs. a day for Zoning. Mr. Ferrara asked if the County can pick up the tax collection because after a certain day that's where you can take them. The Clerk stated the Town has to collect January, February and March; in April, the books are turned over to the County and any delinquent taxes are paid to the County. Mr. Ferrara asked how is it better to have three part-time people rather than one full time. The Clerk responded her Office has to be open all day; if she has one full time person who is not available and she has to leave for some reason, her Office would have to close. She added by having three part-time Deputies she also saves the Town money because it doesn't have to pay benefits. Further discussion followed.

The above motion made by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution creating two Deputy Town Clerk positions was carried 3 ayes, 2 naves; Supervisor Lazzaro and Councilman Ferrara with the dissenting votes.

A motion was made to appoint Kathryn Lankford as Deputy Town Clerk by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

A motion was made to appoint Melissa Howell as Deputy Town Clerk by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

A motion was made to appoint Linda Marzan as Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made to appoint Melissa Howell as Secretary to Planning and Zoning Boards and HPC by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made to appoint Kathryn Lankford as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Mr. Lazzaro stated as far as designating Banks for the deposit of Town monies, they are going to do an RFP for banking.

Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Ferrara stated to date, the Town paid \$268,000 in outside legal fees to fight the three lawsuits that we are currently going through – the Landfill, HPC and the Ludovico Trail.

Mr. Ferrara mentioned that the Auditors told them that Town Board Members have to review all vouchers and checks. He said on December 24th, this voucher went out and four Councilmen signed it – the voucher says "Parks and Recreation Commission Christmas Luncheon. Mr. Ferrara stated the Auditors said taxpayer money was not to be used as our own little piggy bank. He heard tonight it was a training session – he asked Mr. Spina which one was it. Mr. Spina responded that it's both – a regular meeting and training session and then they give them a luncheon - a thank you based on being a volunteer. Mr. Ferrara said he took his Water/Sewer Department out to lunch as a thank you and did not expense it. He thinks paying them for a dinner is wrong – he doesn't believe the Town should pay this. If they are volunteers, that's fine; if you appreciate what they do, call them into the Rec Center and buy them pizzas; if it's training, bring them into the Rec Center and train them. Mr. Ferrara said he didn't sign it and he voided the check.

Mr. Avery stated his support is for the event itself. If the Board is going to stop doing something that has been done long before Mr. Spina got here, we can't hold the event and not pay the bill. He said the Board can tell them it's not going to happen again. Mr. Ferrara said the Auditors instructed the Board not to do it going forward. He stated the part that bothers him (we've always done it); prior to the Village dissolution, \$3 million would come from the Landfill – where did that \$45 million go; no one has explained that to him yet. The only thing that was paid for was the Rec Center and the Highway Department, and the taxes were lowered – that is not \$45 million.

Mr. DeLelys mentioned that it was already approved by the Board. Mr. Ferrara said the voucher is dated the 24th; this never came to him until the 30th with the checks. This was circulated from the 24th to the 28th when it was marked paid – he didn't see it. The Town Clerk explained she makes out the vouchers; the Councilmen come in, look at the vouchers and sign them before the Meeting. She told Mr. Ferrara he is welcome to come in anytime to look at them and sign them just as the other Councilmen do. She added the 24th is the date she put the bill into the computer and printed the voucher – she can't put them all in at the same time because there are so many. The Town Clerk told Mr. Ferrara he needs to come in and look at the vouchers. Mr. DeLelys said the other Board Members should get down to the Office and go through the vouchers and sign them – that's what he, Mr. Porretta, Mr. Avery do. Mr. Ferrara said he would do that from now on.

Mr. Spina stated he understands where Mr. Ferrara is coming from, but he wasn't part of the Exit interview with the Auditors. He just continued to do what they have always done. He added in the future, if this Board thinks it should not be done – that's fine. Mr. Ferrara said he will abstain from voting – he didn't get it in a timely fashion.

Mr. DeLelys questioned as to why Mr. Spina's check was turned down – we always pay mileage for education. Mr. Lazzaro responded he had a question about it – he addressed it with Mr. Spina today. There was a conversation and he told Mr. Spina he would think about it and get back to him which he will. That's his role as Town Supervisor to sometimes call people in who he supervises on a day-to-day basis and speak to them about these things. After further discussion, Mr. DeLelys asked Mr. Foster what his opinion was – the Board voted on the two vouchers and approved them on the 28th. Mr. Foster replied to be consistent with what the Board has done in the past, if this Board has approved a payment on an item, you follow what the resolution allowed; if it's been approved, it's been approved and the payment should go out.

Mr. Ferrara referred to Mrs. Warfel's email and said she asked for money for Vince's Park and the Board needed to move money for two other things. He doesn't understand the part that says "I would also request that \$524,589 of the third quarter landfill revenue be budgeted to be received in the Highway Fund to cover the amount budgeted for landfill revenue in the 2019 Budget, with \$145,118 for the General Fund and the remaining \$150,000 to be received in the Water Fund to help offset this Budget for 2019". Mrs. Warfel explained if the landfill revenue, because of litigation, does not come in, the Highway will be short of what it needs next year because the landfill money was budgeted. She added it was a suggestion – it was not telling the Board what to do; she was trying to bring it to the Board's attention. Mrs. Warfel stated next year, \$310,000 has been budgeted for equipment because he hasn't been able to replace any equipment; \$100,000 was taken out of his reserve and we needed \$210,000 from landfill revenue to fix that – that's Capital Improvements. Further discussion followed. Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Ferrara mentioned the Highway Department doing repairs on an electrical pole on the Bridge, and said he feels the Highway Department should not be doing repairs of electrical poles. He said the Town has an electrician on container that we could use – he thinks that's the way we should go.

Mr. Ferrara state the Board has talked about cameras for everybody. He wants cameras at the Treatment Plant, Water Plant, the Town property and equipment, the Rec Center – he wants everything documented, on surveillance, on camera. Mr. Ferrara said the Town has money now that it can use to update the system; the hard drive should be put in the Chief's Office or Police Office where it's locked up; if something happens, the Police can review the film and they will know what happened.

Mr. Ferrara made a motion, seconded by Greg Lazzaro, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in the best interest of the Town, security cameras are placed throughout the Town's facilities; and WHEREAS, studies have shown that having security cameras placed in strategic areas deters criminal activity, prevents unauthorized intruders, aids the Town by avoiding frivolous, costly lawsuits, and provides a safer environment for employees; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief recommends security cameras around all Town-owned properties with monitoring by his Agency to provide general safety and security. Strategically placed security cameras are often critical to Law Enforcement when investigating criminal activity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board agrees to move forward with contacting vendors to obtain estimates on installing camera systems on Town-owned property. These cameras will be secured and monitored by the Seneca Falls Police Department.

Mr. DeLelys said he would like to add an amendment to the resolution that the security stays right with the Police and no one else gets to see that. Mr. Ferrara said absolutely - that's where it has to stay and no one else. Mr. Porretta asked if it was going to be surveillance of premises only; Mr. Ferrara responded yes, absolutely. Mr. Porretta said it's not going to be an every day surveillance of employees; Mr. Ferrara responded they will be inside a building highlighting tools and valuables. Mr. Porretta said it will be specifically for property of the Town of Seneca Falls and premises. Mr. Ferrara said absolutely. \

Mr. Avery asked where does the Town not have cameras at this point. Mr. Tullo replied at the Water Treatment

Plant, none at the Oak Street garage and Sewer Plant is not working properly. Mr. Ferrara said a lot of cameras are broken or not in the right spots. Further discussion followed.

Mr. Avery asked if this resolution is just to explore cost; Mr. Ferrara replied we are going forward with having something done. Mr. DeLelys stated as he said, as long as it remains with the Police Department; Mr. Ferrara replied yes, of course. Mr. Foster recommended that the Board do an RFP. Mr. Tullo mentioned that they have estimates from Covert Security for all their buildings. Mr. Foster recommended that it not be a departmental cost distributed among the departments affected, but that it be an infrastructure cost for the Town itself.

Chief Peenstra stated he would like some direction from the Board as to exactly what pieces of property we will be looking at with this and what will be excluded for now. After brief discussion, Mr. Ferrara said he thinks we should go forward with this and put out a list of Town properties; when the cost comes back, we will look at what the priorities are. Chief Peenstra asked who will write up the RFP; Mr. Ferrara replied he and the Chief.

The above motion made by Lou Ferrara and seconded by Greg Lazzaro to adopt the above resolution to move forward with obtaining estimates on installing camera systems on Town-owned property was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Petitioners:

Robert Magill – Economic Development: Robert Magill stated in his mind, there are three types of economic development – positive, neutral and negative. Positive is when outside money comes into the community – outsiders paying us for goods and services we produce. Neutral is when some of the money stays here and some goes. The negative is when none of the money spent is here, such as Wal-Mart. Mr. Magill stated our Economic Development Corporation seems to be totally lost. He said the Town is wasting their time spending money on economic development – the County is doing it and the Chamber of Commerce is doing it, and at the IDA level. He talked about the Thruway which takes the traffic away from Route 5 & 20 and destroys the economy around here. As far as he is concerned, for Seneca Falls to spend money on economic development is a total waste.

Valerie Sandlas – Environmental Issues: Valerie Sandlas spoke on behalf of the SF Environmental Action Committee. She said a continued obstacle for the health of our Town and the Finger Lakes region is Seneca Meadows; both its leachate and gas emissions are potentially hazardous to our health and environment. Mrs. Sandlas urged the Board to do everything possible to support Local Law #3 and ensure the closure of Seneca Meadows by 2025. She said neither a new Host Agreement nor any expansion of the existing landfill would be healthy for our children or their future.

Mrs. Sandlas said financially speaking, the current Host Agreement through 2025 which coincides with Local Law #3, provides adequate resources to shore up our infrastructure needs. She added proper planning and budgeting of this money will not only ensure our Community's financial health, but also free us from dependency on the landfill.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 9, 2018, Special Meeting of November 14, 2018 and the regular monthly Meeting of December 4, 2018 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Reports:

A motion was made to approve the Dog Control Officer's report, Zoning Officer report, Commissioner of Parks & Recreation report, Highway Superintendent's report, Assessor's report, Town Attorney's report, Town Justices reports, Water & Sewer report, Police Chief's report, Barton & Loguidice's report, IT Network Administrator's report, and any Committee reports by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara.

Zoning Officer Dean Zettlemoyer stated he would like to set up a meeting with whomever his Committee is and the Town Attorney to discuss snow removal as soon as possible. Mr. Lazzaro said he would be talking to Mr. Zettlemoyer tomorrow. He added it needs to be clarified, and some things need to be changed. Brief discussion followed.

Highway Superintendent Jim Peterson mentioned that a lot of streetlights are out in the Town. He talked to NYSEG who said they are probably two months behind. Christmas tree pickup will be January 22nd; they can be put out to the road or brought up to his shop. Mr. Peterson said there have been quite a few complaints on the new trash people who are throwing the cans down and tipping them over.

Chief Peenstra reminded the Board and the Community that Women's March is coming up on Saturday, January 19th. It is expected that there will be between 10,000 and 20,000 people. The Chief said there will be road closures, and he will be putting out a release on that; traffic is going to be very difficult.

Town Attorney David Foster gave an update on the HPC. There is a draft report out on the building itself. He asked the Board to review it, but not to release it as it is a draft report.

Mr. Foster received notification from Mark MacNamara, Eminent Domain Counsel, that the decision was not released on the December 23rd Court calendar; the next release is February 1st. Because of the Eminent Domain procedure, all property owners from SF Elks Club to the National Women's Hall of Fame have been contacted to get evaluations of properties affected for easements.

Mr. Foster mentioned the Bond Resolution and the EFC and said all documentation was submitted by December 31st. He said Ted Trespasz did an outstanding job of getting all the documentation assembled and getting it to the EFC. Mr. DeLelys thanked the Town Clerk for getting all the paperwork out to Mr. Trespasz.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to approve all the Department Head reports was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Communications:

A motion was made to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 9 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays. Communications numbered 1 to 9 are as follows:

1. Monthly Report for the months of October and November 2018, as per Town Operating License and Host Community Agreement, from Seneca Meadows, Inc.
2. Checks and deposits totaling \$1,044,650.02 representing Vince's Park deposit; sale of equipment; dumpster fees and SMI's 3rd quarter payment (\$1,041,180.02).
3. Statement of Accounts, June 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018, from Wilmington Trust.
4. Second Notice of Establishment of Omnibus Hearing dates relative to TOPS Holding II Corporation, et al from US Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York.
5. Reports and Resolutions relative to Subdivision applications and Area Variance application from Seneca County Planning Board.
6. Network News from Cayuga Lake Watershed Network.
7. Checks totaling \$5,745.77 representing dumpster fees; Town Clerk's November 2018 Monthly Report; Retiree Insurance payments; burial fees; fuel reimbursement and tower rent.
8. Town Historian's Report for the year 2018 from Frances Barbieri.
9. Checks totaling \$58,198.94 representing Retiree Insurance payments; dumpster fees; tower rent; refund of overpayment from Enterprise; mortgage tax; fuel reimbursement and Insurance Claim refund.

Old Business:

Write-Off Uncollectable Receivables: No Report.

Route 414 Sewer Line Transfer from IDA to Town: Mr. Lazzaro said it looks like it will be approved shortly. Brief discussion followed.

Resolution – Salary Adjustment for Deputy Highway Superintendent: Mr. Lazzaro stated this will be taken off the Agenda as it is held in negotiations.

It's a Wonderful Life Request for Signage: Mr. Avery stated he talked with Mr. Capozzi and Mr. Mirras as to where they would like the signs. He told them to let the Board know when they get it finalized as to where they want the signs. Mr. Avery mentioned that they didn't want to deal with it when they were working on the It's a Wonderful Life event. Brief discussion followed.

Sale of Surplus Real Properties: Mr. Lazzaro stated Village Hall is back in our hands as the Gentleman decided not to buy it. As to 10 Fall Street, Mr. Lazzaro said he feels it has gone on long enough, and we need to get that back in our hands, so that we can put all our surplus properties for sale. The Town Clerk mentioned that the Board needs to go out for an RFP. She added the last time they were put up for sale they were given to a Realtor. Mr. Foster stated he doesn't like the idea of going to Realtor services. He thinks it can be accomplished by bidding. Mr. Lazzaro indicated that this will be discussed.

At 8:12 P.M., the Board took a five-minute recess. The Meeting reconvened at 8:17 P.M.

New Business:

Authorize Town Supervisor to Invest Town Monies: A motion was made authorizing the Town Supervisor to

invest Town monies by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Attendance at Association of Towns Meeting: A motion was made authorizing any Town Board Member, Town Attorney, Zoning Officer and Town Clerk to attend the Association of Towns Meeting on February 17-20, 2019 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Delegate & Alternate Delegate – Association of Towns Meeting: A motion was made designating Greg Lazzaro as Delegate and Doug Avery as Alternate Delegate at the Association of Towns Meeting by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Special Events: There were none.

Retirement of John Nicandri: A motion was made to accept John Nicandri's letter of retirement with thanks to Mr. Nicandri for being a long term employee by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution Introducing Local Law – Cold War Exemption: The Board set the date of Monday, January 14, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. to present resolutions introducing local laws for Cold War Exemption and setting fees for Winter Parking & Snow Removal Violations.

Contribution – Seneca Falls Historical Society: A motion was made to table action on contributing to the Seneca Falls Historical Society until the Board gets a clearer understanding as to municipal gifting by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resignation of Sgt. Sue Pluretti: A motion was made to regretfully accept the resignation of Sgt. Sue Pluretti from the position of Police Sergeant with the Seneca Falls Police Department, effective January 30, 2019, by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara.

Mr. Ferrara thanked Sgt. Pluretti for her dedication and professionalism, and said she was an excellent Officer and friend to everybody. Chief Peenstra stated this is Sgt. Pluretti's retirement. She began her Law Enforcement career with the Sheriff's Department in 1989 and joined the Police Department in 1994 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2011. The Chief said she was an asset to the Department, and was also the first female Police Officer in the SF Police Department. Chief Peenstra thanked Sgt. Pluretti for her many years of dedication, compassion and professionalism, and wished her a long, healthy retirement.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to regretfully accept the resignation of Sgt. Pluretti was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Backfill Sgt. Pluretti's Position: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, during the January 2, 2019 Board Meeting, the Town Board accepted Sgt. Pluretti's resignation effective January 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Police Department now has a full time Police Sergeant vacancy along with the appropriate Police Officer backfill; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Police Chief and Public Safety Committee to backfill these positions with qualified candidates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept backfilling the vacant Sergeant position along with the appropriate full time Police Officer position created by the promotion.

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

Attendance at FL Law Enforcement Academy: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Sgt./Inv. Calabrese to retire in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Police Department will have a full time Investigator vacancy along with the appropriate Police Officer backfill in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy begins on February 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the proper background investigations must be completed prior to the acceptance of the applicant and start of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Police Chief and Public Safety Committee to backfill these positions with qualified candidates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept backfilling the future Investigator position along with the appropriate full time Police Officer position created by the promotion.

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

W/S – Advertise for Full Time Laborer Position: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou

Ferrara to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the Water and Sewer Department exists due to the retirement of John Nicandri. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the advertisement for a full time Laborer position in the Water and Sewer Department. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Water/Sewer Credits: A motion was made to approve the Water/Sewer credits in the amount of \$1,158.84, as per Memo from Water/Sewer Clerk, by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to approve and order paid the following bills:

General Fund - \$131,458.51 (Abstract #001)	Recreation Fund - \$9,075.00 (Abstract #001)
Highway Fund - \$22,999.41 (Abstract #001)	Vince's Park Fund - \$813.82 (Abstract #001)
Water Fund - \$12,683.19 (Abstract #001)	Sewer Fund - \$10,104.30 (Abstract #001)

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Discussion – Appropriate 3rd Quarter Landfill Revenue: Mr. Lazzaro requested that the discussion be held off until the January 14th Meeting; the Board agreed to have the discussion on January 14th.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

SENECA FALLS TOWN BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2019

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Special Meeting on Monday, January 14, 2019 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street.

Present were Supervisor Gregory Lazzaro; Councilmen Vittorio Porretta, Douglas Avery, David DeLelys and Louis Ferrara. Also present were David Foster, Town Attorney; James Spina, Commissioner of Parks & Recreation; Stephanie Holtz, Assessor; James Peterson, Highway Superintendent; Joseph Tullo, Chief WWTP Operator; Lt. Tim Snyder of SF Police Department and Peter Baker of Barton & Loguidice.

Supervisor Lazzaro opened the Special Meeting at 5:00 P.M. A roll call of Board Members was taken and all were present; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

New Business:

Resolution Introducing Local Law – Cold War Exemption: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Town Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to schedule a Public Hearing to solicit public comment upon a proposed local law adopting certain benefits under Section 458-b of the NYS Real Property Tax Law authorizing an alternative tax exemption for Cold War Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Town Board has reviewed the draft of the aforementioned proposed local law attached hereto and deems it in the Town's best interests to proceed in accordance with the Town Law and the Laws of the State of New York in adopting said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to schedule a Public Hearing to be held on February 5, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. at the Seneca Falls Municipal Building, 130 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls, New York; and be it

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

