

The Seneca Falls Town Board held An Informational Meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street.

Present were Supervisor Gregory Lazzaro; Councilmen Vittorio Porretta, Douglas Avery and David DeLelys. Also present were David Foster, Town Attorney; Joseph Tullo, WWTP Operator; and John Condino and Peter Baker of Barton & Loguidice.

Supervisor Lazzaro called the Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. A roll call of Board Members was taken, and Councilman Ferrara was absent from the Meeting; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

New Business:

Set Public Hearing Date – Local Law #1 – 2018: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to hold a Public Hearing at 5:45 P.M. on February 6, 2018 relative to proposed Local Law #1 – 2018, to amend Section 280-24 of Town Code relative to Handicapped Parking and Parking Prohibition. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Current & Planned Infrastructure Projects for the Town: Peter Baker of Barton & Loguidice gave a lengthy presentation relative to Water/Wastewater systems projects. Excerpts from the presentation are as follows:

Water: Mr. Baker stated there are three components: Water Treatment, Water Storage and Water Distribution. He referred to the Water Treatment Plant located on Parker Road which services the Town and provides water to the Town of Fayette and Town of Varick. There is a project planned to extend water service into the Town of Romulus. The Water Treatment Plant is in good shape. The Plant was designed to put out about 3.5 million gallons a day; currently, it puts out about one million gallons a day. The short term need is a backup generator to replace the present one which is 35 years old. In the longer term need, the Town needs to assess its water intake, and modifications to the disinfection system should be examined.

Mr. Baker referred to Water Storage, and said recoating on both tanks are complete. The Town has entered into a 20-year maintenance contract with Suez Water who will come in and do inspections as needed and spot repairs.

As to Water Distribution, Mr. Baker stated the current system services 80% to 85% of the Town, and services Fayette and Varick. A lot of the 100 miles of piping is 2” to 4” in diameter and over 100 years old. The aging system has led to an increase in the number of breaks, lower flows, and delivery pressure and residual disinfection issues. The short term asset renewal for 2018/19 will be 4”/6” main replacements, primarily in the former Village. Main replacement projects for 2018 are to replace 1,300 linear feet of watermain on Center Street, and replace with 8” HDPE on Rumsey Street crossing Oak Street. As to water service interconnects, other water projects are to provide system redundancy/resiliency; enable additional expansion in commercial corridors (Routes 316,414 and 89); enter into Inter-Municipal Agreements with Waterloo and Tyre for interconnection of systems and completing a Black Brook Road emergency interconnect which was started a few years ago.

Wastewater: Mr. Baker stated the primary issue with the wastewater system is finding a way to reduce the infiltration and inflow of storm water into the sanitary sewer system. The excess flow causes ‘spikes’ at the WWTP which reduces capacity to treat wastewater and reduces potential revenue. The Town has an equalization tank that is in poor condition as it leaks. The cost to replace that tank in kind is at least \$3 million. There are older conveyance systems that are at the end of their line, such as the Kingdom Road Pump Station, the Water Street Pump Station and the Fall Street Pump Station.

Sewer Rehabilitation projects are replacement of sewer connections on Maple Street, Johnston Street, Troy Street and Daniels Street which are the worst areas; 85 manhole rehabilitations; replacement of 375 linear feet of sewer mains; rehabilitation of 6,500 linear feet of sewer main lining and increasing the amount of televising the interior of other sewer lines to look for leaks and blockages.

Mr. Baker discussed the \$3 million project to upgrade the sewer system. The Town received a Water Construction Improvement Act Grant from New York State in the amount of \$737,500 in 2017. In December, the Town received notice that it is eligible for a 0% interest Hardship loan through Environmental Facilities Corporation. The loan would be paid in 30 years at \$75,000 a year. It will be paid for within the funds the Town has – there is no anticipated sewer rate increase for this project. Discussion followed.

Mr. Baker mentioned the work plan that they are suggesting, such as continued inspections and maintenance; Public outreach and education on the need to fix illegal connections, and possibly amending the Town Code to give it more “teeth”. More discussion followed.

Mr. Baker mentioned some of the development projects that are occurring. He talked about the Route 318/414 corridor project which is upgrading and increasing the sewer lines which is a development project driven by the County. The primary reason this project is happening is because of the Casino; when del Lago came in, they provided a lot of money to the Town of Seneca Falls and Seneca County for sewer infrastructure. Further discussion followed relative to the \$1.5 million project and the funding of the project by del Lago. It was noted that \$1.5 million was placed in an escrow account to pay for the project.

Ms. Stokes said in 2015, there was a story about del Lago getting a discounted sewer rate. Mr. Baker stated that this has been a widely misrepresented story. He said there is a fee structure for the Town, and if you go out of Seneca Falls, you pay a different fee – that fee is basically 150% of what Seneca Falls residents pay. He added there is no favoritism to del Lago or any other facility. Del Lago pays 150% surcharge as everyone else within the Town of Tyre and Junius will pay based on usage.

Mr. Baker gave an overview of the Kingdom Road Pump Station project as contemplated. A new 14” HDPE force main is proposed to start at the end of Balsley Road, and it is hoped that it will go down the Ludovico Trail which will result in an improved Ludovico Trail. The Kingdom Road Pump Station will be replaced. Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Baker said the Town received a \$30,000 engineering planning grant in 2017 for the WWTP; the Town’s commitment would be 20% or \$6,000.000. As to the Treatment Plant, it runs fine when the flows are steady; the last significant upgrade was 2002. They will be doing a study to determine what the cost is going to be to upgrade the Plant; what is necessary and what the plan to finance is going to be.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER  
Town Clerk

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Public Hearing and regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street.

Present were Supervisor Gregory Lazzaro; Councilmen Louis Ferrara, David DeLelys, Douglas Avery and Vittorio Porretta. Also present were David Foster, Town Attorney; Dean Zettlemyer, Zoning Officer; James Spina, Commissioner of Parks & Recreation; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; James Peterson, Highway Superintendent; Joseph Tullo, WWTP Operator; Peter Baker of Barton & Loguidice and a Member of the local media.

Public Hearing – Amendments to Town Code Relating to Handicapped Parking: Supervisor Lazzaro opened the Public Hearing at 5:45 P.M. and proceeded to read the Public Hearing Notice which states this proposed Local Law would enact certain amendments to the Town Code relating to handicapped parking on Chapel Street.

Mr. Foster noted that the proposal is for two handicapped parking places out of the ones mentioned. He added as far as the designation of location and where they would be, that would be basically coordinated between the Highway, Police and the local people.

Virginia Konz, Ridge Street, stated she doesn’t think there is room for people parking on the side of the street as it is not a very wide street. Jeff Warrick (with the Methodist Church) stated this parking area is going to be during Church hours on Sunday, or if there is a funeral or wedding. He added probably 95% of the time those spots would be open for normal traffic.

