

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Public Hearing and regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street.

Present were Supervisor Gregory Lazzaro; Councilmen David DeLelys, Douglas Avery and Vittorio Porretta. Also present were James Spina, Commissioner of Parks & Recreation; James Peterson, Highway Superintendent; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; Joseph Tullo, Chief WWTP Operator; Marshal Foster, IT Administrator; Peter Baker, Town Engineer and a Member of the local media.

Public Hearing – Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption: Supervisor Lazzaro opened the Public Hearing relative to the Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption at 5:35 P.M., and asked if there were any comments.

Robert Magill of Waterloo stated being part of the Memorial Day Ceremonies in Waterloo, he has come to realize that there are some Veterans who feel they don't deserve recognition on Veterans Day. He talked about his Father who served 14 years in the Service and received the Purple Heart. Mr. Magill said he feels that anytime a Veterans benefit comes up, it should be considered, and if any benefits should be given, it should be given to combat Veterans who are disabled.

John Garee of Seneca Falls stated anything we can do to honor Veterans and wives of Veterans he thinks we should do. He talked about his Dad who was a career Military Man and who is buried in Arlington Cemetery along with his Mom. He said anything we can do to honor Veterans, including giving them a final burial place, and honor them for their service is great. He added when you are married to a career Serviceman, you deserve all the accolades of the Veteran – it should be for the Veterans and Spouses of Veterans.

Since there were no further comments, a motion was made to close the Public Hearing at 5:45 P.M. by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor Lazzaro called the regular monthly 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.

A motion was made to remove from the Agenda Appointment of Planning Board Member, Appointment of Zoning Board Member and Appointment of Alternate Members of Planning Board and Zoning Board, and place them on the March Agenda by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing & Meeting of December 13, 2018, the Year-End Meeting of December 28, 2018, the Reorganizational & regular monthly Meeting of January 2, 2019 and the Special Meeting of January 14, 2019 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Reports:

Dog Control Officer: No report.

Zoning Officer: A motion was made to approve Mr. Zettlemoyer's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Commissioner of Parks & Recreation: A motion was made to approve Mr. Spina's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Spina stated they are busy with getting ready for the basketball season. He mentioned that the Women's March went off well even though it was not a good weather day. Mr. Lazzaro thanked Mr. Peterson for making sure that all the roads were cleaned and Mr. Tullo – he thanked everyone for making it a successful day.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to approve Mr. Spina's report was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway Superintendent: A motion was made to approve Mr. Peterson's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

Mr. DeLelys said he is getting calls regarding the sidewalks that the Town was plowing. He knows it was done because of the Women's March. He received calls about lawns being torn up, and why their sidewalks were not plowed as they are also taxpayers. Mr. DeLelys suggested that the Town Board get together and talk about rules and regulations before next year. He mentioned that he talked with Molly Headley who said the Town should not be doing this because the Town will be liable if something happens. He added the Code says the

property owner is responsible for taking care of it. Mr. Lazzaro stated there are rules and regulations on the books for many years that have not been enforced. He said when Mr. Ferrara brought it up and started enforcing it, a lot of people started to call them. Mr. Lazzaro stated the Town has to provide for the health and safety of the Community, and that means people can walk on the sidewalks. He said there is a lot of controversy in this – does the Town contract it out or hire people to do this. He mentioned that the Town hired three Laborers in the Highway Department to do it, but that doesn't seem to be working.

Mr. Avery asked what can be said tonight about the rest of the season because the Board is not going to be able to do something comprehensive before. Mr. Lazzaro would like to see the Laborers that were hired work Midnight to 8:00 AM. Mr. Peterson responded the Laborers are doing an excellent job of cleaning the Town's sidewalks, not residents. He said Mr. Ferrara and Mr. Lazzaro requested that he do the Route 5 & 20 corridor, and he received a lot of phone calls asking why their sidewalks were not cleaned as they pay taxes. Mr. Peterson stated there are 24 businesses, 2 plazas and 7 residents on Route 5 & 20; businesses have their parking areas plowed and should have their sidewalks plowed also. He added people are getting upset because they are doing that and not theirs. He also mentioned that if the Board wants him to continue plowing the 5 & 20 corridor, our Insurance Carrier said that the Town will be liable for anything that happens on those sidewalks. After discussion, Mr. Lazzaro said he would rather be safe than sorry – he would say continue doing the 5 & 20 corridor. Mr. Peterson said if that is what the Board chooses to do, he doesn't have a problem. Mr. Lazzaro remarked that Mr. Peterson is an elected politician, and told him to stop playing the game – do your job. Mr. Peterson said he is sticking up for the taxpayers, and added he is doing a great job.

After further discussion, Mr. Avery said he thinks a forum is a great idea; the public needs an opportunity to speak to this.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to approve Mr. Peterson's report was carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Assessor: No report.

Town Attorney: No report.

Town Justices: A motion was made to approve the reports of Judge Lafler and Judge Laquidari by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave Delelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Water & Sewer: A motion was made to approve Mr. Tullo's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Police Chief: A motion was made to approve Chief Peenstra's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Chief Peenstra thanked the Law Enforcement Agencies that helped the Police Department during the Women's March. He also thanked the Rec Department, Street Department and Water Department who all came together to make it a safe Event.

Barton & Loguidice: A motion was made to approve Barton & Loguidice's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Baker referred to the Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project and said the EFC looked at the SEQR that was done in 2015, and asked questions regarding any changes in the Project from what was done back then and the final design. The changes to the Project amounted to the reduction in the number of manholes to be relined and a greater amount of sewer relining. An amended SEQR and letter would be sent to involved agencies notifying them of the changes. Mr. Baker stated at the March Meeting, the Board can go through Part 1, 2 and Part 3 of the EAF again.

Mr. Baker discussed the Agreement for 2019 Professional Services which he provided to the Board. Mr. Lazzaro indicated that the Board will be discussing this at the March Meeting.

Mr. Avery referred to the Safe Routes to School Project and asked if the landscaping was finished where the sidewalks were completed. Mr. Baker said he didn't know, but he will look into it. He added projects that are done in late Fall usually are not finished until Spring.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to approve Barton & Loguidice's report was carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Mr. Avery referred to the Police report and ticketing cars that are parked between the street and the sidewalk and cars that overhang the sidewalk, and said it hasn't been enforced in years, and now tickets are being issued -

people are asking why all of a sudden. Mr. Lazzaro stated that he and Mr. Ferrara had that discussion with the Police Chief; it is on the books and they felt it was more of a safety issue. Chief Peenstra stated they went out and issued a lot of warnings and they are working with homeowners on different avenues they can do to adjust. He is sensitive to the fact that some homes have 3-4 cars in a driveway that typically fits 2-3 cars, and he is also sensitive to the fact that it is a safety issue. The Chief said this is nothing that is specific to Seneca Falls – this is something that is enforced in all villages, towns and cities throughout New York State. Further discussion followed.

IT Network Administrator: A motion was made to approve Mr. Foster’s report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Mr. DeLelys asked when DataPrise is going to start installing the server. Marshal replied that they are putting together a team – they just need to finalize Individuals that are going to be on it.

Communications:

A motion was made to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 6 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves. Communications numbered 1 to 6 are as follows:

1. Statement of Accounts, June 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, from Wilmington Trust.
2. Minutes of the Town Planning Board Meeting of December 27, 2018.
3. Minutes of the Town Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of December 27, 2018.
4. Checks and deposits totaling \$31,763.53 representing Retiree Insurances; copies of Police reports; Judge Lafler and Judge Laquidari’s December 2018 reports; School Resource Officer reimbursement; Volunteer Training; dumpster fees; Vince’s Park rental and alcohol permit; equipment restitution; AFLAC termination request; overtime DWI enforcement reimbursement and sale of scrap.
5. Notice of Claim from NY Mutual Fire Insurance Company relative to their Insured – John M. Farula and Karen L. Farula.
6. Checks and deposits totaling \$2,000,564.46 representing copies of Police reports; culvert pipe reimbursement; dumpster fees; Retiree Insurance payment and 2019 taxes collected to date (\$2,000,000.00).

Old Business:

Write-Off Uncollectible Receivables: No report.

Route 414 Sewer Line Transfer from IDA to Town: Mr. Baker stated this is the agreement with the County, Junius, Tyre and Seneca Falls. Easements have been signed, and a Meeting of the Town and County will be set up to discuss the contract for operation and maintenance of the pump stations.

Contribution – Seneca Falls Historical Society: A motion was made to contribute the budgeted amount of \$7,000 to the Seneca Falls Historical Society by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Sale of Surplus Property: Mr. Lazzaro stated there has been no update.

It’s a Wonderful Life Request for Signage: Mr. Lazzaro said he would like two Members of the Board to talk to them. Mr. Avery stated he and Mr. Ferrara talked to them, and they are not sure as to what they are asking for and where they would like the signs. He added at some point, they will take care of that.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events: Mr. Spina indicated that there were none this month.

Resolution – SF Police Benevolent Association Agreement: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Town Board of Seneca Falls approves the Town of Seneca Falls Police Benevolent Association Agreement from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021. This Agreement will be retroactive to January 1, 2019.

No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

A motion was made authorizing the printing of 30-40 copies of the Seneca Falls Police Benevolent Association Agreement by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Contribution – Finger Lakes Television: A motion was made to contribute the budgeted amount of \$2,100 to Finger Lakes Television by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Authorize Town Supervisor to Sign Application for Exclusion from Constitutional Debt Limit: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered that the Town has a cap on how much indebtedness it may incur according to Section 124.10 of the Local Finance Law; and

WHEREAS, debt for water and sewer may be excluded from this limit because the debt is not an obligation for the residents of the Town, it is an obligation for the water or sewer district incurring the debt; and

WHEREAS, State Law allows this debt to be excluded from the debt cap for this reason.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby support the Town Supervisor, Gregory Lazzaro, to sign the Application for Exclusion from the Constitutional Debt Limit of outstanding and proposed sanitary sewer indebtedness pursuant to Section 124.10 of the Local Finance Law.

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Discussion – Contract for Sanitation Services: Mr. Lazzaro stated the person who the Town contracted with because he was the low bidder would like to be released from that contract. He cannot be released from the contract until we have another sanitation service in place. The Town Clerk said it has to go out for bid for at least five days. She suggested that an ad go into the paper on February 14th, and a Special Meeting can be held on February 22nd to open bids, award the bid, and possibly they can start March 1st. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made to rebid the sanitation services contract for the former Village area by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to hold a Special Meeting at 4:00 P.M. on February 22, 2019 to open bids for sanitation services for the former Village area by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Doug Avery. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Proposed Local Law – Cold War Veterans Exemption: A motion was made to adopt Local Law #1 – 2019, a local law to adopt certain benefits under Section 458-b of the NYS Real Property Tax Law authorizing an Alternative Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans, by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

Mr. Avery stated this exemption is not a question of whether they served in combat or not; it is a question of when they served. He added this fills the gap between people who were willing to serve during wartime – it covers those people who were willing to serve and acknowledges that serve.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt Local Law #1 – 2019 authorizing an alternative tax exemption for Cold War Veterans was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Resignation of Town Assessor: A motion was made to accept the resignation of Stephanie Holtz as Town Assessor by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Advertise for Assessor Position: A motion was made to advertise for the Assessor's position by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery.

Real Property Tax Services Director Lisa Keshel stated the ad would be similar to the ad previously placed in the paper. The question was raised as to whether it should be full time or part-time. Mr. DeLelys said it has been full time all the while he has been on the Board. He would like to see someone who can do revals as we need to do a reval. Mr. Lazzaro asked if someone can be hired who has some experience but is not fully qualified for an interim period. Ms. Keshel responded that the Board can hire an Acting Assessor for six months where they do not meet the qualifications. After that, if the Board desires to keep that person on, that person will have to have all the qualifications in place, which is almost impossible. She added her Office can help, but they couldn't be here all the time. Ms. Keshel said the Board needs to get someone in place as soon as possible as taxable status date is March 1st. Exemptions that are not approved are stacking up, and they need to get on file as Tentative Rolls are merged around April 5th. Mr. DeLelys asked if Ms. Keshel can sign the exemptions; Ms. Keshel replied she cannot sign anything.

After further discussion, Ms. Keshel suggested that the Board advertise for a qualified Assessor, and if that's not possible, then fall back on possibly an Acting Assessor. Mr. Lazzaro requested that the Town Clerk work with Ms. Keshel to get an ad in the paper.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to advertise for the Assessor's position was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Lazzaro mentioned that he and Mr. Ferrara are on the Personnel Committee and will be on the Interview Committee; everyone will be able to look at the applications and ask questions. Mr. DeLelys said they had a Special Meeting of the whole Board with 3-4 finalists to ask questions. Mr. Lazzaro stated after the recommendations are made, the full Board can meet with the finalists – it will be Executive Session as it is a personnel matter.

Audit of Court Records and Dockets: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board acknowledges that the required audit of the Court records and dockets for Town Justice Lafler and Town Justice Laquidari for fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 was conducted by Councilman DeLelys and Councilman Avery according to Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

RFP for Banking Services: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls maintains multiple financial accounts with various lending institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls seeks to achieve economies of scale by coordinating banking services wherein banking costs may be minimized, operational efficiency may be maximized, and where investment potential may be increased; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls desires to explore the potential for an on-premises ATM, automated online payments of various Town billing activities, improved report generation, and implement cost-saving operations for the Town's taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals for banking services will highlight available banking technologies, identify potential cost saving measures and assist in providing a road map for upgrading present financial practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and directs the Town Attorney and Town Clerk to prepare, issue and publish a "Request for Proposals for Banking Services", a copy of which is annexed hereto, by advertising and posting the same and by making bid specifications available at the Town Clerk's Office in accordance with the dates and time limitations set forth therein.

Mr. Lazzaro stated this will be non-binding if the Board receives proposals and does not want to take any action on it. Mr. Avery asked if it was usual that the RFPs go to the Town Attorney; the Town Clerk replied no – RFPs and sealed bids go to the Town Clerk's Office.

A motion was made by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys to amend Page 2 to read that "all sealed bid proposals shall be submitted to the Town Clerk". No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution to go out for RFPs for Banking Services with the above adopted amendment. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Post Retirement Medical Insurance (former Village Employees): A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro to adopt the following resolution:

The Town Board hereby resolves to reinstate the clause granting former Village Employees Post Retirement medical insurance at 15 years of service at a cost of 50% of the current policy; and

Be it further resolved, that part-time Employees years of service will be counted towards their insurance benefits and that part-time Employees should be granted one-half year credit per year worked towards these insurance benefits.

Since there was no second to Mr. Lazzaro's motion, the motion failed.

Highway – Purchase 2020 International 6-Wheel Dump Truck: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to purchase a 2020 International 6-wheel dump truck, bids being Regional International Corp. - \$91,876; Tracey Road Equipment - \$99,275, and Beam Mack Sales & Service, Inc. - \$108,124; and

WHEREAS, this will be used for plowing roads and highway maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of a 2020 International 6-wheel dump truck from Regional International Corp. for the sum of \$91,876.

Mr. Lazzaro said he will be voting no on this. He would like to do an inventory of all trucks we have instead of making such a high priced purchase. Mr. DeLelys stated this was on Barton & Loguidice's Asset Management Plan, and this truck should have been replaced 4-5 years ago. Mr. Peterson mentioned that the one they have is a 2008 International and it was an old Village truck.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the above resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2020 International 6-wheel dump truck at a cost of \$91,876 was carried 3 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

Highway – Purchase Equipment for Dump Truck: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to purchase the equipment for the 2020 International 6-wheel dump truck, bids being Viking Cives - \$79,218 and Henderson - \$80,620; and

WHEREAS, this will be used for supplying the 2020 dump truck with the body and plows, wing and sander to complete the truck.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of the equipment to supply the dump truck from Viking Cives for the sum of \$79,218.

No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

Resolution – Education Expenses: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Town Board that there is a need to control the travel expenses for Employees and Elected Officials; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has adopted the travel per diem schedule of the New York State Office of the State Comptroller.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the advance of per diem payment for meals for Members of the Town attending the Association of Towns Meeting on February 17-20, 2019.

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Education Expenses – Grant Training Conference: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Town Board that there is a need to control the travel expenses for Employees; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has adopted the travel per diem schedule of the New York State Office of the State Comptroller.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the advance of per diem payment for meals for Members of the Town attending the Grant Training Conference on February 7-8, 2019.

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Community Center – Purchase Treadmill: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Town Board authorizes the purchase of a Life Fitness Integrity Treadmill for the Community Center. The Board agrees to purchase it from G&G Fitness at the New York State Contract price of \$5,779.15. The price includes delivery of the new unit, removal of the old unit, and includes a \$350 trade-in discount.

Mr. Spina stated he budgeted for two this year, but they replaced the deck on one and it's going well so far. He said they are only purchasing one, and reserving later if they have to replace the second one.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution authorizing the purchase of a Life Fitness Integrity Treadmill at a cost of \$5,779.15 was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Discussion – 3rd Quarter Landfill Revenue & Required Budget Modifications: Mr. Lazzaro said before discussion, Kyle Black would like to make a presentation. Kyle Black presented the 4th quarter check in the amount of \$807,221.61 to the Board which brings the total for 2018 to \$3,302,000. Mr. Black said he appreciates the partnership they have with the Town and looks forward to continuing that partnership. Mr. Lazzaro thanked Mr. Black and said the money will be used for much needed infrastructure repair.

Mr. Lazzaro asked Mrs. Warfel when she needs the Budget modifications. Mrs. Warfel replied sooner than later because she has to make the transactions before she can close the books. She said \$215,000 is needed in the General Fund to balance - \$100,000 in Attorney fees for litigation; \$42,000 for server, and the remainder is for different places in the Budget that are over. Mr. Lazzaro said he feels more comfortable with reviewing this.

A motion was made to table action on the Budget Modifications so the Board has a chance to review the transfers, and to hold a Special Meeting at 4:00 P.M. on February 13, 2019 to discuss the Budget transfers, by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery.

W/S – Purchase 2019 F250 Pickup with Utility Body: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorized budgeting for a 2019 F250 pickup with utility body for 2019 in the Water and Sewer Department. Two bids were received using the State concession bidding formula. The low bidder was Sheppard Ford in Canandaigua.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of a 2019 F250 pickup with utility body from Sheppard Ford of Canandaigua for \$34,714.50.

Mr. Porretta asked if there were any trade-ins; Mr. Tullo replied they have two trucks they will put out to auction – if zoning needs a truck, they will put only one truck out to auction.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the above resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2019 F250 pickup with utility body was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

W/S – Purchase 2019 F150 with Plow: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorized budgeting for a 2019 F150 pickup with plow for 2019 in the Water and Sewer Department. Two bids were received using the State concession bidding formula. The low bidder was Sheppard Ford in Canandaigua.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of a 2019 F150 with plow from Sheppard Ford of Canandaigua for \$35,362.50.

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Water – Authorize B&L to Prepare Specifications for Generator Bid: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, THE Town Board authorized budgeting for a generator at the Water Treatment Facility in Canoga.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize Barton and Loguidice to make specifications for and put out to bid for a new generator at the Water Plant.

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Water – Purchase Materials for Water Services: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorized budgeting of parts for materials of water services; and

WHEREAS, the Water Department received two bids for said materials. The low bidder was Blair Supply Corp. at \$3,435.19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of materials for water services from Blair Supply Corp. at a cost of \$3,435.19.

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Water – Interfund Transfer to Repair/Install Watermain on Route 89: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board realizes the urgent need to repair/install a new watermain on Route 89 near Cemetery Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board also realizes this was not a budgeted item for 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the transfer of \$114,000 of third quarter landfill revenue through creating an interfund transfer by Budget modifications, increasing revenue line A2130 Landfill Revenue and increasing expense line A9901.904 Interfund Transfer to Water; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the interfund transfer from the General Fund will be received into the Water Fund through Budget modification by increasing revenue line F5031 Interfund Transfer, and an increase to expense line F8340.201, with a renaming of the expense line to “Route 89 Watermain”.

Mr. Tullo stated that watermain has to be fixed as soon as possible – it’s the transition line into Town.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution to repair/install the watermain on Route 89 was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Water – Authorize B&L to Prepare Specifications for Bid for New Watermain on Route 89: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorized the interfund transfer to increase expense line F8340.201 – Route 89 Watermain.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize Barton & Loguidice to make specifications for and put out to public bid for a new watermain on Route 89 near Cemetery Road.

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

W/S – Authorize Filling the Laborer Position: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorized the advertising for a Laborer in the Water and Sewer Department (replacement due to retirement); and

WHEREAS, the Department has found a very qualified Individual to fill that position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board authorizes hiring lifelong resident of Seneca Falls Josh Sahler at a rate of \$18.00 per hour.

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

W/S – Authorize Advertising for Bids – Sewer Rehab Project: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls (Town) is the Owner of the Town of Seneca Falls Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. (B&L) has been retained by the Town to prepare design contract documents for the proposed Project, and to assist the Town with bidding the Project in accordance with General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to complete the bidding process as expeditiously as possible and without unnecessary delay.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls does hereby authorize the advertisement for bids for the Town of Seneca Falls Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project at the timing and direction of the Engineer, B&L; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Request by Seneca Community Players to Use Space at 115 Fall Street: Mr. Avery stated the Seneca Community Players have asked to use the large room at the Condominium for play rehearsals. They need to get in beginning February 15th for a month, rehearsing Monday-Friday, 6:00 – 9:00 P.M. He talked to Mr. Passalacqua about a key, and his stipulation would be that the key would be back in our hands by March 19th. He told them no drinking, no smoking, no set construction there – everything he put out there, they have agreed to. Mr. Avery said the Board doesn’t have a process to sign out that space, so he thought they could deal with it as Mr. Spina does for Special Events.

A motion was made to allow the Seneca Community Players to use the space at 115 Fall Street from February 15, 2019 to March 15, 2019 by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

Mr. Avery mentioned that they know they are not to duplicate that key and distribute it to anyone else. He added they are hoping they will be allowed to be in there for future presentations. He said we have this space and it’s open and empty; if a Community group wants to use it, he would like to see them do that.

Mr. Porretta asked about insurance. Mr. Avery said he didn’t address the issuance of insurance. Mr. Lazzaro believes that Molly Headley said they should be covered with their own insurance. He suggested that there should be a form for them to fill out. Mr. Avery mentioned that he has started that process. Mr. Lazzaro also said he would like anyone using that space to put a deposit of \$100/\$200 which would be a returnable security deposit which would help with the cleanup, if there was any cleanup to take place. He added Mr. Passalacqua would be checking it periodically, and if it wasn’t kept to conditions stipulated in the form, the terms of the agreement would be ended and the security deposit would not be returned. Mr. Lazzaro said these would be the same terms and conditions for everyone who utilizes that space. Eric Jensen, President of Seneca Community Players stated he has no objections to any of that – they are very much on the same page with Mr. Avery and all of those pieces.

A motion was made to tentatively approve the Seneca Community Players use of space at 115 Fall Street with the formulation of a form, a \$200 deposit fee and proof of insurance by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Lazzaro requested that Mr. Spina work with Mr. Avery in getting a form together.

Resolution – Authorize SFDC to Hire Event Planner for Centennial Celebration of 19th Amendment: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the year 2020 is the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting the right of Women to vote in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Seneca Falls is recognized as the Birthplace of Women’s Rights; and

WHEREAS, the year-long Celebration of Women’s Rights is an opportunity to showcase the Town of Seneca Falls and to increase tourism beyond normal levels; and

WHEREAS, effective planning for an Event of this magnitude should be carefully and skillfully guided by a single resource.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls hereby authorizes the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to be used by the Seneca Falls Development Corporation to hire an event planner/coordinator to act as the central coordinator for Seneca Falls’ 2020 Celebration of the 19th Amendment Centennial.

Mr. Porretta asked if the \$30,000 was just for this year; Mr. Avery replied yes, just for this year. – the Celebration is next year. Mr. Porretta asked if the \$30,000 is going to lay all the groundwork for 2020. Mr. Avery replied yes – some events will kick off in 2019; in 2020, we could probably go with less than \$30,000. After further discussion, Mr. Porretta asked to table this so that Mr. Ferrara could be here on February 13th.

A motion was made to table action on the above resolution authorizing SFDC to hire an Event Planner by Vic Porretta and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Hire Sue Pluretti as Part-Time Police Officer: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Sue Pluretti has approached Chief Peenstra with interest in returning to work for the Seneca Falls Police Department in a part-time Police Officer capacity; and

WHEREAS, Chief Peenstra and the Public Safety Committee fully support the return of the valuable resource of a 24-year veteran of the Seneca Falls Police Department in this part-time capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Police Department currently has several part-time Police Officer vacancies and it is the intent of the Police Chief and Public Safety Committee to fill part-time Police Officer positions with qualified candidates; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this part-time Police Office position to perform specialized services within the Police Department and Court Security functions at a cost saving part-time hourly rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts hiring Sue Pluretti as a part-time Police Officer.

Mr. DeLelys stated he thinks it's great to have someone to help out in Court and it will be a savings. Mr. Lazzaro stated he will be voting no on this. He has talked to the Chief about it, and he thinks there are other ideas we could think of outside the box keeping overtime at a minimum. Mr. Avery said it's not just Court – right; Chief Peenstra responded the majority of it is going to be Court. He added Ms. Pluretti plans on working about 15 hours a week; Court will take up about 8-10 hours and the rest will be for special details. Mr. Avery asked if he was down an Officer right now; the Chief replied yes - this is not to fill in for that vacancy.

Mr. Porretta said with her pay, it will cut the Budget a little for Security; if she is in Court, her pay will be coming from there. He added she will not be paid what she was paid as a full time Officer. Chief Peenstra stated she retired as a Sergeant; her pay as a part-time Police Officer will be \$21.67 an hour.

Mr. Lazzaro stated when two Police Officers were hired, they were hired because of the pending retirement of Investigator Calabrese – has he retired or is he planning on retiring because the Chief used the words pending in his presentation to the Board. Chief Peenstra responded that he is planning to retire; he has his paperwork in and is waiting for some answers from the State Retirement.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the above resolution to hire Sue Pluretti as part-time Police Office was carried 3 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

Water/Sewer Credits:

A motion was made to approve the Water/Sewer credits totaling \$511.56 as per Memo to the Board dated February 5, 2019 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Payment of Bills:

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

General Fund - \$818,579.67 (Abstract #2)

Recreation Fund - \$83,749.53 (Abstract #2)

Miscellaneous Fund - \$27,058.01 (Abstract #2)

Vince's Park Fund - \$2,324.71 (Abstract #2)

Highway Fund - \$92,936.29 (Abstract #2)

Sewer Fund - \$100,835.65 (Abstract #2)

Water Fund - \$131,203.19 (Abstract #2)

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

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 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

