

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Special Meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2016 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 81 W. Bayard Street.

Present were Supervisor Gregory Lazzaro; Councilmen James Ricci, David DeLelys, Chad Sanderson and Vittorio Porretta. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town and a Member of the local Media.

Supervisor Lazzaro called the Special Meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. A roll call was taken of Board Members and all were present; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

At 4:02 P.M., a motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and sale of real property where publicity could substantially affect the value thereof by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reconvene the Special Meeting at 5:28 P.M. by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Vic Porretta. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Lazzaro referred to the issues discussed in Executive Session, and said the Town will be addressing the issue of possible site plan violation of 2007 and odor violation beginning informally as we would and have with other possible zoning violations in other areas.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Jim Ricci. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 81 W. Bayard Street.

Present were Supervisor Gregory Lazzaro; Councilmen Chad Sanderson, Vittorio Porretta, James Ricci and David DeLelys. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; James Spina, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation; Dean Zettlemyer, Zoning Officer; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; James Peterson, Highway Superintendent; Joseph Tullo, Water/Sewer Chief Operator; John Condino of Barton & Loguidice and a Member of the local media.

Supervisor Lazzaro called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. A roll call of Board Members was taken and all were present; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Petitioners:

Stanley Praszkowicz – Revaluation: Stanley Praszkowicz stated the amount of money the Town needs to operate relates directly to its expenses which have been on the increase for the last three years. In revaluations, it is very rare that property values move downward. He said one chapter that is taking place in Seneca Falls is the removal of properties from the tax rolls for a variety of reasons. If there is any growth taking place in Seneca Falls it is the growth of properties disappearing from the tax rolls; those who are left as taxpaying Citizens have to bear the brunt of increased costs to operate the Town.

Mr. Praszkowicz stated the only hope taxpaying Citizens have is that the Town Board keep taxes and fees down. It would be very unwise if the Town Board does not adjust the tax rate to fit its expenses. Town expenses cannot continue to increase \$500,000 every year; expenses of the Town need to be stabilized. Mr. Praszkowicz doesn't believe any financial harm would come to Seneca Falls if the Town Board would exercise its fiduciary responsibility to at least moderately cut expenses and lower the tax rate after the revaluation is completed.

Brad Jones – Seneca Meadows “Too Big to Fail”: Brad Jones of Seneca Falls stated is Seneca Meadows too big to fail – the answer is no if the following actions occur:

