

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Public Hearing and regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street.

Present were Deputy Supervisor Vittorio Porretta; Councilmen Lou Ferrara, Jr., David DeLelys and Thomas Ruzicka. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; James Spina, Commissioner of Parks & Recreation; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; James Peterson, Highway Superintendent; Joseph Tullo, WWTP Operator; Stephanie Holtz, Assessor; John Condino and Peter Baker of Barton & Loguidice and a Member of the local media.

Public Hearing – Local Law #1-2017 – Increase Highway Superintendent’s Salary: Mr. Porretta opened the Public Hearing for comments relative to proposed Local Law #1-2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Since there were no comments, a motion was made to close the Public Hearing by Vic Porretta and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Deputy Supervisor Porretta called the regular monthly Meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. A roll call of Members was taken and Supervisor Lazzaro was absent from the Meeting; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Petitioners: Mr. Porretta stated there will be no Petitioners this Evening.

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Meeting of February 7, 2017 by Vic Porretta and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 24, 2017 by Vic Porretta and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

#### Reports:

Dog Control Officer: Dog Control Officer Dallyn Jenkins stated one dog was impounded and has been reclaimed. The abandonment case of October has been settled – one dog has been adopted and one euthanized.

A motion was made to accept Ms. Jenkins report by Vic Porretta and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Zoning Officer: A motion was made to accept Mr. Zettlemyer’s report by Vic Porretta and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Commissioner of Parks & Recreation: Mr. Spina recognized his Maintenance Staff of Aaron Passalacqua, Wyatt Nicholson and Duane Swim who spent a lot of time doing their job and making sure everyone here got moved into their Offices, and spent time in the old school getting that cleaned up. He thanked them for that, and said they did a good job. Mr. Porretta also thanked the Staff and said it seems the move went very smooth.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Spina’s report by Vic Porretta and seconded by Tom Ruzicka. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Highway Superintendent: Mr. DeLelys thanked Mr. Peterson – during the last windstorm, there was a tree across the road, and when he was called, he came right away and removed it.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Peterson’s report by Vic Porretta and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Assessor: Mrs. Holtz recommended that Mary Lou Sloan be kept on in a part-time capacity to help her with Interviews and training of the next Clerk. Last month in her report, she indicated that she would need her approximately 100 hours. Mr. Porretta stated this will be addressed under New Business.

A motion was made to accept Mrs. Holtz’s report by Vic Porretta and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Attorney for the Town: Mr. Morrell stated an Article 78 proceeding has been filed against the Town by Seneca Meadows. That Court matter has been adjourned until May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M. He added the Town has not submitted any written opposition at this time. Mr. Morrell stated other matters are on the Agenda.

Town Justices: A motion was made to accept the reports of Judge Lafler and Judge Laquidari by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Vic Porretta. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Water & Sewer: A motion was made to accept Mr. Tullo's report by Vic Porretta and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Police Chief: Chief Peenstra thanked Mr. Spina and his Maintenance Staff for their help in getting them out of 60 State Street. It was somewhat a smooth transition; it was stressful, but they made things easier.

Chief Peenstra recognized Officer Ryan Camacho for being awarded the Stop DWI Officer of the Year. In addition, Officer Camacho was the second leading Department Member in complaints handled and traffic tickets issued, the first leading Officer in traffic stops and the third leading Department Member in criminal arrests for 2016. He congratulated Officer Camacho for doing such a fine job for our Community and making our roads safer in Seneca Falls and Seneca County. Mr. Porretta stated the Board definitely appreciates all their efforts in everything the Department does. The Chief said Seneca Falls has lead in DWI enforcement in Seneca County as long as he can remember.

Chief Peenstra stated Seneca County Sheriff's Department, Waterloo Police Department and the Seneca Falls Police Department collaborated on a NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Grant. The Department will receive \$2,000 which will go towards a new patrol rifle and a level IV ballistic vest for every marked patrol car and the School Resource Officer. He added this is a 100% funded grant.

A motion was made to accept Chief Peenstra's report by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Vic Porretta. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Barton & Loguidice: Mr. Condino stated they spent a lot of time helping with the move and the transition, and working on the infrastructure projects that are ongoing.

Other Committee Reports: There were no Committee Reports.

Communications:

A motion was made to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 12 by Vic Porretta and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays. Communications numbered 1 to 12 are as follows:

1. Notice of Public Hearing to be held on February 28, 2017 – Application of Xylem, Inc. to Seneca County IDA from The Halpin Firm.
2. Notice of case in Bankruptcy Court from U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of New York.
3. Copies of letters to Crossroads Abstract Company from Town Attorney relative to title searches for 60 State Street and 10 Fall Street.
4. Report and Resolution relative to Site Plan Review of National Women's Hall of Fame from Seneca County Planning Board.
5. Letter from Seneca County Health Department relative to the completed works approval for the backflow device installed at the Town of Seneca Falls Municipal Building.
6. Statement of Accounts, April 1, 2011 to January 31, 2017, from Wilmington Trust.
7. Checks and deposits totaling \$1,737,078.31 representing donations for Patty Baity, copy of Police reports, Health Insurance premiums, Judge Lafler's January 2017 Report, sale of scrap metal, Seneca Meadows 4<sup>th</sup> quarter payment, disability reimbursement and Tax receipts final installment.
8. Notices to Occupant of intention to discontinue service supplied to Landlord or rental property Owner from NYSEG.
9. Letter from Seneca Meadows, Inc. stating due to rising costs, there will be a 6% increase on all commodities and a 3% environmental fee.
10. Monthly Report for the month of December 2017, as per Town Operating License and Host Community Agreement, from Seneca Meadows, Inc.
11. Newsletter, Spring 2017, from Seneca Falls Historical Society.
12. Minutes of the Seneca County Planning Board Meeting of February 9, 2017.

Old Business:

Sale of Condominium & Surplus Properties: Mr. Morrell stated regarding 60 State Street and 10 Fall Street, they are in the process of trying to get everything worked out between the Attorneys and the Purchasers; closings should happen before the next Board Meeting.

Write-Off Uncollectable Receivables: Mr. Morrell indicated that this is an ongoing matter.

Route 414 Sewer Line Transfer from IDA to Town: Mr. Morrell stated he has been in contact with the Attorney for Tyre and the IDA, and they are getting everything lined up for the transfer of the sewer line.

Annual Renewal – SMI Permit: Mr. Morrell recommended that this matter be tabled. This is subject to the outcome of the ongoing odor mitigation project; we are waiting on a report and inspection upon completion.

Highway – Purchase Truck: Mr. Peterson stated he has two bids – VanBortel - \$33,947.41 and Bill Cram - \$36,422.50. He has \$30,000 budgeted for the truck, and is requesting to take \$3,947.41 from Capital Equipment for the balance of the truck. The old truck will be auctioned, and that money will be put back into the Capital Equipment fund. Mr. Morrell asked if both bids were under State contract; Mr. Peterson replied yes.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado from Van Bortel Chevrolet at a cost of \$33,947.41 pursuant to New York State contract bid, \$30,000 budgeted and \$3,947.41 from account DA5130.201, by Vic Porretta and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events: Mr. Spina stated the It’s a Wonderful Life Committee’s annual Antonio Varacalli Day celebration of Heroes is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The VFW is also doing respectful disposal of American flags that day. He and Chief Peenstra are recommending approval.

A motion was made to approve the annual It’s a Wonderful Committee’s Antonio Varacalli Day which will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup> by Vic Porretta and seconded by Tom Ruzicka. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Spina stated the annual Seneca Falls Little League Parade will take place on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Their application has been reviewed by him and Chief Peenstra, and they recommend approval.

A motion was made to approve the annual Seneca Falls Little League Parade which will take place on April 29<sup>th</sup> by Vic Porretta and seconded by Tom Ruzicka. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Seneca Falls Climate Summit – March 16<sup>th</sup>: Barbara Reese introduced Student Michelle Homack who made a presentation to the Board regarding the Climate Summit to be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>. She said Representatives of the NYS DEC and the Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council will be present at the Climate Summit, and invited all to attend.

Refund – Overcharged Account: A motion was made to approve the refund of an overcharged water/sewer account in the amount of \$568.40 by Vic Porretta and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Proposed Local Law #1-2017 – Increase Highway Superintendent’s Salary: A motion was made to table the proposed Local Law #1-2017 to increase the Highway Superintendent’s salary by Vic Porretta and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Appoint Dusti Lee Provencher Senior Account Clerk: A motion was made to appoint Dusti Lee Provencher a full time provisional Senior Account Clerk in the Water/Sewer Department by Vic Porretta and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Advertise for Account Clerk – W/S and Accounting/Payroll: A motion was made to advertise for a full time Account Clerk for W/S and Accounting/Payroll by Vic Porretta and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Advance for Educational Expenses – Judge Lafler: A motion was made to advance \$100.00 to Judge Lafler for education expenses regarding attendance at a Training Session by Vic Porretta and seconded by Tom Ruzicka. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Advertise for Bids – Highway Equipment Rental: A motion was made to advertise for bids for Highway equipment rental, bids to be opened at the Town Board Meeting on April 4, 2017, by Vic Porretta and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway – Purchase of Flail Mower: Mr. Peterson stated he received two bids for a 90” rear flail mower – Cyncon Equipment - \$9,145.00 and John Deere from Lakeland - \$9,160.00. He is requesting to purchase the flail mower from the low bidder Cyncon Equipment as all their parts are American made. The old flail mower is 16 years old and needs to be replaced.

A motion was made authorizing the purchase of a 90” rear flail mower from Cyncon Equipment at a cost of \$9,145.00 by Vic Porretta and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway – Repair of Side Flail: Mr. Peterson explained that the joystick control that is on the tractor is the wrong control for the side flail mowers. He has a quote from Cyncon, and the cost to replace the existing joystick with two spool valve kit is \$2,883.00, and \$840.00 for labor. Mr. Morrell inquired as to how urgent this is. Mr. Peterson replied if we don’t do this, they will be blowing bearings on these flail mowers – they will continue to have problems. Mr. Morrell requested that the Board table action until the next Meeting – moving it



