

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 81 W. Bayard Street.

Present were Supervisor Donald Earle; Councilmen Duane Moore, David DeLelys, Chad Sanderson and Emil Bove. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; James Spina, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; Michael Pickard, WWTP Operator; Philip Griswold, Acting Assessor; Sean Laquidari, Town Justice; Donald Wood, Highway Superintendent; Jeffrey Rowe and John Condino of Barton & Loguidice and a Member of the local media.

Supervisor Earle called the Meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. All Board Members were present; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

At 7:05 P.M., a motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation regarding Seneca Meadows vs. the Town on the Assessment case by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reconvene the regular monthly Meeting at 7:30 P.M. by Don Earle and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to accept the engagement letter and Agreement of Attorney David G. Linger of Hancock Estabrook to represent the Town as Special Counsel for the litigation of the Assessment of Seneca Meadows Landfill by Don Earle and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

#### Petitioners:

Barbara Riegel - Antonio Varacalli Day: Barbara Riegel, President of It's A Wonderful Life, stated on April 12th, they are having Antonio Varacalli Day. She invited Mr. Earle and the Board to come and speak on the Bridge at 1:00 P.M.; immediately following, there will be a Ziti Dinner with Italian music at the Community Center.

#### Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 27, 2014, the regular monthly Meeting of February 4, 2014 and the Special Meeting of February 26, 2014, by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

#### Reports:

Dog Control Officer: The Dog Control Officer's report states that two dogs were impounded and two redeemed; two Appearance tickets were issued. A total of \$20.00 in fees was collected and turned over to the Town Clerk.

A motion was made to accept the Dog Control Officer's report by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Zoning Officer: Mr. Earle stated Mr. Turkett is ill and unable to attend; a written report has been submitted.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Turkett's report by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Commissioner of Parks & Recreation: Mr. Spina stated he will submit the February and March report at the April Meeting. He met with Mr. DeLelys, and will be meeting again with his Committee next Wednesday.

Mr. Spina noted that basketball season is over, and they are making the transition into Spring and then very quickly into Summer with their plans. Mr. DeLelys asked if the Canal is being drained. Mr. Rowe replied it is scheduled between March 25th and the end of April so the work on the boat launch can begin.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Spina's report by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway Superintendent: Mr. Wood noted the Board has a copy of his report. They accomplished a lot of work after the storm last Wednesday; he complimented his workers for a job well done. They had a leak on VanCleaf Street last week which they repaired.

Mr. DeLelys mentioned that he talked to Mr. Wood regarding lawns that have been dug up due to the plows, and he said they will be taken care of in the Spring. Brief discussion followed relative to the leak on VanCleaf

Street and drainage issues.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Wood's report by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Assessor: Acting Assessor Philip Griswold stated the Basic STAR program deadline has expired. He said however, if you receive your School bill in September and have not received your STAR exemption, call the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance and they will send you a reimbursement check. He noted there are 124 people in the Town that have not re-applied.

Mr. Griswold stated he is doing field review, picking up new construction and demolitions. He had a Meeting with Seneca County Assessors, Gary Drake from the Office of Real Property Tax Services and Jim Bastian on February 14th relative to the level of assessment and the equalization rate. The Town's current equalization rate is 88%, which is proposed to drop to 83%; it should be 100%.

Mr. Griswold stated the computer that he is using is an older one that works off of Windows XP; emails from Microsoft say they won't support it after April 8th. Also, the office of Real Property Tax Services will not support their software on an older operating system after April 8th. He highly recommends that the Assessor who replaces him purchase a computer as soon as possible. Mr. Earle stated Entre Computing did get information that the XP support has been extended.

Mr. Bove said for clarification, Mr. Griswold said the equalization rate is going down to 83%, and it should be 100%. Mr. Griswold responded if you are doing updates or revals on a regular basis, it should be 100%. Mr. Bove stated the way to resolve that is to do a Townwide revaluation. Mr. Griswold replied exactly.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Griswold's report by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Attorney for the Town: Mr. Morrell stated he was in Seneca County Supreme Court arguing the case of Waterloo Containers vs. Town of Seneca Falls, Seneca Meadows and John Marro a few weeks ago, and there has been no decision by the Court at this time.

Mr. Bove stated he read in the paper that the Planning Board is going to be meeting next week on the Site Plan Review for the rail spur project. He asked if it makes sense in light of the fact that there is a possibility that the Court could overturn the environmental assessment portion of the process and perhaps the rezone - should the Planning Board consider deferring it until after the Court's decision. Mr. Morrell replied for many other actions of the Planning Board and ZBA, there is a State Law provision that provides that all matters related to it are on hold if part of it or something to it is challenged and is the subject of an Article 78 proceeding. He added there is no such provision for site plan review, and the site plan review process has time limits that the Planning Board needs to observe. Mr. Morrell said if the Planning Board chose to not act, the application would have a default approval if the time limit ran out. He stated the Planning Board has no choice but to proceed and that is what they are doing. The Applicant has submitted all information necessary and their Final Site Plan application is complete; the Planning Board is obligated to take action, so the Meeting will be held next week.

Town Justices: Judge Laquidari stated he has not prepared a written report, but has gone over his report with Mr. Bove and Mr. DeLelys. He noted they do have separate meetings with Mr. Bove and Mr. DeLelys who have seen his report which he will give to the Town Clerk.

Water & Sewer: Mr. Pickard indicated that the Board has a copy of his report which includes the estimate he sent to NYMIR and a response letter from NYMIR regarding the January 15th pipe failure. The Town's \$1,000.00 deductible was waived, and the Town will receive a check for \$89,724.11. The Town may be eligible for a supplemental payment in the amount of \$19,995.20 after repairs are made, subject to replacement cost provisions of the Town's policy.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Pickard's report by Duane Moore and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Police Chief: Chief Peenstra stated the Board has a copy of his report, but there are two highlights he would like to mention. On February 11th, a "mock" lockdown drill was conducted at Frank Knight and Elizabeth Cady Stanton Schools with the cooperation of the SF Central School District; it was very successful. Chief Peenstra stated on February 4th, he participated as a Judge in the Seneca County Drug Quiz Show. The Seneca Falls Middle School Students won again this year for the fifth consecutive year.

A motion was made to accept Chief Peenstra's report by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Barton & Loguidice: Mr. Rowe said they have no report other than the items on the Agenda.

Building Committee: Mr. Earle stated at the last Meeting, the Board decided to build rather than renovate; the decision was narrowed down to two properties - Ovid Street property that the Town owns, and the old Westcott Rule property. There are some things that are being looked at on the Westcott Rule property to be able to make a decision as to whether it is viable for the Town. Mr. Earle said a letter has been written by Senator Nozzolio to the State Historic Preservation Department to get their take on an existing building on the site; in addition, the Board has to decide if they are going to do an environmental study on the property.

Mr. Bove stated he thinks after two years of delay, the Board has reached a point where they want to move forward. The Westcott Rule property presents a number of issues that only mean more delays. He would like to move forward about making a decision on a site and having the building designed. The Board has talked about having a public information session with a presentation by Barton & Loguidice.

Mr. Bove said as far as the environmental assessment that was discussed at a prior Board Meeting, there was no motion to do that. He thinks the whole idea as far as the Westcott Rule property for a Town building involves too much delay. He suggested scheduling a public meeting and moving on to the process of picking a site and having a design made; otherwise it could be months or another year.

Mr. Sanderson asked how soon would it be feasible to hold a public meeting. Mr. Bove replied he hopes it would be sometime during the month of April. Mr. Moore mentioned he agrees on a public meeting because he has not gotten any input from the public. He mentioned that there is \$2.5 million put aside for the building, but that's not going to do it. Mr. Bove said in meetings with Barton & Loguidice, the Board told them if a building is going to be built, it's going to be built for \$2.5 million or less. Mr. DeLelys mentioned that he has talked to some of the public, and about 90% were in favor of a new building on Ovid Street. Further discussion followed.

Mr. Bove stated in keeping with the budget issue, the Board requested that Mr. Morrell prepare a resolution authorizing the Board to expend \$2,555 million from the Capital Facilities Reserve Fund for the purpose of constructing Town Offices in the year 2014 or 2015.

A motion was made by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SENECA FALLS TO EXPEND  
FUNDS FROM THE TOWN FACILITIES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND OF THE  
TOWN OF SENECA FALLS, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SENECA FALLS, duly convened in a regular session, does hereby resolve pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York that the Town Supervisor of the Town be and he hereby is authorized and directed to transfer from the Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund of the Town of Seneca Falls, duly established on November 4, 2009, to the Annual Budget for the year 2014, \$2,555.814.60, of the principal and accumulated interest in said Reserve Fund, to be used to construct a new Town Hall facility during the 2014 and 2015 fiscal year.

THE TOWN BOARD FURTHER RESOLVES that pursuant to Section 90 of the Town Law, that within ten(10) days from the date of this resolution the Town Clerk shall post and publish a notice which shall set forth the date of the adoption of the resolution, shall contain an abstract of such resolution concisely setting forth the purpose and effect thereof, shall specify that this resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum, and shall publish such notice in the Reveille, a newspaper published in Seneca County having general circulation in the Town of Seneca Falls, and in addition thereto, that the Town Clerk shall post or cause to be posted on the signboard of the Town of Seneca Falls, a copy of such notice within ten (10) days after the date of the adoption of this resolution.

This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by Law.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SENECA FALLS, NEW YORK

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Councilman Moore with the dissenting vote.

After discussion as to a date for a Public Information Meeting, the date of Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. was set for the Meeting.

Communications:

A motion was made to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 37 by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves. Communications numbered 1 to 37 are as follows:

1. Statement of Accounts, April 1, 2011 to January 31, 2014, from Wilmington Trust.

2. Minutes of the Seneca County Planning Board Meeting of January 9, 2014.
3. Minutes of the Town Planning Board Meeting of January 23, 2014.
4. Minutes of the Town Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of January 23, 2014.
5. Notice to Occupant of intention to discontinue service supplied to Landlord or rental property Owner from NYSEG.
6. Checks totaling \$2,988,510.28 representing taxes collected, copies of Police reports, Town Justices January report, Insurance premium payments and Community Center receipts.
7. Letter from NYSEG enclosing a copy of the current Electric and Gas Emergency Call list.
8. Letter from Lucille Povero relative to Town's donation to the Women's Hall of Fame.
9. Letter from NYS Department of Transportation relative to the Route 89 Bridge (over the Clyde River and Erie Canal) rehabilitation project, and informing Town of a Public Open House to be held March 4, 2014 at Magee Fire Department regarding the project.
10. Section 504 Compliance Handbook, February 2014, from LRP Publications.
11. Monthly Report for the month of January 2014, as per Town Operating License and Host Community Agreement, from Seneca Meadows, Inc.
12. Reports and Resolutions from the Seneca County Planning Board relative to the Site Plan and Use Variance applications of Liddell and Sanderson.
13. Town of Tyre Draft Comprehensive Plan 2014 from Bond, Schoeneck & King.
14. Monthly Report of all moneys received and disbursed during the month of December 2013 from Town Supervisor.
15. Application for Real Property Tax Exemption with attached Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement relative to Seneca Energy II, LLC from Harris Beach, PLLC, Attorneys at Law.
16. Copy of Complaint on Tentative Special Franchise Full Values filed with the Office of Real Property Tax Service from Minard Run Oil Company.
17. Independent Accountant's Report for year ended December 31, 2013 relative to the Justice Court from Bonadio & Co. LLP.
18. Check in the amount of \$6,111.84 from Seneca County IDA representing PILOT for Seneca Hospitality (Hampton Inn).
19. Check in the amount of \$1,498.00 from Seneca County IDA representing PILOT for Generations Bank.
20. Check in the amount of \$3,252.80 from Seneca County IDA representing PILOT for Seneca Energy II.
21. 2013 Annual Report from Seneca Meadows, Inc.
22. Notice to Occupant of intention to discontinue service supplied to Landlord or rental property Owner form NYSEG.
23. Check in the amount of \$9,389.25 from Seneca County IDA representing PILOT for Scepter New York.
24. Check in the amount of \$2,231.40 from Seneca County IDA representing PILOT for Bill Cram, Inc.
25. Summary Report of Grant Activity as of February 27, 2014 from J. O'Connell & Associates, Inc.
26. Municipal Shelter Inspection Report completed on February 24, 2014 from NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets.
27. Check in the amount of \$24,669.51 from Seneca County IDA representing PILOT for Goulds Pumps.
28. Minutes of the Seneca County Planning Board Meeting of February 13, 2014.
29. Email from Time Warner Cable listing the agreements that are due to expire, and stating that they may have to cease carriage of one or more of those services/stations in the near future.
30. Annual Financial Report Update document for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013 from the Account Clerk.
31. Statement of Accounts, January 11, 2011 to February 28, 2014, from Wilmington Trust.
32. Notice of application for a liquor license form Heather Ward (The Sequestered Tavern LLC).
33. Monthly Report for the month of February 2014, as per Town Operating License and Host Community Agreement, from Seneca Meadows, Inc.
34. BlackBrook Monitoring Report, 4th Quarter 2013 and Groundwater Monitoring Report, 4th Quarter 2013, from Seneca Meadows, Inc.
35. Minutes of the Planning Board Meeting of February 27, 2014.
36. Minutes of the Planning Board Informational Meeting of March 6, 2014.
37. Monthly Report of all monies received and disbursed during the month of January 2014 from Town Supervisor.

Old Business:

Authorize Payment - National Hall of Fame: Mr. Bove stated they have met a number of criteria that was spelled out in the Agreement, but we are not there yet; payment can be authorized hopefully at the April Meeting.

WaterPoint Network Plan -Backup & Support - 3 Yrs. \$4,000.00: Mr. Wood said he has nothing to report.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events: Mr. Spina stated he has an application from the It's a Wonderful Life Committee

for the Antonio Varacalli Day, April 12th; the application has been appropriately signed and submitted, and Chief Peenstra has signed off. The Event will take place on the Bridge from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, followed by a Ziti dinner at the Community Center.

Mr. Spina stated Seneca Falls Little League has submitted an application for their annual Parade on April 26th from 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM; Chief Peenstra has signed off on this also. This has been properly submitted with insurance.

A motion was made to approve the Antonio Varacalli Day Event on April 12th and the Seneca Falls Little League Parade Event on April 26th by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Authorize Bonadio & Company to Perform Town Audit for 2013: A motion was made authorizing Bonadio and Company to perform a Town Audit for the year 2013 by Duane Moore and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Advertise for Assessor Position: Mr. Bove stated Philip Griswold was appointed Acting Assessor for the Town of Seneca Falls and the Town of Fayette until July 1st. He said the Committee met and thinks the Town will be well served by establishing their own program. He mentioned that there is a need for a reval in the Town, and asked about the timing for a reval. Mr. Griswold stated field work will take place in 2015 and it will be on the roll in 2016. He recommended that the Town start advertising for the position of Town Assessor. Mr. Earle asked if it would be a part-time or full time Assessor; Mr. Griswold replied it has always been a full time Assessor in the Town of Seneca Falls. He added the Town may narrow its choices if it's part-time - his recommendation would be full time.

Mr. Sanderson asked if there were any legal questions regarding the Agreement with Fayette if the Town advertises for a full time Assessor for the Town of Seneca Falls. Mr. Morrell replied if the Town of Seneca Falls and the Town of Fayette don't appoint the same person, the CAP Agreement is done; there is no detrimental effects for the Town. Mr. Moore asked where Fayette stands right now. Mr. Bove replied Fayette voted 3-2 to continue the Joint Program and appointed Mr. Griswold until July 1st. Mr. Moore suggested talking with Fayette one more time to see if they want to continue with the Joint Program before advertising. Further discussion followed.

A motion was made to table action on advertising for an Assessor until the April 1st Town Board Meeting by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Advertise for Planning Board, ZBA, HPC and Waste Management Committee Members: A motion was made to advertise for applications for those willing to serve on the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Historic Preservation Commission or Waste Management Committee by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Authorize Supervisor to Sign Letter of Engagement - SMI 2013 Audit: Mr. Bove asked what the purpose of the Audit was; Mr. Morrell replied it is specified in the Host Community Agreement and is done annually. Mr. Earle proceeded to read the procedures that will be followed to verify the gross revenue.

A motion was made authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the letter of Engagement with Buffington & Hoatland CPAs relative to the SMI 2013 Audit by Duane Moore and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Declare Surplus - 2002 Dodge 3500 Truck (Sewer) and 1999 Doolittle Utility Trailer: A motion was made to declare surplus a 2002 Dodge 3500 Truck and a 1999 Doolittle Utility Trailer by Duane Moore and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Approve Operator Training - Activated Sludge Course: Mr. Pickard stated he would like to have Adam Twitchell at the Wastewater Treatment Plant attend the Course which will take place March 24th-27th. The Course is offered in Morrisville, and he will be staying 4 nights; the cost of the Course is \$575.00 and other expenses should not be more than \$500.00.

A motion was made to approve the attendance of Adam Twitchell at the Activated Sludge Course in Morrisville on March 24-27, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00 by Duane Moore and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Place Proceeds from Sale of 2003 Dodge Truck in Sewer/Water Equipment Reserve Fund: A motion was made to place the proceeds in the amount of \$2,650.00 from the sale of the 2003 Dodge Truck in the Sewer/Water Equipment Reserve Fund by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Award Bid - Auburn Road Water Tower Inlet Pipe Replacement: Mr. Rowe stated three bids were received from Global Contracting & Painting, Inc., Utility Service Company, Inc. and Pittsburg Tank & Tower Maintenance Co., Inc. The low bid (including Additive Bid No. 1) is in the amount of \$85,750.00, and was from Global Contracting & Painting, Inc. Mr. Rowe stated they are recommending that the bid be awarded to Global Contracting & Painting, Inc.

Mr. Rowe stated in addition, in order to provide temporary pumping while the tank is out of service, it will be necessary to rent a temporary pumping unit; a quote from Godwin Pumps is \$20,060.00 for a one month rental for necessary pumping in order to maintain adequate flows and pressures within the service area. The total amount they are recommending is \$105,810.00 to complete that work. Mr. Pickard noted the Health Department is requiring them to add the two pumps, one to keep the pressure in the system while the Tower is down, and the other is to provide fire protection. He said the \$20,060.00 is not in the Budget; the amount for the tower repair is in the Budget. Mr. Pickard said Contingent money will probably be used to fund the rentals. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made awarding the bid in the amount of \$85,750.00 for the Inlet Pipe Replacement at the Auburn Road Water Tower to Global Contracting & Painting, Inc., and accepting the quote of \$20,060.00 from Godwin Pumps to rent temporary pumping units by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Authorize B&L to do Sewer Study (Grant): Mr. Rowe stated the Town received notice in January that it received a Planning Grant from the DEC in the amount of \$30,000.00. The condition of the Grant is that there is a local match of 20%. Mr. Rowe said the total cost of the study would be \$37,500.00. B&L has provided a scope of services in their March 17th proposal.

Mr. Bove asked where the matched money was coming from; Mr. Pickard replied it will come out of the Sewer Budget. He didn't know if there was a line item earmarked for this, but there is \$20,000.00 in a line item earmarked for Sewer Emergency which can be used. Discussion followed.

A motion was made to accept the Planning Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 with a 20% match by the Town, and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign all the necessary documentation by Don Earle and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to spend the local match of \$7,500.00 which is included in Barton & Loguidice's proposal by Emil Bove and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the Agreement with Barton & Loguidice to perform the Engineering Services at a total cost of \$37,500.00 by Don Earle and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Purchase Computer - Town Justice Laquidari: Judge Laquidari stated he has been without a computer since January. A lot of his work comes to his desk and he has to go to another desk to use a computer. He noted there is money in his Budget. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made authorizing Judge Laquidari to purchase a computer at a cost not to exceed \$1,100.00 by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Approve Training in Albany - Town Justices: Judge Laquidari stated they have a mandatory Class to finish up their certification for the Bench. It is one day Class, April 25th, and starts at 7:30 AM. The Judges would like to spend the night before rather than drive three hours early in the morning. Brief discussion followed relative to the approximate cost.

A motion was made authorizing Town Justice Lafler and Laquidari to attend the Training in Albany on April 25, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$500.00 by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Purchase Mowers - Cemetery: Mr. Wood stated the mowers they have are very old; they run 8 hours a day, 5 days a week for 6 months. He has three quotes:

MT Equipment - 2 Gravelly mowers - \$13,278.00  
Martins - 2 Grasshoppers - \$13,500.00  
Lakeland Equipment - 2 John Deere - \$14,416.00

Mr. Wood stated they have some Grasshopper now; the quote is \$222.00 more, but it is local and parts can be obtained easier. Grasshoppers are 26 hp., Gravellys are 23 hp. and the John Deeres are 22 hp. Mr. Wood is recommending the Grasshoppers.

A motion was made authorizing Mr. Wood to purchase two Grasshoppers from Martins at a cost of \$13,500.00 by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Purchase Fence - Cemetery: Mr. Wood stated they did 300' of fencing last year; it is a 3-year plan for fencing. He wants to get another 300' ordered as it takes quite a while to get the fencing. He indicated that there is \$15,000.00 in the Budget for the fence; total cost of the fence installed is \$14,984.00/

Mr. Bove asked if the Cemetery Commission has its own Budget; Ms. Sauvageau said it is in the Town's Budget but under Cemetery. Mr. Moore who is also on the Cemetery Commission, stated it has worked out well in working with Mr. Wood and the Cemetery Budget.

A motion was made authorizing the purchase of 300' of fencing for the Cemetery at a cost of \$14,984.00 by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Trade/Auction Bobcats: Mr. Wood stated he has two quotes from Bobcat Dealers. He didn't do this last year because they were looking into Tier 4 emissions on diesel engines. This would be going from a regular engine to a Tier 4 engine which is a big jump. Two quotes are:

DJM Equipment - 3 Bobcats - \$16,111.00

Central NY Bobcat - 3 Bobcats - \$21,174.00

Mr. Wood stated he has \$17,000.00 budgeted for the two wheel ones, and he is thinking about purchasing two bobcats. He said this may change as he may get more for them on auction than on trade-in. He is going to keep the trac machine for now because it has less hours on it, and he is recommending to get rid of the two S185s. The quote for two Bobcats from DJM Equipment is \$11,240.00; all bids are State bid price.

A motion was made authorizing the purchase of two Bobcats from DJM Equipment at a cost of \$11,240.00, and declaring surplus two S185s, by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Purchase Pick-up Truck - Water: Mr. Wood stated this is not under State bid contract, and has been advertised in the Town's official newspaper. He has solicited quotes from Chevy Dealers and two have responded:

Bill Cram - \$22,999.00

Gillespie Chevrolet - \$27,434.00

Mr. Wood noted he is getting rid of two pickup trucks and replacing them with this one.

Mr. Morrell stated they are not State bid prices, so Mr. Wood followed the procedure from the Town's Procurement Policy. He added there are two bids, and Mr. Wood is recommending the lower bid. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made authorizing the purchase of a 2014 Chevy Silverado from Bill Cram at a cost of \$22,999.00 by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway - New Building: Mr. Wood stated he had a three year plan. He was going to put in an Office, but with the plan to move the Water Department over with the Highway, they have enough room to put up another building - larger than they have. He would like to move the Highway Garage and all the equipment into the new building and move the Water Department into the old Highway Garage. Mr. Wood said with the sale of the Oak Street building, it might decrease the cost a little. He has \$50,000.00 in the Budget now which was going towards an Office. After brief discussion, Mr. Woods said he presented this to the Board for informational purposes and further discussion.

Declare Surplus - 2 Pickup Trucks (Water) and 1 Truck (Highway): Mr. Wood stated the Highway truck to be declared surplus is a 2003 International dump truck, and from the Water Department, a 2003 Dodge truck and a 2008 Ford truck. Also he would like the two John Deere mowers declared surplus - these are the mowers that are being replaced. Mr. Wood said that he would bring the equipment to the Palmyra auction.

A motion was made to declare surplus a 2003 International dump truck from the Highway Department, a 2003 Dodge truck and a 2008 Ford truck from the Water Department, and two John Deere mowers, by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Police - Place Forfeiture Proceeds in Forfeiture Account: A motion was made to place the forfeiture proceeds in the amount of \$4,701.40 into the Forfeiture Account by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Water & Sewer Credits: Mr. Earle stated this is for a one-time credit for a leak on different addresses. The total credits amount to \$2,012.26 for five different properties, one of which includes adjusting the number of units from two to one unit. He mentioned that there is a request for penalty removal which the recommendation is to deny that.

A motion was made to approve the Water and Sewer credits for February 2014 which was submitted by Anne Havelin, dated March 17, 2014, by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Seneca Cayuga ARC - Autism Awareness Day: Mr. Earle stated the Seneca Cayuga ARC is asking the Board to proclaim April 2nd as Autism Awareness Day. They are also requesting to put a banner up across Fall Street. Mr. Wood stated it would not be on our buildings - they would have to get permission from the owners of the buildings and a permit from the DOT. Mr. Spina said some of the connectors to the buildings are not in great shape. Mr. DeLelys stated when the Village had this problem, he suggested getting a couple of poles and put one on each side of Fall Street - maybe this is something to check into. Mr. Earle said that brings up a question of putting up Christmas decorations across the Street. He thinks there should be a lot more investigation and consideration before purchasing poles and installing them.

Mr. Spina mentioned the It's Wonderful Life Committee's request to hang wreaths and look into the lighting issue downtown. He suggested there should be a discussion as to what the Town wants to do - there should also be a procedure in place. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made declaring April 2, 2014 as Autism Awareness Day in Seneca Falls by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Purchase Pickup Truck - Water: Mr. Morrell requested that the Board revisit the purchase of the pickup truck. He asked Mr. Wood what the amount was; Mr. Wood replied \$22,999.00 from Bill Cram. Mr. Morrell asked how he got that quote; Mr. Wood replied he called some Dealers and had the Town Clerk put an ad in the paper to advertise it and he had one call on that. Mr. Morrell said it was not the formal bid procedure with sealed bids, etc. Mr. Wood said it was just advertised. Mr. Morrell stated that amount is over the threshold which would require the public bid procedure - sealed bids, etc. He said if Mr. Wood were to do a trade-in at the same time and get the amount to be spent below \$20,000.00 for this purchase, then that would not be required. Mr. Wood said he didn't think that would happen.

After further discussion, a motion was made to rescind the motion approving the purchase of a pickup truck from Bill Cram by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to table the purchase of a pickup truck by Emil Bove and seconded by Don Earle. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Wood stated he had a fuel tank inspection with DEC today and everything looks good; there were a couple of minor citations which he has 30 days to correct. He noted the tanks on Oak Street are registered to the Village, and they have to be re-registered in the Town's name. He has the paperwork which he will complete and send in - it has to be accompanied with a check for \$100.00.

A motion was made to approve the expenditure of \$100.00 to be submitted with the application to re-register the tanks in the Town's name by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

#### Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys to approve and order paid the following bills:

General Fund - \$46,069.43 - (Abstract #4)	Recreation Fund - \$10,856.55 (Abstract #4)
Miscellaneous Fund - \$15,808.86 (Abstract #4)	Vince's Park Fund - \$622.17 (Abstract #4)
Highway Fund - \$4,371.52 (Abstract #4)	Sewer Fund - \$23,792.09 (Abstract #4)
Water Fund - \$37,287.69 - Abstract #4)	

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays

At 9:20 P.M., a motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters involving two specific Employees and to discuss contract negotiations by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reconvene the regular Meeting at 10:30 P.M. by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore to increase the salary of John Nicandri, Water and Sewer Treatment Plant Operator, \$2.00 an hour which is just below Level 6 for that position, the reasons being that he is operating as the person in charge of the WWTP when Mr. Pickard is not available, is duly qualified and as recommended by Mr. Pickard. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore to increase the salary of Dominick Belle, Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator, to \$26.93 per hour which is midpoint on the Wage and Salary structure and as recommended by Mr. Pickard. Mr. Belle holds a Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator Certificate, runs backflow prevention inspections, prepares a budget for the Treatment Plant, and was awarded Operator of the Year by the Finger Lakes Waterworks Association. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER  
Town Clerk