

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at the Seneca Falls Community Center, 35 Water Street, Seneca Falls.

Present were Supervisor Gregory Lazzaro; Councilmen Vittorio Porretta, Douglas Avery, David DeLelys and Louis Ferrara. Also present were David Foster, Town Attorney; James Spina, Commissioner of Parks & Recreation; James Peterson, Highway Superintendent; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; Joseph Tullo, Chief WWTP Operator and Peter Baker, Town Engineer.

Supervisor Lazzaro called the regular monthly Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. A roll call was taken of Board Members and all were present; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Presentation:

Ann Sandroni – Downtown Business Association: Ann Sandroni, President of the Downtown Business Association, stated their purpose is to revitalize downtown as a center of business, entertainment and cultural activity. They advocate on behalf of Merchants, and organized and brought back events such as Canalfest and Octoberfest. Mrs. Sandroni requested that the Town update the Town website so it can be utilized better for businesses and the public.

Mrs. Sandroni, as President of the SFBA which comprises more than sixty business Members, stated they were appalled and disappointed to learn of the proposed resolution to end funding to the National Women's Hall of Fame. They recognize the importance and valuable contribution the Hall makes to our Town and business community. They draw thousands of Visitors yearly who shop, eat and stay in Seneca Falls. Mrs. Sandroni said the Hall has sometimes inducted women who are controversial; Jane Fonda is hardly the first. It is not appropriate for the Town to try to dictate their choices. She added threatening to withdraw funds unless the Hall does the Town Board's bidding is bullying; it is an embarrassment to our Community. Mrs. Sandroni stated the SFBA is requesting that the Board reject this resolution, and after it is voted down, they hope the Board will concentrate on repairing the damage that has been done to the Town.

Petitioners:

Robert Magill – Historic Preservation: Robert Magill of Waterloo stated six months ago, certain Members of the Board was saying where did the landfill money go; six months from now, they will be saying the same thing. They wasted thousands of dollars on legal fees and lawsuits. Mr. Magill stated he was at one of the HPC Meetings and what he witnessed was totally unbelievable. He also sat in on a Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation who wanted to spend \$50,000 on marketing – marketing what? He went on to talk about tourism growing, and how much will affect the Finger Lakes.

Rev. Leah Ntuala – Bridge Mural Proposal: Rev. Leah Ntuala stated she is a lifelong art lover because it is challenging and inspiring. She has always been impressed with the local art of the Finger Lakes, and loves to walk the Sculpture Trail. While the art on the Trail is stunning, and the scenery at moments is breathtaking, there has always been two moments on the Trail for her that brings about a deep sadness – the bridge overpasses. Rev. Ntuala said these structures are littered with random drawings, words and images. People come from all over the World to look at our history, our artifacts and our art.

Rev. Ntuala requested the Town Board's permission to repaint these public spaces with art murals to transform this public space to match the beauty of the existing art. She requested no money, and is not asking the Board to do the work. Her plan is to work with local artists and ask for art submissions. She would like one of the mural walls to be done by our local students. Rev. Ntuala stated she would like to see this space display a welcome, share compassion, inspire people and invite Community.

Mr. Avery stated that he and Mr. DeLelys met with the Highway Superintendent and he confirmed that those are our bridges and the Board is free and clear to do that if it so chooses. Mr. Lazzaro stated it will be on the Agenda for next month's Meeting.

Betty Bayer – Women's Hall of Fame: Betty Bayer stated during her tenure as President of the Board of the National Women's Hall of Fame, she met with many of the people in Seneca Falls which she valued. She especially enjoyed building relationships between Seneca Falls and the Hall and surrounding areas. They have brought students, athletes and alumni from the Colleges and countless Visitors to the Town. Ms. Bayer stated she received an email from Mr. Lazzaro's Secretary on March 28th at 11:10 AM which conveyed the Supervisor's intention along with a copy of the Resolution – this was all addressed to her, Reporters at Finger Lakes Times and FingerLakes1, and copied to Mr. Foster and Mr. Lazzaro. She entreated with the Councilmen to vote down Supervisor Lazzaro's resolution and/or Supervisor Lazzaro to withdraw it.

Ms. Bayer noted that the National Women's Hall of Fame was placed here in 1968 where they saw women's history happen, a history that is rarely told and often less very understood. Disagreeing with Induction of one or

more Inductees is fine – in fact, they encourage it. It invites them to question – to dig into what they may or may not know. Ms. Bayer said they have a positive relationship with the Town, both financial and other ways. She clarified that the \$250,000 given by the Town was 10% of the match required to apply for the Restore New York Grant. They applied for that Grant before Mr. Lazzaro was in Office (seven years ago). It was a grant for \$2.5 million, and the only way you can get that Grant is to do something for your municipality that will build it. They turned that \$2.5 million into an \$8 million rehabilitation of the 1848 Seneca Knitting Mill. The \$420,994 mentioned in the resolution came from the Restore New York Grant.

Ms. Bayer knows the Town has received many letters, and she has received copies of many letters, and she found herself feeling some new, deep appreciation for the history here. These letters have come from Veterans of 20 and 30 years, from academics, activists, local and national business people - people care deeply. They recognize in their letters the breath of accomplishment the Hall stands for, the economic benefits to the Town and a place for organizations, such as the National Women's Hall of Fame. Ms. Bayer stated when it comes to recognizing women's history, we need to pay attention to who gets to tell them where and how. This is the town of declarations – we owe this from the 1848 Declaration of Sentiments. She added let's let the facts be submitted – vote this resolution down, and then come to the Hall and have these conversations with them and open up the lines of dialog.

Sue Sauvageau – Women's Hall of Fame: Sue Sauvageau stated she lives in Seneca Falls and served on this Board and is familiar with the workings of the Board, and served on the Women's Hall of Fame Board in the past, so she understands the nomination process and selection process. She is the daughter of two WWII Navy Veterans, and her younger brother served in the Navy in Viet Nam; none of these military family members, even though they did their duty and supported America, supported the Viet Nam War.

Ms. Sauvageau stated the Town Board is charged with grappling with Town issues, and she doesn't think telling the Women's Hall of Fame who to induct is one of them. She noted there is no money in the Budget this year for the Hall of Fame, and there has not been for several years. Ms. Sauvageau said the Women's Hall of Fame honored American women of superior achievements, both past and present. These selections are not feted locally so as to avoid undue lobbying. She doesn't think the Town Boards of past Inductees' day or our day would have dictated any of them – that's not what the Hall is about, nor does she think the Town Board should be spreading exaggerations about Jane Fonda. Ms. Sauvageau stated to the Veterans here, she appreciates their service in the various fields that they served.

John Garee – 2025 and After: John Garee of Tall Oaks Drive stated in previous discussions with the Board, he had passionate issues he wanted to tell the Board about. As Project Manager at IBM, he managed issues and budgets. He talked about a project he did with IBM concerning Bird Flu. He said after the 2024 time frame when SMI is closing down Seneca Meadows, the Town is going to need a project plan; for five years we should be working with industry and the area businesses to help embrace what is going on with SMI. Mr. Garee stated the Town could put 10% of the revenue it receives from SMI toward making Seneca County energy independent by farming methane from the landfill.

Commander David Ostroski (VFW) – Women's Hall of Fame: Commander Ostroski stated he is here to support our Comrades. He has heard from Veterans all around the Nation. The Hall of Fame elected to induct a woman who committed treason against us in Viet Nam. He said after years went by, she was upset because she figured out they used her. Mr. Ostroski stated to have her in the Hall of Fame with all the women who did great things for this Country is disrespectful not only to our Veterans, but to our Community and our Country. He concluded by saying "God Bless America".

Kate Bennett – Women's Hall of Fame: Kate Bennett, President of the Hall of Fame and the Board, requested that the Town Board vote down this resolution. She said the Hall needs the Community's support, and it will be a stronger Community if their existence is supported, as well as their 50-year proven method of choosing Inductees. It is a time tested method of choosing Inductees who are judged by a panel of judges and ranked for possible Induction; Board Members are not involved in the choosing.

Ms. Bennett stated she hoped to meet the Board in a more positive celebratory circumstance at a time when the Hall and the Community would be celebrating together as the long closed Seneca Knitting Mill was opened to the public for the first time in two decades. She said this isn't the first time they have inducted controversial women, and it won't be the last. She added this resolution will have unintended consequences that none of us can now predict. She mentioned that Ms. Fonda has looked back and wished she had not done what she had done, and she had the ability to apologize. Ms. Bennett said she didn't think everything she did in Hanoi was right, yet she admired and accepted her apology, and she hopes everyone will also. She is asking a great deal of all of us, but she knows the World can only become peaceful, the kind of World she wants her children and grandchildren to live in - if we make apologies for our errors, accept the apologies from others and move on. Ms. Bennett requested that the Board vote down this resolution.

Judy Pipher – Women’s Hall of Fame: Judy Pipher, 2429 Lower Lake Road, stated she is a current Member of the Board of Directors of the Hall and a great supporter of it. She encouraged the Board to vote this resolution down. She doesn’t necessarily agree with some of the controversial points of views that these women put forward. The Town Board should know that the Board of Directors is not involved in the nomination and selection of the Inductees. Ms. Pipher explained the process of which the Inductees are selected.

Ms. Pipher stated she comes from a family of Marines, and she certainly understands why some Veterans, close families and friends of those who served and some who died in the Vietnam War are opposed to some of Jane Fonda’s actions in 1972 – she was an anti-war activist as were many. She chose a way to express her opposition as she later regretted as thoughtless and insensitive. Ms. Pipher stated in maturity, many of us regret actions we took in our youth. She said as a former Vietnam Veteran told her, Jane Fonda has been on the right side of many activist issues - that is why she is being inducted this year.

Ms. Pipher stated the Hall, once it moves to the Mill, will be an even larger asset to Seneca Falls and tourism. She added they hope that they can count on the Town’s continuous support of the Hall.

Paul Kronenwetter – Women’s Hall of Fame: Paul Kronenwetter of Lower Lake Road directed his comments to the nominating committee of the National Women’s Hall of Fame. He thinks the Hall of Fame is a great institution and an asset to our Community, and we are fortunate to have it here in Seneca Falls. He said it’s hard for him to understand that with all the great and talented women that we have in this great Country, they came up with a traitor. Mr. Kronenwetter stated maybe the nominating committee should look at the list of women of distinction instead of these poor nominations. He added if the goal of the Hall is to attract more Visitors, why would they want to alienate the millions of Veterans and their families.

Gene Simes – Women’s Hall of Fame: Gene Simes from Walworth, New York stated everybody expressed their thoughts about Jane Fonda; it’s interesting because everybody knows about this Meeting nationwide. It’s amazing how just Jane Fonda can do this – a person that has cheated so much and done so little. He served in Vietnam in machine operation, and he is blind. Mr. Simes stated 50,000+ men and women died in Vietnam. He referred to the resolution and said it’s about someone that famous that can do so much, but not really. He thinks the memory of the mothers can do much more. The mothers that have lost their sons and daughters – shouldn’t they be in the Hall of Fame?

Mr. Simes thanked the Board for giving him the chance to be here. He hopes the Board will make a decision that is neutral. He doesn’t like Jane Fonda, but he doesn’t hate her – he doesn’t like what she did.

Dorothy Dickieson – Women’s Hall of Fame: Dorothy Dickieson stated she is a resident of Canandaigua, but she lived in Seneca Falls for 65 years where her children grew up, and they were active in Community organizations which she still supports. She said the Hall has brought people from across the Country to visit here, and has brought much financial support to the businesses in the Community. Her husband was a WWII Veteran; they recognized her actions which they disapproved. They both realized an atrocity was done on both sides. Mrs. Dickieson said because of objections of the inclusion of one person is to catalyze all women who have been inducted during the years of the Hall of Fame’s existence. She encouraged the Board to reject this action and continue the support of the Hall and whoever is chosen.

Paul Kelsey – Women’s Hall of Fame: Paul Kelsey stated he has lived here all his life, and his Father was a decorated War Hero. He is a disabled Veteran. He said if she wants to come here, let her come, but just don’t give out our money. She is one of the richest persons in the World; let her pay and let her come.

Jean Gilroy: Jean Gilroy stated a wise politician told her – don’t mess with Veterans, so she won’t. Each person’s opinion of the War in Vietnam and Jane Fonda is valid and valued. Last Thursday, was Vietnam Veterans Day; did anybody know that? Ms. Gilroy said there was no mention of it any place that she knew of. That was the day Mr. Lazzaro chose to drop a bombshell on this beloved Town of Seneca Falls, releasing a resolution to end the partnership between the Town and the Women’s Hall of Fame. Ms. Gilroy stated there is no partnership between the Town of Seneca Falls and the Women’s Hall of Fame. She added Seneca Falls taxpayers do not fund the Hall of Fame – there is no line in the Budget for expenditures. She said the monies given to the Hall of Fame secure the processing of grant money to start up the rehab of the Seneca Knitting Mill.

Ms. Gilroy stated Jane Fonda went to Vietnam in 1972; in 1973, a peace agreement was signed; like it or not, her actions show a spotlight on an unjust, unlawful tragic war. She concluded by saying don’t mess with the Veterans and don’t mess with the ladies of Seneca Falls.

Vernon Brewer: Vernon Brewer stated this woman was nominated, not thinking about the wives, daughters and children and the people that answered the call. It was not just a war; it was a battle, and we won it. A lot of people died in this War. He said how can anybody nominate this woman in the Hall – how about the nurses that served who deserve it more. He added Jane Fonda doesn’t deserve anything.

Ralph DiMasi: Ralph DiMasi stated he is a Vietnam Veteran, as well as some Members of his family. He has no use for Jane Fonda, and he thinks what she did was reprehensible. There have been many differences about this War. His point is it's time to put this behind us. We know what we did, and we have nothing to be ashamed of. Jane Fonda doesn't affect that. Mr. DiMasi said we have to allow the functions of the Community and the Women's Hall of Fame to move forward and put this behind us. He doesn't like Jane Fonda and her motives, but he thinks it's time to let it go and let this thing move forward without holding a grudge.

Kristine Bryant: Kristine Bryant said – to the Veterans, she appreciates their service. She said our current President has been saying things about John McCain – he refused to fly the flag at half staff at the White House when John McCain died, a Vietnam Veteran. So why isn't the VFW sending letters off to the President.

Robert Snell: Robert Snell, a Vietnam Veteran, stated he has heard people say it's done – let's move on. He said what about the millions of people who were affected by the War in Vietnam. He added it's not over, and it won't be over for five generations. Jane Fonda is a criminal; she committed treason, and she is responsible for her actions.

At 7:24 P.M., Mr. Lazzaro declared a five minute recess. The Meeting reconvened at 7: 30 P.M.

A motion was made to move the resolution relative to the National Women's Hall of Fame to the top of the Agenda by Dour Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

WHEREAS, the National Women's Hall of Fame announced on March 8, 2019 that Jane Fonda was named as a 2019 Inductee; and

WHEREAS, Jane Fonda's actions during the Vietnam War were derisive, universally condemned and an affront to those who served this Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls has previously supported the National Women's Hall of Fame with inkind services, donations and municipal services; and

WHEREAS, out of respect for the Town's many veterans who proudly served our Nation, any support for this outrageous induction choice should be vehemently opposed; and

WHEREAS, Jane Fonda's actions of bringing medical supplies to North Vietnam during the Vietnam War, deriding our POWs, and posing for pictures atop missile launchers designed to shoot down American planes brought divisiveness to our Country and to this day to our Vietnam Veterans, and it is viewed by virtually all Veterans as treason to this Country; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls has given financial donations of \$278,750 to the Women's Hall of Fame since 2010; and they have also secured a Community Development Block Grant reimbursement totaling \$420,994.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls will end any financial donations, cooperation and inkind services during all events associated with the National Women's Hall of Fame from this date forward (April 2, 2019).

Mr. Porretta stated he hasn't said much about this issue as he needed time to process it. He has the greatest respect and admiration for our Veterans and the sacrifices they have made to protect our Country and preserve our freedom which we enjoy to this day. Mr. Porretta said he is not condoning the actions of Jane Fonda. He added with that being said, he doesn't believe that a governmental entity should be involved in this matter. If Individuals have concerns with a nominee, they should address their concerns with the National Women's Hall of Fame.

Mr. Avery stated his problem with this resolution is not out of disrespect for Veterans or disrespect for the Women's Hall of Fame – it's simply that this resolution as written is flawed, and it's not a decision the Board should be making as we are not a principal sustainer of the Hall of Fame. The Town did donate \$250,000 as part of the Restore New York Grant in 2010, and in exchange, we got \$8 million worth of investment in otherwise what would have been another dying older building in Seneca Falls. The \$420,000 was just a pass-through – State money which was part of that same Grant going from the State, through our coffers and out to the Hall of Fame. Mr. Avery noted it was not Seneca Falls taxpayer money.

Mr. Avery stated the Board should not be a part of that process, and shouldn't be put in this position – it's not a vote for or against the Veterans; it's not a vote for or against the Hall of Fame, and it's not an up or down vote on Jane Fonda – not here, not in this forum. He said if there are questions about a nomination, they should be addressed to the Hall. He added the Town Board should not be acting on a resolution of this kind; the money doesn't make sense (it's simply not true), and the Board should not sit here in judgment on the Hall's nominees.

Mr. Lazzaro stated if some have a concern about the monetary value, he can amend the motion to take that out. He will defer doing that until everyone speaks.

Mr. DeLelys stated he is sorry this has gone Nationwide; it really upsets him. Veterans were blind-sighted by

this resolution. He doesn't believe the Board should be doing this – it upsets him.

Mr. Ferrara, a lifelong resident of Seneca Falls, stated he received a letter from his friend Jack Stubbs who was a machine gunner in the Vietnam War. Mr. Stubbs said he was very disappointed by the Fonda nomination. He returned to Vietnam in 2006 and saw Jane Fonda portrayed in a museum as friend and supporter of the Communist government. In his letter, Mr. Stubbs referred to the resolution and said the Board may vote on this resolution. He said probably all the Veterans and some Citizens are not happy about Jane Fonda's induction, but you can save yourselves a great deal of trouble. Mr. Stubbs said you do not have to vote on this issue because Jane Fonda knows how much contempt Veterans have for her as a traitor to our Country.

Mr. Ferrara stated Jack Stubbs made it a little easier for him to make his decision to keep the funding because he has no say as to who they induct, nor does anyone else in this room. He is sure our brothers will tell us that they went to war for one reason – to give us all the freedoms that we enjoy now. He was elected to do what he has to do for the Town as to what he feels is in the best interest. Mr. Ferrara stated he feels to vote for this is not in the best interest of the Town of Seneca Falls; that being said he will vote no on this.

Mr. Lazzaro read a lengthy letter from a son of a man who was killed in Vietnam in 1972. The writer states that Jane Fonda's 1988 apology means nothing to him; it was an attempt to pull one over on the people. Consequences for your actions are not tied to your apologies. Jane Fonda's actions say all that needs to be said – she was a traitor to the Country as she betrayed every soldier in captivity. She caused undo pain and suffering on our soldiers. The writer cited the Hall of Fame criteria for nominations which he saw on the website, and said he feels Jane Fonda does not meet the criteria. He added a woman nurse killed in Vietnam while treating the wounded would be a better choice. If Jane Fonda was truly apologetic, she would have declined this award. The writer requested that the Board stay strong for our Military and vote yes on this resolution.

Mr. Lazzaro stated that the War caused a lot of division back then, but only in the United States. No one should go to a foreign country we are at war with – she crossed the line; that was not freedom of speech. He added we need to send a message to the Hall of Fame. He is an advocate for women's rights, human rights and civil rights. Mr. Lazzaro said he stands for this resolution, and feels very strongly about it. He believes the Board has to stay strong together and vote yes on this resolution and no on Jane Fonda, and then have a discussion with the Hall of Fame.

Since there was no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken on the above resolution relative to the National Women's Hall of Fame, which is as follows;

Louis Ferrara – No

David DeLelys – Could not vote on this resolution with a clear conscience as a Veteran of the Vietnam era. Mr. DeLelys abstained from voting.

Gregory Lazzaro – Yes

Douglas Avery – No

Vittorio Porretta – No.

Motion failed as the vote was 1 aye, 3 nays and 1 abstention.

#### Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Meeting of March 5, 2019, and the Public Hearing and Meeting of March 27, 2019 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 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 Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Commissioner of Parks & Recreation: A motion was made to approve Mr. Spina's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Vic Porretta. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Mr. Avery asked about Dutton's ditch; Mr. Peterson replied it's in the hands of Mr. Foster. Mr. Foster stated he is still working on it. Mr. Peterson stated he is going to set up a meeting with the Chief so that they can move forward and get this ditch done.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to approve Mr. Peterson's report was

carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Assessor: A motion was made to approve Ms. Waite's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Vic Porretta. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Town Justices: A motion was made to approve Judge Lafler and Judge Laquidari's reports by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Water & Sewer: A motion was made to approve Mr. Tullo's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Police Chief: A motion was made to approve Chief Peenstra's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Vic Porretta.

Chief Peenstra stated he would like everybody to know that on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM they will be participating in a National Drug Take Back Day at Kinney Drugs and Wal-Mart. He reminded all that they have a kiosk in the Office where prescription drugs can be taken during normal business hours.

Chief Peenstra recognized Officer Cleere who was honored at the Seneca County Stop DWI Banquet for Officer of the Year. Officer Cleere had eight DWIs for the Town of Seneca Falls. The Chief congratulated Officer Cleere on his hard work for DWI enforcement.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Vic Porretta to approve Chief Peenstra's report was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Barton & Loguidice: A motion was made to approve the report of Town Engineers Barton & Loguidice by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

IT Network Administrator: A motion was made to approve Marshall Foster's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

Mr. Foster stated Marshall is working with the Dataprise staff to install the server. He said they are working at night so that there is the least disruption to the system and to the people. He added so far, everything is going very well. Mr. Foster briefly explained the process.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to approve Marshall's report was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

#### Communications:

A motion was made to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 10 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Vic Porretta. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays. Communications numbered 1 to 10 are as follows:

1. Checks and deposits totaling \$29,263.97 representing Retiree Insurances; Judge Lafler's February 2019 report; Judge Laquidari's February 2019 report; tower rent; copies of Police reports and disability reimbursement.
2. Minutes of the Planning Board Meeting of February 28, 2019.
3. Minutes of the Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting of March 5, 2019.
4. Quarterly Report, January-March 2019, from Seneca County Chamber of Commerce.
5. Network News from Cayuga Lake Watershed Network.
6. Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Notice, Windstream Holdings, et al., Debtors, from United States Bankruptcy Court.
7. Annual Financial Report for the fiscal Year 2018 from Town Supervisor.
8. Email from NYS DEC announcing that the cleanup of contamination will begin at the former Manufactured Gas Plant site on Fall Street.
9. Report of Examination, Information Technology, from NYS Comptroller.
10. Several emails pertaining to Supervisor Lazzaro's resolution regarding the National Women's Hall of Fame.

Mr. Avery asked what was being done on Fall Street where the NYSEG cleanup is going on. Mr. Lazzaro said he has a spread sheet on that and will send it out to the Board tomorrow. Mr. Baker stated they met with a representative from NYSEG; this is not a Town project. NYSEG has to clear the trees before they can do the remediation. He added it's nothing the Town is responsible for. There is a fact sheet posted on their website. Discussion followed.

#### Old Business:

Write-Off Uncollectable Receivables: No report.

Route 414 Sewer Line Transfer from IDA to Town: Mr. Foster stated there is a meeting coming up in regard to adding additional language into the agreement of a nature that has to be interpreted by Counsel involved for each entity.

Sale of Surplus Property: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a purchase and sale contract for 10 Fall Street was previously authorized by the Seneca Falls Town Board and thereafter entered into on or about June 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the said purchase and sale contract called for a closing on August 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, multiple communications were had between the parties culminating in a written demand dated March 6, 2019, was served upon the prospective purchaser wherein the Town of Seneca Falls deemed time to be of the essence in closing; and

WHEREAS, a copy of said demand notice was sent to Longley Jones Management Company, Inc. and to their attorney at the addresses listed in the purchase and sale contract; and

WHEREAS, counsel for the purchaser advised in writing that the firm no longer represented the purchaser; and

WHEREAS, no closing has occurred on said premises within the ten (10) days requested in the demand despite the fact that all closing documents on the seller's behalf were ready; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls, as a municipality, has an obligation to divest itself of unused property in a timely fashion and restore the same to taxable status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the June 28, 2017 purchase and sales contract for 10 Fall Street in Seneca Falls be, and the same hereby is, deemed abandoned by the purchaser for failing to comply with bringing the matter to transfer pursuant to a duly noticed demand for time of the essence; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the deposit of \$1,000.00 submitted thereon by the purchaser be, and the same hereby is, deemed to be forfeited as it could have been returned if the purchaser had simply responded to the notice.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Avery stated it's great to get this off our docket even if we end up back with the property. He added when this is listed again, the Board should give serious consideration to retaining the storage building. Brief discussion followed.

It's a Wonderful Life Request for Signage: Mr. Avery stated he discussed this with Anwei Law, and they don't have a specific request in mind or specific signs in mind, they just want signage. In looking at different places, he noticed that some signs will be incorrect, such as the signs directing people to the Hall of Fame. Mr. Avery suggested tabling this as the Board needs to deal with signage, and maybe look for some grant money. He added the Board needs to look at updating all of our signage, particularly for next year, and include It's a Wonderful Life signage in our plan.

A motion was made to table action on signage by Doug Avery and seconded by Greg Lazzaro. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Appoint Member of Zoning Board of Appeals: A motion was made to appoint Tom Scoles as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Avery stated Mr. Scoles has reached out to the Board that he is interested, and his credentials look quite impressive. He thinks it's great that we have someone who is qualified that is anxious to serve.

The above motion made by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Doug Avery to appoint Tom Scoles as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events: ,

SF Little League Opening Day Parade: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves, pending proper insurance submittal, the Special Event application submitted by Seneca Falls Little League for their Opening Day Parade scheduled for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. The Parade route will run from Seneca Falls Community Center to Kids Territory and will require the re-routing of traffic on Bridge Street and its Bridge, as well as West Bayard Street, for the duration of the event. The application has been properly reviewed and approved by Department Heads and the Town Board's Recreation Committee.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Seneca Community Players Rehearsal: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the Facility Use application submitted by Seneca Community Players for use of the Town's Condo located at 115 Fall Street for rehearsals on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> as well as dates to be determined in the months of June and July. All necessary submittals have been received and the application has subsequently been properly reviewed and approved by the appropriate Department Heads and the Town Board's Recreation Committee.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Advertise for Bids – Equipment Rental Agreement: A motion was made to advertise for bids for Equipment Rental by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Advertise for Bids – Tree and Stump Removal Services: A motion was made to advertise for bids for Tree and Stump removal services by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Purchase Kubota Tractor & Side Mower/Controls: 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 Kubota tractor and side flail mower and controls. Two bids were received by Cyncon Equipment – one for a Kubota tractor and side flail and controls for \$76,238.20, and the other is a John Deere tractor and side flail and controls for \$81,719.20. These two bids are from Sourcewell Contract; and

WHEREAS, this new machine will replace a 2002 John Deere and flail mower which is used to mow roadsides. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of a Kubota tractor and side flail mower and controls from Cyncon Equipment for the sum of \$76,238.20. The 2002 John Deere tractor will be put out for surplus to be auctioned off. This is a budgeted item.

Mr. Porretta mentioned that Mr. Peterson said the 2002 John Deere will be put up for auction and will bring in some money. Mr. Peterson stated it could bring in roughly \$20,000-\$23,000 if it is taken to auction.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the above resolution authorizing the purchase of a Kubota Tractor and side mower and controls was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Purchase of Trash Totes: 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 70 large garbage totes from J&J Equipment, LLC, cost to include hot stamping and serial numbers, and cost not to exceed \$5,000; and

WHEREAS, these large totes are used to replace damaged totes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of 70 large garbage totes from J&J Equipment, LLC for the sum not to exceed \$5,000. This is a budgeted item for 2019.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Transfer Three Laborer Positions to Temporary MEO Positions: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to transfer the three Laborer positions to three temporary MEO positions. This will help with the workload as they have two MEOs out on disability until further notice. The Highway Committee has recommended a \$1.00 an hour increase in pay; and

WHEREAS, these three employees will be able to perform all the duties as all other MEOs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the transfer of the three Laborers to the temporary MEO positions at an increase of \$1.00 in pay.

Mr. Lazzaro stated this motion should not be approved as we are in contract negotiations with the Highway Department. He said these three Laborer positions were hired for a specific purpose and were classified as Laborers for these positions, and should not be increased at this point until we get through negotiations.

Mr. Peterson stated the reason he brought this up is because he has two full time MEOs that are out on disability, and he loses one MEO when the sweeper goes out. He added this is why he brought this up to the Highway Committee. Mr. DeLelys mentioned that the County is okay with this. Discussion followed.

Mr. Lazzaro stated when people go out on disability, the Town is paying disability payments; if they have sick time, we are paying sick time. He said we continue to promote people and hiring people in situations – we have to do more with less sometimes. He doesn't believe this motion should be passed.

Mr. DeLelys mentioned that the Board put people on for Water and Sewer when they need them – this is just

temporary. Mr. Avery stated the Board has been talking for a year now about the value of cross-training people so they can fill a slot when someone goes out. He added because it's temporary and these Laborers have the skills, it makes perfect sense to temporarily make their job description and pay match what they are doing; when the other employees come back, they will go back to the Laborers' positions. Brief discussion followed relative to the matrix and pay scale.

Mr. Porretta stated if these people are out on disability in the summertime and the highway starts paving and you don't have MEOs to drive those trucks, what happens – do you just not do the work or do you have to bid it out. What he is saying is, it could hinder projects getting done if Mr. Peterson doesn't have the people to do it – correct? Mr. Peterson replied yes. Further discussion followed.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution transferring three Laborers to temporary MEOs was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

NYCC 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary – Banner Across Fall Street: Mr. Lazzaro read a letter from Diane Zink, Alumni Director, NYCC, which states as part of their Centennial Celebration, they are requesting permission to hang a road banner across Fall Street. They have contacted the DOT regarding obtaining a permit for this purpose.

A motion was made authorizing NYCC to hang a banner across Fall Street to announce their Centennial Celebration to the Community by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Transfer Rodman Drive Street Lighting to Town: A motion was made to transfer the Rodman Drive Street Lighting from the IDA to the Town by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Avery wanted to know where it was – it used to be Village and never transferred? The Town Clerk said it went to the IDA; now, they are saying it is the responsibility of the Town.

RFPs – Banking Services for the Town: Mr. Lazzaro requested that a Special Meeting be held to open the RFPs. He requested that Board Members contact the Town Clerk as to dates available to meet within the next two weeks.

Resolution – Fill Vacant Court Clerk Position: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2018, the position of Court Clerk (competitive) became vacant; and  
WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Seneca Falls Town Justices to immediately backfill the Court Clerk position with Courtney Andrews, a qualified applicant from a promulgated Seneca County Civil Service list at a starting rate of \$17.75 an hour and a start date effective immediately.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the position of full time Court Clerk (competitive) be filled via the selection of a duly qualified candidate from the most recent Civil Service list.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Discussion - Van Rensselaer Water Tank Light: Mr. Tullos stated the light on the tower is not required, but if the Board decides to put one on, we have to follow the rules. Mr. Avery asked if there was a downside to not doing it; Mr. Tullo replied that he doesn't think so. Mr. DeLelys said if it's not needed, it will save around \$30,000. Chief Peenstra stated he would like the Board to consider that we have a rescue helicopter right in town that does a lot of flights in the area. He really thinks the tower should be lit for that purpose. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made to keep the light on the tower by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Attendance at 2019 Local Government Workshop: A motion was made authorizing the Planning Board Members and the Zoning Board of Appeals Members to attend the 2019 Local Government Workshop on May 17<sup>th</sup> at a cost of the Town paying the registration fee and mileage by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Assessing Emergency Costs Against 140 Fall Street: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 131.11 of the Town of Seneca Falls Municipal Code directs that:

“Where it reasonably appears that there is a clear and present danger to the life, safety or health of any person or property, unless an unsafe building is immediately repaired and secured or demolished the Town Board may, by resolution, authorize the Zoning Officer to immediately cause the repair or demolition of such unsafe building. The expenses of such repair or demolition shall be a charge

against the land on which it is located and shall be assessed, levied and collected as provided in Section 131.10 hereof.”; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2019 through and including February 25, 2019 the Town of Seneca Falls incurred time and material expenses in the amount of \$16,571,81 from Sessler Environments Services to alleviate an emergency resulting from falling debris at 140 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, during the same period of time the Town of Seneca Falls incurred additional air monitoring fees for the performance of demolition work at the subject premises in the amount of \$2,013.00; and

WHEREAS, Town of Seneca Falls Zoning Officer Dean Zettlemoyer contacted the spokeswoman for the subject property immediately upon learning of the hazard and emergency situation and was advised by Allison Stokes that no money existed for emergency repairs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above referenced ordinance the expenses of such repair or demolition shall be a charge against the land on which such emergency occurred; and

WHEREAS, falling bricks and debris upon streets and pedestrian thoroughfares constitute an emergency and a clear and imminent threat to the life, safety and health of persons and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the unsafe buildings provisions of the Seneca Falls Town Code, Chapter 131, et seq. the costs incurred in abating falling bricks and debris from a building constitute a charge upon the property; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the costs occasioned by the reasonable and necessary abatement of the 140 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, New York property be allocated upon the land of 140 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, New York and its owner in the form of an ad valorem and special tax; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that filing and collection thereof pursuant to Article 15 of the Town Law be commenced.

Mr. Foster mentioned that there is a challenge on that; in any event, the amount should be tagged to the property itself. He added if someone wishes to challenge that assessment, there is a procedure to do so.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the above resolution assessing emergency costs against 140 Fall Street was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Purchase Copier – Police Department: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the copier for the Seneca Falls Police Department was originally purchased in December 2012 and has exceeded its average life expectancy of 4-6 years; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department utilizes this copier as a networked printer, fax and scanner for numerous computers within the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of a new copier is projected to reduce the monthly maintenance cost by \$49.81 a month; and

WHEREAS, it seems appropriate and is recommended by the Police Chief to replace the existing, failing copier with a new unit.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board approve the purchase of one Xerox C605X copier on NYS bid from Usherwood Office Technology at the cost of \$4,758. (NYS bid fulfills the Town’s procurement requirements.) Monies for the new copier will come out of the Town’s fund balance. (Savings)

Chief Peenstra stated this copier is networked to computers, and it’s also their fax machine and copier machine. Mr. Lazzaro asked about the present copier; the Chief responded they will surplus it.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to adopt the above resolution authorizing the purchase of a copier by the Police Department was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Retirement of Sgt. Calabrese: Chief Peenstra read the following motion:

I, hereby make a motion to regretfully accept the retirement of Sgt./Inv. Eric Calabrese from the position of Investigator with the Seneca Falls Police Department effective April 5, 2019.

Chief Peenstra thanked Sgt./Inv. Calabrese for his dedication, compassion and professionalism to the Department, Citizens and those that visited Seneca Falls for the last 22 years. Chief Peenstra and the Members of the Seneca Falls Police Department wish nothing but the best for Sgt./Inv. Calabrese in his future endeavors and a happy and healthy retirement.

Greg Lazzaro made the above motion to regretfully accept the retirement of Sgt./Inv. Eric Calabrese, seconded by Vic Porretta. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Appoint Sgt. Calabrese Part-Time Police Officer: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Eric Calabrese 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 fully supports the return of the valuable resource of a 22-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 Officer position to perform specialized services within the Police Department, vacant patrol shifts and Court Security functions at a cost saving, part-time hourly rate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts hiring Eric Calabrese as a part-time Police Officer effective April 8, 2019.

Mr. Lazzaro stated he will be voting no on this. The Board needs to do more with less, and we keep on engaging in the practice of hiring more when people leave. He said that's not his philosophy. He mentioned the Bond that the Board approved for \$3 million that has to be paid back, and that with the Landfill closing in 2025, a lot of things need to be done. Mr. Lazzaro added a lot of belligerent actions have been taken on by this Board and this Town.

Mr. DeLelys stated that the Board is not adding more Officers on – it is keeping it at the same number of Officers.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the above resolution accepting the hiring of Eric Calabrese as a part-time Police Officer was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

Resolution – Civil Service Duty Statement for Police Sergeant: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Police Chief intends to reassign a current shift Supervisor (Sergeant) into the vacant School Resource Officer's position; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca County Personnel Department indicated that a new Position Duty Statement would need to be approved by the Town Board to create a 5<sup>th</sup> Police Sergeant position with the Seneca County Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the new Duty Statement does not create additional staffing for the Seneca Falls Police Department, rather reassigns current staff into vacant rolls created by retirement and position movement within the Agency.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board accepts one additional Seneca County Civil Service Commission "New Position Duty Statement" for Police Sergeant.

Chief Peenstra stated this is in preparation to move Sgt. Poole over into the vacant SRO position that current SRO Officer Denny has moved to Investigations, replacing retiring Investigator Calabrese. He added they are not adding any additional staff – this is needed through Civil Service to fill Sgt. Poole's position.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to approve the above resolution accepting the Seneca County Civil Service Commission "New Position Duty Statement" for Police Sergeant was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

Resolution – Fill Shift Supervisor Position from Current Patrol Staff: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, during the April 2, 2019 Board Meeting the Town Board approved to create an additional Civil Service Duty Statement for Police Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Police Department now has a shift supervisor (Sergeant) vacancy that was created by the reassignment of a current shift supervisor into the School Resource Officer position; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Police Chief to fill this shift supervisor position with one of the Agency's current patrol staff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board accepts promoting a current member of the patrol division to Sergeant.

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

Resignation of Planning Board Member: A motion was made to accept the resignation of Suzanne Lee as a Member of the Planning Board, thanking her for her service, by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Advertise Vacant Planning Board and BAR Positions: A motion was made to place an ad for the vacant Planning Board and Assessment Review Board positions by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Authorize Supervisor to Sign Engineering Services Agreement for Safe Routes to School Grant: A motion was made authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Engineering Services Agreement with Barton & Loguidice for the Safe Routes to School Grant by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Acting Assessor – Attendance at NYS Ethics and the Assessor Class: A motion was made authorizing the Acting Assessor to attend the NYS Ethics and Assessor Class at a cost of \$110.00 registration fee and mileage by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Water/Sewer Credits: A motion was made to approve the Water/Sewer credits in the amount of \$1,185.54, as per Memo dated April 2, 2019, by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Payment of Bills:

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

General Fund - \$228,400.38 (Abstract #4)	Recreation Fund - \$43,734.16 (Abstract #4)
Miscellaneous Fund - \$33,284.12 (Abstract #4)	Vince’s Park Fund - \$2,070.28 Abstract #4)
Highway Fund - \$73,757.63 (Abstract #4)	Sewer Fund - \$64,993.76 (Abstract #4)
Water Fund - \$599,947.79 (Abstract #4)	

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER  
Town Clerk

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls.

Present were Supervisor Gregory Lazzaro; Councilmen Louis Ferrara, David DeLelys, Douglas Avery and Vittorio Porretta. Also present was David Foster, Town Attorney.

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

Old Business:

Open RFPs – Banking Services: Mr. Lazzaro stated Sandy Ferrara and Mr. Foster will be reviewing the RFPs; Board Members can also review them. Mr. Foster mentioned that the low bid is not a factor in awarding that bid. Mr. Avery asked – what if part of the package is a service the Board doesn’t necessarily find it needs. Mr. Foster replied if the Board reviews the proposal and finds something it doesn’t need, we just tell them we don’t want that part of the bid. Mr. Avery asked why the Board is doing this. Mr. Foster responded that it is prudent for a municipality to look into banking services; there may be other things that can be offered. He added when you send out RFPs to institutions, you tend to get better and faster treatment because they know you are looking. Mr. DeLelys said if the Board decides not to do it, we don’t have to do it; Mr. Foster said the Board doesn’t have to accept any proposal. After brief discussion, Mr. Lazzaro opened proposals from M & T Bank; Chemung Canal Trust Company; Five Star Bank; Community Bank; and Lyons National Bank. All the RFPs were referred to the Committee and Board for review.

New Business:

Resolution – Art Murals on Rumsey Street Bridge Abutment: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a proposal has been put forth seeking permission to commission and install painted art murals on the Rumsey Street Bridge abutments; and  
 WHEREAS, the graffiti currently on the abutments does not compliment the art, nature or the rich history of the Seneca Falls Community; and  
 WHEREAS, the proposed murals would be painted by area students and local artists; and  
 WHEREAS, the proposed murals would celebrate the history of Seneca Falls, and enhance, improve and protect the streetscape; and

