

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 81 W. Bayard Street.

Present were Supervisor Donald Earle; Councilmen Emil Bove, Chad Sanderson, David DeLelys and Duane Moore. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; Steven Turkett, Zoning Officer; Wendy Caraher, Assistant Recreation Director; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; Donald Collins, Assessor; Donald Wood, Highway Superintendent; Joseph Tullo, Chief WWTP Operator; John Condino of Barton & Loguidice and a Member of the local media.

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

Petitioners:

Stanley Praszkowicz – Revaluation & Town Finances: Stanley Praszkowicz, 3146 Bradley Avenue, stated as we know, we are going to go through an evaluation of property in Seneca Falls. After Mr. Collins has done his evaluation, he urged the Town to take a close look at what the tax rate will be when the evaluation is complete, and make plans to take what is needed for the expenses of the Town. Mr. Praszkowicz said the opposite of that could be nothing is done with the tax rate and the Town, in essence, gets a cash bonanza out of the deal. He doesn't think that would be good for the Citizens of Seneca Falls. He said in this Community, there are many young people struggling to keep homes, Retirees and Senior citizens on fixed incomes struggling to keep homes and working poor struggling to keep homes.

Mr. Praszkowicz stated when the evaluations are completed, take a good look at what the Town needs to operate and adjust the tax rate accordingly. He thinks it's bad if the Town gets in a position where it has an excess surplus amount of money. Mr. Bove said he would be shocked and very upset if the tax rate doesn't go down after the evaluation. The equalization rate is 20% lower than the 100% - in the 80s.

Mildred & Ron Gibson – Snow Plowing: Mildred Gibson, 2142 Route 5 & 20, stated when the new road was built on Route 5 & 20, there were meetings with homeowners about maintenance and snow shoveling of sidewalks, and they were assured it would be taken care of. A couple of years ago, she called and asked why it wasn't being plowed, and eventually, it got plowed. Mrs. Gibson said this year being a hard winter, about the third or fourth week of February, she called and asked why the sidewalks weren't plowed. She was told since she reported them a couple years ago, the north side would be plowed, but the south side wouldn't. Mr. Wood also said since their plowers filled in, he wasn't responsible. On March 18th when there was 5-6 inches of snow, the plow that came from Dick Marhalls and plowed the sidewalk, left it in front of their house and didn't go any further. Mrs. Gibson stated they have a letter stating the snowplowing will always be done, and they are very disappointed in the Town. Their taxes went up when we merged, but they get less consideration. Mr. Gibson stated Mr. Wood has a grudge against them because they turned him in for not plowing the sidewalks. He wants to know if he can take the sidewalk out; if they are not going to maintain it, why should he have it there.

Mr. Earle told Mr. Gibson that he will get back to him with a written response. Mr. Gibson stated he went to the Supervisor's Office and asked for a response about two months ago and hasn't heard anything. Mr. Earle again stated we will definitely get back to him with a written response. Mr. Gibson asked if he could get a reduction on his taxes because they are not performing the duties they are suppose to.

Mr. Wood stated when they first started doing the sidewalks, he did the north side because that was the most travelled. He was not aware the Town was responsible for the sidewalks. In January 2005, he got a letter from Mr. Gibson who complained and they started plowing the sidewalks. Mr. Wood said he has been doing it for ten years on a consistent basis. Mr. Earle reiterated that Mr. Gibson would get a response within a week.

Kyle Black, SMI – Continued Commitment to Community: Kyle Black stated he is a lifelong Resident of Seneca County and currently the Progressive Waste Solutions Director of Landfill Operations with oversight of eleven Landfills. He has been at Seneca Meadows and/or its Sister Companies for over 25 years, and said he is personally committed to the Community, and raised his family here. He sees much potential for our Community in economic growth with our important mix of Business, Industry, and Tourism that he and his Company are committed to help grow. They are committed to continuing Community support and their operational excellence. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them, and said he wanted to introduce and make himself available to the Board - he welcomes any conversation with the Board.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Meeting of March 3, 2015 by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Reports:

Dog Control Officer: The Dog Control Officer's report states that three dogs were impounded and two redeemed; one dog was still being held. Two Appearance tickets were issued. A total of \$60.00 in fees was collected and turned over to the Town Clerk.

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

Zoning Officer: Mr. Turkett stated the Board has a copy of his monthly Report. He was notified that the person that has been doing the mowing of delinquent properties for the past three years will not be able to do that anymore. He will be advertising for a replacement.

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

Commissioner of Parks & Recreation: Mrs. Caraher stated Mr. Spina has begun the process of getting quotes for mulch replenishment at Kids' Territory and Vince's Park which is budgeted. There are four trees at the driveway entering Kids' Territory which should be removed as they are starting to give them great concern; multiple limbs are damaged and ready to drop with the potential of causing damage to cars, fencing and buildings. Mr. Spina received three quotes with the low quote being from Cranebrook Tree Service for \$2,000.00; money is budgeted.

Mrs. Caraher stated Mr. Spina met with Barton and Loguidice and Mr. Sanderson relative to the People's Park Bandstand Project. Barton & Loguidice will be utilizing the design of the Design Connect architects in the effort to get the Project out to bid. Mr. Spina would like to get that going as soon as possible as to not hinder the Summer use of the Park.

Mrs. Caraher said the July 4th Event last year was a huge success. Mr. Spina is requesting the Board's authorization to hold it downtown again this year.

Mrs. Caraher stated the Recreation Boosters would like to build an outdoor basketball court at Kids' Territory. The entire cost would be underwritten by the Club, with only the Town's assistance through in-kind services. She said they hosted 21 basketball teams of boys and girls from other Communities for competition.

The Van Cleef Lake Celebration Group has been meeting and came up with a slate of Events which will run for ten days during August. Carol Ritter Wright will be reporting back to Mr. Spina and the Board as details become more clear. Mrs. Caraher mentioned that the annual Easter Egg Hunt was a great success.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Spina's report given by Mrs. Caraher by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway Superintendent: Mr. Wood stated they are back on schedule with dumpster deliveries, and have been filling quite a few potholes. He said they will be doing another winter recovery program with the CHIPS money; the Town won't know what their share will be until later next month.

Mr. Wood said they are cleaning and taking the plows off the trucks, and will be going around Town fixing all the plow marks. They probably replaced about 50 totes this winter due to the cold and hard winter. Mr. Wood said they don't have any outlet for televisions which have been left at the Town garage. He has been in contact with Seneca Meadows who is also looking for alternatives; they will keep him posted.

Mr. Wood referred to Mr. Gibson's comments and said he doesn't know where he is coming from. He always tries to be polite and professional with people. He didn't plow that side of the road – his neighbor did and stopped at Mr. Gibson's driveway. He added no one in his Department did that.

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

Assessor: Mr. Collins noted the Board has a copy of his report. They finalized exemptions which were due March 1st. Mrs. Sloan has placed notices in the papers indicating the assessment inventory and valuation data is available to be reviewed. Mr. Collins said he is reviewing all real property sales from 2012 to 2015; these will be included in the reval. He is appreciative of the Zoning Office as he has asked for more clarification on new construction on the Zoning Permits, and they have been very helpful with supplying that.

Mr. Collins stated the NYS Budget passed on April 2nd; they wanted to take over the STAR Program, but it didn't pass in the Budget. He said for those applying for basic STAR, if you get a letter from the State, you need to respond to them and to the Assessor's Office so you can get your STAR exemption.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Collins report by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Attorney for the Town: Mr. Morrell stated there have been several personnel issues this month which he will be updating the Board on in Executive Session. He referred to the School Resource Officer which is under Old Business, and said he will be asking for action on the School Resource Officer Agreement, as well as a proposed Agreement between the Town of Tyre and Users of the sewer line along Route 414. He added other matters will be discussed later in the Agenda.

Town Justices: A motion was made to accept the reports of Justice Lafler and Justice Laquidari by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Water & Sewer: Joseph Tullo stated the Board has a copy of his report. He said they finished rebuilding both pumps at the Seneca Meadows Pump Station. The pump at the Kingdom Pump Station is now being fixed under warranty, and should be back and in place by early next week.

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

Police Chief: Chief Peenstra stated on March 20th, SF Police and Emergency Responders were dispatched to an unresponsive male who was suspected of overdosing on opiate. Sgt. Reynolds and Officer Gentile were successful in reviving that person with assistance of Emergency Responders with Narcan - this is the second time in just over a month they were able to successfully do that. Chief Peenstra thanked the Seneca County Health Department for providing these kits and training for Officers to be able to carry these life saving devices.

Mr. Earle asked if they received the radar trailer. Chief Peenstra replied yes – it just came in last week and should be out in the Community in a couple of weeks. He thanked Seneca Meadows for the generous donation which allowed them to purchase the radar trailer.

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: John Condino stated the past month has been filled with field work on the infiltration study that was started last year on the north side; this year, they are concentrating on the south side to get a better picture of what is happening in the entire collection system. They have been working with the Consultants for Lago Resorts on Rt. 414 sewer upgrades that will be forthcoming; Lago has agreed to pay for it.

Building Committee: Mr. Condino stated they also concentrated this month on completing the Building design so that it can be advertised for bids. They recently completed the 95% review of the design of the Building. He brought some of the actual design drawings if anyone is interested in looking at the details. The drawings show the layout of the Building which will face Ovid Street, and there will be parking on both sides and in the rear. There will be two entrances on Ovid Street and one entrance on Bridge Street. It will be built on Town owned land where the former Town Highway Garage was.

Mr. Condino stated with Board approval, the Project will be ready to put out to bid and will be advertised on Thursday, April 9th; bids will be accepted about May 12th and reviewed. He requested that the Board call a Special Meeting sometime during the week of May 18th to award the bids so they can get the contract process completed. They are hoping the breaking of ground will occur sometime about the end of June. The objective then would be to get the building up before the snow flies and finish the interior during the winter.

A motion was made to advertise the Town Hall Building Project for bid by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Other Committee Reports:

Water & Sewer: Mr. Moore stated they met on March 19th and discussed several items, some of which are on the Agenda. Details are being ironed out relative to the transfer of the Route 414 sanitary line and pumping station from the IDA. There was no movement or action on the Fayette water service agreement. They discussed at length the part-time position of the Water/Sewer Clerk which is on the Agenda later in the Meeting.

Mr. Moore stated vacant buildings for sale are charged their normal rates if the water is left on. Owners are seeking a discounted price because they are saying the water is left on for fire protection purposes only. Mr. Moore said as a Committee, they have requested more time to give thought to this request.

Communications:

A motion was made to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 17 by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays. Communications numbered 1 to 17 are as follows:

1. Email from Time Warner Cable notifying Town that agreements with programmers and broadcasters to carry their services and stations routinely expire from time to time, and they may be required to cease carriage of one or more of these services or stations.
2. Summary Report of Grant Activity for the period ending February 27, 2015 from J. O'Connell & Associates, Inc.
3. Notice to Occupant of intention to discontinue service supplied to Landlord or Rental Property Owner from NYSEG.
4. Newsletter, March 2015, from Seneca Falls Historical Society.
5. Section 504 Compliance Handbook, March 2015, from LRP Publications.
6. Checks totaling \$54,588.49 representing Justice Reports for February, Health Insurance premiums, 2014 Burials, Scepter 2015 PILOT, copies of Police reports and proceeds of sale of Sewer truck.
7. Monthly Report for the month of February 2015, as per Town Operating License and Host Community Agreement, from Seneca Meadows, Inc.
8. Black Brook Monitoring Report, 4th Quarter 2014, Groundwater Monitoring Report, 4th Quarter 2014, and Leachate and Gas Condensate Report, 4th Quarter 2014, from Seneca Meadows Landfill.
9. Minutes of the Planning Board Meeting of February 26, 2015.
10. Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of February 26, 2015.
11. Reports and Resolutions relative to a Petition for Use Variance from Seneca County Planning Board.
12. Monthly Report of all moneys received and disbursed during the months of January, February and March 2015 from Town Supervisor.
13. Minutes of the Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting of February 24, 2015.
14. Statement of Accounts, April 1, 2011 to February 28, 2015, from Wilmington Trust.
15. Checks totaling \$67,455.13 representing Insurance premiums, Disability reimbursement, Tower rent, copies of Police reports, Community Center receipts, Vince's Park receipts, PILOT payments, reimbursement for culvert pipe, Grant for trailer (Police) and return of duplicate payment.
16. Section 504 Compliance Handbook, April 2015, from LRP Publications.
17. Executive Summary Report from Entre Computer Services.

Old Business:

Sale of Condominium & Surplus Real Properties: Mr. Morrell stated he spoke with the Realtor relative to 115 Fall Street. He has shown the building a few times – there is some interest. The appraisals for the other three properties have been received from Cayuga Appraisal and are with the Town Clerk. Currently, the Town is not engaged with any realtors for those three properties. He added each is different, and the Board has to determine what steps they want to take to find a buyer for these properties if and when it is ready to do so - two of the properties are actively being used.

Mr. Bove stated 10 Fall Street can be considered surplus property at this point. He asked what the process was. Mr. Morrell replied the Board can offer it for sale – it doesn't have to declare it surplus until there is a potential buyer. After brief discussion, Mr. Bove said he thinks it is time to move on with 10 Fall Street; it's a sensitive piece of property for a number of reasons. He is in favor of selling it. He requested that the Supervisor and Mr. Morrell discuss this and come back to the Board next month with a plan that they feel is the best way to dispose of it. Further discussion followed.

A motion was made requesting that Mr. Morrell and Mr. Earle report back to the Board at the May Meeting relative to a plan to dispose of 10 Fall Street by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Auburn Road Sewer Extension: Tabled.

Ritmer Lane Sewer: Tabled.

Write-Off Uncollectable Receivables: Mr. Morrell reported that it is an ongoing case that has been filed. He will report back on this next month.

School Resource Officer: Mr. Morrell stated Chief Peenstra forwarded to him a draft of an Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Seneca Falls and the Seneca Falls School District. This would place a Town of Seneca Falls Police Officer in the school as well as at various school functions. The agreement calls for a full time Officer at which 75% of the Officer's weekly time would be spent as a School Resource Officer in a school or at a school event. Mr. Morrell has reviewed the agreement and approves it. He doesn't see any problem with the Board moving forward with this. Discussion followed.

A motion was made authorizing the Town Supervisor to enter into an Agreement with the Seneca Falls School District for a School Resource Officer by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore.

Mr. Bove stated the Town is creating an additional Police Officer position. He said it certainly would be nice, if for any reason one of the sides terminates this agreement, that position would be eliminated. Chief Peenstra stated the Committee will have additional meetings and go over the agreement to make sure everyone is clear on it, and sign it – everybody will be clear on it.

The above motion made by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore authorizing the Town Supervisor to enter into an Agreement with the Seneca Falls School District was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Route 414 Sewer Line Transfer from IDA to Town: Mr. Morrell stated he has some agreements for the Board's review and approval, the first being between the Town of Seneca Falls and the Town of Tyre. This agreement between the two municipalities gives the Town of Seneca Falls the responsibility for administration of the whole operation and maintenance of the extension of the line, and gives the Town of Tyre the responsibility for major repairs and upgrades, as well as they would assist the Town in placing any delinquent bills onto tax bills.

Mr. Morrell stated the other agreement is between the Town of Seneca Falls, the Town of Tyre and the end user of that sewer line. This agreement would replace the existing agreements with Petro, Nice n Easy and Magee Diner, as well as to be put in place with the new Casino. Mr. Morrell thanked John Condino and other Members of Barton & Loguidice who were of great assistance in getting these agreements together.

Mr. DeLelys asked if all the easements have been taken care of. Mr. Morrell replied no – there are two outstanding property owners within the Town of Tyre that the Attorney for the Town of Tyre is addressing, and another easement he is trying to work out with Seneca Meadows.

A motion was made to accept and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement and the Sewer Service Agreement with the Town of Tyre by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

Mr. Bove stated once the Town enters into these Agreements, will the IDA transfer title to the sewerline to the Town of Seneca Falls and Town of Tyre. Mr. Morrell replied yes, the part that is in Tyre will go to the Town of Tyre, and the part that is in Seneca Falls will go to the Town of Seneca Falls. Brief discussion followed.

The above motion made by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys to accept and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement and the Sewer Service Agreement with the Town of Tyre was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Simolo Request for Reimbursement: Mr. Earle stated Mr. Simolo is requesting reimbursement for the installation of some pipe in the front of his property. He claims he didn't understand that the Town would do that, and went ahead and hired a contractor. Mr. Wood has given the Board a quote of what it would have cost his Department to do; the amount it would have cost if the Town did that is \$144.00.

A motion was made to reimburse Mr. Simolo \$144.00 which is the amount it would have cost if the Town installed the pipe by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Solicitors: Mr. Morrell stated banning Solicitors is not an option. He said this is something that he and the Chief will continue working on – they will be reviewing what other municipalities are doing. Right now, the Town does have a code dealing with Solicitors, and they will try to tighten that up. Discussion followed.

Water Rate Increase: Mr. Condino stated he is not prepared to give a full presentation on the water rate increase. He requested that the Board table the issue until the May Meeting. The Board agreed to wait and discuss this at the May Meeting.

Town Historian: Mr. Bove stated the Board has received a letter from Frances Barbieri requesting that she be considered for appointment as Town Historian. He discussed this with Mr. Morrell, and they found a Section in the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law that says a town shall have a Historian who is appointed by the Supervisor. Mr. Bove said Miss Barbieri is well positioned because she is an employee of the Historical Society.

After brief discussion, Mr. Bove made a motion requesting that the Town Supervisor appoint Frances Barbieri as Town Historian, motion seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves. Mr. Earle stated he is appointing France Barbieri as Town Historian for the year 2015.

RFP – Consulting Services: Mr. Morrell stated he and Mr. Bove discussed this, and they want to establish a standard solicitation letter with approval by the Board and develop a list of potential firms to address them to.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events: Mrs. Caraher stated there are two ongoing yearly Events – Seneca Falls Little League opening day Parade and the Pageant of Bands.

A motion was made approving Special Events of Seneca Falls Little League Opening Day Parade and Pageant of Bands by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Membership – NY Rural Water Association: A motion was made approving membership to NY Rural Water Association for the Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator and Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator at a cost of \$386.00 by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Tree Removal – Kids' Territory: A motion was made to accept the low quote of Cranebrook Tree Service in the amount of \$2,000.00 for tree removal at Kids' Territory by Duane Moore and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Bandstand Renovations – People's Park: Mr. Sanderson indicated that this has not been bid out yet. Mr. Bove said the Board wants to do this as soon as possible because of the impending Summer season. Mr. DeLelys said Mr. Spina will try and get some bids.

Authorization to Hold July 4th Event Downtown: A motion was made authorizing the July 4th Event to be held Downtown by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Contract – Beverly Animal Shelter: Mr. Morrell noted this is the same agreement the Town has had with Beverly Animal Shelter for several years.

A motion was made authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the Agreement with Beverly Animal Shelter to provide shelter for seized dogs by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Budget Adjustment for Grant: Chief Peenstra stated the Town just received reimbursement from the State for the Grant for a License Plate Reader; that payment has to go back into his line item for Equipment.

A motion was made authorizing the Budget adjustment to reflect the reimbursement from the State for the Grant received for Equipment (\$13,800.00 from the State, and \$4,393.00 donation from IESI) by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Budget Transfers – First Quarter: A motion was made to approve the attached Budget Transfers for the first quarter of 2015 by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Authorize Final Payment – WTP Lift Pump/Kingdom Rd. Pump Station Improvements: A motion was made authorizing the final payment of \$11,350.00 to J&E Electric for work completed relative to the WTP Lift Pump/Kingdom Rd. Pump Station Improvements by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Tree Removal – Wastewater Treatment Plant: Mr. Tullo stated there are 13 trees hanging over the south fence – it is budgeted. Mr. Morrell stated given the amount involved, it is not subject to bid, but it is subject to the Procurement Policy; Mr. Tullo did obtain the required written proposals.

A motion was made to accept the low quote of Dan Lennox Tree Services in the amount of \$4,200.00 for the removal of 13 trees at the WWTP by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Sanderson said the work needs to be done – he doesn't argue that point. He always felt that if there is a quote from a local taxpaying person or business, they should get some sort of benefit because they pay taxes to keep our Town functioning. He always felt a local taxpaying business should get some priority – he doesn't know if that is legal. Mr. Morrell replied not really. He said this is subject to the Town's Procurement Policy – we are getting these quotes to ensure that everybody has a chance to submit their bid. The Town's policy is to take the low bid for the same reasons that the State Law has that policy. Mr. Bove asked how the Procurement Policy can be amended; Mr. Morrell replied it's a Policy adopted every year by resolution; an amendment would be subject to the same procedure. After discussion, Mr. Morrell stated he would look into this to see if it is doable – a resolution to take into consideration that the bidder is a business located in the Town.

WWTP – E. Bayard Street Pump Station Retrofit: Mr. Tullo stated this is for the three pumps in question. They have all the materials for the mechanical part of the installation; it's for the labor only on the mechanical end and labor and material for electrical. Low bids are Blue Heron at \$7,950.00 for mechanical, and J&E Electric at \$4,000.00 for electrical. Mr. Tullo noted it is all in the Budget. Mr. Morrell stated this is all under the threshold of the bidding process. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made to award bids to Blue Heron for Mechanical - \$7,950.00, and J&E Electric for Electrical - \$4,000.00, by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Authorize Budgeted Payment to SF Development Corporation: A motion was made authorizing the budgeted payment of \$54,000.00 to the Seneca Falls Development Corporation by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Emil Bove.

Mr. Moore commented that \$54,000.00 is a lot of money. He asked who was on the Board. Mr. Bove stated Sharon Hoatland (The Gould), Jay Eastman, Ken McConnell, Menzo Case, Mr. Earle, himself and Pat Nugent. Mr. Moore asked what they are going to do with this money; Mr. Bove replied they are going to create a local development office - they are going to have a developer (Executive Director) July 1st. They have entered into a contract with Camoin Associates to help them hire that person. The Development Corporation has approximately \$72,000.00 of its own, so the combination of that is the start-up; next year, there will be a request to keep the thing going because this is an important mechanism for generating development and new business in the Town. Further discussion followed.

The above motion made by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Emil Bove authorizing the budgeted payment of \$54,000.00 to the Seneca Falls Development Corporation was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Roof Replacement – Ken-Mor Pump Station: Mr. Tullo stated the roof is in bad shape and needs immediate attention. He doesn't believe the need for replacing plywood was known when his predecessor budgeted for it; there is money in the Bridgeport Sewer District Budget to get this done. Mr. Earle mentioned that Mr. Tullo has received three bids.

A motion was made to accept the low bid of TCM Construction in the amount of \$7,150.00 for roof replacement at the Ken-Mor Pump Station (\$4,500 originally budgeted and \$2,650 from line item SS1-8110.100) by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway – Dump Body and Plows: Mr. Wood stated he would like to purchase a dump body and plow from Viking USA at a cost of \$64,784.00. This may be reduced by \$2,400.00 because they have a wing that may fit on the body. He mentioned that he will be getting rid of one truck. Mr. Wood stated this is piggy-backed off of Onondaga County bid; it is budgeted.

A motion was made authorizing the purchase of a dump body and plow from Viking USA at a cost of \$64,784.00, said bid piggy-backed off of an Onondaga County bid, by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway – Water/Cemetery Truck: Mr. Wood stated this was totally unexpected. This is a 2001 truck from the Village which is old and was not maintained. The truck is used extensively in the Cemetery for burials. Mr. Wood said there is one that Onondaga County Parks & Recreation did not take which is ready to use. He added the money would have to come out of the Equipment Fund; the cost is \$44,241.00 with a municipal discount – if it was a commercial bid, it would cost \$46,640.00. Mr. Wood said he also has several items to declare surplus which may pay for three-quarters of the truck.

Mr. Morrell stated the price was set for another municipality, in this case Onondaga County which is just how the previous purchase was done. He added under the State's Piggy-back Law, the Board does not need to go out and formally bid this.

A motion was made authorizing the purchase of a Water/Cemetery Truck at a cost of \$44,241.00, said bid piggy-backed off of an Onondaga County bid, by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway – Infrared Asphalt Heater: Mr. Wood stated after further review, he decided to take this off the Agenda. He will bring it up at Budget time.

Highway – Declare Surplus Trucks & Trailers: Mr. Wood requested that the Board declare surplus the following which would go to auction: 2008 Dodge 2500, 2001 International Dump, 2004 Ford 550, 2010 big Tex trailer and a 2003 Ford 550 dump.

A motion was made to declare the above trucks and trailers surplus which will go to auction by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mowing – Fox Cemetery: Mr. Wood stated this was unexpected and not budgeted. He said with the help he has, there is no way they can take care of this Cemetery. He went out for quotes and received two quotes. One quote is for \$100.00 per mowing; if his employees could do it, it would cost \$140.00 plus transportation to and from that job, wear and tear on the mower and fuel. Mr. Wood said from May to November with about 28-30 mowings, it would cost \$3,000.00 (this includes mowing and trimming around headstones). He added the other bid for mowing was \$140.00 per mowing.

A motion was made to accept the quote of TNT Lawn Care for mowing of Fox Cemetery at \$100.00 per mowing, by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Attendance at Regional Government Workshop – Planning & ZBA Members: A motion was made authorizing Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals Members to attend the Regional Government Workshop on May 14, 2015 at a cost of \$75.00 registration fee per Member and mileage by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution Opposing LPG Storage Adjacent to Seneca Lake: Mr. Earle stated a number of towns are passing this resolution, expressing concern for the safety of Seneca Lake which affects everybody along the Lake and some folks not on the edge of the Lake.

Steven Churchill stated the proposal is to store 88 million gallons of liquid petroleum gas on the shores of Seneca Lake about three miles north of Watkins Glen in abandoned unlined salt caverns. Seneca Lake is probably one of the most stressed lakes in the Finger Lakes, and also holds over half of all the water of all the Finger Lakes combined. Mr. Churchill said protection of Seneca Lake is essential as it provides drinking water for over 100,000 people in the Finger Lakes. The storage of volatile liquids in unlined caverns that could leak into the Lake is too risky. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Duane Moore to adopt the following Resolution:
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls recognizes the importance of the Finger Lakes watershed as a whole, and specifically Seneca Lake, to the State and to the local Community; and
WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Town Board that a plan has been proposed for storage of LP gas in large quantities in unlined abandoned salt caverns adjacent to and beneath the shores of Seneca Lake; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board is keenly aware of the role played by Seneca Lake in providing drinking water for a large segment of the population of Seneca as well as other Counties, Seneca Lake's designation as a scenic by-way, its role as a recreational asset and in promotion of area tourism, as well as its importance to the fish and wildlife of the Finger Lakes area; and
WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the Town Board that a specific site, Well 58, proposed for such storage had previously been plugged and abandoned by the prior owner, New York State Electric and Gas Corp., and deemed no longer appropriate for storage of the type proposed by the current owner; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board is deeply concerned with reports of the failure of structures of the same type being suggested for such storage at Seneca Lake due to earth tremors of the same severity sometimes experienced in upstate New York, as well as reports of leakage in similar structures that are neither designed nor built specifically for the purpose proposed; and
WHEREAS, catastrophic consequences to the Lake and the Finger Lakes Watershed would be unavoidable in the event of a similar event taking place at the proposed storage site; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board is aware that the Department of Environmental Conservation has expressed similar concerns over such site failures both here and at other similar facilities around the Country.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls joins Senator Michael Nozzolio and many other Finger Lakes regional municipalities in respectfully requesting that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation withhold approval of any plan for mass storage of LP gas adjacent to or under Seneca Lake, and exercise its power in assisting in determining a more appropriate location for any such storage site; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Governor Cuomo, Senator Michael Nozzolio, Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb, Assemblyman Philip Palmesano, the Mayor of Watkins Glen, New York, the Schuyler County Legislature, the Yates County Legislature, the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, Seneca County Board of Supervisors, Cayuga County Legislature, Tompkins County Legislature, the City of Geneva Common Council and the Reading Town Board.
No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Appoint David Nageldinger – Part-Time for One Week: Mr. Earle stated one of the Employees at the Water Plant was out on sick leave; he is back to work, but there is a level of catch-up at the Plant. One of the holding tanks needs to be retrofitted; in order to do this project, it takes both Operators. Mr. Earle said there has been a request to have David Nageldinger come back and run the Plant while they do that – it will only take about a week (about 25 hours).

A motion was made to employ David Nageldinger part-time for one week at the Water Treatment Plant by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Water/Sewer Credits: Mr. Earle stated this customer has been charged for two units; after inspection and review, the classification has been changed to one unit. The amount of credit due is \$59.80.

A motion was made to approve the Water/Sewer credit in the amount of \$59.80 as per report prepared by Mrs.

Havelin and dated March 25, 2015 by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Police – Purchase License Plate Reader: Chief Peenstra stated in November 2014, Senator Nozzolio applied for a \$10,000.00 grant and we were awarded that grant. He would like to use that \$10,000.00 towards a new License Plate Reader. Total cost for the Reader is \$18,150.00; out of the budgetary line for Equipment, he is requesting the difference of \$8,150.00 – this is under State bid.

A motion was made authorizing the purchase of a License Plate Reader, \$10,000.00 to be paid from the Grant, and \$8,150.00 to be taken from the Equipment line item, by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Police – Purchase Radar Unit: Chief Peenstra stated this is a replacement radar unit that goes inside a car; currently, they are having some trouble with one. He requested that the Board approve \$2,989.40 for a radar unit, money to be taken out of the Forfeiture account.

A motion was made authorizing the purchase of a Radar Unit at a cost of \$2,989.40 to be taken from the Forfeiture account, by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Water Clerk: Mr. Bove stated a line item was included in the Budget for a part-time Water Clerk. He said the Personnel Committee met with Anne Haviland, John Condino, Joe Tullo, Domenick Belle and discuss this; part of the rationale for creating this position was because of the pressure on Mrs. Haviland in her duties. The purpose is to assist her in carrying out all the responsibilities of the Water/Sewer Clerk. Mr. Bove said that particular position where Mrs. Haviland is seems to be the focal point for many of the functions of the Water/Sewer Departments in addition to the normal accounting for the water/sewer rents. He said there appears there is justification for having this position. He added they are asking the Supervisor and Mrs. Haviland to work out the details and work with the County Personnel Office to create the position, and hopefully, we can move forward to appoint someone from the Civil Service list to this part-time position.

A motion was made requesting that the Town Supervisor work with Anne Haviland and County Personnel Office to create a set of job duties/functions for this position so that the Board can create the position at a future Meeting, perhaps next month, by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Payment of Bills:

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

General Fund - \$263,956.86 (Abstract #4)

Miscellaneous Fund - \$31,367.08 (Abstract #4)

Highway Fund - \$26,224.47 (Abstract #4)

Water Fund - \$70,537.98 (Abstract #4)

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Recreation Fund - \$26,409.72 (Abstract #4)

Vince's Park Fund - \$2,121.25 (Abstract #4)

Sewer Fund - \$64,947.37 (Abstract #4)

At 9:25 P.M., a motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss a specific employee situation and to discuss matters that may affect real property values by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reconvene the regular monthly Meeting at 10:54 P.M. by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

