

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

Present were Supervisor Donald Earle; Councilmen Duane Moore, David DeLelys, Chad Sanderson and Emil Bove. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; James Spina, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; Donald Collins, Assessor; Donald Wood, Highway Superintendent; Joseph Tullo, Chief WWTP Operator; John Condino and Matthew Fuller from 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:

Chris Podzuweit – Seneca Museum Maintenance/Repairs: Chris Podzuweit presented documents and photos to the Board relative to the maintenance requirements at the 89 Fall Street Town building. He said the issues have accelerated due to the expansion of the second floor. There are currently four areas of concern: the support pillar in the front of the Visitor Center, decking on the second level at the rear of the Building, stone walls on the lower level are crumbling and are becoming damaged and the security fence between the Boaters Facility and the Seneca Museum Hands On displays is damaged.

Mr. Podzuweit stated additional lighting is required as part of the second floor expansion. He requested permission to install track lighting which has been donated. He asked what the procedure was to get these items completed. Mr. Earle stated Mr. Podzuweit needs to get cost estimates for the repairs and bring them to the Town Clerk. He will then see if there is money in the Budget for the repairs; if not it will be added to the Budget for next year.

Dan Babbitt: Dan Babbitt thanked Chad Sanderson for taking the time to make sure he understood the rules and regulations for the new sidewalk grants. He also thanked Dave DeLelys for taking the time to talk about some of the road repairs and uneven sidewalks.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Meeting of June 2, 2015 by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Reports:

Dog Control Officer: The Dog Control Officer's report states that four dogs were impounded - three dogs were redeemed and one dog is still being held; one Appearance ticket was issued. A total of \$20.00 in fees was collected and turned over to the Town Clerk.

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

Zoning Officer: The Board has a copy of a Zoning Report for the month of June. Mr. Earle mentioned that the Zoning Officer is out on disability; he wished him well, and said he is not expected to come back. He added the Board is in the process of seeking a replacement. Mr. Bove asked how things are being addressed without a Zoning Officer. Mr. Morrell replied the Assistant Zoning Officer is taking information and issuing permits. He has been available for consultation for particular items as they come through.

A motion was made to accept the Zoning Report by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Commissioner of Parks & Recreation: Mr. Spina stated Summer Programs registration is booming. They have an active waiting list for the Summer Play Program as it filled up about two weeks ago. He said in partnership with the Schools, they are offering a free Summer Lunch Program for all children 18 and under at Kids' Territory. It will accommodate all children in the Program, and also any children in the Community. Mr. Spina noted this Lunch Program is at no cost to the Town.

Mr. Spina stated there will be Ribbon Cutting to officially open the Boat Launch at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 18th. He did a press release, and the Rec Boosters will sponsor this as well.

The 4th of July fireworks went well; a lot of people attended and it was a huge success. There was an issue of moving some of the activities down by Trinity Church which he was not aware. Mr. Spina spoke with Mr. Korzeniewski regarding this matter. Brief discussion followed.

Mr. Spina said Soccer Camp is going on this week with 85 children attending. Among other Camps that are offered are Basketball Camp next week, and Lacrosse Camp the week after that. Jr. Golf Camp starts tomorrow. He said it's a busy time of year at the Community Center – it's a lot of fun.

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

Mr. Spina stated he met today with a Representative of Generations Bank who will be sponsoring the August Event and will be picking up all expenses.

Highway Superintendent: Mr. Wood noted that it is a busy month. They are trying to do 18 Streets and Roads within the Town, and are working on catch basins, manholes and valves. Streets and Roads they are working on are Maynard from Ovid Street to Seneca Lane, Seneca Lane, Garden from Ovid Street to Spring Street, Clinton Street – Fall Street to Railroad tracks, VanCleaf Street from Mynderse Street to Troy Street, Tyre from Troy to State Street, Maple Street, Johnson to Maple Street Loop, Oxford, Elwood, Pine, Chapin to Meadow Street, Ritmer Lane, Farron Road, King Road, Laws Lane, South Spring Street and Seneca Street. Mr. Wood said it is a pretty aggressive schedule, and they will start paving July 20th.

Mr. Wood referred to the dumpsters and said they had 150 tons of trash and 50 trips to the Landfill. They delivered 172 dumpsters, replaced 14 totes, and had four burials.

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

Mr. Earle asked what the status was on the dumpsters at the Highway Department. Mr. Wood replied it has gotten out of hand. It may be closed on weekends, and open just during the week during business hours. He had four men trying to get that place organized. There are too many people coming in from out-of-town and throwing things all over. He added starting Monday, they will have to stop and show their license. Brief discussion followed.

Assessor: Mr. Collins indicated that the Board has a copy of his report. He is working on the reval, reviewing neighborhoods listed and making revisions. The main thing he is working on is developing a land table. He will meet with a Representative from Real Property to put all the information into a computer program. He is developing sales books and will have them available for the public when done.

Mr. Collins stated he is going through approximately 4,000 property record cards, checking the data for accuracy. He is going out and looking at each property to see if it matches the property record card.

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

Attorney for the Town: Mr. Morrell reported that on June 23rd, there was an application filed in the County Court which relates to someone trying to take an appeal of a matter that occurred in Seneca Falls Town Court. He said the matters being appealed are all dated back to last year when there was a different Judge and the recorder was not working properly, and the current Court is having a hard time putting together a record from the previous Court. The Defendant is applying to the Seneca County Court for some relief, basically asking the County Court to operate on his record. Mr. Morrell noted that it is a criminal matter, not necessarily a liability type issue. He added it will be before the Court in August, and he will report back to the Board. He said other than that, there are no new matters other than items on the Agenda.

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

Water & Sewer: Mr. Tullo stated asbestos insulation at Fall Street and Water Street Pump Stations has been removed. The return pump that was approved last month has been ordered, as well as the parts. He is working very hard on improving safety programs around the plant and addressing deficiencies that they have.

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

Police Chief: Chief Peenstra stated the Board has a copy of his report. They were fortunate enough to have visits from First Graders who got a tour of the Police Department. They had an inspection of their holding cell from the NYS Department of Corrections, as well as an inspection of their Juvenile processing; the Department was in compliance, or exceeded compliance, in all elements required by Law.

Chief Peenstra stated they have selected Officer Chris Denny as the School Resource Officer. He and Officer

Denny completed School Resource Officer training, and he will be starting in mid-August. The Chief said Officer Denny is certified as School Resource Officer, and they are working with the School to implement this and get ready for mid-August.

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

Barton & Loguidice: Mr. Condino gave an update of the projects they are working on currently. The survey regarding the Noble Road drainage has been completed, and after review, they should have some initial recommendations within 2-3 weeks. They will speak with Mr. Witchey and his neighbors to make sure they haven't missed anything.

Mr. Condino stated they will be putting together a report on the storm sewer study. The objective is to get the recommended storm sewer and sanitary sewer rehab recommendations so they can be listed and in line for some potential funding that is available for storm water projects.

Mr. Condino said they will be presenting three options for the Kingdom Road force main replacement. One option is replacement in kind along the current route. Another option is on the south side of the Canal, all the way down Bayard Street, along the Trail. Mr. Condino said they will meet with the Committee this month, and hopefully, have a recommendation next month.

There was a public Meeting regarding the Auburn Road sewer, and they will be in the process of putting together a grant application for that potential sewer extension. Mr. Condino said they will be providing Mr. Wood with elevations and sketches relative to the installation of the sewer on Ritmer Lane. He added they will be meeting with him to finalize what the Town costs are so that those costs can be allocated to the property owners properly when it is complete.

Mr. Condino said they are working on the Route 414 sewer upgrade. As to the sewerline transfer, Mr. Morrell stated he was contacted by the Special Counsel for the Town of Tyre and discussed the Agreements. There are no issues with the Agreements that were put together; the issue is with the Town of Tyre and one of timing. The issues all relate to and presume that the Town of Tyre has a sewer district in place - we have been operating under the belief that they did have such a sewer district in place. Mr. Morrell stated the Attorney he spoke with was not confident in the procedures that were used to set that up, so they are going to start that process again to insure that it is done correctly.

Mr. Condino mentioned that the evaluation for the potential water rate increase is still ongoing. Mr. Bove asked if they were still looking at alternatives to raising the water rate. Mr. Condino replied they are still doing that.

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

Other Committee Reports: There were none.

Communications:

A motion was made to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 22 by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays. Communications numbered 1 to 22 are as follows:

1. Summary Report of Grant Activity as of June 1, 2015 from J. O'Connell & Associates, Inc.
2. Notice of intention to discontinue service supplied to Landlord or rental property Owner by NYSEG.
3. Deposits totaling \$1,062.38 from Community Center.
4. Checks totaling \$31,983.02 representing tower rent, reimbursement for use of loader, donation for radar trailer, sale of surplus equipment, copies of Police reports, US Treasury refund from 4th Quarter 2011 and 2nd Quarter 2011, Finger Lakes Railway PILOT, Cemetery fence claim and Health Insurance premium payments.
5. Notice of application to State for renewal of wine and beer license from Downtown Deli.
6. Monthly Report of all moneys received and disbursed during the month of May 2015 from Town Supervisor.
7. Notice of Town of Tyre Public Hearings relative to revised proposed Local Law #2-2015 and revised proposed Local Law #3-2015 from Cheney & Blair, LLP.
8. Statement of Accounts, April 1, 2011 to May 31, 2015, from Wilmington Trust.
9. Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of May 28, 2015.
10. Notice to Occupant of intention to discontinue service supplied to Landlord or rental property Owner by NYSEG.
11. Memorandum of Understanding relative to the Town's commitment to the revaluation process from NYS Department of Taxation and Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services.
12. Minutes of the Town Planning Board Meeting of May 28, 2015.

13. Copy of letter to Taxpayer Advocate Service from Attorney for the Town relative to Civil Penalty Case (Village of Seneca Falls).
14. Checks totaling \$43,943.36 representing Town Justices Reports, copies of Police reports, Grave opening, fuel reimbursement, Health Insurance premium payments, HAS advance, Residual funds from Refinancing and Community Center deposits.
15. Checks totaling \$3,311.78 representing Health Insurance premium payments, purchase of two plots, grave opening and scrap metal sales.
16. Monthly Report for the month of May 2015, as per Town Operating License and Host Community Agreement, and Groundwater Monitoring Report, 1st Quarter 2015, from Seneca Meadows, Inc.
17. Reports and Resolutions from Seneca County Planning Board relative to Site Plan Review, Use Variance and Area Variance.
18. Copy of Email from Attorney for the Town to Town Supervisor (in his capacity of Chair of the County Board of Supervisors) relative to letters relating to Peterman Road in the Town.
19. Notice to Occupant of intention to discontinue service supplied to Landlord or rental property Owner by NYSEG.
20. Copy of letter to Stephen Ricci, Attorney for Town of Fayette, from Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town, inclosing proposed Agreement for the sale of water from the Town to the Town of Fayette Cayuga Lake Front Water District No. 3.
21. Checks totaling \$57,681.85 representing Health Insurance premium payments, delinquent mowing charges, mortgage tax, Town Clerk's May Report, tower rent, NYMIR interest on Capitalization, restitution payment and Community Center deposits.
22. Minutes of the Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting of May 26, 2015.

Old Business:

Sale of Condominium & Surplus Real Properties: Mr. Morrell referred to the Condominium and stated that we still have a listing Agreement with Young Agency. He has had communications with him, and he has been showing the property; there are people interested, but nothing solid or purchase offer has been submitted at this time. He added the Agreement with Mr. Young runs until next month.

Mr. Morrell stated at the last Meeting, the Board authorized the advertisement for Request for Proposals which was done (10 Fall Street and 28 Oak Street). He said at this time, he received some inquiries but no solid proposals have been submitted at this point. Brief discussion followed.

Auburn Road Sewer Extension: Discussed earlier in the Meeting.

Write-Off Uncollectable Receivables: Mr. Morrell requested that this be carried over until next month so that he can report on that at the next Meeting.

Route 414 Sewer Line Transfer from IDA to Town: Mr. Earle asked if there was any indication as to how long it will take for Tyre to get through the process. Mr. Morrell replied it requires a Public Hearing after notice. They are beginning their process this month and having the Public Hearings at their August Meeting. After their August Meeting, if everything lines up as it should, we should be in a position to move forward with the agreements. Mr. Morrell mentioned that there is still the easements that are needed from Seneca Meadows, and then the transfer of the line.

Solicitors: Mr. Morrell stated he has been working with Chief Peenstra on this, and taking the current Solicitors Code from the Town's Code and some information from other jurisdictions, and add to it so that we have a Code that Law Enforcement and Town Clerk can work with. He expects to be forwarding a proposed Local Law to the Public Safety Committee as well as the Chief within the next week or two.

Water Rate Increase: Discussed earlier in the Meeting.

RFP – Consulting Services: Mr. Morrell stated that one Firm submitted a proposal, and the Town Clerk has received one. He has been contacted by a third Attorney, but he has not received anything in writing yet.

Bandstand Renovations – People's Park: Mr. Earle stated he gave a copy of the specs to the Middle School Principal with the intent to talk to the Shop Teachers to see if this is a project they may want to take on. Mr. Rhinehart is very interested and will get back to him. Mr. Earle said it would save the Town money, and also allow the Shop Students to earn Community Service time.

Mr. DeLelys stated he, Mr. Sanderson and Mr. Spina looked at it and some different options. Mr. Sanderson said they discussed three options: restoration of what is there, replacing it with new to make it look like the old one, and something new and totally different. He added they will see what the costs are and see what the will of the Board is, and see what the Community feels should be done.

Canal Harbor Usage by Commercial Operators: Mr. Morrell stated he is working with the Recreation Center and Law Enforcement. He is in the process of creating a new section of the Town Code which does not exist to address the situations we have with long-term usage of the Canal walls. He received information from the Canal Corp. as to what they control and what they don't. Brief discussion followed.

Amend Documents – Health Insurance: Mr. Bove stated after a great deal of research by Mr. Sanderson and Mrs. Warfel, the Committee finally determined that the Board that was in place prior to January 1, 2011 made some provisions for Town Employees and Village Employees that were coming over. They found provisions that were intended but were never adopted by resolution. He proceeded to explain the provisions.

Mr. Bove presented a resolution entitled Post-Retirement Medical/Dental Insurance Benefits. Mr. Morrell stated the resolution is much to the benefit of the Employees of the Town; it addresses what was probably closer to the intention originally.

Mr. Bove stated the resolution has provisions for eligibility and coverage. There are two classes of people that the Town will be contributing for medical and dental coverage. It establishes a percentage of the Town's contribution after 20 years of service, 25 years of service and 30 years of service (at retirement prior to age 65). At retirement at age 65 or over, it establishes the Town's contribution for 20 years, 25 years and 30 years of a Medicare Supplement Plan. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made to adopt the attached Post-Retirement Medical/Dental Insurance Benefits Resolution by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Sanderson asked if this will become part of the Employee Handbook as written; Mr. Morrell replied yes.

Vetco Contracting Services Request to Withdraw Bid: Mr. Morrell stated from his review of the body of law that addresses this type of situation, it appears that Vetco has done everything that they can to acknowledge their mistake, to contact the Engineers for the Town as well as the Town Clerk's Office to seek to withdraw their bid, have been very upfront and open and very timely on everything. He added it would not be to the Town's benefit to attempt to try and hold this Contractor to this bid because they have done everything that they can to acknowledge their mistake and seek to withdraw their bid. (This will be done as part of the bid awards.)

Sewerline – Rittmer Lane: Mr. Earle stated in previous Board Meetings, it was outlined that Rittmer Lane was never officially turned over to the Town or Village. He added since the Town has been plowing the Street and maintaining it at times, it was felt that the Town needed to take over that Street.

Mr. Wood stated the Street has been milled and taken down; the base underneath is good so not much work needs to be done there. They have the material, and he has been working with Barton & Loguidice on the depths of the manholes. Mr. Wood said the only thing to be decided is that the Town should send the property owners letters to let them know what is going on – letters should be sent out before they start. Mr. Morrell stated the Town would install the main line and the residents will have the opportunity to connect to that line at their own expense. Mr. Wood said they will put laterals onto the property, and it will be up to the homeowners to hook their house to that lateral.

Mr. Bove asked about the cost; Mr. Wood replied \$5,000-\$6,000 for material and somewhere around \$12,000.00 for labor. Mr. Bove asked if there was something in State Law or Town Code that requires homeowners to pay the cost. Mr. Morrell replied that it is really at the discretion of the Board as to how they want this line to get into the ground. Mr. DeLelys stated the people on Gravel Road want it, too – they have been asking for years. Mr. Condino stated he believes the Town Code states that the homeowners are required to hook up. Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Morrell stated to clarify from the Board's discussion, the Town's Code requires hookup to the sewerline for all the residences that are within 100' of a hookup within 90 days of notice from the Town Board. Mr. Earle requested that Mr. Morrell draft a letter referencing the Code so that he can sign it and mail it out.

A motion was made to install the sewerline on Rittmer Lane, and follow up with an information letter to the property owners by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events: Mr. Spina stated he has three Events, all of which have been discussed with Committee. Convention Days will be held on July 17, 18 and 19; they have insurance which is incoming. The second Event is the 2nd Annual Goulds ITT Heart Walk on August 8th; the only thing required is to help them cross the street at Rumsey and Fall Street. The last Event is St. Anthony's Italian Festival who requested help with parking signs and help to proceed from the Rumseyville to the Church. Mr. Spina noted all the Events

have insurance, and he and the Chief recommend approval for all three Events.

A motion was made to approve the Convention Days Event, the 2nd Annual Goulds ITT Heart Walk and St. Anthony's Italian Festival Event by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

June Budget Transfers: A motion was made authorizing the June Budget Transfers as submitted by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Bids – Town Municipal Building: Mr. Condino stated that he prepared a Town Municipal Building Evaluation History, which he proceeded to summarize:

In November 2004, the Town Board at that time, the initial response was to consider the repair and reconstruction of the fire damage at 10 Fall Street. Over the next couple of years, they actually had some considerations that they looked at with the former Village to consider a Joint Facility.

In 2006, they looked at Academy Square, and couldn't come to a consensus with the Village on that as far as allocating costs, etc. Another concept that was explored in late 2006 was a 15,000 sq.ft. Joint Facility located at the site of the former Town Highway Department on Ovid Street. There was difficulty in reaching a consensus as far as location.

In 2007, 10 Fall Street was reconsidered, not only to renovate and repair the fire damaged building, but also to add a 5,300 sq.ft. addition. This concept was abandoned when agreement couldn't be reached between the Village and the Town. In 2008, the final Joint Facility that was considered prior to dissolution was an almost 20,000 sq.ft. Joint Facility located on Canal Street. This was about the time there was discussion about the dissolution process, and giving the growing concern about what might happen, that ended discussions and consideration of a Joint Facility.

After the vote to dissolve, the then Town Board in 2011 attempted to revisit the repair and renovation of 10 Fall Street. Unfortunately, that attempt was abandoned when a permissive referendum authorizing the use of funds for the project was voted down by the Town residents.

In 2012 to March 2014, the current Town Board conducted an in-depth evaluation of no fewer than eleven building and site alternatives with multiple building configurations considered at many of the sites:

- Construction of new facility on former Town Highway Facility site on Ovid Street in several different configurations.
- Construction of new facility on the former Westcott Rule site.
- Renovation and use of Academy Square at 12 North Park Street.
- Renovation and use of former Town Hall Building site at 10 Fall Street.
- Renovation and use of Sanderson-Moore Funeral Home.
- Renovation and use of the former Village Public Works Facility at 24 Oak Street.
- Renovation and use by the Police Department of the former Village Hall at 60 State Street.
- Construction of a new facility on the south side of the Canal at Canal Street.
- Renovation of the Town owned unit in the Partridge Building at 115 Fall Street.
- Renovation or addition to the Seneca Falls Recreation Center.
- Renovation to the former Generations Bank Offices on lower Fall Street.

Mr. Condino stated with the exception of the option to construct a new facility on the former Highway Facility site on Ovid Street, each of the other ten options were rejected for a variety of reasons, such as inadequate parking, insufficient size to accommodate administration, court and police functions, cost of renovations, potential environmental issues, lot size limitations, etc.

In July 2014, after careful consideration was given to each of the alternatives listed above, the Board made a decision to build a 12,100 square foot facility to accommodate administration, court and police functions on the former Town Highway facility site located adjacent to Firemen's Field on Ovid Street.

In June 2015, bids were opened for the new facility with apparent low bids of all contracts totaling \$3,565,903.00. Discussions have been that the money for the project will come from a \$2.5 million dedicated building reserve fund, as well as an unreserved fund balance in the General Fund. Also, loans from existing funds within the Town Budget, if necessary, can be used. Proceeds from the sale of surplus properties can be applied to the building project or other future projects.

Mr. Fuller stated on June 4th, bids were opened for four prime contracts for the building, which they reviewed. The apparent low bidder for the General construction was Vetco Construction; they discovered a math computation error and requested that their bid be withdrawn. The second apparent low bidder for General construction was Whitney East, Inc. with a total bid of \$2,616,400.00. Mr. Fuller said they contacted them, and they are willing to enter into an agreement with the Town; there are no informalities discovered with the bid.

The low bidder for Contract 1B, Mechanical construction, is Widewaters Heating & Air Conditioning with a bid of \$386,203.00. They are comfortable with their bid, and there are no errors or omissions in their bid.

The low bidder for Contract 1C, Plumbing construction, is HMI Mechanical Systems, Inc. with a bid of \$135,900.00. They are comfortable with their bid, and there are no errors or omissions in their bid.

The low bidder for Contract 1D, Electrical construction, is Concord Electric Corporation with a bid of \$427,400.00. They are comfortable with their bid, and there are no errors or omissions in their bid.

Mr. Fuller stated with the summary, they are recommending that the Town enter into a contract with all four prime contractors, moving forward with the project.

A motion was made to accept the low bids of all four prime contractors totaling \$3,565,903.00 to construct a new building on Ovid Street as recommended by Barton & Loguidice, by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Chad Sanderson.

Mr. Moore stated obviously, the Board is talking about a lot of money. He went along with the project on Ovid Street because nothing else seems to fit in. Barton & Loguidice has been working diligently on this project; there is only one direction to go and that is what is on the table right now.

Mr. Bove stated he is not sure he agrees with the funding. There is \$2.5 million in a dedicated building fund which can be used for this project. He is not sure what loans from existing funds means. There is a Tax Stabilization Fund which they asked the State Comptroller if it would be appropriate to use money from that fund to pay for this. Mr. Morrell stated the Statute that pertains to the Tax Stabilization Fund restricts use of that money to finance unanticipated revenue loss or unanticipated expenditures. He said the question was asked if there is anything different that can be done – anything different than what is laid out in the Statute, and they said no. However, they did raise the possibility of borrowing money from that fund and repaying it over time. Mr. Morrell explained the options relative to paying for the project. Lengthy discussion followed relative to the loan of funds from the Tax Stabilization Fund and options relative to paying for the project. Mr. Bove asked if loaning money from the Tax Stabilization Fund is subject to referendum; Mr. Morrell replied he doesn't see any requirements for a referendum.

The above motion made by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Chad Sanderson to accept the low bids of all four prime contractors, bids totaling \$3,565,903.00 to construct a new building on Ovid Street, as recommended by Barton & Loguidice, was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys to prioritize the cost of construction of the new Town Municipal Building as follows:

1. Dedicated reserve Building Fund.
2. Town Fund Balance.
3. Proceeds of sale of surplus properties.
4. Loan from the Tax Stabilization Fund.
5. Such other sources that may be identified and may be appropriate at the time.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made approving the request of Vetco Construction to withdraw their bid due to an error in math computation by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Certified Local Government: Mr. Bove stated that the Town has been negotiating with the State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation to place the Town of Seneca Falls in the Certified Local Government Program. The Office of Historic Preservation suggested that certain amendments be made to Chapters 13 and 173 in the Town Code. Mr. Bove requested that a Public Hearing be scheduled on the adoption of a local law making these amendments, at which time discussions can be had up to and during the Hearing. Brief discussion followed relative to the advantages of being placed in the Certified Local Government Program.

A motion was made to schedule a Public Hearing relative to amending Chapter 13 and Chapter 173 of the Town Code at 7:00 P.M. on August 4, 2015 by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolutions in Support of IAWL Grant Application to Purchase Building: Fran Caraccilo stated last year, IAWL Museum submitted a grant application to help purchase the building that the Museum is in. They were not successful, but scored fairly high. Mr. Caraccilo said they are trying again, and are asking for the Town's support.

A motion was made by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson to adopt the following Resolutions: WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls recognizes the growing economic impact of tourism related to the Town's association with the fictional Bedford Falls of the 1946 film classic "It's a Wonderful Life"; and WHEREAS, the Town recognizes and appreciates the role of The Seneca Falls It's a Wonderful Life Museum & Archives providing year-around promotion of this association; and WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the potential benefits of the expansion of the Museum through purchase, development and preservation of the historic building in which it is currently located, the former Seneca Theater

built in 1913 by Charles Fornesi, the first Italian immigrant to permanently settle in Seneca Falls.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls endorses the application for grant funds by The Seneca Falls It's A Wonderful Life Museum & Archives through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application to assist with the purchase of the historic building at 32 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, New York.

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Town Board, as the Management Entity and governing body of the Seneca Falls Heritage Area, recognizes and appreciates the goals of the NYS Heritage Areas System; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls It's A Wonderful Life Museum & Archives serves the goal of Interpretation/Education in its day-to-day function promoting and interpreting the Town's association with the fictional Bedford Falls of the 1946 film classic "It's A Wonderful Life"; and

WHEREAS, the Museum's plans to purchase and preserve the historic building at 32 Fall Street, part of the locally designated Historic District and a Contributing Structure in a National Register District, as identified in the Seneca Falls Heritage Area Management Plan serves the goal of Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, through its interpretive, promotional and historic preservation efforts the Museum contributes to the growing economic impact of Heritage Tourism in Seneca Falls, serving the goal of Economic Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Heritage Area endorses the application for grant funds by The Seneca Falls It's A Wonderful Life Museum & Archives through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application to assist with the purchase of the historic building at 32 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, New York, as meeting the goals of Interpretation/Education, Historic Preservation, and Economic Development as defined in the Seneca Falls Heritage Area Management Plan and the NYS Heritage Areas System.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

WWTP – Transfer Funds: A motion was made to transfer funds from G8130.459, Tree Removal, to G8130.494, Safety Equipment, by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

WWTP Quotes – Mandated Confined Space Training: Mr. Tullo stated he received two quotes; one Company could not provide all that they needed. Discussion followed.

A motion was made to accept the quote of Dival Safety and Supplies of Buffalo in the amount of \$3,575.00 to provide all the Confined Space Training necessary by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Terms of Police Union Contract: Mr. Earle stated when the Village dissolved, the Police Department became the Town Police Department, and the Village contract that was in effect was nullified by the dissolution. He said this first contract sets basic guidelines. They had good negotiations, and both sides were reasonable. Chief Peenstra stated there was give and take and the result is a contract that is fair for the police and the taxpayers. He said they were having a hard time keeping Officers who would leave for more money – when they moved from the Village to the Town, they took a pay cut. The Chief said a tiered salary system was used, and raises were proposed that reduced the gap with neighboring departments to 3% to 6%; Officers lost time off days in exchange for a pay hike. Mr. Earle noted that there is money in the Budget to cover the pay raises for the Police Department. Lengthy discussion followed.

A motion was made to accept the terms of the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Seneca Falls and the Seneca Falls Police Benevolent Association, and authorize the Town Supervisor, Police Chief and Councilman DeLelys to sign the Agreement, by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Parks/Rec Staff – Authorize Attendance at NAYS Conference: Mr. Spina stated this is the Annual Conference that he and his Assistant Director attend (National Alliance Youth Sports and Athletic Business Conference); Conference will be held November 18-21, 2015 in New Orleans. The reason he is asking now is because it will save \$300.00 by registering early; it is budgeted not to exceed \$2,500.00.

A motion was made authorizing Mr. Spina and his Assistant Director to attend the NAYS Conference at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00 by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Old Mausoleum Repairs: Mr. Earle stated two quotes have been received for the old Mausoleum repairs; low quote is from Fegley Construction in the amount of \$15,000.00.

A motion was made to accept the low quote from Fegley Construction for repairs to the old Mausoleum in the amount of \$15,000.00, and transfer \$5,000.00 from the Monument Repairs Line Item to cover the overage, by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Contribution – Rotary Wine & Music Festival: A motion was made to contribute \$150.00 to the Seneca Falls Rotary Wine and Music Festival to be held September 13th by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

A motion was made by Duane Moore and seconded by Emil Bove to amend the above motion by amending the amount of the contribution to \$250.00 plus the use of a dump truck. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Resolution – Grant Application for NY Main Street Grant Program: Mr. Bove stated Jean O’Connell & Associates is in the process of putting together an application for grant funds for the Sackett District under the Main Street Grant Program.

A motion was made to adopt the following Resolution by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore:
WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls intends to submit a grant application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal New York Main Street Grant Program for the purpose of securing funds to assist business district property owners within the Sackett District with renovations for façade, commercial and residential unit improvements per the design standards of the Town of Seneca Falls Codes and Building renovations; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls is committed to and supports the revitalization efforts in the Town and its business districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Donald W. Earle, Town Supervisor, is hereby authorized to submit a New York Main Street grant application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for the purpose of revitalizing the Town of Seneca Falls.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Purchase Trash Totes: Mr. Wood stated they last purchased 144 totes at a cost of \$9,000.00 in April 2013. Since October 2012 to December 2014, they replaced 35 totes; since beginning of this year, they replaced 85 totes, and they have less than 25 totes left. A bill was sent to Cardinal Disposal for \$6,380.00 for damaged totes. Mr. Wood proceeded to demonstrate a tote from a new company which is sturdier. They will put serial numbers on the totes at no charge, and will print Town of Seneca Falls on them. The quote for 275 totes is \$14,160.00 and \$1,600.00 for freight. Mr. Wood said he is going to talk to them about supplying 140 totes at \$8,200.00. He added it is not budgeted, but if Cardinal pays the \$6,380.00, it would only be a difference of about \$2,000.00. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made authorizing the expenditure of \$8,500.00 to purchase totes to replace broken totes by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Retirement of Zoning Officer: Mr. Earle mentioned that Mr. Turkett has retired as Zoning Officer for the Town.

Adjust Salary of Brian DeVay: Mr. Bove stated Brian DeVay has recently received a 2A WasteWater Certification – he is now a licensed Operator. He said in the past, it was represented to him that if he got his license, he would get a raise; Mr. Tullo is recommending that he go from \$22.66 an hour to \$25.00 an hour.

A motion was made to increase the salary of Brian DeVay from \$22.66 an hour to \$25.00 an hour by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Resignation – Part-Time Officer Roden: Chief Peenstra stated Officer Roden has resigned and taken a position with Port Byron Police Department

A motion was made to accept the resignation of Officer Mike Roden as part-time Police Officer by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Resignation – Parking/Harbor Attendant: A motion was made to accept the resignation of Larry Lang as Parking/Harbor Attendant by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Appointment of Parking/Harbor Attendant: A motion was made to appoint Bill Reigel as Parking/Harbor Attendant at \$14.82 an hour, hours to be typically Monday-Friday at about 10 AM to 3 PM unless there is an Event on a weekend, by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Replace Air Conditioning Condenser: Chief Peenstra stated when servicing the outside condensing unit, Joe Caratozzolo has recommended that it be replaced; it is now failing. The Chief provided two quotes; Joe Caratozzolo has the lowest quote in the amount of \$3,760.00 to replace the unit – money is budgeted.

A motion was made to accept the quote of Joe Caratozzolo to replace the air conditioning condenser unit at a cost of \$3,760.00 by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Attendance at Police Chiefs Conference: A motion was made authorizing Chief Peenstra to attend the annual Police Chiefs Conference in Saratoga Springs on July 12-16, 2015 by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Purchase Sierra Wireless Device: Chief Peenstra stated these are needed equipment for wireless devices in patrol vehicles and also GPS for the new Countywide system that is going in. He has two quotes, and the low quote is \$2,209.64; money is budgeted.

A motion was made authorizing the purchase of the Sierra Wireless device at a cost of \$2,209.64 by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Water/Sewer Credits: A motion was made to approve Water/Sewer Credits in the amount of \$187.20, as per report prepared by Ms. Havelin on July 7, 2015, by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Payment of Bills:

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

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| General Fund - \$227,439.90 (Abstract #7) | Recreation Fund - \$40,779.04 (Abstract #7) |
| Miscellaneous Fund - \$ 76,062.84 (Abstract #7) | Vince’s Park Fund - \$13,426.18 (Abstract #7) |
| Highway Fund - \$102,508.79 (Abstract #7) | Sewer Fund - \$101,470.71 (Abstract #7) |
| Water Fund - \$39,907.42 (Abstract #7) | |
- No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Public Hearing and regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 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; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; Donald Collins, Assessor; Donald Wood, Highway Superintendent; and John Condino, Town Engineer.

Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law Amending Town Code relating to HPC and Historic and/or Architectural Design District: Mr. Earle opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. Julian Adams from the State Historic Preservation Office stated they have several programs which help communities with their local preservation issues, local Heritage preservation, economic development, etc. – Certified Local Government Program is one of the programs. He said the Certified Local Government Program was created by the National Park Service to standardize local preservation efforts. New York State adopted a model local Preservation Law. When a community becomes a Certified Local Government, it brings you to a network of local preservation efforts as well as partnership with the National Park Service, and you are also eligible to apply for money through a grant program that is only available to CLGs. Mr. Adams stated it also can give you additional grant points in grant ratings for certain State and Federal grants. He encouraged the Board to consider the amendments as it would bring the Town in compliance with the CLG Program.

Mr. DeLelys asked if it was normal to have seven year terms. Mr. Morrell replied there are seven members on the Board and they rotate once a year; one person’s term will come up rather than having a large turnover in any particular year. Brief discussion followed.

Since there were no further comments, a motion was made to close the Public Hearing at 7:10 P.M. by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

