

A motion was made to accept the resignation of Patrick Morrell as Attorney for the Town by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to retain David Lee Foster as Attorney for the Town as described in Mr. Foster's Retainer Agreement by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Foster thanked the Board for his appointment, and said he was looking forward to working with the Board. He plans to meet with each Board Member to get their perspectives. After that, he will try to meet with any of the Members of the Departments to get a good working relationship with them. Mr. Foster said he is big on communication and is committed to being available whenever an issue comes up, no matter the time or day.

The Town Clerk said the Agreement states the minimum annual fee of \$48,000.00 is payable in equal semi-monthly installments; the Board pays bills once a month. Mr. Foster said that was fine.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street.

Present were Supervisor Gregory Lazzaro; Councilmen Vittorio Porretta, Thomas Ruzicka, David DeLelys and Louis Ferrara. Also present were James Spina, Commissioner of Parks & Recreation; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; James Peterson, Highway Superintendent; Stephanie Holtz, Assessor; Joseph Tullo, WWTP Operator; Peter Baker of Barton & Loguidice and a Member of the local media.

Supervisor Lazzaro called the regular monthly 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.

Presentations:

Kay Irland – Restvale Cemetery Update: Kay Irland of the Cemetery Commission gave an update on the four Cemeteries that the Town is responsible for. Bridgeport Cemetery, Lower Lake Road, was repaired and restored last year; as of now, no major work needs to be done. One stone needs to be repaired, and there is a tree that needs to be looked at. Fox Cemetery, Black Brook Road, needs extensive restoration. A grant application was submitted in 2016, and to date, we have not received notice that a grant has been awarded. The grant needs to be resubmitted. The quote Ms. Irland received in 2016 was \$21,000; 79 monuments need to be repaired. Pioneer Cemetery, Ovid Street, is the oldest Cemetery in Seneca Falls (1820-1849). It was restored in 1969, but it is now in deplorable condition. There are 96 souls buried there, two from the Revolutionary War. The Commission would like direction from the Board as to how they would like this work to be done.

Ms. Irland stated to date, 448 headstones were repaired and restored, plus 200 headstones were restored by Herb Holden and one other Volunteer. They have rebuilt five retaining walls, repaired the main entrance columns, sandblasted the four columns and gate of the original fence, and completely restored/rebuilt the 1885 Mausoleum and the main Mausoleum. In addition, they restored Section JJ from the damage done in the May 2013 storm. The repair costs from 2010 to 2016 is \$257,770.00 (\$80,646.00 Town expense; \$177,124.00 former Village expense).

Ms. Irland stated the Rules and Regulations regarding Cemeteries have been updated. They will be contacting families that are not in compliance, and copies will be made available to any person purchasing a plot, getting a permit to bury, as well as funeral directors and monument contractors. She thanked the Board for additional funding this year to remove trees that need to be taken out before monument repair work is done.

