

Supervisor Earle called the regular monthly Meeting to order. A roll call was taken of Board Members, and Board Member Duane Moore was absent from the Meeting; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Petitioners:

Wilhelmina Pasmus – Ludovico Sculpture Trail: Wilhelmina Pasmus stated the Ludovico Sculpture Trail is in need of funding for emergency maintenance on the Trail. Due to high winds, some large tree branches have come down on the Trail, and large branches have broken off and are hanging over the Trail which is dangerous for those walking and biking on the Trail. The rain and snow melt has caused ruts in some areas of the Trail due to runoff from neighboring properties on the hill overlooking the Trail. Mrs. Pasmus said they do not have a budget to present at this time; any funding for the upkeep of the Trail comes from The Gallery on Cayuga Street and her personal contributions. She thanked the Board for all of their past support which is very much appreciated, and asked that the Board consider a contribution for the much needed emergency maintenance, including 1,000 ft. of crusher run where currently there is mud.

Allison Stokes – Update on Women’s Interfaith Institute: Allison Stokes gave an update on the status of the Women’s Interfaith Institute which was purchased in 2003. They have been in recovery mode ever since a 2009 fire. She referred to photos which she distributed to the Board. Photo #1 displays the tapestry which is now on loan and displayed at the National Park. Photo #2 displays a pulpit which is also on display at the National Park. Photos #3 and #4 show a 1870s pulpit that is in the building which will be donated to the Interfaith Chapel at Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery. They are donating six of their 14’ pews in the Church to the Interfaith Chapel (Photo #5). Photo #6 is a display of flags representing the World’s religions.

Ms. Stokes stated they are not requesting any financial help from the Town. They have a fundraising project going – the sale of the pews. They had their water meter re-installed, and when the water was turned on, there was a broken pipe in the basement with water gushing out of it. Her personal commitment to Seneca Falls is strong despite some disagreement with some Town Board leadership decisions.

Mr. Bove stated there are grants available for religious institutions. Ms. Stokes noted it is not religious – it’s educational. He referred to Julian Adams who said there are moneys available for buildings that are owned by 501C3 organizations

Casey McDonald – Update on Skylands Expansion of Park: Casey McDonald stated the building formerly known as the Mews is now known as Skylands of VanCleaf Lake. He gave the Board an update of what he has done with the building since he purchased it in March, and said the idea is to provide an environment where specifically Veterans can have a safe, respectful, fulfilling experience. He said they are nearly 2/3 full with tenants, nearly half of them Veterans.

Mr. McDonald stated he is presenting to the Board a revamping of what he calls Van Cleef Park. They have 540’ of frontage, and they need a variance relative to the parking spots. He noted these are single residency units and 75% of the occupants don’t have a car. Mr. McDonald stated he thinks they could reduce the parking of the place and develop the Lake frontage a little better (what he is calling Pebble Beach). He would take down the guard rail and put a few loads of pebbles and would like to see the traffic patterns re-worked as it is all private property. He has a wheelchair path to the Beach and would like to see an ADA dock. Mr. McDonald stated no disrespect, but he would like to change the name of Bove Drive to Blueberry Hill, and plant blueberries on both sides of it; by making this one way, they can increase the parking along one edge. He is in close contact with Veteran Agencies, and there is a need for Veteran housing. He invited and welcomed the Board to visit, and give comments and assistance in any way they can see possible.

Mr. Bove stated all the plans are great, but he takes personal Mr. McDonald’s attack on his part to change the name of a street that was named to honor one of Seneca Falls outstanding citizens which happens to be his Father. He is sure Mr. McDonald wanted to establish a blueberry patch and maybe add some surname to the street, but he is just amazed that he would crossover like that. Mr. Bove said they have something in common in that Mr. McDonald’s Father was a well honored person in Romulus and they named the auditorium after him – how would he and the Community feel if they decided to rename the auditorium. Mr. Bove said that was very poorly conceived.

Mr. McDonald stated that it was never his intention to offend anyone. He added it was a brainstorm and an early concept and was never intended that way. He apologized to Mr. Bove and said consider it off the table. Mr. Bove said when the property was conveyed, basically, it was a public street. He doesn’t think the Town Board took any action to abandon it; for fire access and for other reasons, he thinks it should be considered as a public road. Mr. McDonald said he is open to any conversation about it. Further discussion followed.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Meeting of July 7, 2015 by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Reports:

Dog Control Officer: The Dog Control Officer's report states that four dogs were impounded – two redeemed, one adopted and one dog still being held. 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 Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Zoning Officer: The Board has a copy of the Zoning Report for the month of July 2015. A motion was made to accept the report by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Commissioner of Parks & Recreation: The Board has a copy of Mr. Spina's report. A motion was made to accept Mr. Spina's report by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves

Highway Superintendent: Mr. Wood stated this has been another busy month; sixteen of the eighteen streets are done, and all that is left is Farron Road and King Road. He has topsoil and stone to put around in some areas on streets. The sewer is done on Rittmer Lane and it is all paved. He ordered 125 totes with Town of Seneca Falls and Serial Number on them.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Wood's report by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Under New Business, Mr. Wood stated he would like to purchase two roll-offs at \$3,340.00 each plus \$600.00 for freight, for a total cost of \$7,280.00. He asked about an enclosed roll-off for electronics because he found an outlet where they will take them free of charge. He added if he can get an enclosed roll-off, he will not have to build a shelter to store them – DEC requires electronics to be under a shelter. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of two roll-offs at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00 by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Assessor: Mr. Collins gave an update on the Assessment Office since he was appointed Town Assessor one year ago, which is as follows:

- Reviewed inventory on file for proper classification, exemption status, ownership and inventory on each parcel.
- Developed a verified sales inventory book for Mobile Home parks, land/building value on farm properties, Lake sales, road divide sales, postage stamp lots, Canal access, leased land access.
- Researching Commercial sales.
- Developed a residential sales book.

Mr. Collins asked for the Board's support so that he can update the GIS version of SDG to view aerial photos which allow GIS measurements. This updated version has measuring software to pinpoint and record property within 100' and 500' for variance and permits.

Mr. Collins stated he and Mrs. Sloan are continuing to update zoning and neighborhood codes on all properties in the Town - they are $\frac{3}{4}$ complete on over 4000 properties in the Town. He said where there are errors or discrepancies, he has sent letters to property owners describing the discrepancy, and have scheduled meetings to resolve these issues. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Collins report by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Attorney for the Town: Mr. Morrell stated the Town received a notice regarding the New York State Dormitory Authority who issued a negative declaration relative to Seneca Cayuga ARC's acquisition and renovation of 1900 Danaren Drive which is part of the Bonadent facility; no action is required by the Board. He noted other matters appear later 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 Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Water & Sewer: The Board has a copy of Mr. Tullo's report. A motion was made to accept Mr. Tullo's report by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Police Chief: Chief Peenstra stated the Board has a copy of his report. He referred to the Parking/Harbor Attendant in his report, and noted that he has been very active downtown and has issued a lot of warnings.

A motion was made to accept Chief Peenstra's report by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Barton & Loguidice: Mr. Condino mentioned the projects that are ongoing and hopefully coming to closure soon. The sanitary sewer evaluation study was completed and it is expected that the reports will be done within the next couple of weeks. The design for the Kingdom Road force main is ongoing; more discussions to occur as far as some of the alternatives. The evaluation has been completed on the Noble Road drainage and they are putting together recommendations. The Highway Department is ready to do the work probably next month.

Mr. Condino said the upgrades on the Route 414 sewer design are well underway. He added the new Municipal Building contracts were signed today and notices to proceed were given to the contractors. Their schedule right now is to get the building framed up and enclosed before winter so they can work inside through the winter to finish the building.

Mr. Earle mentioned that the Town has been in contact with the Landfill with the change in leadership, as there is some information needed with easements to proceed with the transfer of the Route 414 sewer line. Mr. Morrell stated the Town of Tyre is meeting on August 20th at which time they are anticipating that they will be able to complete the procedures to create their sewer district in the Town of Tyre appropriately. He said that will enable the two towns to move forward with the agreements that have been put together and this Board has already approved.

Other Committee Reports:

Mr. Bove stated the Town has submitted an application for funding for a Main Street Grant; the target area is the Sackett District. He added if the Town is awarded the grant, next year the Town will have to organize a Committee to take formal applications for the funding from property owners and make decisions about which property owners get how much money.

Mr. DeLelys stated there are Court records from 2000 to 2009 that have to be moved; if they get to be moved, they can use the shelving that is here.

Mr. Earle mentioned two other projects that are underway – the Parking Study and the Sidewalk Study. Mr. Sanderson referred to the Parking Study and said they met today and there was a lot of progress on ideas and recommendations. There will be a Public Meeting in September where all of these things can be viewed by the public and suggestions can be further made. He added a lot of the parking opportunities that we have can be done without a lot of expense.

Communications:

A motion was made to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 21 by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays. Communications numbered 1 to 21 are as follows:

1. Postcard from Cayuga Lake Watershed Network thanking Board for renewing Membership.
2. Section 504 Compliance Handbook, July 2015, from LRP Publications.
3. Notice of Order of amendment of speed limit on a portion of Route 414 from NYS Department of Transportation.
4. Statement of Accounts, April 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015, from Wilmington Trust.
5. Network News from Cayuga Lake Watershed Network.
6. Monthly Report for the month of June 2015, as per Town Operating License and Host Community Agreement, from Seneca Meadows, Inc.
7. Vince's park deposits totaling \$6,756.00.
8. Monthly report of all moneys received and disbursed during the month of June 2015 from Town Supervisor.
9. Checks totaling \$42,815.19 representing Health Insurance premiums, copies of Police reports, Town Justices June reports, HSA advance return of funds, Disability reimbursement, overtime reimbursement – PD Crackdown Grant, Grave opening and Community Center deposits.
10. Letter to Town Board from Lucille Povero relative to Finger Lakes Regional Airport.
11. Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of June 25, 2015.
12. Minutes of the Town Planning Board Meeting of June 25, 2015.
13. Minutes of the Town Planning Board Meeting of July 23, 2015.
14. Copy of letter to Barton & Loguidice stating a field inspection was made on the Canal Project site and they found the work was completed in accordance with the conditions of the permit.
15. Notice of Public Hearing relative to proposed Local Law to eliminate the elective Office of Tax Collector from Mary Prosser, Town Clerk, Town of Junius.
16. Copy of Petition for Small Claims Assessment Review sent to Seneca County Clerk's Office from the Law Office of Sharon M. Sulimowicz.

17. Checks totaling \$20,557.61 representing Health Insurance premiums, tote replacement, fuel reimbursement, restitution, Town Clerk's June Report, Tower rent, copies of Police reports, background/record check, disability reimbursement, Retirement contribution refund, Town Insurance contribution, Community Center receipts and Vince's Park receipts.
18. Checks totaling \$935.53 representing Police record check, copies of Police reports, disability reimbursement and HSA advance reimbursement.
19. Letter from Tee-Ann Hunter, Chair, Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization, relative to the Cayuga Lake Watershed Plan.
20. Executive Summary Report for the Town, Court and Police Department, July 2015, from Entre Computer Services.
21. 2014 Annual Report from NYMIR.

Old Business:

Sale of Condominium & Surplus Real Properties: Mr. Morrell stated he has no update unless the Town has received any proposals generated from the Town's request. The Town Clerk mentioned that two proposals were received for 10 Fall Street – one from Skylands and one from Joseph Lorenzetti. Mr. DeLelys stated he talked with David Young relative to the Condominium and he wondered if the Board would come down on the price. Mr. Morrell stated it will be a Board decision as to how to proceed with that. He added the Town's listing agreement with Mr. Young comes to an end this month – that will need to be revisited. Mr. Bove said maybe there can be some other uses for the Town. He suggested looking into it before lowering the price. Mr. Sanderson asked if it was possible to sublet the property. Mr. Morrell replied yes - there is no store front window for someone to come in and put a business in there, but yet, there is a lot of office space – there are a lot of options, but it is a unique property.

Auburn Road Sewer Extension: Nothing to report at this time.

Write-Off Uncollectable Receivables: Mr. Morrell stated he will report next month.

Route 414 Sewer Line Transfer from IDA to Town: Mr. Condino stated the Town of Tyre is moving on that August 20th. He said hopefully, at the September Board Meeting, the Town will need to do a short SEQR review for that transfer. Brief discussion followed.

Solicitors: Mr. Morrell stated he was in contact with the Police Chief and drafted a proposed local law that will amend the Town's current Code related to Peddlers and Solicitors. He said due to the Chief's experiences, the Town Clerk's experiences and what was seen from other communities, they felt it would be a good idea to amend our local law to add some provisions that have been found to be successful from other communities. It is ready to go to the Public Safety Committee, and then a Public Hearing date can be set after that.

Water Rate Increase: Mr. Condino stated this is also a continuing process. The projection will be that the review process should be done by the time the Board is considering the 2016 Budget this Fall. He said the recommendation is that any water rate adjustment will be in effect next year.

RFP – Consulting Services: Mr. Morrell stated RFPs were put out and there were a few responses. He asked if there was a particular Committee to contact these people or is the Board going to do it. Mr. Earle stated that he, Mr. Morrell and Mr. Bove will review the proposals and report back to the Board at the September Meeting.

Bandstand Renovations – People's Park: Mr. Earle stated it was put out for proposals, and when the estimate came back, the Board wanted to see if there were other options. He presented it to the Shop Class Teacher to see if they would be able to have that as one of their projects. Unfortunately, that Teacher has left the District, and they don't have a Teacher.

Mr. DeLelys stated he contacted Sauder's and they came down and took measurements of the pavilion to try and get something in vinyl; estimate is \$21,043.00. The Town would have to take the Bandstand down, and they will come in and erect it for that price – it will be an exact duplicate of what is there now. Mr. DeLelys said he didn't know if the HPC will allow it to be taken down. Mr. Bove asked if Mr. DeLelys had a plan as to what it is going to look like. Mr. DeLelys replied John Sauder took exact measurements of what is there now. Mr. Bove said his recommendation is to get the HPC to approve it or not approve it. Mr. Morrell said that is one issue - he thinks it would be appropriate, especially given the location and the purpose. It is not necessarily part of the Town's operation; it's there for the public to enjoy, and it's also there to represent the Town. Mr. Morrell said given the type of use that is intended, it would be subject to getting the HPC requirements.

Mr. Morrell stated another significant part of the process is the Town's Procurement Policy; given the amount that is being discussed, it will require two estimates. He advised that there is no action that the Board can take this Evening. He added if the price is going to be more than \$35,000.00, it is subject to formal bid process. After further discussion, Mr. DeLelys said he would get a second quote.

Canal Harbor Usage by Commercial Operators: Mr. Morrell stated he hopes to have a proposed local law to Mr. Spina so that it can go through the Recreation Committee and then presented to the Board.

New Business:

Contribution Request – Ludovico Sculpture Trail: Mr. Earle asked if the Board wished to contribute any funding to the Trail. Mr. Sanderson replied there is \$500.00 in the Budget, but he requested that it be increased to \$1,000.00. Mr. Bove asked Mrs. Pustumucans if she was looking for assistance in cleaning up the Trail or is she looking for funding. Mrs. Pustumucans responded that she will ask for funding in September. After brief discussion, Mr. Earle suggested that he and another Board Member meet with her and someone in her Group to see what the need is and what the proposals are.

Approval of Special Events: There are no Special Events.

August Budget Transfers: A motion was made authorizing the August Budget Transfers as submitted by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Proposed Local Law Amending Town Code relating to Heritage Preservation Commission and Historic and/or Architectural Design District: A motion was made to adopt Local Law #1 – 2015 which is a series of amendments to Chapter 173 and 13 of the Town Code as presented by the Attorney for the Town and attached to the Public Hearing notice by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson.

Mr. Morrell noted that the Board has the full sections of the Code as amended by the proposed changes. Lengthy discussion followed relative to the amendments.

The above motion made by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson to adopt Local Law #1 – 2015 which is a series of amendments to Chapter 173 and 13 of the Town Code was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Consent for Town of Tyre to Serve as Lead Agency – Lago Resort & Casino Project: A motion was made authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the letter consenting to the Town of Tyre to serve as Lead Agency relative to the Lago Resort and Casino Project by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Exemption Status – 57 Cayuga Street: Mr. Morrell stated he spoke with Mr. Collins who has historic data as to what has happened with this property over the past several years. He said at this point, (given the level of the assessment which has remained unchanged) there have been a lot of renovations and it is being occupied as opposed to being empty for some time. Mr. Morrell recommended that the Board take no action at this time, given the circumstances of it. He added this will be subject to review along with the revaluation of the entire Town; at that time, he will ask the Board to revisit it.

Restvale Cemetery Monument Repair Bids: Mr. Earle noted that there was only one bid. Mr. Morrell stated there was a second response, but they did not indicate interest in doing it. Mr. Earle asked if this meets the requirement; Mr. Morrell replied yes, because they did respond but they are not interested.

A motion was made to approve the bid of Fegley Construction in the amount of \$13,850.00 for the repair of monuments in Restvale Cemetery by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval – Refinish Community Center Gym Floor: Mr. Earle stated last year at Budget time, it was highly recommended to be resurfaced this year; \$15,000.00 is in the Budget - quote is \$14,450.00. Mr. Morrell stated there is just one quote that was presented; the Procurement Policy requires two written quotes. The Board doesn't know if more than one was solicited. He recommended this be tabled.

A motion was made to table the approval to refinish the Community Center Gym Floor by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Christmas Lighting: Mr. Sanderson stated this refers to the lights that outline the buildings in downtown Seneca Falls. The wiring needs to be removed from the buildings, and we are going to establish new power sources so we can light the garland that is put up. They will also be getting quotes on replacing the lights on the Wonderful Life Bridge as the wiring is old and brittle and needs to be replaced. Mr. Sanderson spoke with Mr. Spina who will get some ideas and cost from an electrician. He added they are looking at September to get it done – October at the latest; Barton & Loguidice will also be involved in this.

Retirement – Dog Control Officer: Mr. Earle stated Dorothy Comerford, the Town's Dog Control Officer, is retiring; her last day of service will be August 29, 2015. She has spoken to Dallyn Jenkins who has expressed some interest in finishing out the year. The Town Clerk will contact Ms. Jenkins before the next Meeting.

A motion was made to accept Dorothy Comerford's notice of retirement as Dog Control Officer by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Mr. Sanderson thanked Mrs. Comerford for her many years of service to Seneca Falls and for the animals she has rescued and cared for. He wished Mrs. Comerford the best in her retirement, and said the Board appreciates the many years of fine service that she has given this Community.

Appoint Officer Marty Rotz Full Time: Chief Peenstra stated this is an appointment that would backfill Officer Denny's appointment as the School Resource Officer. Officer Rotz is currently a part-time Officer for the Department and would be going full time.

A motion was made to approve the appointment of Officer Marty Rotz as a full time Police Officer for the Seneca Falls Police Department by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Water/Sewer Credits: A motion was made to approve the Water/Sewer credits totaling \$1,908.36 as prepared by Anne Havelin and dated August 3, 2015, by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

At 8:55 P.M., a motion was made to go into Executive Session relative to two personnel matters regarding potential employees for the Town by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made to reconvene the regular monthly Meeting at 9:20 P.M. by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Appointment of Water/Sewer Clerk: A motion was made to appoint Roberta Fordon as part-time Water/Sewer Clerk at \$12.56 per hr. at no more than 25 hours per week by Don Earle and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Appointment of Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer: A motion was made to appoint Dean Zettlemyer as Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer at \$19.00 per hour at no more than 30 hours per week, and salary not to exceed \$29,500.00 per year, by Don Earle and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made to transfer the Water/Sewer Employees now reporting to Mr. Wood to Joseph Tullo, with no additional compensation other than driving a truck to and from work with stipulation that he pay for gas, by Don Earle and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Mr. Morrell stated there are Employees now that come under the Highway Department that work with the water and sewer lines along Town highways. Those Employees will now be transferred and come under the authority of the Water/Sewer Department.

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

General Fund - \$118,321.66 (Abstract #8)	Recreation Fund - \$23,991.79 (Abstract #8)
Miscellaneous Fund - \$38,917.17 (Abstract #8)	Vince's Park Fund - \$9,673.36 (Abstract #8)
Highway Fund - \$47,058.63 (Abstract #8)	Sewer Fund - \$67,999.80 (Abstract #8)
Water Fund - \$37,694.80 (Abstract #8)	

No questions. Motion carried 4 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 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

