

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 in the Town Hall Conference Room, 130 Ovid Street.

Present were Deputy Supervisor Louis Ferrara and Councilmen Vittorio Porretta, Douglas Avery and David DeLelys.

Deputy Supervisor called the Special Meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. A roll call of Board Members was taken and Supervisor Lazzaro was absent from the Meeting.

At 10:02 A.M., a motion was made to go into Executive Session regarding a personnel issue by Lou Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reconvene the Special Meeting at 12:12 P.M. by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street.

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

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

Privilege of the Floor – Town Board: Mr. Ferrara stated he has a resolution which he would like to read, and he proceeded to read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Seneca Falls Town Supervisor Gregory Lazzaro has repeatedly treated Town employees and elected Officials with disrespect, his interaction often exploding into tirades filled with obscenities, throwing objects, and other examples of disrespectful and unprofessional behavior; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Lazzaro has frequently acted with obvious disrespect to the citizens of Seneca Falls, as witnessed in these monthly public meetings; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Lazzaro has frequently allowed his personal feelings toward Town Board Members, department heads, and other employees to impair his ability to govern fairly and in the best interest of the Town; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Lazzaro has failed to represent the Town’s best interests in its dealings with Seneca County and the Seneca County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Lazzaro has frequently used obscenities and other inappropriate language in his phone conversations and emails with various County Officials; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Lazzaro placed the Town in legal jeopardy by departing for an extended vacation without attending to important Town business, and then attempting to prevent other Town representatives from acting in his absence; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Lazzaro has failed to behave in public with decorum appropriate to that of the Town’s most central elected Official; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Lazzaro has failed to be discrete in public, often making inappropriate public comments regarding Town Officials, employees and issues; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Lazzaro has neglected to maintain a productive work schedule for the past several months, disappearing for several extended periods; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Lazzaro has neglected to maintain an effective working relationship with the Deputy Supervisor and other Members of the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Lazzaro continues to demonstrate that he does not possess the characteristics needed to effectively meet the obligations of the Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Supervisor Lazzaro no longer has the confidence of the Seneca Falls Town Council.

A motion was made to adopt the above resolution by Lou Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Lazzaro thanked Mr. Ferrara for his comments. He said when you get flack, you are right on target, so he is happy for what he is doing. He proceeded to read a very lengthy statement which, in part, states the following: After eight long years, the Town is on the right track by working together with the County to ensure vital sewer agreements are in place. In November 2018, he was authorized to sign agreements with the County, and included the Board in on this process. In December, the first agreement was presented to the Supervisor which he, the Town Engineers and the Town Attorney had some concerns with the language. They worked on the language and the agreement was signed in January 2019. In May, another set of agreements was presented to him and he, the Town Engineers and the Town Attorney had some questions on the language. He tried to organize meetings about their concerns to no avail. While he was on vacation, County Attorney David Ettman contacted Mr. Ferrara and asked him to sign the agreement. Without any further discussion with him, Mr. Ferrara signed the agreement. Mr. Lazzaro said Mr. Ferrara, as Deputy Supervisor, has no right to sign on his behalf for any County matters. He will be making a complaint regarding Mr. Ettman's unethical conduct in accepting the signature of Mr. Ferrara.

Mr. Lazzaro went on to oppose the Town paying for an Appeal of a Decision on the Huntington Building case which would cost the taxpayers a great deal of money. During his tenure, it has been his position to give employees raises every year. Unfortunately, the Board has lost track of fiscal responsibility by offering steep pay raises to certain Individuals outside the Budget process. The Town is in great need of infrastructure repair and cannot sustain itself financially with these big pay increases being handed out. With the Town's decision to not continue the Host Agreement with SMI after 2025, we are giving up over \$100 million over the next 20 years. Deputy Supervisor Ferrara has not taken his role seriously, as he made no attempt to contact the Supervisor regarding situations. Therefore, he is removing Mr. Ferrara from his role as Deputy Supervisor and from all his Committee assignments beginning immediately. Mr. Lazzaro told Mr. Avery he is removing him from all Committee assignments, and said he would explain why he made this decision. In this day and age of political unrest, he believes both parties should work together to ensure the decisions made are best for the taxpayers and the future of the Town.

Mr. Lazzaro further stated that last week while he was away, the Board had a Meeting on a personnel issue and went into Executive Session. When he asked what was discussed, a Board Member told him it could not be discussed because it was an Executive Session – the only information he could get was that it was a personnel matter. Mr. Lazzaro said as Town Supervisor, he should have been told what was discussed in this Meeting. Mr. Foster asked for an Attorney/Client privilege Meeting to discuss several legal matters and contracts that needed to be voted on so appropriate resolutions could be written or not. It came to his attention that an email was sent to David Foster from Mr. Avery that was intended to go to Mr. DeLelys. The email stated that the Board Members had no interest in attending a meeting proposed by the Town Attorney.

Mr. Lazzaro mentioned that he believes in compromise and discussions. In conclusion, he does not take his action of removing Mr. Ferrara and Mr. Avery lightly. He believes they have worked to the detriment of the Town. We must find a balance, and the Board refuses to go in that direction.

Mr. Ferrara mentioned his involvement through the signature that Mr. Lazzaro is talking about and said he had a phone call from Mr. Hayssen. They had a committee meeting at the County and at that meeting, they were instructed to proceed with legal action against the Town of Seneca Falls for not fulfilling their obligation of signing off on this. For whatever reason concerning the Attorney and Mr. Lazzaro, the lines went blank. Mr. Foster interrupted and said Mr. Ferrara doesn't know what he is talking about; a brief exchange of words followed. Mr. Ferrara told Mr. Lazzaro that when he chased an employee down on the street and told him he was suspended because he wouldn't do what Mr. Lazzaro wanted him to do, he has issues.

Mr. Ferrara continued the conversation regarding the signed agreement. Mr. Ettman asked him if he would sign the agreement which he said he would, as he has signed other documents in Mr. Lazzaro's absence. Mr. Ettman called Mr. Lazzaro who proceeded to rip him apart. Mr. Ettman said he had been trying to reach Mr. Lazzaro and the Town Attorney for quite a while. Mr. Avery stated he received the same phone call from Cindy Lorenzetti of Fayette, and it was basically the same conversation Mr. Hayssen had with Mr. Ferrara – it had to be signed and they were threatening legal action. If there was a second agreement that had to be signed, the Board was never told. Mr. Avery said part of this is about the County, and part of this has been brewing for a long time because it has to do with the way this group is being led and the way the Town is being led. He added the secret nature of that second agreement is a perfect example as the Board was never told about the second agreement. Mr. Foster mentioned that he reviewed the agreement and requested that the Town Engineer look at

it; they had comments and there were issues that needed to be addressed. His recommendation was to not sign the agreement. He added when have you known one side to a contract to tell the other unless you sign we will bring you to court. Mr. Ferrara responded that the County was going to start suing the Town for the fees incurred out there. Further discussion followed.

Mr. Foster stated he sent out a notice to all Board Members listing 20 items – this is called an Attorney/Client conference. He mentioned some of the items that were listed, including the Wide Area Network Resolution. Mr. Ferrara referred to the Wide Area Network Resolution and said that wasn't even seconded, it failed - why is he keep bringing that up. He added the Board got the list Mr. Foster sent and none of the Board Members responded. They will be having a discussion with Mr. Foster – they want his job done better than it's done now. Mr. Avery stated to discuss those 20 items in detail was not going to be an afternoon meeting. That was clearly an attempt to get the Board Members here to figure out what it was that the Board discussed last week. Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Ferrara asked if there was anymore discussion on the resolution he presented. Mr. Avery stated the resolution was a comprehensive list of all sorts of things that have been going wrong for at least the last year. After further discussion regarding the signing of the agreement, Mr. Ferrara said the Board wants to keep the Town going forward and it's not, because it's being ruled by two dictators threatening lawsuits on employees, harassing employees. Mr. Lazzaro said he is the CFO and has the right to talk to employees. Mr. Ferrara remarked not in the manner he does. Further lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Ferrara stated they will continue to serve on the committees as Mr. Lazzaro cannot run the Town alone – in the best interest of the Town, they are going to keep doing what they are doing.

A roll call vote was taken on the above resolution made by Lou Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery resolving that Supervisor Lazzaro no longer has the confidence of the Seneca Falls Town Council which is as follows:

Lou Ferrara – yes
David DeLelys – yes
Greg Lazzaro – recused himself
Doug Avery – yes
Vic Porretta – yes

Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves, 1 recusal – Greg Lazzaro.

Petitioners:

Rhonda Destino – Seneca Museum Budget Presentation: Rhonda Destino, Executive Director, and Board of Directors President Sheila Giovannini made a presentation regarding their plans and their request for amendments to their contract with the Town which expires December 31st. Ms. Giovannini gave a history of the Museum. Ms. Destino stated this Town-owned building is a great focus for the transformation of downtown Seneca Falls. They are the SF Visitors Center, Seneca Museum of Waterways and Industry, Heritage Area Partner, Boaters amenities contact and Community space. They want to improve the visitor's experience, increase tourism, increase local engagement and increase educational programming. She referred to the contract and said instead of a 3-year contract, they suggest it being a 5-year contract, and remove references to the Village and replace with Town. Adding to the contract would be a requirement that there be an annual building inspection. They would also like to address a need for a significant increase in funds to take them to the next level.

Ms. Destino stated they need to pay employees a living wage and provide benefits, and properly staff this entity to ensure a stable, professional, successful resource and business. She added they will be back in September to discuss the needed building upgrades, such as new signage, replacement or restoration of flooring, roof inspection, review of HVAC and sprinkler systems, technology upgrades, sidewalk enhancements, façade improvements, windows resealed, etc.

Ms. Destino stated they have a lot going on, but the potential is so much greater. She mentioned examples, such as the possibility of the Museum offering bicycle rentals, boat cruises and kayak rentals. She thinks it's going to be an amazing way to move Seneca Falls forward. Ms. Destino said she is committed, and the Board of Directors is very motivated. Brief discussion followed.

Sharon Rayno – 100th Anniversary of American Legion: Sharon Rayno, Commander of the Kirk Casey Post 366 American Legion, stated the American Legion and Kirk Casey Post 366 were formed 100 years ago. She proceeded to give a timeline of events that occurred from 1919 to date. Commander Rayno stated on Sunday, September 22nd, they are hosting a 100-year Anniversary Open House for the public. They will be displaying historical documents and photographs of the American Legion. There will be a cake cutting ceremony at 1:00 P.M., and they hope the Town will present some type of proclamation. Mynderse Chorus and Band will perform, and they have invited several dignitaries to attend. Commander Rayno said they hope everyone will take a few minutes to stop by and visit on September 22nd. She asked the Police Chief if they could use the

parking lot at the old Village Hall. Chief Peenstra said it was fine with him, but it is up to the Board. The Board indicated there was no problem with them using the parking lot.

Commander Rayno presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Chief Peenstra and the Police Benevolent Association for contributing participation in the Citizen Training Program – Boys State. She added thanks to their annual donations, they are able to send boys to Boys State.

Mr. Lazzaro read a letter from Rebecca and Herbert Holden which states they are opposed to the further use of Town funds for any additional action regarding the Koch property on Fall Street.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Meeting of July 2, 2019 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Meeting of July 18, 2019 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Vic Porretta. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Reports:

Dog Control Officer: No report.

Zoning Officer: A motion was made to approve Mr. Zettlemoyer's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

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

Mr. Avery stated the Board received an email from TJ Casamassima about the potholes on Fall Street; it's the condition of the patch – they are bad. He asked if they go back after they patch something and look at it to see what shape it's in. Mr. Peterson replied if it is on Fall Street, the Town has no jurisdiction – the State DOT takes care of that. He noted he will mention it to them.

Mr. Porretta referred to 60 State Street and asked who was responsible to keep up the plants and weeding. Mr. Peterson replied that it is usually Parks & Recreation. Mr. Avery mentioned that they are mowing the lawn, but the weeds are getting bad. Mr. Spina said he would look into it.

Mr. Lazzaro asked Mr. Peterson about the Sackett Street ditch; Mr. Peterson replied that is completed from Sackett Street all the way down to Bridge Street. Mr. Lazzaro asked what the two employees were doing now; Mr. Peterson replied they are working on Dutton's ditch. Mr. Foster referred to the paving behind the stores issue (leasing property) and asked if that has been addressed. Mr. Peterson replied that it has not been addressed – they talked to him about it and he told them the circumstances. Mr. DeLelys said the Board gave Mr. Peterson permission to pave the parking lot, but some didn't want to do the leased areas. Brief discussion followed relative to Sampson Creek.

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

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

Water & Sewer: A motion was made to approve Mr. Tullo's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara.

Mr. Tullo said he has some reservation about the tower and the light. He received confirmation that it wasn't needed by the FAA. He was told it was going to be about \$34,000 to put a light on the tower. Mr. Tullo said it's the Board's decision as to whether or not to put a light on the tower. He will forward the information to the Board so that they can review it.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to approve Mr. Tullo's report was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Town Justices: A motion was made to approve the reports of Judge Lafler and Judge Laquidari by Greg

Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

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

Chief Peenstra thanked Mr. Spina and his Staff. Last night, they had their 3rd National Night Out Event and Mr. Spina and his Staff were instrumental in set-up and tear down. He added the Event was very successful – there were approximately 230 people that attended the Event.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to approve Chief Peenstra's report was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Barton & Loguidice: A motion was made to accept Town Engineer Peter Baker's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

IT Network Administrator: A motion was made to accept Marshall Foster's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Communications:

A motion was made to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 12 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves. Communications numbered 1 to 12 are as follows:

1. Checks and deposits totaling \$90,724.73 representing Retirees Insurance; dumpster fees; Judge Laquidari's May and June reports; disability reimbursement; School Resource Officer reimbursement; delinquent lawn mowings; FL Railway PILOT; Judge Lafler's May and June reports; copies of Police reports; Court unclaimed funds; Community Center deposits; US Airway settlement award; Vince's Park deposits; Insurance reimbursement and Highway sale of scrap.
2. Monthly Report of all moneys received and disbursed during the months of May and June 2019 from Town Supervisor.
3. Newsletter from Seneca County Chamber of Commerce.
4. Network News from Cayuga Lake Watershed Network.
5. Copy of letter to Lt. Snyder notifying him that the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee has awarded a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to the SF Police Department to participate in the Statewide Police Traffic Services Program.
6. Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of June 27, 2019.
7. Minutes of the Planning Board Meeting of June 27, 2019.
8. Copy of letter to Lt. Snyder notifying him that the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee has awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,300 to the SF Police Department to participate in the Statewide Child Passenger Safety Program.
9. Notice of renewal of liquor license submitted to NYS Liquor Authority from Kirk Casey American Legion.
10. Notice of renewal of wine, beer & cider license submitted to NYS Liquor Authority from Downtown Deli.
11. Notice of Petition, Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Property Trust v. BAR and/or Assessor and the Town of Seneca Falls.
12. Notice of application for liquor, wine, beer and cider license submitted to NYS Liquor Authority from Barkley's Riverside, Inc.

Old Business:

Write-Off Uncollectable Receivables: No report.

Sale of Surplus Property: Mr. Lazzaro stated he received a bid from one person on 10 Fall Street; it will be discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Avery stated the Board hasn't decided about how it is going about selling it. Mr. Lazzaro said since the Board received a bid, it has to put out an ad for this particular property. Mr. Foster mentioned that it was previously declared excess property and went out to bid (as per the previous Attorney). He said that fell apart, and now it's in a state of flux. He added the Town can put surplus property up for bid, if they want to, and then that person can formally submit a bid so other people can bid as well.

Mr. DeLelys stated two months ago, the Board voted to get those properties appraised before putting them up for sale. After brief discussion regarding appraisal of the surplus properties, Mr. Foster stated right now, there is an appraiser who is doing appraisals for the Town in regard to other projects. He said it would seem logical to request an idea of what they would charge for these two appraisals. Mr. Lazzaro requested that Mr. Foster talk to the appraiser and then send an email to the full Board. Mr. Foster said he would do that.

RFPs – Banking Services for the Town: Mr. Foster stated we went through the process and there were five

responses. There was a meeting with an Individual that was designated to review the responses for the Board, and she has a synopsis and recommendation. He asked if the Board wanted to schedule that or do nothing with that. He added under the RFP, the Board reserved the right to choose one or choose none. Mr. Foster said the participants should be notified one way or the other. Mr. Lazzaro said he believes the Board should have a full discussion on this at a meeting as there are a lot of ideas floating around. He said we should look at the staff we have and the staff we wouldn't need if we utilize some technology in collecting bill payments. He added it's always been his idea to cut by attrition. Mr. Lazzaro said we won't need to increase staff with an RFP in banking, and we might be able to offer early retirement to people with the premise that item will not be refilled in the future.

Mr. Avery stated this is the first time it was mentioned of the RFP being used to cut staff. He is not necessarily saying this is a bad thing, but it does go to show that we haven't been entirely open about this process. He added they do know the Banking RFP was distributed, but in such a manner as to exclude our local bank – we checked into it, and he thinks we have real problems. Mr. Lazzaro said he was told (heard it second hand) one of the people on the banking committee said Generations Bank would not be participating in the RFP because they were just getting into municipalities and they didn't think they had time to write up a proposal. Mr. Avery stated he heard it first hand that they are new to municipal banking, but they are ready to go and they were excluded – these were hand delivered rather than the normal process of putting information out that it exists and letting banks know that the RFP was available at the Town Clerk's Office – these were hand delivered but not to Generations Bank. Mr. Foster stated the local banks were hand-delivered as a courtesy. He spoke with Menzo Case; when it first came up, one of their prime people involved was a possible candidate for Office; that changed and the person withdrew. He said our Town Clerk did appropriately advertise and posted it; anyone could have read the notice and participated – no one was prevented from doing so. Mr. Foster said Sandy Ferrara also spoke with Mr. Case and he indicated that at that stage in the game they were not ready to proceed at that time. He added for two different reasons, there was no prejudice or anything and none was taken – that's not an issue; no one was left out.

Mr. Porretta referred to the concerns of the Town Clerk and said it states that the County will not have any correspondence with a Bank; it also states that no other town in the County has a bank collecting taxes. He thinks this is one of the biggest things we do here besides water bills. He asked the Clerk – when collecting taxes, after a certain time they go to the County; the Clerk said yes, they go to the County. Mr. Porretta stated if the County said they will not have any correspondence with a bank that could be a problem. The Clerk said that could be a big problem because we don't just collect Town tax, we also collect County tax. She added the County said they will only go through me because I am the Tax Collector. The Clerk said there are people, especially Seniors, who have questions or problems with their bills – the bank is not going to take the time to answer questions or help to solve their problems. Further discussion followed.

Resolution – RFPs for Grant Writing Services: Mr. Avery stated the Town needs to get back into the grant writing business because we are bypassing potential funds. He added we need to do an RFP and let Jean O'Connell know it's out there. Mr. Foster said the RFP is ready to go – he just has to fill in the dates to make it time specific. He will prepare a resolution for adoption.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events: No requests this month.

Bid Opening – WTP Generator Replacement: Mr. Lazzaro noted the Bid Opening has been rescheduled for Noon on August 7th.

Set Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law – Rumsey Street Parking/Stop Signs: A motion was made to conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. relative to the proposed local law by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Budget Modifications: A motion was made to approve the attached Budget Modifications by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Avery stated the biggest item here is when the bricks started falling on Fall Street; the intent, long term, is to get reimbursed for that. Mr. Foster stated the Board already adopted a resolution on that by attaching that to the taxes.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to approve the attached Budget Modifications was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway Budget Modifications: A motion was made to approve the attached Highway Budget Modifications by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

SF Development Corporation – Release of Budgeted Funds: A motion was made to approve the release of the budgeted amount of \$55,560.00 to the Seneca Falls Development Corporation by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

W/S – Resolution to Purchase Security System: Mr. Lazzaro read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Water/Wastewater Departments are in need of security systems and cameras at the Wastewater Plant and Oak Street garage; and

WHEREAS, the Water/Wastewater Departments received one bid from Covert Security, Inc. of Penn Yan with the total cost of \$18,300.00. We reached out to four vendors for this project. This is a budgeted item. We have \$25,000.00 in the Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of these systems from Covert Security, Inc. for \$18,300.00.

A motion was made authorizing the Water/Wastewater Departments to purchase the security systems and cameras for a total cost of \$18,300.00 by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

Mr. Tullo stated this was voted on already, but the contractor didn't know he had to pay prevailing wage. They couldn't go by the bid they had, so it was rebid; the other vendors didn't want to bid. After discussion as to the system working with other systems in other Town buildings, Mr. Lazzaro said the Board needs to look hard at a consistent camera system that's up-to-date. Mr. Tullo noted the system is compatible with the other systems.

The above motion made by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys authorizing the purchase of the security systems and cameras for a total cost of \$18,300.00 was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

W/S – Accept Resignation of Adam Twitchell: A motion was made to accept the resignation of Adam Twitchell by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

W/S – Advertise Laborer/Meter Reader Position: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the Water/Sewer Departments exists due to the resignation of Adam Twitchell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the advertisement for a full time Laborer position in the Water/Sewer Departments.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Appoint Part-Time Zoning Officer: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Town Board has determined the need for a part-time Zoning Officer and approved advertising for same; and

WHEREAS, after review of applications, qualifications determined, interviews conducted, a selection is hereby recommended for Board approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that William Ross is hereby appointed as part-time Zoning Officer with a work schedule of 20 hours per week, at a pay rate of \$17.50 per hour, effective immediately.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway – Resolution – Surplus 2002 John Deere Tractor 5520 and Attachments: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to surplus a 2002 John Deere tractor 5520 and side mower, with ditcher, flail mower and controls; and

WHEREAS, this tractor will be put on Auction International for sale. This tractor is being replaced with a new one.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the surplus of a 2002 John Deere tractor 5520, side mower, with ditcher, flail mower and controls to be auctioned off through Auction International, and the proceeds to be put back in the equipment fund account DA5130.200.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway – Resolution – Add CHIPS Program Money to Budget: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to add to the budget \$47,931.21 from the CHIPS Program and Extreme Winter Recovery Program; and

WHEREAS, this money will go into the Street Plan DA5110.408 account for paving.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the money from the CHIPS Program to go into line item DA5110.408 for paving.

Mr. Peterson stated this money came from the Winter Recovery Program that the State gives out. He added this is all State money that has to go into street paving. Mr. Avery mentioned that this will help a great deal with street paving.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Planning/ZBA – Attendance at Association of Towns Planning & Zoning School: A motion was made authorizing the Members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to attend the Association of Towns Planning and Zoning School in Batavia at a cost of \$80.00 per Member by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Contribution – 2019 Annual Appeal of Cayuga Lake Watershed Network: A motion was made to contribute \$200.00 to the Annual Appeal of the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network by Lou Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Request Board Review Suggested Amendments to Sign Ordinance: Mr. Zettlemoyer stated this deals with commercial signs upgrade. He explained that when a new business is placed on the 5 & 20 corridor, the County reviews it and they always say the Town is lacking on our sign ordinance. Mr. Zettlemoyer said these are the changes to bring the ordinance up to average of all surrounding areas. He said they are working on political signs removal and placement because of the Primary being early – this is language change and changing Code Book. He would like Mr. Foster to review the political aspect of it.. Mr. Lazzaro requested that Mr. Zettlemoyer work with Mr. Foster about writing a resolution.

A motion was made to conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 5:45 P.M. relative to a proposed local law to amend the Sign Ordinance by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Roads Highway Intends to Pave After Receiving Additional Funds from CHIPS Program: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to approve the following roads the Highway will be paving after receiving additional CHIPS funds: Miller Street, Meadows Street, Mumford Street, Latham Street and Montgomery Street.

Mr. Peterson stated he checked with Mr. Tullo – he doesn't have to tear any of these roads up. He talked with Peter Baker and there are a couple of issue with five manholes on Miller Street and Montgomery Street. Mr. Baker stated it would be some minor disturbances to that area – it's not significant. Discussion followed.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to approve the listed roads the Highway will be paving was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Water/Sewer Credits: A motion was made to approve the Water/Sewer credits as per Memo dated August 6, 2019 and in the amount of \$1,572.72 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Contribution - SMS Italian Festival: Mr. Lazzaro proceeded to read a letter from James Ricci, President of SMS, which requests the Town's assistance in continuing the SMS Italian Festival. They would like a donation of any amount to help defray the cost of putting on the Festival.

A motion was made to contribute \$200 to the SMS Italian Festival by Lou Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Avery asked if the Board knows yet if they are a 501C3; Mr. Lazzaro replied he is not sure. Mr. Avery stated they should show 501C3 status before going forward. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made to amend the original motion to contribute \$500 to the SMS Italian Festival pending they have a 501C3 status by Lou Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

The motion made by Lou Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to contribute \$200 to the SMS Italian Festival was carried 4 ayes, 0 naves, 1 recusal; Supervisor Lazzaro recused himself from voting.

The above motion made by Lou Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery amending the original motion by contributing \$500 to the SMS Italian Festival pending they have a 501C3 status was carried 4 ayes, 0 naves, 1 abstention; Supervisor Lazzaro recused himself from voting.

Payment of Bills:

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

General Fund - \$171,711.10 (Abstract #8)

Recreation Fund - \$36,832.48 (Abstract #8)

Miscellaneous Fund - \$39,103.30 (Abstract #8)

Vince's Park Fund - \$6,549.95 (Abstract #8)

Highway Fund - \$337,773.28 (Abstract #8)

Sewer Fund - \$32,295.00 (Abstract #8)

Water Fund - \$90,000.03

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

At 8:20 P.M., a motion was made to go into Executive Session relative to the bid on 10 Fall Street by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reconvene the monthly Meeting at 9:38 P.M. by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Greg Lazzaro. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a bid opening at Noon on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street.

Present was Peter Baker, Town Engineer, Scott Keith, B&L's Electrical Engineer, James Varricchio, Water Treatment Plant Operator and several interested Contractors.

Peter Baker stated there were five bids for the Water Treatment Plant Generator Replacement. He proceeded to open and read the bids which are as follows:

Caratozzolo Electric, Seneca Falls, NY - \$198,875.00

Concord Electric, Rochester, NY - \$165,101.00

Colacino Industries, Inc., Newark, NY - \$196,915.00

Knapp Electric, Inc., Auburn, NY - \$220,704.00

Patricia Electric, Inc., Syracuse, NY - \$203,280.00

Mr. Baker stated they will review the bids and make a recommendation to the Town Board.

The bid opening adjourned at 12:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

