

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 81 W. Bayard Street.

Present were Supervisor Gregory Lazzaro; Councilpersons Mary Sarratori, David Delely, Annette Lutz and Vittorio Porretta. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; James Peterson, Highway Superintendent; John Condino, Town Engineer and a Member of the local media.

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

Petitioners:

Katie McIntyre and Menzo Case – Women’s Right to Run 19K: Menzo Case, President and CEO of Generations stated that he and Katie McIntyre (Marketing Officer), part of the Group that put on the Women’s Right to Run 19K, would like to acknowledge the participation of the Police Department and the work that they did on behalf of the Race. There were over 1,000 participants and about 3,500 people on hand for the race which went smooth. They would like to recognize all of the Seneca Falls Police Department for their effort, their professionalism and for the advance planning; in particular, they thanked Chief Peenstra as without his efforts and coordination this Event would not have been as well received. Mr. Case also thanked Sgt. Poole who was their “go to” person throughout the Event. He said kudos to the Police Department as they reflect the best that Seneca Falls has to offer. He added they will continue to grow this Race as they reach out to other regions and have them running into Seneca Falls. Mr. Case presented Chief Peenstra with plaques of recognition.

Gerald Macaluso – United Way: Gerald Macaluso, Co-Chair of the 2017 United Way Campaign along with David Dresser, thanked the Board for allowing them to speak on the implementation of their 2017 Campaign. He said United Way works in conjunction with a number of non-profit agencies, educational agencies, collaborative efforts as well as partner agencies in bringing to fulfillment their daily message – neighbor helping neighbor. Mr. Macaluso mentioned some of the programs that United Way supports, such as the Countywide public transportation system and literacy programs.

Mr. Macaluso requested that when the Town Board and Individuals present have the opportunity to contribute, he wants them to believe that what they receive goes and directly improves the day-to-day quality of life of Individuals in Seneca County.

Sandra Garee – SMI Landfill: Sandra Garee stated she is a 45-year resident of Seneca Falls, and is here to oppose the renewal of the Landfill permit and to support the passage of Local Law #7. She said the area residents of the Finger Lakes have had enough of the ever-growing mountain of trash, the entourage of garbage trucks and enough of the compromised quality of life that must be endured by the putrid stench emanating from the Dump. Therefore, it is time to end the out-of-control invasion of our Community by Seneca Meadows. Mrs. Garee said it is time for Mr. Lazzaro and Mr. Porretta to stop patronizing Seneca Meadows and do what is right for the long term environmental health and well being of our Community. She thanked Mrs. Lutz, Mr. DeLelys and Mrs. Sarratori for fighting for the future of our area. She appealed to the Board to oppose the renewal of the SMI Agreement and pass Local Law #7.

Anwei Law – It’s a Wonderful Life: Anwei Law, representing the It’s a Wonderful Life Festival Committee, stated this Town has been given a great gift – that gift is in association with the movie “It’s a Wonderful Life”. The message deals with promoting and celebrating the value of each person which fits very well with the history of Women’s Rights in our Town. Mrs. Law said that this year, for the first time, three of the Bailey kids in the movie will be here for the 70th Anniversary of the film. Also attending will be Donna Reed’s daughter, Frank Capra’s granddaughter and many other special guests. She mentioned that Visitors came from all over to attend the Festival.

Mrs. Law stated they greatly appreciate the Town’s support each year, and requested the \$4,000 in the Budget for this year. She added it’s an important investment in the economic future of this Town, as well as an investment in our Town’s historic belief in promoting the value of each Individual.

Kenneth Garee – Landfill Closure: Kenneth Garee stated he was born and raised in Seneca Falls, and owns a small business here. He said the Town Board has received their petition with 620 signatures and 241 comments requesting that the Town Board enact a law that will end landfill operations in Seneca Falls. He thanked Mr. DeLelys, Mrs. Sarratori and Mrs. Lutz for doing the right thing in giving the Community hope for landfill free. He referred to Mr. Morrell and said in 2009, he advised and facilitated the dissolution of the Village of Seneca Falls; the Community is worse off today than it was prior to his advice.

Mr. Garee mentioned that New York’s largest landfill is growing in the Town’s backyard. It’s poisoning the region’s air, water and spreading fear and propaganda on this Community. He said the Town has the

opportunity to implement Local Law #7 and begin repairing this sickened Community. Mr. Morrell and Mr. Lazzaro has shown that they are uncooperative with the Board in moving towards closure. They clearly are not concerned about the future of this Town, region or the people.

Mr. Lazzaro requested that Petitioners be tolerant of differences of opinion. We, of a democratic society, have a right to opinions and we don't have a right to demean other people. That is inciting people and is wrong.

Allison Stokes – Town Issues: Allison Stokes stated if Hillary Clinton is elected President as the first woman to hold that Office, that could mean a huge increase in tourism in Seneca Falls, the Birthplace of the Women's Rights movement. She said her nomination and words about Seneca Falls made a difference to our Town in that tourist traffic to the Women's Rights National Historical Park doubled this Summer. If she is elected President, the impact on Seneca Falls could be enormous – it would be a direct line from Elizabeth Cady Stanton's call for Women's Suffrage to Hillary Clinton's election as President.

Ms. Stokes stated what we do locally matters. The history of Seneca Falls is not just behind us; National history here is still in the making. She added decisions made in Seneca Falls in the coming weeks and months will impact our National identity. She urged the Board to not support a ten year extension of the landfill's current operating permit.

Linda Ochs – SMI Landfill: Linda Ochs stated she is in support of the Town passing Local Law #7 which is necessary to protect the health and well being of not just Seneca Falls alone, but the entire Finger Lakes Region. Seneca Meadows has violated their Host Benefit Agreement and have shown a disregard for the health and living conditions of the people in our area. We need clean air, water and land to live and they are a detriment to that end. Ms. Ochs said the only tax rate that would be affected by the landfill closing would be the Seneca Falls Town tax – not all tax rates would be affected by the closing of the landfill business, and that Town rate would not be affected for several years to come. Seneca Meadows would still have to pay their property taxes as well, even if the landfill does close.

Ms. Ochs stated Seneca Falls will survive the closure of SMI. Other businesses will come here to make the Finger Lakes their home, and life will go on, but in a healthier climate. Life will be better for all of us if this landfill comes to an end.

Mr. Lazzaro commented that there were a number of water main breaks this past weekend. He would like to recognize the Water/Sewer Department Employees; Highway Department Employees; Aaron Passalacqua of the Recreation Department; the Police Department the Seneca Falls Fire Department and Fire Police and the Village of Waterloo. All these people were called in and basically worked around the clock from Friday night until Monday morning. Mr. Lazzaro applauded all these people for their work and effort.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 22, 2016 by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Mary Sarratori. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Meeting of August 2, 2016 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 16, 2016 by Mary Sarratori and seconded by Vic Porretta. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 25, 2016 by Annette Lutz and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Reports:

Dog Control Officer: Dallyn Jenkins stated she had a total of 13 calls which resulted in five dogs being impounded; two redeemed, two adopted and one dog still being held. One Appearance ticket was issued. A total of \$100.00 in fees was collected and turned over to the Town Clerk.

A motion was made to accept Mrs. Jenkins' report by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Mary Sarratori. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Zoning Officer: Mr. Lazzaro noted the Board has a copy of the Zoning Officer's Report.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Zettlemyer's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Vic Porretta. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Commissioner of Parks & Recreation: Mr. Lazzaro stated Mr. Spina has submitted his Report.

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

Highway Superintendent: Mr. Peterson stated they are getting ready to blacktop a few more roads; on South Park Street, they are holding off until Finger Lakes Railway fixes the tracks. They will begin blacktopping the rest of the roads on Monday and should be done by the end of the week.

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

Assessor: No Report.

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

Water & Sewer: A motion was made to accept Mr. Tullo's report by Mary Sarratori and seconded by Vic Porretta. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Police Chief: A motion was made to accept Chief Peenstra's report by Mary Sarratori and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

Chief Peenstra stated on August 15th, Generations Bank who supports the DARE Project in three Counties, presented the SF Police Department with a check for \$1,000.00 which will go towards books, t-shirts, etc. He said Generations Bank has been a big supporter of this Program and are committed to this Project for five years. He thanked Menzo Case and the Bank for their support.

The Chief said on September 24th, the Police Department will be hosting a Child Safety Seat Check at the Fire Department. He thanked the Fire Department for allowing them to host this Event there. He stated last month, through the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Program, the Department was awarded \$1,371.00 to continue their Child Safety Seat Program which will pay for Overtime for the Officers to be there checking the seats and for other equipment needed for the Program. Chief Peenstra stated that same month, they were awarded \$7,544.00 through the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to participate in the Statewide Police Traffic Services Program. He added that also pays for Overtime for Police Officers to be out there enforcing and focusing on these particular events.

Chief Peenstra stated last month, they qualified at the Waterloo Rifle and Pistol Club. He thanked the Club for allowing them to use the range at no cost. He said School starts tomorrow; please drive safely and watch for the buses and kids.

Mr. DeLelys mentioned the email regarding the TAP Grant for Safe Routes to Schools, and asked how the Board felt about that. Mr. Lazzaro replied it's a good Grant because it does improve the safety around schools. He said there is a local share which is 20%; the project cost is about \$1 million, and 20% is \$200,000.00. He thinks we should go for it, but there are budgetary restraints. Chief Peenstra encouraged the Board to apply for the second round of TAP money as it is safety-related for the kids. Further discussion followed.

A motion was made authorizing the Grant Writers to apply for the TAP Grant for Safe Routes to Schools by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Annette Lutz. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mrs. Sarratori said she would call the Grant Writers. Chief Peenstra offered to help the Grant Writers if needed.

The above motion made by Mary Sarratori and seconded by Dave DeLelys to accept Chief Peenstra's report was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Barton & Loguidice: Mr. Condino stated later on the Agenda is a discussion relative to setting a date for a Public Information Meeting to give a detailed presentation of all the infrastructure, the projects that are underway and what their status is, and also what the long-term effect is for the Residents.

Other Committee Reports: None.

Communications:

A motion was made to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 20 by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Vic Porretta. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays. Communications numbered 1 to 20 are as follows:

1. Monthly Report of all moneys received and disbursed during the month of July 2016 from Town Supervisor.

2. Minutes of the Planning Board Special Meeting of June 9, 2016 and Meeting of June 23, 2016.
3. 2015 Annual Report from NYMIR (NY Municipal Insurance Reciprocal).
4. Statement of Accounts, January 1, 2011 to July 31, 2016, from Wilmington Trust.
5. Certificate of Final State Equalization Rate for the 2016 Assessment Roll (100.00) from Office of Real Property Tax Services.
6. Minutes of the Seneca County Planning Board Meeting of July 14, 2016.
7. Checks and deposits totaling \$125,124.46 representing Community Center deposits, Vince's Park deposits, Wilmorite payment for sewer lines construction, tote purchase, burial fees, Police overtime reimbursement for DWI, Town Clerk's Report, Cemetery plot purchase and Health Insurance premiums.
8. Section 504 Compliance Handbook, August 2016, from LRP Publications.
9. Monthly Report for the month of July 2016, as per Town Operating Permit and Host Community Agreement, from Seneca Meadows, Inc.
10. Network News from Cayuga Lake Watershed Network.
11. Checks totaling \$449.44 representing copies of Police reports, forfeiture of deposit (Route 414 Project) and Health Insurance premium.
12. Notice of application to NYS Liquor Authority for liquor, wine, beer and cider license from Parker's Grille, Inc. d/b/a 84 Fall.
13. Letter from concerned Citizen relative to proposed Local Law #7.
14. Letter from NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation stating the Town's request to become a Certified Local Government was approved.
15. Checks totaling \$15,874.11 representing burial fees, Judge Laquidari's July 2016 report, PILOT payment (H.P. Neun), Retirement arrears overpayment, improper use of dumpster charge, copies of Police reports, tote purchases, fuel reimbursement, Health Insurance premiums and Town Clerk's July 2016 report.
16. Letter from NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets inclosing copy of the Municipal Shelter Inspection Report of August 18, 2016 which was Satisfactory.
17. Letter from NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets inclosing copy of the Dog Control Officer Inspection Report of August 22, 2016 which was Satisfactory.
18. Minutes of the Planning Board Meeting of August 10, 2016.
19. Letter of resignation from Joanne Elliott as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board as she is moving from the Town.
20. Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of August 25, 2016.

Old Business:

Sale of Condominium & Surplus Property: Mr. Morrell stated the Town recently publicized an RFP for 60 State Street; proposals are due the end of this week. He requested that the Board have a Meeting next week to discuss that matter particularly, and discussion on the Route 414 sewer line. After brief discussion, the Board scheduled a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00 P.M..

Auburn Road Sewer Extension: Will be taken off the Agenda as there isn't anymore news.

Write-Off Uncollectable Receivables: Will be carried over until next month.

Route 414 Sewer Line Transfer from IDA to Town: Mr. Morrell requested that this be discussed at the Special Meeting on September 14th.

Police Department – Convert Email to Office 365: Chief Peenstra stated they are waiting for IT to help them with this. He would like something to happen soon.

Annual Renewal – SMI Permit: Mr. Morrell stated right now, the Board is actively negotiating a new Host Community Agreement if that is one path the Board is considering. He thinks that this should be held until the Board has a new Agreement going forward. Mr. Lazzaro said no action will be taken by the Board.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events: None submitted this month.

Reminder to Dept. Heads – Budgets Due September 20th: Mr. Lazzaro reminded Department Heads that their budgets are due by September 20, 2016.

Discussion – Set Public Informational Meeting – Water/Sewer: After brief discussion, Mr. Lazzaro stated an Informational Meeting on Water and Sewer Infrastructure will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Contribution – It's a Wonderful Life Committee: A motion was made to contribute the budgeted amount of

\$4,000.00 to the It's a Wonderful Life Committee as it is a benefit to the Town by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Mary Sarratori. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Appoint Phil Griswold Part-Time Assessor: A motion was made to appoint Phil Griswold part-time Assessor until such time as the Board appoints a full time Assessor for the Town of Seneca Falls by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Mary Sarratori.

Mr. Lazzaro stated in speaking with Mr. Griswold, he said he will do that free of cost until such time as a new Assessor is appointed. Mr. Morrell added Mr. Griswold also stepped in the last time the Board found themselves without an Assessor - he did a great job for the Town, and he is glad he is stepping in again. Mr. Lazzaro thanked Mr. Griswold for stepping up.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Mary Sarratori to appoint Phil Griswold part-time Assessor until such time as the Board appoints a full time Assessor for the Town of Seneca Falls was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Create Line Item A201D for DARE Program: Chief Peenstra stated this would be created so that when they get a check, they buy the books and if any money is left over, it goes into that fund so they can use it for other DARE items; without having a specific line item created, money would be put in the General Fund. He added if it's not used within that year, they want it to carry over from year to year to continue to build to be able to use it for DARE related items. Without having a specific line item created, at the end of the year that money would be put into the General Fund.

A motion was made to create line item A201D for the DARE Program by Mary Sarratori and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Water/Sewer Credits: There were no Water/Sewer Credits.

Payment of Bills:

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

General Fund - \$188,609.63 (Abstract #9)	Recreation Fund - \$16,226.94 (Abstract #9)
Miscellaneous Fund - \$219,368.39 (Abstract #9)	Vince's Park Fund - \$9,335.28 (Abstract #9)
Highway Fund - \$41,444.78 (Abstract #9)	Sewer Fund - \$40,953.94 (Abstract #9)
Water Fund - \$142,556.50 (Abstract #9)	

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

At 8:05 P.M., a motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss proposed litigation by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Greg Lazzaro. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made to reconvene the regular monthly Meeting at 9:15 P.M. by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Vic Porretta. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Mary Sarratori and seconded by Annette Lutz. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk