

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2015 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 81 W. Bayard Street.

Present were Supervisor Donald Earle; Councilmen Duane Moore and Emil Bove. Also present was Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town and John Condino of Barton & Loguidice.

Supervisor Earle called the Meeting to order at 2:35 P.M. A roll call of Board Members was taken, and Councilmen Sanderson and DeLelys were absent from the Meeting; The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Approve Payment – TAP Grant: Mr. Earle stated the Special Meeting was called because a payment has to be approved before the deadline date (September 27th) for the TAP Grant or the Town may be in danger of losing the Grant. Brief discussion followed. Mr. Bove noted the absent Board Members have seen the Agenda and they have been given as much information as possible.

A motion was made authorizing payment of \$656.00 to Barton & Loguidice and \$7,000.00 to J. O'Connell & Associates for services rendered in connection with the TAP Grant by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Audit Response – Court Audit: Mr. Earle stated he received a letter stating they have not received the audit or response. Mr. Morrell stated there was an independent audit that was done by the Town in 2014, and the Town addressed things that needed attention. He said the records produced by Bonadio, as well as the Town's response, will be sent to the Office of Court Administration in response to the letter.

Hours – Clerk of the Works: Mr. Earle stated the Board approved up to 29 hours for Frank Turo, the Clerk of the Works for the new building. Mr. Condino said he thinks it will be money well spent to have Mr. Turo available and out there when the contractors are working.

Mr. Sanderson sent an email and would like his comments in the minutes. Mr. Sanderson commented that the hours of the Clerk of the Works should be increased to make sure the work is being done properly. We have spent too many years and many dollars to be penny wise and pound foolish at this critical point. Mr. Delely sent an email and agreed with Mr. Sanderson. Discussion followed relative to the number of hours Mr. Turo should be working.

A motion was made to approve the authorized hours for the Clerk of the Works on the Town Building Project to up to 40 hours per week, amending the previous Resolution adopted September 1, 2015, by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Approve Payment – 2015-2016 School Tax Bills: A motion was made to approve the payment of the 2015-2016 School Tax Bills totaling \$103,765.84 by Duane Moore and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Discussion – Secretary to Supervisor: Mr. Earle stated Jolyn Yochum has accepted a position with the County; she will be here until October 13th. He said there are things that she started that she would like to complete, so she is requesting to work more than 35 hours. He has talked to the Town Clerk, Mrs. Warfel and Mrs. Draheim, and on a short term basis, we feel we can make it through until the new Supervisor decides who he wants. Mr. Bove suggested advertising the vacancy; by advertising, we will have the flexibility of getting someone in there and getting the new Supervisor's input. He thinks it's a mistake not having someone in there – she is doing a lot of work and she is valuable.

Mr. Earle stated there is the option of hiring someone from Temp Services until the end of the year. Mr. Bove said just advertise and then the Board can decide. Mr. Moore stated the Town got along without a Secretary to the Supervisor for a long time. He knows we are a Town now with a Village under our wing, but it seems to him that we can go a couple of months without making any appointments. He added in all fairness, maybe the new Supervisor thinks a Secretary is not necessary – that is his decision. Discussion followed.

A motion was made to advertise for the soon to be vacant Secretary to Supervisor position by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore.

Mr. Morrell stated there are three Members of a five Member Board present; in order to take action, you need to have a quorum of the entire Board – you need three votes.

Mr. Earle stated as far as starting the process with advertising, and seeing what the Election results are and what the desire is of the person winning that Election, he is willing to go along with that. Mr. Bove said the Board has to advertise to fill this position. Mr. Morrell stated this is not a Civil Service situation; this is an appointment by the Supervisor. He added the Town Board controls the finances, but there are no requirements as to how to go about finding this person. After further discussion, Mr. Earle said he is willing to go along with

advertising as long as the Board waits to see what the Election results are.

The above motion made by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore to advertise for the soon to be vacant Secretary to Supervisor position was carried 3 ayes, 0 naves.

Mr. Earle stated Mr. Tullo is inquiring about the lease as he is getting to the point where he wants to move. Mr. Morrell stated he will be emailing something regarding the specifics for the Board to review. Mr. Morrell said having been down at the property, doing anything other than renting it to somebody actively involved with the Town's operation, there is not alot you can do with that place – it's right in the middle of the Plant. He added the logistics of the thing would make it very difficult to do anything; if there is someone who wants to rent it, that is the best option – the Board has done this before. After discussion, Mr. Morrell suggested a year lease with 30-day notice. Mr. Bove added \$1,000.00 a month which includes utilities. Mr. Morrell said he will draw up the lease.

A motion was made to submit a Purchase Offer for \$85,000.00 for property at 103 Bridge Street, and to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Purchase Offer, by Emil Bove and seconded by Don Earle. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 naves.

Mr. Earle suggested four dates for Budget Workshops – October 8th, October 13th, October 15th and October 26th. Dates and times will be finalized at the October 5th Meeting.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 naves.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

The Seneca Falls Town Board held five Public Hearings and a regular monthly Meeting on Monday, October 5, 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; Dean Zettlemoyer, Zoning Officer; Donald Collins, Assessor; Donald Wood, Highway Superintendent; Joseph Tullo, Chief WWTP Operator; John Condino, Town Engineer and a Member of the local media.

Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law #2-2015, Vendors & Solicitors: Mr. Earle opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 P.M. relative to proposed Local Law #2-2015 which would enact certain amendments to Chapter 213 of the Town Code relating to Peddling and Soliciting.

Since there were no comments, a motion was made to close the Public Hearing by Emil Bove, seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law #3-2015, Amend Parking Regulations to Add 15-Minute Loading Zone: Mr. Earle opened the Public Hearing relative to proposed Local Law #3-2015 which would enact certain amendments to Chapter 280 of the Town Code relating to Parking to allow for a fifteen minute loading zone on Fall Street.

Mr. Bove stated is it correct in saying it would be west of the crosswalk. Mr. Morrell replied yes – it could be added to the Local Law.

Since there were no further comments, a motion was made to close the Public Hearing by Emil Bove, seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

