

The Contractual line item under Engineer (A1440.400) was reduced to \$100,000.

Central Data Processing:

The Equipment line item (A1680.200) was reduced from \$15,000 to \$10,000.

Mr. Bove asked if Entre has submitted anything as far as moving; Mr. Earle replied yes, he has it. Mr. Bove asked if it should be factored into the Budget. Mr. Earle asked if it would be in this Budget or in the Building. Mr. Condino said it would be part of the Building Project.

Economic Opportunity & Development:

Mrs. Warfel stated they are requesting \$130,000 for next year; this year it was budgeted at \$54,000. Mr. Bove stated that is for them to have an Employee and operate the Development Office. He asked if they have submitted a budget; the Town Clerk replied no. Mr. Bove stated this is an item that needs to be discussed at some point – more details.

Mrs. Warfel stated the House of Concern has requested a contribution. Mr. Bove said Mr. Morrell needs to tell the Board if it can do that.

In reference to the Ludovico Trail (A8989.402), Mr. Earle stated the Town is contemplating a major sewer replacement related to Route 414, coming down to Balsley Road and the Kingdom Road station. The line from there down on Fall Street all the way to Rumsey Street is old. He said with the Casino, that line will have to be replaced. One plan is to go down the Trail which would be the easiest and less expensive way. Mr. Earle said by getting an easement, that Trail will be forever maintained. He added if that group will not allow the Town to do that, then it will be more expensive to the taxpayers to go down Bayard Street. Mr. Bove said Mr. Condino is trying to negotiate with the Ludovico Trail Board. Lengthy discussion followed.

The line item for Ludovico Trail (A8989.402) remains at the budgeted amount of \$500.

Water Rate:

Mr. Earle stated both water towers are in need of restoration. He said a Company known as Utility Services Group has made a proposal that over a 20-year period of time, they will take over the maintenance and rehabilitation of the water towers – there is a yearly cost to that. Mr. Earle said the good thing about it is that by having a program like that rather than bonding, is if you bond the amount of money to do the two towers, you pay off the bond and there is no money saved to do that again. He added if in the middle of that bond period time, one of the towers has a problem we would have to go out and bond again. He said with this Company, once you bill with them and go with the agreed payment, they are responsible for those tanks. The next step is to have this Company go out and do an RFP for the Town. Mr. Earle stated because of the time period and no money set aside from the former Village, the Town is faced with doing something like this.

Mr. Condino presented a 20-Year Water Rate Analysis that takes into account adopting a program such as what the Utility Services Group is proposing, and taking into account water distribution upgrades/repairs that need to be done. He explained the Analysis to those present. Discussion followed regarding options relative to water rate increases and rehabilitation of the two water towers.

Mr. Condino stated an average household in Seneca Falls pays about \$307.00 a year for water; if the rates are raised 25%, it will cost that household about \$76.00 more a year. This was presented so that the Board can make a decision to move ahead with the tank restorations. He added if this is the pleasure of the Board, there has to be a Public Hearing. Mr. Morrell stated a Public Hearing is providing notice to the people as to what the water rate increase is, take comments and then take action.

A motion was made to schedule a Public Hearing relative to a water rate increase for 7:00 P.M. on November 12, 2015 by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Purchase Property – Bridge Street:

Mr. Morrell stated when the Board did the SEQR for the building, it did not include purchasing property on Bridge Street. He advised that the Board can do an amended SEQR or a short form on the purchase of the property. He said if the Board considers the purchase of the property as part of the Building Project and pays for it from surplus funds, it is not subject to referendum; otherwise, it is subject to permissive referendum. He added SEQR has to be done for the purchase of the property.

Mr. Condino suggested amending the SEQR to include the purchase of the property. Mr. Morrell said his

concern would be 30 days notice to other agencies. Mr. Condino stated he didn't think the Board would have to go through that again – you could do an amended SEQR to purchase the property, and then send that amended SEQR to Involved Agencies. Further discussion followed.

A motion was made to purchase property at 103 Bridge Street for \$95,000.00, said acquisition would be subject to permissive referendum, and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign necessary documents, by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

A motion was made to reconvene the Budget Workshop at 3:47 P.M. by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

The Board discussed the three options presented by Mrs. Warfel as to how much to appropriate from the Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund for the 2016 Budget.

A motion was made to go with Option 3 and appropriate \$500,000 from the Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund to balance the 2016 Budget by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Public Hearing and regular monthly Meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 81 W. Bayard Street.

Present were Supervisor Donald Earle; Councilmen Duane Moore, David DeLelys, Emil Bove and Chad Sanderson. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; James Spina, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation; Dean Zettlemoyer, Zoning Officer; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; Donald Collins, Assessor; Donald Wood, Highway Superintendent and John Condino, Town Engineer.

Mr. Sanderson congratulated the new Town Board Members and said they will be charged with overseeing and managing the roughly \$15 million Town Budget and about \$5 million of real estate assets of the Town. He added they will be fortunate to have the guidance and support of the Town Clerk, Department Heads, Town Attorney and the Engineering Firm of Barton & Loguidice.

Public Hearing – 2016 Preliminary Budget: Mr. Earle opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 P.M. relative to the 2016 Preliminary Budget, and asked if there were any comments. Since there were no comments, a motion was made to close the Public Hearing by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor Earle called the regular monthly Meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. A roll call was taken of Board Members and all were present; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Petitioners:

Sharon Hoatland – Downtown Business Association – SF App & Signage: Sharon Hoatland stated the Town now has a Seneca Falls App. She said the purpose of that is, as a Community, we need to get the word out as to things that are happening. Mrs. Hoatland said in order for the Business Association to continue doing it and getting all the information to the app, they are asking the Town to help them in getting some signage; cost is

