

Sue Sauvageau, 61 Fall Street, stated as a former Board Member, she realizes it is easier to be a critic from the outside than to serve on the Board. She understands the Budget, and she has made a few suggestions that she hopes has helped. Her concerns are not just with this Budget. Many people in the Community are nervous that the Board is perhaps squandering the financial efficiencies that resulted from the dissolution, and they want to make sure that you tow the line on that. Ms. Sauvageau said we don't want to end up back with the same problems the Village had.

Ms. Sauvageau stated her other concern is that this Budget projects using perhaps \$200,000 from a reserve fund that was created by previous Boards that was stocked with funds with the notion of preparing tax stabilization funding for the time when the Landfill might close and cut off our revenues. She said many of the Citizens are cheering for that eventual closure, and she thinks the Town needs to remain prepared – she thinks we should be hanging onto that reserve money unless it's an absolute necessity. Ms. Sauvageau said she scanned the Budget line by line and found about \$200,000 that could possibly be removed. She would be happy to share those details with the Board later.

Ms. Sauvageau said she is also concerned about the overall picture relating to the Town Hall. The dollar amount at this point, is already \$1 million over what is in that reserve fund set aside for it. She added in terms of financial issues, you almost might be better off continuing to rent. Mr. Bove said he shares Ms. Sauvageau's concerns about the building. He thinks the \$1 million over figure is overstated - because the people of the Town are watching, he wants to make sure statements are accurate. Mr. Condino stated the current projected cost for the building is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3.1 million. The reserve fund is \$2.55 million, much less than the \$1 million over budget. He said there certainly are a lot of details to be worked out, and the Board is very conscious of the cost.

John Quattrociocchi, 19 Edgewood Road, stated in the ongoing saga of building a new Town Hall complex, the estimated cost keeps escalating from the \$2.5 million to over \$3 million. In an effort to minimize the significance of the increase, the Board said some of the cost could be offset by selling the former Village Hall and the Condo. In the current Budget, the obligations of the former Village is listed at \$146,155.00. His feeling is that all proceeds from the sale of any assets of the former Village should be first applied to reducing that debt. A review of Minutes of Board and Budget Meetings following dissolution indicate that's what they were led to believe would be done. Mr. Quattrociocchi said if and when the former Village assets are sold, the proceeds should be applied to the Village debt – it's the moral thing to do.

Since there were no further comments, Mr. Earle closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 P.M.

Supervisor Earle called the regular monthly Meeting to order at 7:20 P.M. A roll call was taken and all Board Members were present; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Petitioners:

Dan Emmo – Location of Town Hall: Dan Emmo, 117 Bridge Street, stated he is here representing the people in the Community who are opposed to the location of the new Town Hall, which they feel you are putting a public building in the middle of a residential neighborhood. A petition was submitted, although faulty, but you know those 350 people were legitimate and the Board chose not to hear them. He is out in the public speaking with many different people every day, and he has heard only two people besides three Town Board Members say that this is a good location. Mr. Emmo said there are other potential locations using existing buildings. The Board's selection is away from the downtown area and burdensome to those who are used to walking to Town Hall. He added it bumps into the grounds used by children and their parents – there will be a small area for them, but at this time, they use the entire area. Mr. Emmo said there has been no information given with respect to property values – will this facility diminish the value of homes surrounding the block. He asked why is the Board so averse to listening to the people they represent.

Dan Dowd – Parking on Bridge Street: Dan Dowd, 6 Patricia Drive, stated he gave the Board Members a copy of the July Meeting minutes in regard to parking in front of Dewey's Tavern which he owns. The two spots in front of his Tavern are very important to his business. He does a lot of catering, and a lot of customers pull up out front to come in and find out where they need to go to pick up their order of food. Mr. Dowd said at that July Meeting, it was agreed to put two parking spots in front, but not a third one so that emergency vehicles could access William Street and the vision pulling out of the parking lot was better. Approximately one year later when striping of the road was done in that area, the Town painted the two spots that were agreed upon. Mr. Dowd said before the two spots were painted, there was no problem. Once the spots were painted and the center line wasn't moved over, there was a big problem. The road is 29'-31' wide in front of the Tavern; a parking spot is 8' wide, which leaves plenty of distance for travel. He named several roads which are 20' wide. Mr. Dowd said he does a lot of catering and drives a truck with a trailer on it and can't get into that little parking lot; when it's full, he needs to access his equipment and food – it's part of his business. He has elderly customers that are handicapped and want to park close to the building when the parking lot is full.

Mr. Dowd stated when the Town comes to remove the snow in the wintertime, that sign will be right in the way where they come in to scoop it because of where the telephone pole is. He would like the sign taken down, and it doesn't need to be striped.

Donald Witchey – Noble Road Ditches Flooding: Donald Witchey, 906 Noble Road, stated they have been getting flooded out for a few years. The road will get about 6" of water running over it. He did some measuring today, starting on Farron Road where the water comes from. Underneath the 2941 Farron Road driveway, there is an 8" pipe; next to that going a little bit north, there is a 24" pipe that goes underneath the road. When there is a lot of rain, the water gushes out through there. Going to the north, the next driveway at 2837 has an 18" pipe. Between 2941 and 2837, the water has to go someplace so it comes down to his field and goes from there north next to the house and goes out to the ditch. Mr. Witchey stated this has been going on and has been talked about, but nothing is being done. He is afraid someone is going to get in an accident.

Mr. Earle stated even though Mr. Witchey doesn't see anything physically being done out there, the Town Engineer and the Highway Superintendent have been talking about this, in coming up with something viable that can be done. Mr. Condino stated they met with Mr. Wood and the Committee and came up with a preliminary plan which they think will be a viable plan. They are waiting to set up agreements with landowners to access their property.

Carol Ritter Wright – Resolution VanCleaf Lake Centennial: Carol Ritter Wright, 79 E. Bayard Street, stated she spoke to the Board about the concept of recognizing the Centennial of the creation of Van Cleaf Lake next August. They would like to form a Committee and have a number of activities going on around the Community. Councilman Bove will be offering a Resolution which will briefly explain what Van Cleaf means to this Community. Mr. Bove read the following Resolution which was prepared by Mrs. Wright:

WHEREAS, early pioneers in the Finger Lakes after the Revolutionary War discovered a series of waterfalls and rapids in the Seneca River, and knew that the waterway could power mills to create lumber and grind grain that would be needed to support a new community; and

WHEREAS, that community was indeed formed in a low area to be known as the Flats around the river in the center of what would become the Village of Seneca Falls; and

WHEREAS, the community grew and flourished with new manufacturing plants, retail establishments, houses and churches and other necessary buildings, streets and bridges, and a first canal was constructed with several locks that provided the means for moving goods and people by water, bypassing the falls and rapids; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York in the first years of the 20th Century began plans to construct a new Barge Canal System with a Cayuga-Seneca Canal linking Seneca and Cayuga Lakes to the main canal system; and

WHEREAS, the new canal included a unique double lock to permit commercial navigation by larger, more modern vessels through the old Flats, eliminating all rapids and waterfalls through the community of Seneca Falls; and

WHEREAS, this action required that multiple businesses be displaced, buildings moved or demolished, trees uprooted and streets abandoned so that the Flats could be permanently flooded and submerged beneath a new Van Cleaf Lake in the widened and deepened waterway; and

WHEREAS, the flooding that took place in August 1915 obliterated all traces of the original rapids and various waterfalls and otherwise caused permanent changes to the Seneca Falls community in many ways; and

WHEREAS, downtown merchants and residents of Seneca Falls now are repeatedly asked by visitors for directions to the waterfalls but may not be sure how to respond to those inquiries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Seneca Falls Town Board officially recognizes and acknowledges the 100th Anniversary of the creation of Van Cleaf Lake as a significant event in the history of the community; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board encourages Individuals, groups, businesses and State and Local agencies to participate in special centennial activities in Seneca Falls in August 2015 to celebrate this historic event; to foster public knowledge of our community and its rich history; to encourage pride in our heritage and discovery of the beauty and complexity of our own environment; and to welcome visitors to Seneca Falls and share good times and interesting knowledge with them.

A motion was made by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson to adopt the above Resolution relative to the Van Cleaf Lake Centennial Celebration. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 29, 2014 by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing and Meeting of October 7, 2014 by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting of October 16, 2014 by Chad

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Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Reports:

Dog Control Officer: The Dog Control Officer's report states ten dogs were impounded and three redeemed; seven dogs are still being held. A total of \$30.00 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 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Zoning Officer: Mr. Earle stated the Board has a copy of Mr. Turkett's report.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Turkett's report by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Commissioner of Parks & Recreation: Mr. Spina noted that the Board has a copy of his report for October. He highlighted two Events that they held – Forever Young 5K and Halloween Program – both of which went off very well with great assistance from Chief Peenstra and Staff whom he thanked. Mr. Spina mentioned that basketball season has started and will be ongoing until the end of March. He said they will be very busy for the next few months with the Events coming up and basketball.

Mr. Spina referred to the Bandstand and said in September, they were selected by the Design Connect team from Cornell – a group of architect students agreed to come up and take a look at Peoples' Park and the Bandstand. They had their first Meeting with them with their preliminary reports. It was a really good report, looking through the whole Park, not just the Bandstand. Mr. Spina said they will be getting back to us in the next month or so with some preliminary figures and cost. He hopes to have more to report in December.

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

Special Events: Mr. Spina stated there are two Special Events. A permit application has been submitted by It's a Wonderful Life Festival which will take place December 12-14, 2014 with no additions; insurance will be coming a week or two ahead of the Event. There will be a new Parade route that has been designed; Chief Peenstra and the Committee worked on that. He is recommending approval of the Event.

A motion was made to approve the Event application for It's a Wonderful Life Weekend on December 12-14, 2014 by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Spina stated the second Event is the It's a Wonderful Run 5K which is held the same weekend but is a separate Event; they will have their own insurance. He and Chief Peenstra met with them, and nothing has changed other than they have agreed to cap the number of runners at 4,000. At the Rec Center building, from the Gym to the Meeting Room will be available to them; the rest of the building will be closed off. There will be a tent in the front parking lot with heaters. Mr. Spina recommended approval of the Event.

A motion was made to approve the Event application for this year's It's a Wonderful Run 5K by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Assessor: Mr. Collins stated the Board has a copy of his report. They are reviewing the Enhanced STAR exemptions; deadline is March 1st. The technology they are updating is partially in – they can do the 100' and 500' notices very easily now; they have the road identification and they have the wetland identification. They are having a problem with the GIS in that the scale for the former Village and the Town scale are different.

Mr. Collins said he continues to process sales as they occur, and looking at Mobile Home Park sales and farm sales in Seneca County. He also plans to network with all of the Seneca County Assessors to review the farm sales so that they are all on the same page. Mr. Collins plans to attend a one-day Seminar in November on 581-a (subsidized Housing Real Property Law changes) which will be held in Batavia.

Mr. Bove stated PILOT information has been discussed. In preparing the Budget, there is a line item for PILOTS that the Town receives. He said Mr. Collins is trying to get a clearer picture of all the PILOTS in the Town, obtaining information from the IDA. Mr. Collins stated he sent a sample spread sheet to the County who has a spreadsheet, and requested that they set up a time to go over these – he thinks they need more detail so that every year, we will know exactly what the taxes will be on those particular parcels.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Collins report by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Attorney for the Town: Mr. Morrell referred to Firemen's Field and his research, specifically looking at the Park restriction in the Deed from when the Town Board received the property from the Fire Department. He said as a municipality, it's not as simple as an action of clear title in the Supreme Court. This requires special legislation from the State Legislature or at least requires a specific approval from the State Legislature. Mr. Morrell contacted Senator Nozzolio's Office and discussed this with them. He anticipates submitting an application through Senator Nozzolio's Office for their next Legislative session. As this progresses, all bid documents, contracts and such would have to include a contingency that this special approval come from the State Legislature. Mr. Morrell stated it is significant, but he doesn't think it changes things much. He noted there are other matters on the Agenda that will be addressed.

Highway Superintendent: Mr. Wood said they have been trying to catch up on some little jobs. Leaves pickup will start on Monday morning. They have been running the sweeper continuously to try to stay ahead of the leaves. He has two cancelled checks to get for his CHIPS report which has to be in November 15th. They put plows on the trucks, and doing the turn-around on Mechanic Street because the blacktop plant closes next week.

Mr. Wood referred to Mr. Witchey and asked who is suppose to contact those people for an agreement. Mr. Sanderson said we will need a legal agreement from both parties if we change where the water flows – from the property owners and Cayuga Nation. Mr. Wood indicated that there are three landowners involved. Mr. Morrell said if they get the information to him - he will do that.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Wood's report by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Town Justices: Mr. Earle indicated that the Board has written reports from both Town Justices.

A motion was made to accept the reports of the Town Justices by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Water & Sewer: Mr. Pickard stated the WTP filter media replacement project is complete. He said the influent sedimentation sludge collector system which was installed in 1986 and repaired over the years is at a point where pretty much everything is worn out. Parts have been ordered to get that back in operation. Crews cleaned the influent channel to the WWTP and replaced the drive motor to the Aqua-Screen.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Pickard's report by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Police Chief: Chief Peenstra noted that the Board has a copy of his report. He said on October 1st, they assisted with the School District PTO at a roller skating party; an Officer was there and handed out 17 helmets that were left over from the Bicycle Rodeo. A lot of positive feedback was received from parents, Faculty and everyone who participated with that. The Chief stated they helped out at St. Anthony's Festival – they set up a booth for Operation Safe Child. They also set up a booth for Operation Safe Child during the Fire Department's Fire Prevention Week. Chief Peenstra stated other than that, they have been very busy.

A motion was made to accept Chief Peenstra's report by Emil Bove and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Barton & Loguidice: Mr. Condino stated during the past month, they have been working with the Water & Sewer Committee to talk about Capital projects for next year. They have included during the Budget process the two Capital projects for repair of sewer structure – the Kingdom Road force main and the 6" section of sewer pipe on the Auburn Road that needs to be replaced. They are expected to be completed next year.

Mr. Condino referred to two items under Old Business – the extension of sewer service to Auburn Road and Ritmer Lane. In working with the Committee, they have asked for further consideration on the cost. They are preparing those now and will meet with the Committee this month to review those.

Building Committee: Mr. Condino stated the Board will be going through the second step of the SEQR process later in the Meeting.

Other Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee: Mr. Bove stated the Personnel Committee met on November 3rd and discussed several items. There were two requests made in connection with the 2015 Budget – additional part-time Clerks, one in Court System and one in Water & Sewer Administration. Mrs. Havelin provided the Committee with information of various functions she was to asked to perform that are not part of her job description. After discussion, it appears there is a need for a part-time Clerk, Grade 3 at 20-25 hours per week. Mr. Bove said they requested that Mrs. Warfel add this to the Water & Sewer Budget for 2015.

Mr. Bove stated this year, they went through a process of adjusting salaries in the Water & Sewer operations for the various employees based on their experience, training and certifications. There were a couple of employees that were not adjusted at that time. Adam Twitchell, Sewer Plant Operator Trainee, is currently at \$18.19 per hour; Mr. Pickard recommended that he receive a \$2.00 per hour increase effective immediately. Mr. Pickard also recommended that Mark Allen, Water Plant Operator, receive a similar wage increase.

A motion was made to increase the hourly salaries of Adam Twitchell and Mark Allen by \$2.00 an hour effective immediately by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Bove stated in following up on the additional position in the Water & Sewer Department, the Committee is recommending that the Supervisor, Mr. Pickard, Mr. Wood and Mrs. Yochum assist in some of those functions.

Communications:

A motion was made to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 12 by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Emil Bove. Communications numbered 1 to 12 are as follows:

1. Pledges of Collateral, July 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014, from Wilmington Trust.
2. Section 504 Compliance Handbook, October 2014, from LRP Publications.
3. Reports and Resolutions from the Seneca County Planning Board relative to applications for Subdivision, Use Variance and Area Variance.
4. Checks totaling \$34,344.09 representing Health Insurance premiums, Judges Lafler and Laquidari September reports, Disability Insurance payment, return of fee for Bid packet, HSA Advance repayment, Boater Facility Cleanout fees, Gross Utility Receipts tax and fuel reimbursement.
5. Notice of application for renewal of liquor license for Clam-Man's Party House, LLC from Dan Dowd.
6. Monthly Report for the month of October 2014, as per Town Operating License and Host Community Agreement, from Seneca Meadows, Inc.
7. Letter from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation stating that the NYS Barge Canal Historic District, Bridge Street and Rumsey Street Bridges, was listed October 15, 2014 on the National Register of Historic Places.
8. ACH payment in the amount of \$406,500.00 representing Dissolution Implementation Grant payment.
9. ACH payments in the amount of \$148,020.00 representing AIM payment, and \$538,557.00 representing Citizen Empowerment payment.
10. Notice to Occupant of intention to discontinue service supplied to Landlord or Rental Property Owner from NYSEG.
11. Copy of service rates that will be sent to all Time Warner customers from Time Warner Cable.
12. Memo from J. O'Connell & Associates relative to Town of Seneca Falls Economic Development.

Mr. Bove mentioned the Memo from J. O'Connell & Associates who has been involved with the Economic Development efforts in the Town, and involved with the prior efforts of the former Village. He said the Board would be remiss if it wasn't moving forward with taking steps to deal with the time when the Landfill waste payment is not being received by the Town. He added part of that is revaluation of the Town real property which Mr. Collins will be working with, and part of it is having an active Economic Development Office. Jean O'Connell met with the Local Development Corporation and went through the history of the prior efforts for Economic Development. The Local Development Corporation is very supportive of starting this up again. Mr. Bove said in keeping with that, he thinks there will be some money in the Budget for the start-up of that next year. He thinks the Board would be remiss if it didn't start this process, utilizing the guidelines and the action plan that was put together in 2007.

Mr. DeLelys asked about the Notice from the State regarding the Town Hall project. Mr. Morrell replied that is part of the SEQR Lead Agency notice that was sent out. These are their comments reiterating that any work along the State road requires a permit, and formally stating that they don't object to the Board acting as Lead Agency for this project.

Mr. Sanderson mentioned that the State DOT refers to the Town Hall project as the Town of Seneca Falls Public Safety Building – he doesn't think that is correct. Mr. Morrell said for their purposes, the location is the most significant part of it. He added they obviously looked at the project itself – it's not like they are being misled.

The motion made by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Emil Bove to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 12 was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Old Business:

Sale of Condominium: Mr. Morrell stated the Condominium Agreement and Deed gives the right of first refusal to the Owners of the rest of the Building. He was not able to connect with the Owners of the Building to

get a formal consideration offer or refusal from them. He wants to have that in writing so that the Town can demonstrate that the requirements of the Deed have been followed prior to entering into any agreements with realtors. Mr. Morrell said he has contacted other realtors to let them know that the Town will be requesting a formal proposal from them if they are interested in selling the property. After brief discussion, Mr. Earle suggested that Mr. Morrell send a letter to the Owners and give them a deadline. Mr. Morrell said he will be in touch with the Owners this week.

Auburn Road Sewer Extension: Mr. Earle stated there was money in the Budget this year – did he hear the statement made that it will be in the Budget for next year. Mr. Condino replied he doesn't think there is money to accommodate it in next year's Budget. He added there is a number that is being identified with that project that would be the obligation of the Town and the obligation of the residents. He said it will be discussed with Committee this month. Mr. Bove said just because money is in the Budget for this year, the Board will have to take a look at that line. He added other projects have been discussed, including repairing the 6" main on Auburn Road. Mr. Condino stated it is unlikely that the extension will be done next year – the higher priority was put on the Auburn Road repair which needs to be done prior to having any additional flow from the Auburn Road extension.

Mr. Earle stated since there is money in the Budget slated for this year, what would the process be to get bids to repair that line. Mr. Condino replied the Committee has asked for more information with regard to alternatives available to provide sewer extension for Auburn Road and Ritmer Lane, and also to give some consideration as to what the obligation may be on the Town's part versus what obligation may be fair and equitable for each of the parcels that will be served. Mr. Condino stated the repair is in the Budget and the design is being put together – that portion is moving forward, along with the Kingdom Road force main. Further discussion followed.

Ritmer Lane: Mr. Condino stated there is no money in the Budget for Ritmer Lane – there was not any identified issue. He doesn't know if there is anything identified for next year.

Write-Off Uncollectable Receivables: Mr. Morrell stated he is still dealing with the Gould Hotel and Mr. Jordan in trying to track him down and determine if it's worthwhile. Mr. Bove asked if an Investigator was hired to locate him; Mr. Morrell replied not at this point, but it will be done shortly.

SEQR Process – New Town Hall Facility: Mr. Condino said the Board currently has on file, regarding the SEQR process for the new Town Hall, a Resolution that the Board will be considering to formally declare themselves as Lead Agency for this Project. At the September 29th Meeting, the SEQR process was started by declaring the intent of the Board to seek Lead Agency status. In the packet he gave to the Board, there were the actual copies of letters that were sent to Involved Agencies with Part I of the EAF. Mr. Condino said to clarify Mr. Sanderson's question as far as what the project is called, he thinks the Public Safety Building is a holdover from one of the alternatives that was looked at – that will be formally changed to the new Town Municipal Building. Mr. Condino said the letter was distributed to the Involved Agencies, and they had 30 days to respond. The DOT did respond and basically said they had no objections to the Town being Lead Agency.

Mr. Condino said the first step in this process is to consider the Resolution, and the second step tonight would be to review the preliminary draft of Part 2. He added the last item in the packet is a summary of the questions and some of the potential impacts identified and reviewed with the Board. Mr. Condino stressed that as a Board, its responsibility is to review these documents. Mr. Bove said we are doing a full EAF on this project. Mr. Condino replied that is correct – it involves Part 1 which has been completed and submitted for the coordinated review, and which involves Part II (draft) which will be reviewed by the Board and identifies potential impacts, and involves Part III which is the response to those potential impacts that were identified.

Mr. Condino read the following Resolution establishing the Town of Seneca Falls Town Council as Lead Agency:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls (Town) is proposing to construct the new Town of Seneca Falls Municipal Building Project (Project) along Ovid Street in the Town of Seneca Falls, Seneca County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been classified as an "Unlisted Action" as determined in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Parts 617.4 and 617.6; and

WHEREAS, the Town caused a letter and Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) to be sent to other potentially "Involved Agencies" (as this term is defined in the SEQRA Regulations found at 6 NYCRR Part 617), indicating the Town's desire to serve as the "Lead Agency" (as this quoted term is defined in the SEQRA Regulations), to complete a coordinated review of the Project (in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6); and

WHEREAS, a minimum of 30 calendar days were provided, and each of the potentially Involved Agencies has agreed to, or raised no objections to, the Town of Seneca Falls Town Council serving as Lead Agency for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, pursuant to and in accordance with the

coordinated review requirements of SEQRA, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Council establishes itself as Lead Agency for the Project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council, as Lead Agency, will continue to progress the SEQRA process associated with the Project, including the completion of Parts 2 and 3 of the FEAF and declaring the Project's Significance Determination by resolution at a future meeting.

Mr. Bove asked if they were sure it has been determined that it is an unlisted action; Mr. Condino replied yes – it does not meet any of the type I criteria. Mr. Morrell added the difference is there are a number of thresholds in the regulations, and it has to do with the size of the building, amount of disturbance depending on the type of project, depending on the type of project – the number of residential units, and the presence of location within certain protected type areas. He said the scope of this project and the scale of this project does not bring it within any of those thresholds. Mr. Morrell further explained Type I and Type II and unlisted actions.

A motion was made by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Emil Bove to adopt the above Resolution establishing the Town of Seneca Falls Town Council as Lead Agency. A roll call vote was taken:

Don Earle – Yes	Chad Sanderson – Yes
Duane Moore – Yes	David DeLelys – Yes
Emil Bove – Yes	

Motion carried.

The Board proceeded to review Part II which deals with 18 areas of potential environmental impact.

1. **Impact on Land:**

Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site – Yes.

- a. The proposed action may involve construction on land where depth to water table is less than 3 feet – Moderate to large impact may occur. Based on Seneca County Soil Survey information, the depth of ground water is reported at 1.5 to 3 feet below ground surface. The actual depth of ground water would be verified by soil borings and dealt with accordingly.

2. **Impact on Geological Features:**

Proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhibit access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the site (e.g., cliffs, dunes, minerals, fossils, caves) – No impact.

3. **Impacts on Surface Water:**

Proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies (e.g., streams, rivers, ponds or lakes) – Yes.

- a. There may be creation of a new water body – a storm water retention pond. Because the project will include disturbance of more than one acre of ground, it will require a storm water pollution prevention plan and also a SPDES discharge permit from DEC.

4. **Impact on Groundwater**

Proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquifer – No impact.

5. **Impact on Flooding:**

Proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding – Yes.

Modification of existing drainage patterns may occur – it will require a storm water pollution prevention plan and a SPDES permit.

6. **Impact on Air:**

Proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source – No impact.

7. **Impact on Plants and Animals:**

Proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna – No impact.

8. **Impacts on Agricultural Resources:**

Proposed action may impact agricultural resources – Yes.

The area is suitable for agricultural use, so it really has no environmental impact to consider. No additional studies are warranted as the proposed parcel is not of a size or a location that would be optimal for agricultural use.

9. **Impact on Aesthetic Resources:**

Land use of the proposed action are obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource – Yes.

- a. The proposed action may be visible from any officially designated federal, state or local scenic or aesthetic resource - No, or small impact may occur.
- b. The proposed action may result in the obstruction, elimination or significant screening of one or more officially designated scenic views – No, or small impact may occur. The Deed restriction issue and the proposed transfer of the recreational areas from the Firemens Field lot to the former Town Garage lot. The new building will be viewed during routine travel by residents, to and from work, and during recreational or tourism based activities. No additional studies are warranted as the impacts are not expected to be overly negative or significant. Screening opportunities should be considered during site design to minimize impacts.

10. **Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources:**

Proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resources – No impact.

11. **Impact on Open Space and Recreation:**

Proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan – Yes.

The swapping of parcels for recreational use from Firemens Field to the former Town garage, it gains .2 of an acre in size. Brief discussion followed.

12. **Impact on Critical Environmental Areas:**

Proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environment area (CEA) – No impact.

13. **Impact on Transportation:**

Proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems – Yes.

Local traffic is anticipated to increase, but not to a detrimental level. A traffic study is recommended to estimate the increase in traffic volumes.

- a. Projected traffic increase may exceed capacity of existing road network – No or small impact may occur. Proposed action may result in the construction of paved parking area for 500 or more vehicles – No or small impact.
- b. Proposed action may result in the construction of paved parking area for 500 or more vehicles – No or small impact.

- c. Proposed action will degrade existing transit access – No or small impact may occur.
- d. Proposed action will degrade existing pedestrian or bicycle accommodations – No or small impact.
- e. The proposed action may alter the present pattern of movement of people or goods – Moderate to large impact may occur.

14. **Impact on Energy:**

Proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy – No impact.

15. **Impact on Noise, Odor and Light:**

Proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor lighting – Yes.

- a. Proposed action may produce sound above noise levels established by local regulation – Moderate to large impact may occur.
- b. Proposed action may result in blasting within 1,500 feet of any residence, hospital, school, licensed day care center, or nursing home – No or small impact may occur.
- c. Proposed action may result in routine odors for more than one hour per day – No or small impact may occur.
- d. Proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties – Moderate to large impact may occur.
- e. Proposed action may result in lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions – Moderate to large Impact may occur.

16. **Impact on Human Health:**

Proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants - No impact.

17. **Consistency with Community Plans:**

Proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character – Answer changed to Yes per Town Board:

- a. Proposed action’s land use components may be different from, or in sharp contrast to, current surrounding land use pattern(s) – Moderate to large impact may occur.

18. **Consistency with Community Character:**

Proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character – Answer changed to Yes per Town Board.

- a. Proposed action may replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures, or areas of historic importance to the Community – No impact.
- b. Proposed action may create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire) – No impact.
- c. Proposed action may displace affordable or low-income housing in an area where there is a shortage of such housing – No impact.
- d. Proposed action may interfere with the use or enjoyment of officially recognized or designated public resources – Moderate to large impact may occur.
- e. Proposed action is inconsistent with the predominant architectural scale and character – Moderate to large impact may occur.
- f. Proposed action is inconsistent with the character of the existing natural landscape – Moderate to large impact may occur.

Mr. Condino indicated that they will revise Part II accordingly, and with the Board’s approval, they will proceed with the further investigation. After discussion, Mr. Condino stated as an unlisted action, the Board is not required to do a full EAF. The recommendation is to go through a coordinated review process, which they have done. He said the Board is not required to have a public session, but it may want to have one when they get to the point when all the issues have been addressed. Mr. Morrell said it may be advisable to have a Public Hearing when the time comes – there is no required Public Hearing for this, but it is an option. Further discussion followed.

A motion was made authorizing Barton & Loguidice to amend Part II of the Full Environmental Assessment Form to reflect what was discussed this Evening by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Certified Local Government Program: A motion was made authorizing the Town to apply to the NYS Office of Historic Preservation for certification of the Town as a Local Government Program by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

School Resource Officer: Mr. Earle stated this was discussed at a Budget Workshop and there is a line item in the Budget for this; the School District will be voting on this in April or May.

Route 414 Sewer Line Transfer from IDA to Town: Mr. Morrell stated the Town of Tyre has engaged a Law Firm to obtain the easements. He doesn’t know if that has happened yet – nothing has been presented to him. He has been in contact with the Town of Tyre Attorney and gave them all the engineering work that has been prepared by Barton & Loguidice and gave them proposed easement documents. Mr. Bove suggested that Mr. Morrell identify the Law Firm and communicate with them.

New Business:

Bids – Highway 1-Ton Truck: Mr. Earle stated the following bids were received:

- Bill Cram Chevrolet - \$28,225.00
- Delacy Ford - \$30,280.72
- Finger Lakes Auto Group - \$35,428.50

Mr. Wood and Mr. Morrell will review the bids and it will be revisited later in the Meeting.

2015 Preliminary Budget: Mr. Earle stated the Board would like another opportunity to work with that Budget and make any changes. A Special Meeting/Budget Workshop was scheduled for November 19th at 6:00 P.M.

Attendance at Regional Local Gov’t Workshop – Planning & Zoning: A motion was made authorizing

Members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to attend a Regional Local Government Workshop at a cost of \$75.00 per Member plus mileage by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Hire Part-Time Police Officer: Chief Peenstra recommended that Martin D. Rotz, Jr. be hired as part-time Police Officer. He has passed all the background investigation minus the polygraph test which is scheduled for November 7th.

A motion was made to appoint Martin D. Rotz, Jr. as a part-time Police Officer by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore.

Mr. Earle asked if this would get it up to six part-time Officers; the Chief replied yes. He added there are a couple of part-time Officers that are on the roster but not available – they have full time jobs with other agencies which conflicts with scheduling. He will be reorganizing that in 2015.

The motion made by Emil Bove and seconded by Duane Moore to appoint Martin D. Rotz, Jr. as a part-time Police Officer was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Levy Delinquent Mowing Charges on Town/County Tax Bills: A motion was made to levy delinquent mowing charges totaling \$4,106.25 on Town/County tax bills by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Set Date for Public Hearing – Maple Street Parking: A motion was made to conduct a Public Hearing on December 2, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. relative to the proposed Local Law amending parking on Maple Street by Emil Bove and seconded by Chad Sanderson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Verizon Wireless Lease: Mr. Earle stated Verizon would like to add antennas to the Auburn Road Water Tower to give this area 4G coverage. Mr. Morrell stated Upstate Cellular Network, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, wants to lease space at the top of the Water Tower. It involves an easement for Upstate Cellular to maintain the antenna, to have access to the antenna and to run utilities to the antenna. The proposed lease states that it will be an initial term of five years with an annual rent of \$15,600.00, and there is also an easement for their access. Mr. Morrell stated lease of municipal property requires a permissive referendum and a SEQR review. Mr. Sanderson asked what the responsibility of Verizon would be for any damage they inflict on the Water Tower. Mr. Morrell replied that is addressed in the lease agreement - they will be responsible for any damage. Brief discussion followed. Mr. Morrell read the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls owns a water tower located at 72 Auburn Road; and
WHEREAS, Upstate Cellular Network d/b/a Verizon Wireless has contacted the Town to express an interest in leasing space on said water tower for the purpose of mounting a telecommunications antenna thereto; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the residents of the Town of Seneca Falls will benefit from entering into such an agreement.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls hereby authorizes entering into a lease agreement with Upstate Cellular Network d/b/a Verizon Wireless for an initial term of five years with annual rent of \$15,600.00; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Town of Seneca Falls hereby authorizes granting an easement for the purpose of allowing access and connecting utilities to said telecommunications antenna; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute all documents necessary to enter into the above noted agreements; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is contingent upon satisfactory environmental review and inspection; passage of the permissive referendum period required by law without a petition, and all other contingencies deemed necessary by the Attorney for the Town. This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as required by Town Law Section 64(2).

After brief discussion, a motion was made to adopt the above Resolution authorizing the lease of space and granting an easement to access the Town's Water Tower by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Bid – Highway 1-Ton Truck: Mr. Morrell stated he reviewed the bid specifications and documents with Mr. Wood; the low bidder is Bill Cram Chevrolet in the amount of \$28,225.00.

A motion was made to accept the low bid of Bill Cram Chevrolet in the amount of \$28,225.00 for a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado Truck by Duane Moore and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Payment of Bills:

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

General Fund - \$174,567.63 (Abstract #12)
Miscellaneous Fund - \$48,457.43 (Abstract #12)
Highway Fund - \$65,990.12 (Abstract #12)
Water Fund - \$26,928.83 (Abstract #12)
No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Recreation Fund - \$19,994.30 (Abstract #12)
Vince's Park Fund - \$1,212.98 (Abstract #12)
Sewer Fund - \$445,644.79 (Abstract #12)

A motion was made to go into Executive Session at 9:50 P.M. to discuss a specific Employee situation by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

At 10:16 P.M., a motion was made to reconvene the regular monthly Meeting by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 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 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Special Meeting/Budget Workshop on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 81 W. Bayard Street.

Present were Supervisor Donald Earle; Councilmen Emil Bove, Chad Sanderson, David DeLelys and Duane Moore. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; and Beverly Warfel, Account Clerk.

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

Old Business

2015 Preliminary Budget: Mr. Earle stated the Board delayed adopting the Preliminary Budget to consider a couple of additional things that it didn't have numbers for. He said there are two versions of the Budget: one using only Tax Stabilization in addition to tax revenue, and the other using Tax Stabilization, tax revenue and cash from the Fund Balance.

Mr. Bove objected to the Meeting not being filmed as the Board is adopting the Budget; people want to see any discussion that the Board has. It is not an ordinary Meeting – it might be the most important Meeting of the year. Mr. Earle said he didn't think it was a decision not to record it – it was just overlooked.

Mrs. Warfel referred to Projected Cash on Hand Balances, and said on the first page (General Fund Townwide), using the Tax Stabilization Reserve and taxes to balance the Budget would result in a loss of cash about \$6,934.00. The second page uses Tax Stabilization Reserve and appropriates Fund Balance as well as a little bit less than tax fund, so you are losing a Fund Balance of \$106,934.00. Brief discussion followed relative to Landfill revenues.

The Projected Cash on Hand Balance for the Community Center on January 2016 is \$6,371.13. Mrs. Warfel said they should not be building a Fund Balance at all. The Highway Fund Cash on Hand Balance should be about \$661,304.69 in 2016. Mrs. Warfel stated Mrs. Havelin did a thorough job with the Water Fund – she is very accurate to say that the Water Fund continues to decline. She referred to Sewer and said you cannot budget more than you spend; historically, the revenues have exceeded the expenditures. They will be adjusting the revenues to reflect more accurately what revenue we are bringing in.

The Board reviewed the 2015 Tax Impact and the affect on a property valued at \$100,000 in the Old Village, Old Town and Bridgeport Sewer District. They reviewed the tax rates at Cap, using Tax Stabilization only, and using Tax Stabilization and Cash on Hand.

