

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Public Hearing and Meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Fall Street, Seneca Falls.

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

Public Hearing – 2020 Preliminary Budget: A motion was made to open the Public Hearing at 5:04 P.M. by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. Motion carried.

James Bero: James Bero thanked those who ran for Office in this Community and for giving their time and effort to make this a better place. His family has been here 50 years and they love this Community. When they came here, it was a heavily industrialized community with downtown stores full. Mr. Bero said it has changed, and we are at a crossroad right now. We have the opportunity to make this a better place, and we have a lot to offer. He mentioned we have the Cayuga-Seneca Canal which links the entire State. We have the National Women's Hall of Fame and the National Historical Park that brings people into this Community, and we are the home of It's a Wonderful Life and wineries.

Mr. Bero stated he volunteers at the Visitors Center, and people from all over the Country and World come here. He said what has happened yesterday and today and the amount of money we have available in this Community to rebuild downtown, the Visitors Center should be at the top of that list. This is where the people come – we have to welcome them. Mr. Bero requested the Board look at that and look at what it can do to commit to making that happen.

Joan Blanchard & Natalie Loucks: Joan Blanchard stated they are retired teachers who volunteer at the Visitors Center. The Center is often the first impression of Seneca Falls that people get when they come here; people come from all over to learn about our rich history. Ms. Blanchard said the Center is the window to the Seneca Falls Community. There are some truly visible eyesores at the Center, such as very old worn and stained rugs, leaks in the ceiling and windows.

Ms. Blanchard stated investments in the Visitors Center, without a doubt, are going to promote economic development. As we approach the 2020 - 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, they will be getting visitors from all over the World and they will continue to come. She suggested that the Board consider making some much needed improvements. She thinks it will be a wonderful way for people to see what we really are in Seneca Falls and the pride we really have. They will walk away with a great impression, and just imagine the stories they will tell about our beautiful Community.

Robert Wayne: Robert Wayne stated he attended Budget Meetings and asked a lot of questions about the different areas of the Town. He thinks Vince's Park should be shut down and sold as it costs too much money - according to the paper, the Budget went up 50%. He said that place is becoming a money pit. Mr. Wayne said if the Board decides not to shut it down, at least sell off the land that is not being used. Mr. Wayne stated the Recreation Budget also went up; between those two, that's \$132,000 increase in one year just to entertain people. He doesn't think it's the Town's job to give free babysitting service to people with kids during the summer.

Mr. Wayne stated the Board should look out more for the taxpayers; a .04 drop in the proposed tax rate should be a much bigger decrease. He added look out for the taxpayers and give us basic services – nothing more. He is tired of subsidizing of what used to be the Village.

Dr. Andrea Dekoter: Dr. Andrea Dekoter, current Superintendent at Women's Rights National Historical Park and Harriet Tubman National Park in Auburn, congratulated the Town on the wonderful news about the \$10 million grant. She is here to speak on behalf of the partnership they have with the Seneca Museum, as well as other museums and businesses they partner with. Dr. Dekoter said they have a lot of wonderful programs planned for 2020. In 2018, they saw approximately 43,000 visitors who came to the Park and spent \$3.1 million in and around Seneca Falls and our Gateway communities. They anticipate that will go up even more in 2020. Dr. Dekoter stated she appreciates all the work the Board is doing to help support the history here. She is looking forward to working with the Board in the coming year.

Brad Jones: Brad Jones said what took place this morning was the foresight of the five Board Members on allowing a volunteer committee (the SFDC) to seek economic dollars 3-4 years ago, and it finally came today. He talked about infrastructure and said this Board has done something about infrastructure – thanks go to the Board, Jim Peterson and Joe Tullo. They have seen the improvement, and they know it cost dollars.

Mr. Jones referred to the Budget, and said five Workshops and the Board came up with .04 reduction. He stated there is so much low-hanging fruit in this Budget; in 2018, 2019 and it looks like 2020, taxes have been raised. He said we got the money that was due from Seneca Meadows and nothing is going back to the taxpayer. The Board should be able to cut this Budget by 7-8% - not 7-8 cents, and at the same time, put a minimum of \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million in reserves going forward for future Boards. Mr. DeLelys noted the last quarter of Landfill money is going into reserves. Mr. Jones said his point is the taxpayers need to get something.

Tammy Mills: Tammy Mills, Visitors Center Board Member and Treasurer, stated Museum expenses are different than the Seneca Falls Visitors Center Operating expenses. The funds for the events that are put on by the Museum come from grants, corporate donations, membership donations, Individual donations, etc. The expenses for the Visitors Center are

mainly the salary and wages to keep the Visitors Center open, and they need to have professional, knowledgeable people to promote the Visitors Center. This is why they are asking for an increase in their Budget this year.

Ms. Mills stated we need to put our best foot forward for 2020. There are a few repairs that need to be made to the building to put our best foot forward and show that the Town is supporting the Visitors Center. She just wants to see this beautiful building that houses the history of the Town, the first place people see when they come to Seneca Falls, and also where local people can come and enjoy. It's in the center of Downtown with a good view of the Canal, and it's their vision to be a focal point for the Town for years to come. She hopes the Board can see that vision, too.

Anwei Law: Anwei Law stated It's a Wonderful Life is a universal story we can all relate to. It's a Wonderful Life is 73 years old this year, and it is history that continues to be made – Seneca Falls is a very important part of that history. She is requesting that the Board support them as they continue to expand their Museum and its reach. Mrs. Law said they had almost 12,000 people who came through the Museum last year. They don't advertise as they can't afford it. She talked about some of the people that came through the Museum.

Mrs. Law stated 2020 is a huge year for Seneca Falls, and then we are sliding into 2021 which is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of It's a Wonderful Life. She said the Board has their proposal – they need \$5,000 this year to help get the Actors here, as well as support for getting them into the mode to prepare for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Rhonda Destino: Rhonda Destino, Executive Director of Seneca Museum & Visitors Center, stated the DRI is focused on transforming a Community. She said many of the ideas they put into the DRI application do just that through 89 Fall Street. She mentioned that the Town-owned building is a great focus for this transformation. Ms. Destino said the DRI isn't going to help them immediately – it is a lengthy project.

Ms. Destino stated tonight, they are talking about 2020 – 2021. They are excited about DRI, but they cannot cloud their immediate needs at 89 Fall Street. She mentioned the agreement they presented to the Board in July and said they need that signed to be able to move forward as a Visitors Center in 2020. Ms. Destino said she walked into a place that needs so much; the deferred maintenance that is present and the inadequate pay for such an important partnership has been extremely disappointing. They have a lot going for the Community if they have the signed agreement and serious building maintenance that is needed.

Mr. Lazzaro read letters from Susan Souhan, Ken & Diane McConnell and Mark Lenzi who expressed their support for the Seneca Museum and Visitors Center.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing at 5:55 P.M. by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor Lazzaro called the regular monthly Meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. A roll call of Board Members was taken and all were present; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made to invite Deputy Supervisor T.J. Casamassima into Executive Session at any time by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Open Bids – RFP for Grant Writing Services: Mr. Lazzaro proceeded to open the following bids that were received in response to the RFP for Grant Writing Services:

- Millennium Strategies
- RJM Grant Consulting & Grant Writing Services
- Murphy Grant Consulting
- J. O'Connell & Associates
- MRB Group
- G & G Municipal Consulting & Grant Writing

Mr. Lazzaro stated since Mr. Avery and Mr. DeLelys will remain on the Board, he suggested they be on the Committee to review the proposals, also Michael Ferrara. Mr. Avery said they will narrow it down to three for next month's Meeting.

Petitioners:

Harold Oropallo – Lower Speed Limit – Garden Street Ext. and Noble Road: Mr. Oropallo presented a petition with signatures of those who are in support of a speed limit reduction. He stated the speed limit on Noble Road and Garden Street Extension between Route 89 and Lower Lake Road is 55 MPH. Mr. Peterson noted that the State has to do a study on that. Mr. Lazzaro said the State has to receive a letter from the Town – he will write that letter. He added because the State does it, it takes about six months or maybe longer.

Allison Stokes – Wesleyan Church: Allison Stokes, Founding Director of the Women's Interfaith Institute that owns the Wesleyan Church, stated three weeks ago, the Landmark Society of Western New York announced that the Wesleyan Church in Seneca Falls was going to be on the "Five to Revive" list. For the last six years, the Landmark Society has designated historic buildings that need help; after the fire in 2009, their building needs help. Ms. Stokes said their building was built in 1871 – they will celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2021. She added preserving our historic buildings and preserving our heritage represents the future – repurposing these buildings and keeping them rather than tearing them

down. Ms. Stokes gave the Board a timeline of what happened to this Church from 1871 to present day.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Minutes of October 1, 2019, the Budget Workshop & Meeting of October 10, 2019 and the Budget Workshop & Meeting of October 15, 2019 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Reports:

Dog Control Officer: No report.

Zoning Officer: A motion was made to accept 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 accept Mr. Spina's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Mr. Peterson noted the Leaf and Brush Pickup will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup>, one day only. Mr. Lazzaro asked about the flooding last week – any major problems. Mr. Peterson said the pipe on Garden Street backed up and got to the houses. He added we have had so much rain that the pipes couldn't take it all.

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

Assessor: A motion was made to accept Mrs. Von Wald's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Town Attorney: No report.

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

Mr. Tullo mentioned that the water tower on Van Rensselaer is offline for routine maintenance, so the water tower is manned 24-7 right now.

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

Town Justices: A motion was made to accept the reports of Judge Lafler and Judge Laquidari by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Police Chief: A motion was made to accept Chief Peenstra's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Barton & Loguidice: Mr. Baker stated he submitted a change order for the Sewer Rehab Project. The work on Johnson Street is going to require some trees to be removed. Tree removal can only be performed between November 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>; commencing the work on November 1<sup>st</sup> would not allow for the work to be completed, so it was delayed until Spring. He noted there is a zero cost to the change order.

Mr. Avery referred to the manhole covers and asked if they will be done to the degree that Mr. Peterson needs for snow plowing. Mr. Baker replied that will be done now. He added there is still some work next week – there are a couple of manholes that need to be put in to complete the relining. Discussion followed.

A motion was made to approve Change Order No. 3 relative to the Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project with no increase or decrease in cost by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

IT Network Administrator: A motion was made to accept Marshall Foster's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery.

Marshall stated we are approaching the end of the RFP; we need the second half of the check for Data Prise so that we can start initiating monthly services. The Town Clerk stated they will have to submit an Invoice before payment can be made. As far as backups go, Marshall said the existing backup will only allow for 1TB of space (Dell). The alternate plan for Data Prise is to sacrifice part of the software package for that 1TB and increase it to 1TB per server. It also will include the backup and locked in three-year price. He said it's up to the Board. Brief discussion followed.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to accept Marshall Foster's report was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Communications:

A motion was made to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 7 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays. Communications numbered 1 to 7 are as follows:

1. Letters from NYS Department of State stating Local Law #2-2019 and Local Law #3-2019 have been received and filed.
2. 2018 Annual Report from New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal.
3. Letter from NYS Office of the State Comptroller acknowledging receipt of the Town of Seneca Falls' corrective action plan relative to the Report of Examination entitled Credit Card and Travel Expenditures.
4. Quarterly Report, October-December 2019, from Seneca County Chamber of Commerce.
5. Network News from Cayuga Lake Watershed Network.
6. Minutes of the Town Planning Board Meeting of September 26, 2019.
7. Cash, checks and deposits totaling \$144,122.31 representing copies of Police reports; Retirees Insurance; water mitigation service and water damage from NYMIR; Community Center deposits; Burial fees; dumpster fees; sale of equipment; fuel reimbursement; disability reimbursement; sale of scrap; leaf bag money; Judge Lafler's September report; Judge Laquidari's September report; Vince's Park deposits; sale of equipment and two vehicles; Superior Plus Energy refund; SRO reimbursement; Insurance refunds; Town Clerk's July and August 2019 reports; lawn mowing violations; DARE; Automobile collision 2011 Chevy; sale of equipment and restitution.

Old Business:

Write-Off Uncollectable Receivables: No report.

Sale of Surplus Property: Mr. Avery stated this is what the Board tabled, waiting for the DRI judgement. Mr. Lazzaro said the Board can put out an RFP for bid – 60 State Street, 10 Fall Street and the Condominium. Brief discussion followed.

Moratorium – Short Term Vacation Rentals: Mr. Avery stated his concern is not jumping into something without considering the whole topic; there are tourism dollars at stake. He knows there are problems with rentals, but there are also different kinds of rentals. He said his concern is looking at the positives of having vacation rentals here and looking at the negatives, maybe having to distinguish between whether there is an owner on site and whether the owner is in an absentee kind of situation. Mr. Avery stated the Board needs to look at it, but it needs to slow down.

David Locastro commented that he likes Mr. Avery's response. He is a landowner that has a rental property, and they are very good about who they have in it. He added please don't paint all of us with the same brush, and let them work with the Board to make it better because they bring in tourist dollars. Mr. Locastro said he would be glad to work with the Board on this. Discussion followed.

Mr. Zettlemoyer stated what brought this up is people have been calling my Office and their sole purpose is to buy a house to do an AirB&B and they don't live here – people want to buy vacant houses and rent it out as AirB&Bs. He doesn't have any issue with people who rent their house out for a few months because they are going to Florida for the winter or things like that.

After further discussion, Michael Ferrara stated the right process is to get landowners involved in the process. He added you have to have some regulations – you have to have some type of zoning in effect.

New Business:

Special Events: Mr. Spina stated there are four Events listed – It's a Wonderful Life Festival, It's a Wonderful Run 5K, New Years Eve Ball Drop and Women's March. Mr. Lazzaro thanked Mr. Spina for his efforts in getting the paperwork for the Ball Drop.

A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to approve the following Events pending proper insurance submittal:

It's a Wonderful Life Festival – December 13-15, 2019

It's a Wonderful Run 5K – December 14, 2019

New Years Eve Ball Drop – December 31, 2019

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to approve the Women's March to be held on January 18, 2020 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

2020 Preliminary Budget: Mr. Lazzaro stated this is tabled and will be discussed at a Special Meeting next Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.

Grant Writing Services: Mr. Lazzaro stated this is tabled and it will be discussed at the December 3, 2019 Board Meeting.

RFP – Professional & Legal Consulting Services: Mr. Avery stated this is aimed at January 1<sup>st</sup> and beyond to seek bids from area law firms who do municipal law or from individual attorneys. Michael Ferrara asked if it will be specifically for legal consulting work - full time or part time. Mr. Avery responded that it is designed to be part-time at an hourly rate – it is not Town Attorney.

A motion was made to go out for bid for Professional and Legal Consulting Services, bids to be returned by December 2, 2019, by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Film on Windows: Mr. Ferrara stated he was away for the October Meeting and read the IT Administrator's report which was inaccurate. He wanted to read the statement he had to adjust what he believes is the true version, and which he wanted entered into the Minutes.

At this point, Mr. Lazzaro made a motion to go into Executive Session as this sounds like a personnel issue. Since there was no second, the motion failed. Mr. Lazzaro said this is a personnel issue; Mr. Ferrara said it is not - it's about windows. Mr. Ferrara said the project wasn't finished - there were three windows remaining to be done as it is a safety issue. He went on to explain he was here signing checks; Marshall was in his Office. There were 3 windows left to be done. He instructed Aaron Passalacqua to see if he had access; he went to Marshall's Office and was denied access. Sue Hawker said she would send a Patrolman down because that room was secured and we didn't want any issues; she directed the Officer to go there and protect the Town's interest. Aaron was denied to do a job that was asked of him by the Deputy. I went down, was not belligerent or rude, and instructed Aaron to do the job and get it done. He did it and proceeded to do the Zoning Officer's door later, which leaves two windows left in the building. When Mr. Lazzaro returned, he stopped the process. Marshall claimed there were two Officers there which is erroneous; there was only one; the other Officer stopped by because he had a question for the Sergeant. Marshall also stated that his was the only window the frosting was minimized on. Mr. Ferrara said at no time was anybody singling anybody out - the fact is that the Code Enforcement window frosting was also adjusted that same day. One office that was not done, the person who uses that Office has heart problems – that was pointed out; if he were to fall over a desk no one would ever know. All that was asked was a 1" reveal like the rest of the windows in the building. The Chief was out that day and when he returned, the Chief informed him that Mr. Lazzaro and the Attorney confronted him. Mr. Ferrara said if someone had asked him, he would have explained his position.

Mr. Lazzaro said the Chief expressed concern on that issue. Chief Peenstra stated he expressed that he didn't understand why a Police Officer was needed, and instructed Mr. Lazzaro that he would talk to Mr. Ferrara about that, and Mr. Ferrara explained to him why he needed a Police Officer down there – to protect the best interest of the Town. Mr. Lazzaro said the Chief told him a different story, but they will get into that at another time.

Mr. Lazzaro explained why Mr. Ferrara was removed from his position as Deputy because this was not an emergency. When he is out of town, people can call him; Mr. Ferrara never called him to ask what to do. He said Mr. Ferrara should have spoke to the whole Board about it and him as Supervisor. Mr. Ferrara said he did talk to the Board; Mr. Lazzaro was on vacation, and no one is going to bother somebody who is on vacation.

Mr. Lazzaro said the Chief told him that he was concerned about this issue – that someone was giving orders to your Police Officers. Chief Peenstra said he told Mr. Lazzaro that he would look into it because he was not sure why one of his Officers was utilized, so he talked to Mr. Ferrara to clarify. He told Mr. Lazzaro not to question his integrity.

Mr. Avery stated no office should be behind an obscured solid door or obscured glass – that is a safety issue. He added there is one employee who objected to the fact that the reveal was created, and another employee complaining that his door hasn't been done. That's why it's on the Agenda tonight – we have to get these two doors done. Mr. Avery said the concern was that Mr. Lazzaro stopped the process. Mr. Lazzaro asked if it was a safety issue – is it a safety issue in municipal buildings. Michael Ferrara said if you consult your insurance company, he is pretty sure they are going to tell you it's a safety hazard – it's a liability.

Marshall Foster said when he was approached by Aaron, he told him there was no communication. Mr. Ferrara came and asked if there was a problem; Marshall said no, and he told Aaron to go ahead and there was no denial. Mr. Ferrara said Marshall did after he came down – when Mr. Ferrara came down, Marshall unlocked his door and allowed Aaron to do it. Further discussion followed.

A motion was made that the reveal be done on the two remaining doors by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

Rescind Internet Policy/Reinstate: Mr. Avery stated Mrs. Warfel brought to their attention that there are concerns about the new internet policy, particularly about the chain of command if someone was in violation of the policy. The decision was - the best way is to rescind the new policy and revert back to the old one and set up a committee to work on a new policy. He added the new one does not do the trick in terms of accountability if someone is in violation. Marshall said he objects to removing it – it was passed by the Comptrollers who approved it. Mr. Avery said whenever the policy is revised, they will send it back to the Comptroller for approval.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls had in place on Internet Use Policy, although deficient; and

WHEREAS, the Town adopted a new Internet and Acceptable Use Policy in March 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the new policy has significant flaws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby rescind the Internet and Acceptable Use Policy adopted in March 2019; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does reinstate the Internet Use Policy in effect prior to March 2019; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board will begin immediately to develop an effective and appropriate Internet and Acceptable Use Policy.

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

Resolution – Certification of Locally Designated Historic District: Mr. Avery stated this is the next step in the process of reaffirming our Historic District.

A motion was made by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, New York State and Federal Historic Preservation incentive tax credits can be useful tools that encourage and support economic development in communities that have adopted historic preservation legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls has adopted such historic preservation legislation and has designated a local historic district contiguous with the boundaries of the Seneca Falls Heritage Area, said boundaries having been previously determined after extensive research, and with public participation; and

WHEREAS, certain historic preservation incentive tax credits are available only to properties listed in the National and/or NY State Register of Historic Places, or identified as contributing properties in a locally designated historic district certified by the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls desires to afford every possible advantage to those property owners and/or developers wishing to pursue appropriate economic development in the Town's designated historic district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls supports the preparation and submission of an application for certification of the Town of Seneca Falls local Historic District to the New York State Historic Preservation Office.

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

Town Attorney's Term Ending December 31, 2019: Mr. Avery stated a full time Town Attorney is considered a Town Officer, and their term is tied to the 2-year biennial local election; his term expires December 31<sup>st</sup>. He said if the Board doesn't take this step and pass this resolution and carry it into January, it can be required, by law, to continue his services for the next two years.

A motion was made to terminate the current term for the Town Attorney on December 31, 2019 by Doug Avery and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

WWTP – Resolution to Purchase Frame Bearing Assembly: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Wastewater Department is in need of a frame bearing assembly at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of this frame bearing assembly from Koester Associates as a sole source supplier of this assembly for \$3,834.00.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

W/WTP – Resolution to Purchase Pump for Auburn Road Tower: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Auburn Road tower is in need of a new pump to supply water to the north side of Town; and

WHEREAS, the Water/Wastewater Department received two bids and Gatehouse Pumps of Seneca Falls was the low bidder at \$4,163.08.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of this pump from Gatehouse Pumps at a price of \$4,163.08.

Mr. Tullo stated they have two pumps in service at the Tower; a third pump was too big so they took that one out. They put a new one in last month and noticed a significant difference in the pumping capacity. Mr. Tullo said the other two pumps are starting to whine; they both have 15 years of run-time on them. He would like to replace one and next year they will replace the next one.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery adopting the above resolution to authorizing the purchase of a pump for the Auburn Road Tower was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Pay Increase for Increased Responsibilities (414/318 Agreement): A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls and Seneca County have entered into agreement regarding the Routes 318 and 414 Corridor; and

WHEREAS, this agreement has resulted in an increased responsibility for Sarah Wright, Senior Account Clerk.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board grants Sarah Wright an additional .50 per hour due to the increased responsibility.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Resolution – Assessor Wage Increase to Starting Wage of Salary Marix: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Deborah Waite has been in the process of completing all the requirements necessary to be certified by the State of New York as Assessor, and will be completing said requirements pending passing her remaining exam; and WHEREAS, she is currently being paid below the starting wage in the salary matrix.

THEREFORE, the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby resolve that as of the date of certification by the State of New York as a qualified Assessor, Deborah Waite's wage will be increased to the starting wage of the Wage and Salary Matrix, \$53,953.69.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that Deborah Waite will also receive the 2% increase on January 1<sup>st</sup> that Town Employees will be receiving.

No questions. Motion carried 5 aye, 0 naves.

Authorize Supervisor to Sign Corrective Action Plan (Procurement Audit): A motion was made authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the corrective action Plan relative to the Procurement Audit by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Generations Bank – Approve Banner Across Fall Street (April to June): A motion was made approving Generations Bank's request to place a banner across Fall Street from April to June 2020 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Mr. Spina asked if they are aware that they have to have State approval; Mr. Peterson replied yes – they have been in touch with the State.

Planning/ZBA – Attendance at Regional Local Government Workshop: A motion was made authorizing the Planning Board Members and the Zoning Board of Appeals Members to attend the Local Government Workshop in Batavia on November 15, 2019 at a cost of registration fee and mileage for each Board Member that attends the Workshop by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Balsley Road – Approve NYSEG owns Poles; Town pays Electric: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara stating that the new light poles which will be installed by NYSEG on Balsley Road will be owned by NYSEG but will be metered and the Town will pay for electric.

Mr. Peterson stated there is a Federal grant for Balsley Road and light poles will be installed by NYSEG. NYSEG needs approval that the Town will pay electric bills.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara stating NYSEG will own the new light poles and the Town will pay for the electric was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Highway – Authorize Supervisor to Sign Excavation Permit: A motion was made authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the Highway Excavation Permit by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Tree Removal – Morehouse Playground: A motion was made authorizing the removal of three trees by property owner adjoining Morehouse Playground property at no cost to the Town by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara.

Mr. Spina explained the Town has a parking lot across from the playground. There are three trees that are very close to our boundary and may be on the adjoining property. The property owner has offered to clear the trees at his cost – it will not cost the Town anything.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara authorizing the removal of three trees adjoining Morehouse Playground was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Estimate – Repair Windows at 87-89 Fall Street Building: A motion was made approving the repairs on the windows at 87-89 Fall Street at a cost of \$860.00 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Water/Sewer Credits: A motion was made to approve the Water/Sewer credits in the amount of \$1,232.52 as per Memo dated November 6, 2019 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Payment of Bills:

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

General Fund - \$104,025.30 (Abstract #11)	Recreation Fund - \$7,428.87 (Abstract #11)
Miscellaneous Fund - \$764,518.44 (Abstract #11)	Vince's Park Fund - \$1,967.79 (Abstract #11)
Highway Fund - \$27,618.23 (Abstract #11)	Sewer Fund - \$467,894.54 (Abstract #11)
Water Fund - \$71,212.10 (Abstract #11)	

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Resolution - Recognizing Seneca Falls Command Staff Assoc. as Collective Bargaining Unit: A motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss this resolution by Greg Lazzaro because he believes it is a personnel issue. Mr. Ferrara said it's really not – it's two people speaking up with their right to organize. He added this is the first step in that procedure; any steps going forward would be Executive Session. He said all the Board is doing is giving them the right to organize.

A motion was made by Lou Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Police Command Staff Association ("Association") has requested recognition by the Town Board pursuant to the Taylor Law for the right to represent, for collective bargaining purposes, the positions of Chief of Police and Police Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, the current incumbents of those positions have verified their interest in forming a collective bargaining unit to be represented by the Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Seneca Falls, by and through its Town Board, hereby recognizes the Association as the exclusive bargaining representative for the positions of Chief of Police and Police Lieutenant.

Mr. Avery asked if this is all we need to do this; Mr. Ferrara replied yes. Mr. Lazzaro stated he believes that when the Police Chief sat in on negotiations for his Police Officers and then came to the Board and asked for the same terms and conditions that Police Officers got through collective bargaining, it was a conflict of interest – he was acting as agent of management at that time. Mr. Ferrara asked what does what went on with negotiations with PBA have to do with their right to organize. He added this is taking it to a personal level. Mr. Lazzaro said it's not – he believes it's a conflict of interest because he was an agent of management collectively bargaining for the Police Union, and now he is seeking the same terms and conditions. Mr. Ferrara responded no – he's not; he is asking for the right to organize – it's the right of anybody who wants to form a Union to do that. Lengthy discussion followed.

Chief Peenstra stated it's in the best interest of the Town for them to form a Union which is completely separate from the PBA. He said based on the recommendation of the Labor Relations Attorney for the Town, this is what he and the Lieutenant are doing – entering into a bargaining unit so they can negotiate a contract for themselves. He added the resolution is to recognize them as a bargaining unit based on the Taylor Law. The Chief said he and the Lieutenant have their own Attorney which they pay for, and the Town has a Labor Relations Attorney. Further discussion followed.

The above motion made by Lou Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the above resolution recognizing the Seneca Falls Command Staff Association as a collective bargaining unit was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER  
Town Clerk