

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street.

Present were Supervisor Gregory Lazzaro; Councilmen Vittorio Porretta, Douglas Avery, David DeLelys and Louis Ferrara. Also present were David Foster, Town Attorney; James Spina, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation; Dean Zettlemoyer, Zoning Officer; James Peterson, Highway Superintendent; Joseph Tullo, Chief WWTP Operator; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; Peter Baker, Town Engineer and a member of the local media.

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

Open Bids – RFP for Professional & Legal Consulting Services: Mr. Lazzaro proceeded to open the RFPs for Professional and Legal Consulting Services which were received from the following:

Midey, Mirras & Ricci, Attorneys at Law, Seneca Falls, NY

Patrick J. Morrell, Attorney at Law, Seneca Falls, NY

Boylan Code LLP, Attorneys at Law, Rochester, NY

Blair Law Firm PLLC, Skaneateles, NY

Hancock Estabrook LLP, Counselors at Law, Syracuse, NY

Mr. Lazzaro stated Mr. Avery and Mr. DeLelys will be the Committee to look at the RFPs and make a recommendation to the Board.

Petitioners:

Frank Sinicropi – Change Titles/Police Department: Frank Sinicropi, 2423 Lower Lake Road, stated you cannot pass a resolution to demote somebody that is a competitive Civil Service type. The only way you can demote employees is to bring them up on charges under Section 75 of the Civil Service Law for incompetence and misconduct. It must be specific and there must be a charge and specifications – who, what, when, where, how and why these charges are being brought. Mr. Sinicropi also mentioned the Appeals process under Section 76. He said having two management employees for the size of this Budget and the number of employees is not out of sync with what would be considered reasonable for this Department.

Mr. Sinicropi stated as far as conflict of Interest goes, the Chief sat in on negotiations. Unless he was the chief negotiator, he would have no conflict of interest. He is sure the Lawyer and the Law Firm that represents the Town in labor agreements was the chief negotiator. The Chief of Police has the ability to read the contract and he is the administrator, so he has to know what the in or outs are of the agreement and what the employees are getting as benefits. Mr. Sinicropi said there is no conflict.

Mr. Sinicropi said he can understand why these two management people are thinking about unionizing after reading about this resolution in the paper. These two management people should be getting the same benefits as their union counterparts, and salary for management people should be discussed in Executive Session every year. Mr. Sinicropi said a union contract for two employees is involved; sit down with these people and pass a resolution explaining the benefits they will have. Mr. Sinicropi stated now that the article was in the paper, it can be perceived that any action taken against these two employees could be deemed as retaliation for wanting to form a bargaining unit.

Mr. Lazzaro thanked Mr. Sinicropi for his opinion, and said he is sure he was called upon. Mr. Sinicropi responded that he did this on his own. He has never butted into the Town of Seneca Falls issues, but this just went over the top for him, just like where is the \$4 ½ million of tax money – he is going to find that out.

Mary Grace – W. Bayard Street Closing: Mary Grace, 10 Barker Street, stated she is here to speak for her neighbors who have all been affected by the closure of W. Bayard Street since late August. She sees that under New Business, the last item has to do with the W. Bayard Street closure, and she would sit down right now if the Board tells her they have a solution to the problem, and that something is moving along. Mr. Lazzaro said he doesn't believe we do – we are in discussions. Ms. Grace asked if the closure will be fixed by Spring 2020 – it was her understanding that it's not moving along because the Canal had to be drained first. She said as far as her and her neighbors are concerned, the number one issue is safety. Because of the closure, they have had fire trucks, tractor trailers and ambulances on the street. Ms. Grace has had discussions with the Chief of Police who said these streets are too narrow for emergency vehicles.

Ms. Grace stated the number two issue is the impact on business. She believes Ferrara Lumber has been impacted by this closure, and businesses downtown have also been impacted. She added moving the detour to the fork at Ovid Street and Bridge Street has not changed a thing. The detours are just bandaids for the inevitable – the culvert needs to be fixed. Ms. Grace said 2020 will be a big year for the Town of Seneca Falls –

what are we going to do with thousands and thousands of people and a major street closure.

Michael Ferrara stated that he and the current Board and Town Engineer are working diligently on the issue. They have had one conference call with the Canal Corporation who they are in discussions with, and another one tomorrow. They claim they don't own the tunnel underneath Bayard Street which is 100 years old, 8' high and 8' wide. They sent divers in from Canalside and deemed it unsafe, and sent divers in from Benton Creek and said the stones were falling down. Mr. Ferrara said the cost to fix it is somewhere between \$2-3 million. The current Board is trying not to spend \$2-3 million of taxpayers' money if it convinces the Canal Corps it's their responsibility. Mr. Ferrara noted Senator Helming and Assemblyman Kolb are on board and are aware of the situation. He added they are ready to help out at some point after the Meeting with Canal Corps tomorrow. He said it has nothing to do with draining the Canal, and there are no plans to drain the Canal this year.

Mr. Avery told Ms. Grace to feel free to keep the pressure on – the Board will keep listening. He said if the Board says we will fix it, then we own it from that point on. He added if ownership has to be disputed, they are going to have to be patient as difficult as that may be. Ms. Grace said in the meantime, the local traffic only on Barker Street, Maynard Street and Mechanic Street might make a difference. Further discussion followed.

Mr. Lazzaro stated hopefully, this can be rectified after tomorrow's phone conference. He said at this point, the State is still holding firm that the culvert is the Town's. As for the detours, Mr. Lazzaro said he believes the detours should be enforced; tickets should be given out. Mr. Avery mentioned that they asked if the street can be opened to car traffic, and they said no – the most damaged part is under Bayard Street.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop and Meeting of October 23, 2019, the Budget Workshop and Meeting of October 29, 2019 and the Public Hearing and regular monthly Meeting of November 6, 2019 by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Reports:

Dog Control Officer: A motion was made to accept the Dog Control Officer's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Zoning Officer: A motion was made to accept Mr. Zettlemoyer's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Commissioner of Parks & Recreation: A motion was made to accept Mr. Spina's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Vic Porretta. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

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

Mr. Lazzaro asked who cleaned the sidewalks in front of the Museum; Mr. Peterson replied the Rec Center takes care of that. Mr. Lazzaro said they are driving up the sidewalks, and store owners are complaining that they pack it down and it makes it that much harder to clean. Mr. Spina said he would talk to his men.

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

Assessor: A motion was made to accept Mrs. VonWald's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Town Attorney: Mr. Foster stated there are a couple of outstanding assessment cases. He said as soon as the Board comes up with some type of indication of what they will be doing, it would be very helpful to effectuate some transitions because there are open files, Court dates probably in January, and things that need to be done more of an immediate nature. Mr. Avery asked if he was referring to the RFP; Mr. Foster replied yes. He added there are Court cases which he will try to adjourn whatever he can into February.

Water & Sewer: A motion was made to accept Mr. Tullo's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

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 naves.

Police Chief: A motion was made to accept Chief Peenstra's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara.

Chief Peenstra reminded everyone that they are having their 4th Annual Fill the Cruisers Toy Drive. They have boxes at Wal-Mart, Century 21, Generations Bank and at their Office. They will also be down at It's a Wonderful Life on December 14th from 10-12. He added all the toys they collect stay right here in Seneca County.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to accept Chief Peenstra's report was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Barton & Loguidice: A motion was made to accept Town Engineer Peter Baker's report by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Communications:

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

1. Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of October 24, 2019.
2. Checks and deposits totaling \$66,651.75 representing DARE donations; Retirees Insurance; copies of Police reports; direction sign donation; sale of scrap; disability reimbursement; culvert pipe reimbursement; dumpster fees; restitution; School Resource Officer reimbursement; Judge Lafler's October report; Judge Laquidari's October report; burial fee; unallocated insurance; Incident reports and Community Center deposits.
3. Minutes of the Planning Board Meeting of November 21, 2019.
4. Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of November 26, 2019.
5. Checks and deposits totaling \$15,616.17 representing exonerated bail; Retirees Insurance; dumpster fees; burial fees; Community Center deposits and Town Clerk September and October reports.

Old Business:

Write-Off Uncollectable Receivables: No report.

Sale of Surplus Property: Mr. Lazzaro stated RFPs are going out, and we will be getting some bids soon.

Moratorium – Short Term Vacation Rentals: Mr. Avery stated the Board talked about slowing that process down last month; we haven't started that process yet.

Mr. Zettlemoyer stated Matt Horn will be making a presentation to the Zoning Board. Mr. Foster mentioned that they just finished doing this with another municipality. Dan Emmo mentioned that Mr. Horn has given them some dates he will be available. Brief discussion followed.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events: Mr. Spina noted there are none this month.

Bids – Professional Legal & Consulting Services: Mr. Lazzaro stated the RFPs were opened and a Committee was appointed; they will report back to the Board in January.

RFPs – Grant Writing Services: Mr. Avery stated there were six proposals and they are narrowing it down to three to interview some time this month. He added those they would like to interview are J. O'Connell & Associates, MRB Group and Murphy Grant Consulting.

Michael Ferrara referred to the bids for Professional Legal & Consulting Services, and said he strongly recommends that selection of the Counsel happens sooner than later. He stated whomever is selected needs to transition with Mr. Foster – there needs to be communication between Mr. Foster and whoever is selected. Mr. DeLelys mentioned that they could possibly meet tomorrow. After further discussion, it was decided that Mr. Avery, Mr. DeLelys and Michael Ferrara will meet sometime this week to begin reviewing applications, and a Special Meeting will be held.

Resolution – Water/Sewer Email Billing Option: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to offer billing options to best meet the needs of the residents of the Town of Seneca Falls receiving water and/or sewer service through the Town of Seneca Falls Water Department; and

WHEREAS, it seems proper and appropriate to add an email billing option for those owners/residents who have requested same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase from Williamson Law Book the Water & Sewer Email Billing Option which includes Water Quick Pay at a one-time cost of \$1,595.00. The Town Board realizes this increases the annual cost by \$600.00 annually for support and updates to the program.

Mr. Avery stated the proposal says it's an extra \$295.00 a year if you run it on an additional workstation – is it going to be on both workstation or just the one in the outer office. Mr. Foster said they will charge you by workstation. Brief discussion followed.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution relative to Water/Sewer Email Billing Option was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Relevy Delinquent Water/Sewer Rents on Town/County Taxes: A motion was made to relevy delinquent water/sewer rents on Town/County taxes, total amount being \$335,637.07, by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Set Year-End Meeting Date: A motion was made to hold a Year-End Meeting at Noon on Friday, December 17, 2019 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Set Reorganizational & Regular Monthly Meeting Date: A motion was made to hold a Reorganizational Meeting and regular monthly Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway – Purchase 2020 Cat Loader 930M: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to purchase a 2020 Cat Loader 930M. Milton Cat has a three year buy back plan that we were in. This Loader is under NYS Contract. The cost is \$33,345.00 with trade; and WHEREAS, this Loader will replace the 2016 we have now. This will keep us in line with our Asset Management Plan to save the taxpayers money.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of a Cat Loader 930M from Milton Cat for the sum of \$33,345.00. This is a budgeted item for 2019.

Mr. Peterson stated they use this loader all the time. It's on their Asset Management Plan. He said moving forward, \$30,000 can be budgeted every year so they can buy this machine.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the above resolution authorizing the purchase of the 2020 Cat Loader 930M was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway – Purchase a Western Striker Salt Spreader: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to purchase a Western Striker, 7 feet, 1.5 yard, stainless steel salt Spreader. There were two quotes, one from MDI Truck for \$4719.00, and one from Blackburn Truck Bodies, LLC for \$5007.00. The recommendation is to go with MDI Truck for \$4719.00; and

WHEREAS, this Salter will replace the 2003 Salter that we have now.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of Western Striker salt Spreader from MDI Truck for the sum of \$4719.00. This is a budgeted item for 2019.

Mr. DeLelys said this is the same spreader that the Rec Center has; there are spare parts if needed. Mr. Peterson stated everything can be interchanged; this will replace the 2003 spreader that they have.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution authorizing the purchase of a Western Striker Salt Spreader was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway – Fill Laborer's Position Vacancy: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to fill one laborer's position; and

WHEREAS, this will fill one vacancy out of two.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize a laborer's position be filled by Daniel LaClair at \$19.00 an hour.

Mr. Peterson stated this gentleman he would like to hire worked for New Hampshire DOT. He recently moved

here, and now he is working for a blacktop company out of Rochester. He has a CDL license and can operate all the equipment they have at the Shop.

Mr. Lazzaro made a motion to amend the motion to reduce the salary to \$14.82 an hour because that is the minimum hiring rate of a laborer in the Highway Department. He said a motor equipment operator starts at \$17.49 an hour and this person starts above that rate. Mr. DeLelys said he would like to leave it at \$19.00 an hour because this is what they started other laborers at. He has paving experience and DOT experience.

The motion made by Greg Lazzaro to amend the motion to reduce the salary to \$14.82 an hour did not carry as there was no seconded to Mr. Lazzaro's motion.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution authorizing a Laborer's position be filled by Daniel LaClair at \$19.00 an hour was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

Discussion – Bayard Street Closing: Mr. Lazzaro noted this was discussed earlier in the Meeting. Ms. Grace said we are kicking the can of the detour further and further south and it's really just a bandaid. Chief Peenstra stated he received complaints from Ferrara Lumber saying they want local traffic to go around. There are two entities complaining about the traffic – one that wants the local traffic to go through the side streets for their business. The Chief said – do we limit it to vehicles under 6 tons – they have this aspect to discuss. As far as enforcement, there are three side streets that are constantly being driven through. He said it's a public street and people have a right to utilize public streets. Chief Peenstra said he knows it's an inconvenience because people don't usually get that much traffic on those streets. He is very glad to hear that the process is moving forward because that's the root of this whole entire problem. Further discussion followed.

Request Speed Limit Reduction on Rt. 89 and Lower Lake Road: Mr. Lazzaro stated the Board has received a petition from a number of residents requesting that the speed limit on Rt. 89 and Lower Lake Road be reduced.

A motion was made to send a letter to the NYS DOT requesting that the speed limit on Noble Road and Garden Street Extension between Rt. 89 and Lower Lake Road be reduced by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Mr. Lazzaro stated that he and Mrs. Devay will get a letter out as soon as possible. He mentioned that the State takes their time on this – we may not hear back from them for several months.

W/S – Transfer 3rd Quarter Revenue for Auburn Road Tower Generator: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, approval of expenditures cannot occur without supplying the funds to cover the expense; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the third quarter landfill revenue is available for capital improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the Principal Account Clerk to make the appropriate budget transfers for the items approved for expense by the Seneca Falls Town Board on December 3, 2019.

Mr. Avery stated the Board should stop spending new money until the Board decides what they are doing with the Bayard Street culvert. He added if there are projects underway and they can't, in a practical manner, be halted temporarily, then they should go forward. The Board needs to stop spending new landfill revenue until it gets a resolution of the culvert situation because it may need to draw on that money to fix it. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made to table action on Transfer 3rd Quarter Revenue for Auburn Road Tower Generator and Transfer 3rd Quarter Revenue for Carbon Dioxide System at Water Plant by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Lazzaro with the dissenting vote.

W/S – Transfer Funds Within Water Department: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Town of Seneca Falls is in need of a backup generator at the Auburn Road Water Tower; and

WHEREAS, the Town at this point is not pursuing PH adjustments at the Water Plant in Canoga.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board approves transferring the funds from the PH adjustment line F8330.202 to F8340.202 Auburn Road Tower backup generator.

Mr. Tullo said there is money in the PH adjustment line, and since they are not going to do that at this time, they would like to put that money towards the generator; they will revisit the PH later.

Mr. Lazzaro remarked that the Board is using a lot of money here that is needed for infrastructure repair. He added a resident of the Town asked where the money went – it's gone for aggressive infrastructure repair. If we will be losing landfill money in 2025, he believes infrastructure needs to be repaired – we also need to use money for tax reduction. Discussion followed.

W/S – Authorize B&L to Write Specs/Plans for Auburn Road Tower: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Water and Sewer Department is in need of a Generator at the Auburn Road Tower.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize Barton and Loguidice to write the specs, apply for DOH permits and put out to bid for a generator at the Auburn Tower.

Mr. Baker stated they provided a scope for the project. The way they operate with those separate capital projects is they provide an amended agreement. He will prepare that for the next Meeting.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery authorizing Barton and Loguidice to write specs/plans for a generator at the Auburn Road Tower was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

W/S – Authorize B&L to Write Specs/Plans for Contract Services & Vendor Purchases: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Water and Sewer Department is in need of contracts for building maintenance, plumbing and heating, electrical, heavy brush and plant specific work per New York State Department of Labor.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize Barton and Loguidice to write the specs and put out to bid for building maintenance, plumbing/heating, electrical, heavy brush and plant specific work in the Water and Sewer Department.

W/S – Authorize B&L to Write Specs/Plans for Materials needed for W/S Department: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Town Water and Sewer Department is in need of contracts for purchasing materials needed in 2020.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize Barton and Loguidice to write the specs and put out to bid for materials needed by the Water and Sewer Department.

Mr. Ferrara asked if there is any of this that we can do on our own inhouse. Mr. Tullo replied a lot of stuff they do on their own – these are things they would not be able to handle or bigger projects. Mr. Ferrara said so this just pertains to bigger projects; Mr. Tullo replied yes, this is bigger projects. He added this is part of what they learned from the Department of Labor at their meeting.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to adopt the above resolution authorizing Barton and Loguidice to write specs/plans for materials needed for the Water/Sewer Department was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

November Budget Modifications: A motion was made to approve the Budget modifications for the month of November 2019 as listed by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Authorize Attendance at Association of Towns Training in February 2020: A motion was made authorizing Town Officials to attend the Association of Towns Training in February 2020 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Authorize Newly Elected Officials to Attend Training in January 2020: A motion was made authorizing newly elected Town Officials to attend Training in Rochester, NY in January 2020 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Michael Ferrara referred to the Association of Towns Training in February and asked what does that mean – he knows it could be him and Town Board Members. He said we are talking about New York City – it would be cost prohibitive if five Town Board Members, the Clerk, and whoever goes to this Training. Mr. DeLelys said we have never had five Board Members attend – it's a budgeted item. Mr. Ferrara asked at whose discretion is it as to who goes; Mr. Lazzaro replied it's the Town Board's discretion.

Relevy Delinquent Mowing Charges on Town/County Tax Bills: A motion was made to relevy delinquent mowing charges in the total amount of \$1,350.00 on Town/County tax bills by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Relevy Delinquent Zoning Violation Charges on Town/County Tax Bills: A motion was made to relevy delinquent

zoning violation charges in the amount of \$551.50 on Town/County tax bills by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Purchase Two 2020 Ford Police Utility Vehicles: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Police Department is seeking approval by the Town Board to authorize Enterprise to factory order two 2020 Budget approved vehicles; and

WHEREAS, these two new vehicles will replace one marked and one unmarked unit that have met their recommended life expectancy and is suggested by Enterprise to bring the most cost-effective return once approved for surplus; and

WHEREAS, the agreement between Enterprise and the Town of Seneca Falls does not require payment on vehicles until they are received. Once ordered from the Ford factory, the estimated arrival is three to four months.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Police Department sign an agreement with Enterprise to order two 2020 Ford Police Utility vehicles to replace two aging vehicles in 2020.

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

Water/Sewer Credits: None.

Agreement for Professional Services – Bayard Street Culvert: A motion was made authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the Agreement with Barton & Loguidice for Professional Services for Bayard Street Culvert Improvements by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Baker stated this is their initial proposal which allows them to start the work. He said their proposal will get moving on the actual evaluation so they can get some answers on the culvert and start the design process, whether State funded or Town funded, and keep the process moving in parallel with any legal challenges or discussions with Canal Corps as to who owns the culvert.

Michael Ferrara said not to confuse people – this doesn't mean the Town is taking ownership of the culvert and fixing it. This means because it's such a serious issue and it's hindering life in Seneca Falls, we are trying to get a head start on it in case we have to get funding in grants, etc. to pay for it. Mr. Avery stated this is what we hoped the State would have done – they did nothing and months went by with no preparation.

Mr. Baker mentioned there are open grants for different projects; using the State Representatives is the best approach – they are the ones that can help the Town and work through that process. Further discussion followed.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Doug Avery authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the Agreement with Barton & Loguidice for Professional Services for Bayard Street Culvert Improvements was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Payment of Bills:

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

General Fund - \$168,270.75 (Abstract #12)

Recreation Fund - \$6,779.80 (Abstract #12)

Miscellaneous Fund - \$261,501.65 (Abstract #12)

Vince's Park Fund - \$1,135.62 (Abstract #12)

Highway Fund - \$93,728.93 (Abstract #12)

Sewer Fund - \$35,938.48 (Abstract #12)

Water Fund - \$163,946.92 (Abstract #12)

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

