

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Special Meeting and Year-End Meeting on Friday, December 27, 2019 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street.

Present were Deputy Supervisor T.J. Casamassima; Councilmen Vittorio Porretta, Douglas Avery and David DeLelys. Also present were Dean Zettlemyer, Zoning Officer; James Peterson, Highway Superintendent; Joseph Tullo, Chief WWTP Operator and Peter Baker, Town Engineer.

Deputy Supervisor Casamassima called the Meeting to order at 12:00 Noon. A roll call of Board Members was taken and Supervisor Lazzaro and Councilman Ferrara were absent from the Meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Budget Workshop and Meeting of November 13, 2019 by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 19, 2019 by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

New Business:

WTP – B&L Write Specs for Disinfection Changes & Submit Application to Seneca Co. DOH: A motion was made by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Town Water Treatment Facility in Canoga is making changes to its disinfection process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize Barton and Loguidice to:

1. Write specifications for the disinfection changes.
2. Submit application to Seneca County Department of Health to make these changes.

Mr. Tullo stated in light of the blue/green algae issue last year, they need to switch back to chlorine. Mr. Baker stated since the blue/green algae late summer, they have been operating with chlorine, and the Department of Health needs to formalize that permit conversion. Mr. Avery asked if the Town is asking the Department of Health for approval. Mr. Tullo replied we are telling them what we want to do – we have to submit the proof and the plans. Mr. Baker said they are aware of it and agreed verbally, but they need to see the plan. Further discussion followed.

The above motion made by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the above resolution authorizing Barton & Loguidice to write specifications and submit them to Seneca County Department of Health was carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Resignation of Town Attorney: A motion was made to accept the resignation of David L. Foster as Town Attorney effective December 31, 2019 by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

Mr. DeLelys said he doesn't know if anyone has been in his Office. He understands that Mr. Foster is in Texas now. Mr. DeLelys inquired as to where the laptop is and any other equipment he had. The laptop, drive and other equipment is Town property and what is on it belongs to the Town – all equipment was purchased when he first came on as Attorney. Michael Ferrara said he would look into it.

The above motion made by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys to accept the resignation of David L. Foster as Town Attorney was carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution Introducing Proposed Local Law #1 – 2020: Michael Ferrara stated the Board has to have a Public Hearing to establish Local Law #1 – 2020 to abolish the position of Town Attorney. In 2017, the full-time position of Town Attorney was created; a local law has to be adopted to dissolve that position. He said once that is done, the new Town Board can appoint an Attorney for the Town.

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

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to abolish and dis-establish the position of Town Attorney for the Town of Seneca Falls, New York provided for under Section 20(2)(a) of the New York State Town Law; and WHEREAS, due deliberation has been had thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law #1 – 2020, "A Local Law to Abolish and Dis-establish the Office of Town Attorney", is introduced hereby before the Seneca Falls Town Board, to read substantially as follows:

SECTION ONE. The Office of Town Attorney of the Town of Seneca Falls, established pursuant to Town Law Section 20 and certified pursuant to Civil Service Law Section 22 on June 12, 2018 by the Seneca County Personnel Department, be and the same hereby is abolished and dis-established in order to promote efficiency and economy.

SECTION TWO. This Local Law shall become and be effective immediately pursuant to the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law, and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk lay a copy of this local law upon the desk of each of the Members of the Town Board no less than ten days before its enactment by the Board; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk give due notice of a Public Hearing to be held hereon, such Hearing to be held at the Town Offices, 130 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls, New York 13148 in the Town of Seneca Falls on January 7, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Transfer Funds to Sewer Infrastructure Reserves: A motion was made by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following motion:

Approve the Principal Account Clerk’s move of \$891,603.35 to the Sewer Capital Reserve for the amount budgeted for 2018 for this purpose; and \$961,975.00 to the Sewer Capital Reserve for the amount budgeted for 2019 for this purpose. To be included with this transfer is the amount of \$93,592.26 which has already been approved for transfer to the Sewer Capital Reserve.

No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Authorize Supervisor to Execute License Agreement: Michael Ferrara stated this has to do with an easement – from a 30’ to 20’ easement. Mr. Mander needs a license because he is selling his house, and this is part of the requirement for the sale of his house. Mr. Mander said this has to do with his shed which was built in the middle of the easement. He would like a license which says it can stay there unless it’s tore down. Mr. Baker explained the easement is 30’ wide; there was no channel ever put in there. He said there is a need for an easement simply for access for the drainage and culvert. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made authorizing the Supervisor to execute the License Agreement and approve the narrowing of the easement from 30’ to 20’ pending the Town Planning Board approval by Doug Avery and seconded by Vic Porretta. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway – Encumber Funds from 2019 Budget to 2020 Budget: Mr. Peterson explained that the Tree Contractor contract runs from January to June; Town Budget is from January to January, so he has only six months to get all his work done. He has \$3,230.00 left in that line item (A8560.400) for 2019 which he would like to transfer into the 2020 Budget. He added when the contract is re-negotiated in April, they will run from January to January.

A motion was made to encumber \$3,230.00 in line item A8560.400 into the 2020 Town Budget by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Christmas Tree Pickup: Mr. Peterson mentioned that the Christmas tree pickup will be held on January 13th only. The Town Clerk will place a notice in the paper.

Payment of Bills:

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

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| General Fund - \$743,336.84 (Abstract #13) | Recreation Fund - \$78,826.23 (Abstract #13) |
| Miscellaneous Fund - \$75,847.35 (Abstract #13) | Vince’s Park Fund - \$2,550.75 (Abstract #13) |
| Highway Fund - \$148,023.36 (Abstract #13) | Sewer Fund - \$106,753.92 (Abstract #13) |
| Water Fund - \$150,787.23 (Abstract #13) | |

No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Casamassima thanked Councilmen Porretta and Ferrara for their service; it’s not an easy job.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

