

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Year-End Meeting on Friday, December 29, 2017 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street.

Present were Supervisor Gregory Lazzaro; Councilmen Louis Ferrara, David DeLelys, Thomas Ruzicka and Vittorio Porretta. Also present were David L. Foster, Town Attorney and Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief.

Supervisor Lazzaro called the Year-End Meeting to order at 12:05 P.M. A roll call of Board Members was taken and all were present; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

New Business:

Set Reorganizational Meeting Date: A motion was made to hold a Reorganizational Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on January 2, 2018 by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

NYSEG Excavation Permit: Mr. Lazzaro stated this is a permit allowing NYSEG to install gas services within the right-of-way limits on all Town highways for the period from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019.

A motion was made approving the Excavation Permit allowing NYSEG to install gas services within the right-of-way limits on Town highways by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Permanent Appointment of Network Administrator: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Tom Ruzicka to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, it was determined by the Town Board that a position of Network Administrator was necessary to meet the growing needs of the Town and was thereby created at the November 2017 Town Board Meeting; and WHEREAS, Marshall Foster was subsequently appointed as an interim, provisional Network Administrator predicated upon successfully passing and completing a duly noticed Civil Service Examination; and WHEREAS, Marshall Foster has successfully taken, passed, and been certified on a Civil Service list of eligible candidates for the position of Network Administrator 19236.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Marshall Foster be appointed as a permanent Network Administrator effective December 29, 2017.

Mr. Porretta asked if there is a probationary period. Mr. Lazzaro replied it's a Civil Service test; he passed the test. He added a probationary period could be included if Mr. Porretta wants to amend the motion.

A motion was made to amend the above motion to include a six months probationary period just to evaluate and make sure Mr. Foster is filling the responsibilities of Network Administrator by Vic Porretta and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to adopt the above Resolution with the amendment to include a six months probationary period by Vic Porretta and seconded by Tom Ruzicka. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Councilman DeLelys with the dissenting vote.

Resolution – Recognizing Teamsters Local 118 as Negotiating Representative: A motion was made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls is a public employer within the meaning of New York Taylor Law; and WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls maintains the employment title of Motor Equipment Operator; and WHEREAS, at the time of this Resolution, there are currently six (6) employees maintaining the title of Motor Equipment Operator; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated December 21, 2017, Teamsters Local Union No. 118 has requested to become the exclusive Bargaining Representative on behalf of all full time hourly Employees employed as a Motor Equipment Operator; and

WHEREAS, upon due deliberation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls, pursuant to the appropriate provisions of the Taylor Law and its Regulations, duly recognizes Teamsters Local Union No. 118 as the exclusive bargaining representative on behalf of all full time hourly employees employed in the title of Motor Equipment Operator.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Special Event – New Year's Eve Ball Drop: Chief Peenstra recommended that the Board approve this Event. He said their application is extremely late - their application was submitted only when they were asked if they were going to have a Ball Drop . He recommended to the Board that if they don't get their application in on time, the application will be denied next year. The Chief indicated that he and Mr. Spina spoke to the Manager about that. Mr. Lazzaro recommended that a letter be sent to the Manager of the Hotel indicating time frames of applications and stating that the Town will no longer accept late applications.

A motion was made to approve the New Year's Eve Ball Drop by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Appoint Planning Board Member: A motion was made to appoint Theresa Bradley as a Member of the Planning Board, said term to expire December 31, 2022, by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara.

Mr. Porretta asked - how do you find out who is interested in these positions – is it advertised. Mr. Lazzaro replied people will send applications periodically. His philosophy is to give everyone in the Community chances to be on those Boards. You are allowed to serve two consecutive terms. Mr. Lazzaro said he has a hard time understanding why those terms do not coincide with the terms of Councilmen and the Supervisor which are four years, as they extend beyond the terms of people appointing them. He added people serving on those Boards serve at our pleasure. Mr. Porretta said could there possibly be a person on the Board who wants to stay another five years. Mr. Lazzaro replied there is an Incumbent on the Board whose term ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>. That person has not reached out to him or to a Board Member. He thinks it's time for a change on some of those Boards.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to appoint Theresa Bradley as a Member or the Planning Board was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Appoint Board of Assessment Review Member: A motion was made to appoint Wayne Brewer as a Member of the Assessment Review Board, said term to expire September 30, 2022, by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara.

Mr. DeLelys asked if the Board has Mr. Brewer's application; Mr. Lazzaro replied the application was received at the last Board Meeting.

The above motion made by Greg Lazzaro and seconded by Lou Ferrara to appoint Wayne Brewer as a Member of the Assessment Review Board was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Councilman DeLelys with the dissenting vote.

Payment of Bills:

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

General Fund - \$182,500.19 (Abstract #13)	Recreation Fund - \$34,595.53 (Abstract #13)
Miscellaneous Fund - \$493,989.49 (Abstract #13)	Vince's Park Fund - \$1,902.48 (Abstract #13)
Highway Fund - \$36,915.16 (Abstract #13)	Sewer Fund - \$35,021.99 (Abstract #13)
Water Fund - \$33,928.90 (Abstract #13)	

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Mr. Lazzaro thanked Mr. Ruzicka for serving on the Board for the past year. He said it's been a pleasure serving with you – we will miss you.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER  
Town Clerk