



# TOWN OF SENECA FALLS

## *in focus*

Where the Town Board Shares a Snapshot of Monthly Business With YOU

### **MARCH 2022**

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1. The Town of Seneca Falls has implemented updated LED Street lighting infrastructure. These improvements in collaboration with NYSEG have resulted in a savings of \$5,000 per month.
2. The phone system at the Town Municipal Building has now implemented a new phone menu prompt feature to assist callers in contacting a desired department directly. Please call the 315-568-8013 number for all calls to the Town Offices and follow the menu. **THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS NOT PART OF THE MENU SYSTEM.**
3. Building fund portion of the DRI project has been introduced and applications were due March 1. The deadline was extended to March 14.
4. The Town recently advertised the newly created Town Manager position seeking qualified applicants. Letters of interest and resumes are due to the Town Supervisor by March 14. A Selection Committee has been established and charged with reviewing applications, interviewing candidates and making a recommendation to the Town Board. The committee members are Michael J. Ferrara, Town Supervisor; Frank Sinicropi, Councilmember; Debbie Von Wald, Town Assessor; Joseph Tullo, Superintendent of Water & Sewer Operations and Maintenance; Sarah Wright, Senior Account Clerk; and Gerald Macaluso.
5. The Town has issued Engineering Requests for Proposals in its efforts to meet the Environmental Facilities Corporation Green Innovation Grant requirements for the water meter replacement project. In December of 2021, Seneca Falls was awarded \$1.285M to replace existing water meters with advanced metering infrastructure technology, increasing water-use efficiency and billing in the town.
6. The Zoning & Planning Development Review Committee is currently reviewing zoning language in the areas of anaerobic digesters and political signage.
7. The Town Landfill Committee held an initial meeting with Seneca Meadows Inc. officials and presented Town requests including: odor control modifications; independent odor control reporting; reducing local traffic in downtown Seneca Falls and Waterloo; reduction in organic waste plan with their customers. The Town is also seeking suggestions to assist in its development of a Go Green program.
8. The Cayuga Nation purchased 126 East Bayard Street from the Cayuga/Seneca Nation of Oklahoma and have re-opened the property as a gas station and convenience store soliciting the sales of cigarettes and cannabis. The Seneca Falls Office of Zoning & Code Enforcement issued a second notice of violation to the Cayuga Nation for conducting a commercial business in an R-1 district. The Cayuga Nation is required to apply for a Special Use Variance pursuant to Town Code. Letters of violation have also been issued to the property located at 2133 Lake Road for similar violations.
9. Seneca Falls Chief of Police Stuart Peenstra has reached out to the New York State Cannabis Office to discuss matters concerning local cannabis sales and manufacturing amongst the Cayuga Nation prior to New York State Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) going into effect. Discussion is ongoing with New York State.
10. Home Leasing, LLC, of Rochester, NY is planning to break ground this Spring on rehabilitation and development of the historic Huntington building on Fall into 1, 2, 3 bedroom apartments.
11. Water main value replacement on State Street is almost complete and we are still waiting for parts for Fall Street to be completed.