

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Public Hearing and regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at the Seneca Falls Community Center, 35 Water Street.

Present were Supervisor Michael Ferrara; Councilpersons Dawn Dyson, Douglas Avery, David DeLelys and Steven Churchill. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; Richard Stabinsky, Zoning Officer; Mary Jones, Interim Recreation Director; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; Joseph Tullo, Chief WWTP Operator, Deborah VonWald, Assessor and Town Engineer Peter Baker.

Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law #7 - 2021: Mr. Ferrara stated this Local Law allows the Town to hire a Zoning Officer who is not a resident of Seneca Falls.

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing relative to proposed Local Law #7 – 2021 by Doug Avery and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Since there were no public comments, a motion was made to close the Public Hearing by Doug Avery and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

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

#### Petitioners:

Dan Babbitt – Conspiracy Theory: Dan Babbitt stated conspiracy theory is an explanation for an event or situation that involves conspiracy, often political, and motivation when other explanations are more probable. It is based on prejudice or insufficient information. Research suggests that conspirators believe that the conspiracy theory may be psychologically harmful or pathological, and that is correlated with psychological projection and paranoia. Mr. Babbitt named the publications where these definitions were taken from.

Mr. Babbitt stated conspiracy theories spread and indicate mistrust, and encourage others to repeat these theories. He said on the topic of methane collection and pipeline injection, dairy farms produce non-combustible materials which are placed in a digester and become methane gas or compost. The methane is extracted, cleaned, forced into specialized tankers and transported to a site where it is injected into an interstate pipeline. Mr. Babbitt stated in his opinion, to compare this process to the same kind of conspiracy involving the landfill is just plain weird. This request was presented to the Town Board and should be respected. He urged the public to do their homework – don't guess.

#### Presentation:

Senator Pamela Helming and Margaret Morse – Recognition of SFPD for their Services: Margaret Morse, Seneca County Mental Health Director, stated she is here on behalf of Seneca County Mental Health Department and Seneca County Manager's Office to honor the Seneca Falls Police Department for their outstanding use of Crisis Intervention Team skills and techniques in the escalating Individuals experiencing mental health crisis in our Community. Seneca Falls CIT Officers and Seneca Falls Police Department regularly provide exemplary service to the Citizens of Seneca County. On behalf of the County Manager, she formally recognized their service to our Community and their ongoing commitment to the Seneca County CIT Program. Ms. Morse specifically thanked Chief Peenstra for his commitment and dedication to this vital Program. His leadership has been instrumental in the success of the Seneca Falls and Seneca County CIT Program. She stated having this CIT Program here in our County is the result of the advocacy and support of Senator Helming who brought the funding to our Community in 2018 to do this specialized 40 hours of training.

Senator Pamela Helming stated she appreciates the opportunity to be here to thank Chief Peenstra and everyone involved in hours spent. She also thanked the Supervisor and Town Board Members for all they do to support the Police Department. Senator Helming read the following NYS Proclamation recognizing the Seneca Falls Police Department for its outstanding service to the Community and to those facing a mental health crisis: WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, I, New York State Senator Pamela A. Helming, is proud to recognize the Seneca Falls Police Department for its outstanding service to the Seneca Falls Community; and WHEREAS, it is important that all Citizens know and understand the duties, the responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of Law Enforcement Agencies, and that members of our Law Enforcement Agencies recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder and by protecting the Community; and WHEREAS, Chief Peenstra was an initial Member of the CIT Planning/Core Implementation Team when it was offered to local Police Departments; and

WHEREAS, since the Crisis Intervention Training Program started eleven Officers, including the Chief, have participated to improve communication and mental health resources for their Community; and  
WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Police Department sent one of their own Officers to the Instructor Training Program to be able to create a self-sustaining program within the Department; and  
WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Police has taken their Crisis Intervention and Mental Health Training and expanded on it by purchasing devices in order to evaluate a mental health crisis immediately with a mental health professional; and  
WHEREAS, Chief Peenstra and the Seneca Falls Police Department have done above the call of duty to make sure Individuals experiencing a mental health crisis can get the help they need; and  
WHEREAS, such service, which is truly vital for our communities and State, is deserving of our most insincere recognition.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, New York State Senator Pamela A. Helming honor the Seneca Falls Police Department for its outstanding service to the Seneca Falls Community; and be it  
FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that a copy of this Proclamation be transmitted to Chief Peenstra and the Seneca Falls Police Department.

Senator Helming thanked Margaret Morse for all her efforts to coordinate and be an integral part of the CIT training.

Chief Peenstra thanked Senator Helming and Margaret Morse. He didn't know anything about CIT training prior to Senator Helming bringing it to this area. He recognized all his Staff who has taken this on and taken it seriously. The Chief stated this training couldn't have come at a better time with mental health as calls for services in our Community in the first six months of this year are over 50% from last year. He added they are definitely out there utilizing this training and developing themselves into great Officers who are capable. Chief Peenstra said this is something that the entire Town has embraced, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

Mr. Ferrara, on behalf of the Town Board, congratulated Chief Peenstra and his command unit and all of the people in his rank and file for protecting our Community. He said unfortunately, in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, mental health issues become more and more prevalent. He also thanked Senator Helming for coming to the Meeting, and Margaret Morse for all her efforts.

Barbara Reese – Organic Food Waste: Barbara Reese, Member of the Waste Management Advisory Committee, stated she worked with Mr. Ferrara and Mr. Avery to bring Phase 2 to residents. At the June Meeting, it was discussed to do recycling with four restaurants in the Town which is doing very well. Phase 2 is to offer residents a food waste drop-off site. Mrs. Reese mentioned that there is resolution to move forward on a transfer facility for the purpose of having organic waste dropped off. She explained that in order to have residents drop off waste, the Town has to have a registered facility.

Mr. Ferrara stated the Waste Management Advisory Committee was revitalized, and Mr. Avery has been the Town Board liaison who has been overseeing that. He said it has always been his goal to move forward with waste management solutions and alternative way of doing things. He added if we can remove organics from landfills, we would never have an issue with anybody in the landfill or any other issue. The whole idea of removing the organics which consumes 30%-40% of what goes in the landfill, is part of the landfill that will eventually decompose and smell. Brief discussion followed.

#### Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Town Board/Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting of May 5, 2021 by Doug Avery and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Town Board Public Hearing and Meeting of June 1, 2021 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Town Board Special Meeting of June 7, 2021 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Town Board Special Meeting of June 15, 2021 by Michael Ferrara 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. Stabinsky's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Parks & Recreation: A motion was made to accept Mrs. Jones' report by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Michael Ferrara.

Mr. Avery asked about the leaks at Vince's Park. Mrs. Jones replied she thinks there are multiple leaks; some are larger, and those they are going to repair. The other leaks they will do in the fall when the pool closes so that they can go in and drain some of the pool and blast or remove all the layer below the gutter and re-caulk the whole area. They will caulk along the top as well so that the water doesn't leak down. Mr. Avery said the leaking has been going on for a couple of years now – is that it. Mrs. replied they think so. Mr. Avery said that particular concern came with a smaller price tag than thought; Mrs. Jones said yes.

The above motion made by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Michael Ferrara to accept Mrs. Jones' report was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway Superintendent: A motion was made to accept Mr. Peterson's report by Doug Avery and seconded by Dawn Dyson.

Mr. Avery stated the big thing that everybody sees this time of year is all the paving that is going on. He noted the sidewalk project is going well, and the typical summer things for the Highway Department is well underway.

The above motion made by Doug Avery and seconded by Dawn Dyson 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 Steve Churchill and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Ferrara stated he is still waiting on a final proposal for the Townwide reval. He said he will get something to Mr. Ferrara with the idea that we could possibly start with the work in late Fall or Winter.

The above motion made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Doug Avery to accept Mrs. Von Wald's report was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Attorney for the Town: Mr. Morrell stated at the last Board Meeting, the Board approved having Boylan Code and David Hou handle the Appeal on the Cayuga Nation against the Town regarding the Local Law on parking. The brief that has been prepared has been filed with the State. Mr. Morrell said the next time the Board hears about this is when the Court schedules it, probably in the Fall.

Water & Sewer: A motion was made to accept Mr. Tullo's report by Doug Avery and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Town Justices: A motion was made to accept the reports of Judge Lafler and Judge Kelley by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Dawn Dyson.

Mr. DeLelys stated later in the Meeting, there is a request for the Court Clerks to attend mandatory training. Mr. Ferrara said he is assuming that the Court Committee is recommending that the Board go forward with that; Mr. DeLelys replied yes. Mr. Ferrara asked if it was mandatory that all three Court Clerks have to go to training. Mr. DeLelys replied it is mandatory and is only once a year – all the Clerks are doing the same thing.

The above motion made by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Dawn Dyson to accept Judge Lafler and Judge Kelley reports was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Police Chief: A motion was made to accept Chief Peenstra's report by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Ferrara again congratulated Chief Peenstra, and said it is because of his leadership that those things are moving forward.

The above motion made by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Doug Avery to accept Chief Peenstra's report was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Backfill Vacant Police Officer Position: Mr. Ferrara stated in the spirit of allowing the Police Force to get on with life, he is moving forward with the resolution to backfill the vacant Police Officer position.

A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution: WHEREAS, during the May 4, 2021 Board Meeting, the Town Board approved promoting Sergeant Cleere and to begin recruiting to appropriately backfill the now vacant patrol position created by this promotion; and WHEREAS, since the May 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting the Seneca Falls Police Department has been actively recruiting, interviewing and conducting background investigations for a Lateral Police Officer transfer replacement; and WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Police Chief, Public Safety Committee and Personnel Committee to backfill this position with lateral transfer Matthew L. Mix.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept backfilling the vacant full-time position with Officer Matthew L. Mix; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, due to Matthew L. Mix previous service with the NYS Park Police, I am recommending that Officer Mix start at service year one of the contract at \$25.13 an hour.

Mr. Ferrara said he is going to ask some questions which have nothing to do with Officer Mix's ability or appointment. He asked Officer Mix not to take it personal.

Mr. Ferrara asked if the Committee is recommending that the Board move forward with this position; Mr. DeLelys replied yes. He asked the Chief if he looked at different scenarios of not filling this position. Chief Peenstra replied yes. Mr. Ferrara asked what the consequences are of not filling the position. Chief Peenstra replied the consequences of not filling the position is not being able to provide the adequate police services that they are being asked to do. He said they are being asked to do all sorts of different things between monitoring certain roadways at certain times, to mental health services, to calls for service, to property checks – all these different things we are trying and being pulled to do in different ways and different times – they can't possibly do it without personnel. He added the current personnel they have is 17 full time Officers – that is the bare minimum they need to provide good police services for the Town.

Mr. Ferrara asked where we were prior to dissolution. Chief Peenstra replied it varied a lot – there were times when the Village had upwards of 17 Police Officers, and there were times they were down to 12 or 13. He said the Village was 4 square miles and the Town is 27.4 square miles. It is a large area with a large call volume – we are a very busy Police Department. Mr. Ferrara said obviously, we were down an Officer for a few months – how are we filling that up – backing it up with overtime? Chief Peenstra replied the goal is to get this position backfilled, move some people around and create a shift that can overlap for the busiest periods of the day; also, for when people take vacations or for training when people are pulled out of their schedules.

Mr. Churchill stated this is essentially creating a new position; Chief Peenstra replied no – they created a new Sergeant position; we are backfilling this position. Mr. Churchill said the net gain is there is an additional full-time employee added to the Force. Mr. Ferrara stated there is one position that has been out on disability and has been for a very long time, and they are trying to come to some resolution on that. Mr. Churchill said along with this, will it require that we purchase an additional car; Chief Peenstra replied no, the goal is to maintain the 17 full-time Police Officers – they are not going above and beyond that amount of people

Mr. Avery stated as long as he has been on the Board, it has been pretty much automatic – if there is an opening, fill it. He said moving forward, if the Board wants to accomplish in the Budget what they want to do for the next four years, it can't be automatic – we have to start with that conversation. Further discussion followed.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the above resolution to backfill the vacant full-time Police Officer position with Matthew L. Mix was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Barton & Loguidice: A motion was made to accept Town Engineer Peter Baker's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson.

Mr. Baker stated it has been a pretty quiet month. They are advancing projects that they are working on with no special actions needed. They will be meeting to talk about the finances and mechanisms for two projects.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to accept Mr. Baker's report was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

MRB Grant Writing Services: A motion was made to accept the report of MRB Grant Writing Services by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson.

Emily Palumbos stated the Green Innovation Grant Program which is for water meters is being resubmitted; they are working on that now. Also, the Town is going to be applying for a Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan Grant, and Canalway Grants Program, which is due in three weeks. Resolutions are on the Agenda for these applications.

Mr. DeLelys asked if they will be working on any grants for infrastructure. Ms. Palumbos said she can't really

tell as far as the infrastructure bill; there was something that was supposed to be coming out this week, but we are not going to see it for a little while. Mr. Ferrara stated that he, Mrs. Warfel, Miss Wright and Mrs. Gramling have been working on the ARPA application which is in and has been approved. He received notification that Seneca Falls will be receiving \$880,301; one-half will come now, and the other one-half will come in 2022.

SF Development Corporation: Mr. Avery stated the Farmers Market is well underway every Tuesday. He said the statute that is coming later this summer is going to be temporarily housed over near the Three Women's statue; the permanent site will be in People's Park opposite the Women's Hall of Fame. He added all of those expenses were covered by the Foundation that is donating the statute. Mr. Avery noted there will be a dedication sometime in the Fall. Mr. Ferrara said this project was commissioned by the Federal Government. They came to the area and they were in total agreement with the temporary site and the final site. Mr. Avery mentioned that there is a miniature version that will be displayed downtown.

Budget Committee: Mr. Ferrara stated the Budget Committee continues to meet, and they have provided multiple scenarios to the Board. He said at the end of New Business, he will be asking for some direction.

Communications:

A motion was made to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 9 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays. Communications numbered 1 to 9 are as follows:

1. Letter from NYS Department of State stating Local Law #5 – 2021 has been received and filed.
2. Letter from Department of Transportation stating it has been determined that lowering the speed limit to 30 MPH on Noble Road between Route 89 and Lower Lake Road was determined to be appropriate. Signage can be installed when the official order is received.
3. Minutes of the Special Town Planning Board Meeting of April 26, 2021.
4. Minutes of the Town Planning Board Meeting of April 28 2021.
5. Minutes of the Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting of May 24, 2021.
6. Minutes of the Town Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of May 27, 2021.
7. Letter from NYS Department of Transportation stating it has been determined that lowering the speed limit on George Road to 40 MPH would be appropriate. Signage can be installed when the official order is received. They also encourage the Town to consider signing the two sharp curves with chevrons and curve warning speed limit signs.
8. Monthly report of all monies received and disbursed during the month of May 2021 from Town Supervisor.
9. Checks and deposits totaling \$77,647.14 representing Retirees Insurance; copies of Police reports; fuel reimbursement; Vince's Park deposits; PILOT payment; Community Center deposits; dumpster fees; Town Clerk's April and May reports; School Resource Officer reimbursement; May and June rent (60 State Street); Security deposit (60 State Street); Renewable Energy deposit (RevLng); burial fees; Judge Lafler's May report; CD photos; wireless data fees and Judge Kelley's May report.

Old Business:

Sale of Surplus Property: Mr. Morrell stated 115 Fall Street will be carried over until next month; the Board will all know when that happens. Mr. Ferrara asked if there was something holding it up. Mr. Morrell replied he is trying to handle it properly; with the dissolution of the Village, it is titled in the Village. He has been working with the title company to get it into a deed so that the chain of title is clear for the buyers. Mr. Morrell said it's just a unique situation that is taking some time.

Town Demnds related to SMI License to Operate Landfill: Mr. Morrell stated right now, they are at the point of moving that to an alternative dispute resolution as called for in the Host Community Agreement. He is working with David Hou to put together a proposal of what an alternative resolution would look like for this purpose.

SF Government Efficiency Study Update: Mr. Ferrara stated the Town Board had a Special Meeting with the Citizens Advisory Committee on June 30<sup>th</sup>. There was a motion at that Meeting directing the Town Supervisor to reach out to CGR and discuss with them a study but not as extensive as it was originally. Mr. Ferrara said he will have a phone conversation with them tomorrow and try to get this moving forward.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events: Mrs. Jones stated on July 18<sup>th</sup>, the SF Historical Society and the Women's Rights National Historical Park will sponsor a Ride the Rails Train Ride; she has all the paperwork and insurance. Also on July 18<sup>th</sup>, FLX Excursion and Geneva Community Projects are sponsoring a Grand Tour – a tour of the

Finger Lakes; the last stop will be at the Bandstand at 5:15 P.M. She has all the paperwork which she shared with Chief Peenstra. Mr. Ferrara said he is assuming Mrs. Jones has all the paperwork relative to serving alcohol; Mrs. Jones replied she has all the paperwork.

A motion was made to approve the two July 18<sup>th</sup> Events by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Local Law #7 – 2021 – Residency Requirement (Zoning Officer): A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was duly held on July 6, 2021 at the Seneca Falls Community Center and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation, the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls finds it in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls hereby adopts said Local Law #7 of 2021 entitled “Local Law Amending to Supercede NYS Public Officers Law Sections 3 and 30 to provide for residency of the Town Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer”, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this Meeting and in the Local Laws of the Town of Seneca Falls, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of the State of New York.

Mr. Churchill asked if there was any way to amend this so that the Local Law will only be in place when Mr. Stabinsky is here. Mr. Morrell replied no – this is dealing with the position; it’s not dealing with a specific person. He added in order to reverse a local law, you can do another local law. Brief discussion followed.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the above resolution adopting Local Law #7 – 2021 was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Court Clerks Attendance at Annual Conference: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the Seneca Falls Town Court Clerks’ attendance at the 41<sup>st</sup> NYS AMCC Annual Court Clerk Conference and Training. The mandatory training and Conference will run from September 12-15, 2021 and will be held in Albany, NY. The cost of registration, lodging, meals and mileage for the Conference and training will not exceed \$3,037.76.

Mr. Ferrara asked Mr. DeLelys – to the best of your knowledge, it’s mandatory that all three Clerks attend. Mr. DeLelys replied yes – it’s in the Budget. Discussion followed.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys approving the attendance of the Court Clerks at the NYS AMCC Annual Court Clerk Conference and Training was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Ferrara with the dissenting vote.

Resolution – Juneteenth Holiday: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a holiday celebrating the emancipation of those enslaved in the United States; and WHEREAS, the date June 19<sup>th</sup> (Juneteenth) has been designated as a public holiday by New York State and is now included in the list of public holidays set forth in General Construction Law Section 24; and

WHEREAS, the date has been approved by the Congress and signed into law by the President in June of 2021 as a National Holiday.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Seneca Falls has established June 19 (Juneteenth) as a paid holiday for non-union employees, beginning in 2022.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Security Cameras – Veterans Bridge: Mr. Ferrara stated he has the pricing for below Veterans Bridge – we keep getting graffiti and keep cleaning it, and also, it’s a place for other things happening. To do it correctly, we need to run electricity to run the cameras; the cameras are about \$7,000 and the electricity is about \$13,000. Mr. DeLelys said we spend \$150 for labor and paint – we can do a lot of labor and paint for \$20,000. Mr. Ferrara said he doesn’t disagree. He added there are people that are concerned.

A motion was made to spend up to \$20,000 to put security cameras up at Veterans Bridge, money to be transferred from the Contingency Fund, by Doug Avery and seconded by Michael Ferrara.

Mr. Avery stated it's our space and we should be monitoring it. Mr. Churchill stated cameras don't cost that much. He has an 8-camera system that is about two years old that he will donate to the Town if we don't spend the \$20,000. He would like to look at this closer – he believes we can put together a solution that is a lot less than \$20,000. Discussion followed. Chief Peenstra stated part of the problem was the location of the cameras. You would have to go up underneath the Bridge. You have to have something to get up underneath the Bridge; that's why the pricing was a little higher. He explained the power has to come from one of the lights on the Bridge, conduit down through underneath the Bridge and fairly high up so that it's not putting a stepladder up and climbing up there. This is what drove some of the cost up.

A motion was made to table the purchase of security cameras to seek additional information by Steve Churchill and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Purchase Defibrillators: A motion was made to purchase defibrillators for Vince's Park, Town Offices side of Town Office Building, Highway Department, Wastewater Treatment Plant and a portable defibrillator for Summer Programs at a cost of \$1,800 per defibrillator, total cost not to exceed \$10,000, by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Ferrara said he was amazed that we don't have these in place already. We do have one at the Community Center that was updated. He thinks it's well worth the expense to do it. Brief discussion followed.

Mrs. Dawson asked if people have to be trained to use the defibrillators. Mr. Ferrara replied yes – there is staff at Vince's Park that are trained. Mr. Stabinsky is an EMT person, and obviously the Police Force is trained – we definitely need more people trained. Mr. Ferrara said once they are received, we can get some people in the Police Department to do some training. Chief Peenstra stated they will facilitate and train Town Employees; there is also yearly training that takes place, which is important.

Resolution – Police Purchase Computer: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a Panasonic Toughbook CF-31 laptop in one of our marked patrol vehicles has far exceeded its average life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department relies heavily on vehicle laptops for many reasons, most importantly, communication with Seneca County E-911 Centers Computer Automated Dispatch; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of a new Panasonic Semi-Rugged Toughbook 55 on State Bid is \$2,395 (NYS OGS: Contract PM68162); and

WHEREAS, it seems appropriate and is recommended by the Police Chief to replace the existing computer with a new unit.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board approves the purchase of one Panasonic Semi-Rugged Toughbook 55 from Telrepro at the State Bid price of \$2,395. Monies for the new computer will come out of the Police Department's Equipment budget line A3120.200.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution in Support of Registration of Solid Waste Management Facility: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town's Waste Management Advisory Committee has been pursuing the creation of an organic waste collection program for the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls supports the efforts of the Waste Management Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the initiative will require permits and compliance with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation regulations and guidelines, including the potential registration as a solid waste management facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls authorizes the Supervisor to execute any necessary documents, such as plans, applications, etc. to further the efforts of the Waste Management Advisory Committee in pursuing an organic waste collection program and ensuring compliance with the NYS DEC regulations.

Mr. Morrell stated this is basically, giving the Town's blessing to what the Waste Management Advisory Committee is doing and proposing to do with organic solid waste collection, and authorizing the Town Supervisor to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Town. Mr. Ferrara said he is 100% in favor of all this, but something may have an effect on Highway property and residents bringing their waste up there. Mr. Avery stated the problem they have encountered is that even though they are talking about large garbage totes, if they put that somewhere and people are bringing their organic waste, those four or five square feet becomes a transfer station. They are going to talk first about getting that registered, but long term, we need to

look at policies and goals to getting that space registered. Brief discussion followed.

Barbara Reese stated when they came forward to do this, the reason why they got the DEC involved is because they were not able to do it as an exemption. They would have to register this facility because according to the DEC, you would only be exempt with food waste collection if the food waste you are collecting is picked up by the end of the next business day. Mrs. Reese said since we don't have a place to process food waste, we have to be at the mercy of the hauler who comes once a week. She added when they were doing this, she was asked to do it legally – to do it by the law and DEC. Mr. Ferrara said he doesn't disagree, but he wants to make sure everyone understands that there could be an adverse effect. Discussion followed.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the above resolution in support of the registration of a solid waste facility was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Resolution – Support & Authorization – NYS CFA Canalway Grant Program: A motion was made by Doug Avery and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Town of Seneca Falls, Seneca County, supports the submission of a 2021 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on behalf of the Town, for the Canalway Grants Program for canal related capital projects for the Cayuga-Seneca Canal as initiated and supported in their recent successful Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant application; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Canal Corporation included up to \$1.0 million in competitive grants available to eligible municipalities along the NYS Canal System for canal related capital projects and is administered by the NYS Canal Corporation, a subsidiary of the NY Power Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls was recognized as a Downtown Revitalization Initiative community in 2019, maintains a federal and state recognized historic central business district on the banks of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal, with acres of historic architectural assets, shopping, services and recreational amenities; and

WHEREAS, if funding is received, it will allow the Town of Seneca Falls to proceed with its revitalization strategies centered on its strategic canal side location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board, on behalf of the Town, identifies the Town Supervisor as the authorized representative for the project, able to execute necessary documents relative to and as required for this application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize and obligates local matching funds of the minimum 50% of the total of any grant funding awarded, up to \$75,000 to include federal, local, private and other agency state funding, in-kind services and donations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls recognizes and fully supports the submission of the 2021 CFA for a Canalway Grants Program application.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Resolution – NYS CFA SEQR – Canalway Grant Program: A motion was made by Doug Avery and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board, (hereinafter referred to as Town Board) is completing an application through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under New York State Canal Corporation, for canal related capital projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby classify the above referenced Action to be a Type II Action under 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 © (27) of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Type II Actions are not subject to further review under Part 617 of the SEQR Regulations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Town Board in making this classification has satisfied the procedural requirements under SEQR and directs this resolution to be placed in the file on this Action.

Mr. Morrell stated this SEQR resolution as presented is a Type II action which means that's the end of the environmental review, and falls within this particular regulation.

The above resolution made by Doug Avery and seconded by Dawn Dyson declaring a Type II Action under SEQR was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Resolution of Support & Authorization – NYS CFA Local Waterfront Revitalization Program: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls, Seneca County, supports the submission of a 2021 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on behalf of the Town, for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) for the preparation of a plan to create a set of focused strategies for the areas impacted by the activity of the canal; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State (DOS) is soliciting applications through the CFA from eligible towns along New York's designated inland waterways to advance the preparation of strategies for community and waterfront revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls was recognized as a Downtown Revitalization Initiative community in 2019, maintains a federal and state recognized historic central business district on the banks of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal, with acres of historic architectural assets, shopping, services and recreational amenities; and

WHEREAS, if funding is received, it will allow the Town of Seneca Falls to prepare a Local Waterfront Revitalization plan with revitalization strategies centered on its strategic canalside location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board, on behalf of the Town, identifies the Town Supervisor as the authorized representative for the project, able to execute necessary documents relative to and as required for this application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize and obligates local matching funds of the minimum 25% of the total of any grant funding awarded in the form of in-kind services or cash contribution hereby appropriated from the general fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls recognizes and fully supports the submission of the 2021 CFA for the preparation of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – NYS CFA SEQR – Local Waterfront Revitalization Program: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board (hereinafter referred to as Town Board) is completing an application through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under New York State Department of State (DOS) for the preparation of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby classify the above referenced Action to be a Type II Action under 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 © (27) of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Type ii Actions are not subject to further review under Part 617 of the SEQR Regulations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Town Board, in making this classification, has satisfied the procedural requirements under SEQR and directs this resolution to be placed in the file on this Action.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution of Support & Authorization – NYS CFA Green Innovation Grant Program: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Town of Seneca Falls, Seneca County, supports the submission of a 2021 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on behalf of the Town for the resubmission of a Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) to improve water quality and mitigate effects of climate change through the implementation of a water efficiency project; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) provides a competitive statewide reimbursement grant program through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) to purchase and install upgraded water meters; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls meets the GIGP eligibility considering State of the Art technology and is considered a funding priority for upgrades to the water meter infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, if funding is received, it will allow the Town of Seneca Falls to upgrade water meters for their residents in real time delivering better services with less water and protect water sources for the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board, on behalf of the Town, identifies the Town Supervisor as the authorized representative for the project, able to execute necessary documents relative to and as required for this application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize and obligates local matching funds of the minimum 25% of the total of any grant funding awarded in the form of in-kind services or cash contribution hereby appropriated from the general fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls recognizes and fully supports the submission of the 2021 CFA for an GIGP Water Efficiency Project.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Water/Sewer Credits: Mrs. Dyson said the last two credits don't have receipts that they were fixed – it says they are, but there are no receipts. Miss Wright said they fixed the leaks themselves; sometimes they don't have receipts. Mr. Morrell asked if they would be eligible to get another credit on this. Miss Wright replied it's once in a lifetime credit – if they use it now, they won't be able to get it again ever.

A motion was made to approve the Water/Sewer credits totaling \$1,759.14 as per Memo dated July 6, 2021 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Ferrara stated with COVID 19, the Town is required to send out notices to property owners about waiving penalties on late payment water bills. He said even though Executive Orders disappeared, in working with Miss Wright and Mr. Morrell, they determined that this is in effect for the next six months. Letters are being printed and mailed out, and they will basically say these are your rights due to COVID 19.

Board Liaison – SF Heritage Commission: Mr. Ferrara said the Board needs to appoint a Board Member as a liaison to the SF Heritage Commission. Mr. Avery volunteered to be the liaison.

A motion was made to appoint Doug Avery as the Board liaison to the SF Heritage Commission by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to move Town Board Meetings back to the Town Hall by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Ferrara noted that the properties that were demolished on Route 89 and Garden Street Extension have been cleaned up. The County will be changing their local law that says in order to get a permit from the County, your taxes have to be current. Mr. Ferrara has been in touch with the Cayuga Nation to discuss several things. Brief discussion followed.

Brad Jones asked why should the Town pick up their garbage – why doesn't this Board say no longer- they don't pay taxes. Mr. Ferrara replied this question was proposed to legal counsel for the County, and his opinion and the County Attorney's opinion is you don't have a choice; you have to provide services that you provide to any resident. Mr. Jones asked how much is off the tax roll; Mr. Ferrara replied \$11 million. Further discussion followed.

Budget Modifications: A motion was made to approve the Budget Modifications for the month of June 2021 by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Churchill asked if there is a list of current accounts so that there is a little meaning of where the money is coming from and where it's going to. Mrs. Warfel replied yes – she will get him a copy.

2022 Budget: Mr. Ferrara stated the Budget Committee continues to work; Mrs. Warfel has sent the Board different scenarios. He needs direction on how the Board wants to move forward; he mentioned some of the scenarios. Mr. Churchill proposed that the Board have a Budget Workshop within this month for the specific purpose of discussing the scenarios. After brief discussion, the Board agreed to hold a Budget Workshop on Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Dawn Dyson to approve and order paid the following bills:

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| General Fund - \$250,790.80 (Abstract #7)      | Recreation Fund - \$53,320.28 (Abstract #7)   |
| Miscellaneous Fund - \$35,435.87 (Abstract #7) | Vince's Park Fund - \$14,481.88 (Abstract #7) |
| Highway Fund - \$118,442.16 (Abstract #7)      | Sewer Fund - \$85,349.66                      |
| Water Fund - \$99,780.72 (Abstract #7)         |   |

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER  
Town Clerk

