

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at the Seneca Falls Community Center, 35 Water Street.

Present were Supervisor Michael Ferrara; Councilpersons Steven Churchill, Douglas Avery and Dawn Dyson. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; Dean Zettlemoyer, Interim Zoning Officer; James Peterson, Highway Superintendent; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; Joseph Tullo, Chief WWTP Operator; Mary Jones, Interim Recreation Director and Peter Baker, Town Engineer.

Supervisor Ferrara opened the regular monthly Meeting at 6:00 P.M. A roll call of Board Members was taken and Councilman DeLelys was absent from the Meeting; Councilwoman Dyson (by phone); the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Open Bids – Annual Heavy Equipment Rental: Mr. Ferrara stated one sealed bid was received, which is as follows:

Seneca Pipe & Paving Co., Inc., Seneca Falls, NY

Open Bids – Tree/Stump Removal: Mr. Ferrara stated one sealed bid was received, which is as follows:

Lumbermac, Inc., Phelps, NY

Bids were given to Mr. Peterson and Mr. Morrell for review.

Petitioners:

Anne Sandroni – Trash Cans on Fall Street: Anne Sandroni, President of the SF Business Association, stated she is here to ask about the trash cans on Fall Street. She has had a number of businesses calling her to find out where the trash cans are. She was informed the trash cans were removed in the winter and replaced in April. Mrs. Sandroni said that is not true – the trash cans stay on Fall Street as there is traffic from restaurants, bars, the Museum – there is no place for the trash to go. Mrs. Sandroni said they brought in trash cans for the It's a Wonderful Life Festival. She said the trash cans are needed – she doesn't know of any town that doesn't have trash cans in a downtown business area.

Mr. Peterson stated he pulled the trash cans for snow removal purposes. They are going to keep the trash cans off this year to see how it works. He noted there has been garbage bags out front of businesses – garbage bags do not go on Fall Street; they go behind the stores. Mrs. Sandroni said her side of the street has no easement to the back. There are apartments up above all the buildings that have no right-of-way to the back to put trash. She said that is why their trash goes out on Fall Street on Sundays and Wednesdays for those renters. She lives above a building that has no back exit, as well as other buildings next to her.

Mr. Peterson stated the Zoning Officer has been down there several times siting people. He added even though they don't have a back exit, they have to walk around just like everybody else has to. Mrs. Sandroni asked when did that happen; Mr. Peterson replied this has been going on – Mr. Zettlemoyer addressed it several years ago, and Louis Ferrara addressed it when he was on the Board – garbage bags on Fall Street looks like heck. Further discussion followed.

Mr. Avery stated regardless of past practice, from an economic development standpoint, they are trying to create living space above the store fronts downtown. He added if it's on the books that they can't, then we have to figure out how to change that so that they can. Mr. Avery said it's not practical to expect a tenant to walk around to the back to take their garbage out.

Mr. Ferrara asked Mr. Zettlemoyer if there was something in the Code which says you can't; Mr. Zettlemoyer replied he never officially sent a violation warning – he usually sends a letter and it gets rectified. Mr. Ferrara asked if there was anything specific for Fall Street; Mr. Zettlemoyer replied not Fall Street itself, but it has always been no trash on Fall Street. Mr. Churchill stated if there is nothing specific, then Mrs. Sandroni is correct; those people can put their garbage along Fall Street.

Mrs. Sandroni said she thinks we need to be friendly to the business owners that are trying to make it work down there. Mr. Churchill agrees that there should be trash receptacles downtown year around. Mr. Peterson replied it's tough with snow removal. He is going to try it this year to see how it goes – it's his call. After lengthy discussion, Mrs. Sandroni said find four spots on each side and put them close to the building. Mr. Ferrara thanked Mrs. Sandroni, and said we'll come up with a solution, one way or another.

Jean Gilroy: Jean Gilroy of Gravel Road stated that she and a few others are here to show their appreciation to

two Town Board Members whose terms expire and who will be leaving. Doug Avery and Dave DeLelys have served this Community above and beyond the call of duty. Their vision for a clean hometown has inspired us all, and their willingness to get down into the trenches is testament to their steadfastness. Evidence of this steadfastness is no more evidence than the fact that Dave DeLelys served this Board while battling cancer for a full year; through his chemo treatments, he was always just a phone call away, and now we hold him in our prayers. Doug Avery was the co-reipient along with his wife, Susan, of the George Bailey Award in 2008. Doug continues to epitomize the spirit and continues to touch the lives through his service to this Community.

Rachael Weil, Chair of the SF Democratic Committee, stated on behalf of the Committee she would like to thank Mr. Avery and Mr. DeLelys for their service to the people of Seneca Falls. They were charged to keep taxes reasonable while putting enough in the Town's bank account to pay for services and infrastructure repairs. They fought to protect our environment and to ensure that Seneca Falls would be governed in the interest of the residents, not a corporation giant.

Valerie Sandlas stated on behalf of the SF Environmental Action Committee, she would like to thank Mr. Avery and Mr. DeLelys for their steadfast creative outlook and their environmental impact on our Community. Local Law #3 of 2016 would not be possible without Mr. DeLelys, who along with three other Board Members at that time were able to give us a Law that will hopefully stand in the future and hopefully close Seneca Meadows. In addition to Local Law #3, Mr. DeLelys and Mr. Avery worked along with Mr. Churchill to stop two trash trains from coming into our Community. Mrs. Sandlas said she hopes all can be thankful for Mr. DeLelys and Mr. Avery's hard work, and echoed Mr. Ferrara's prayers for Mr. DeLelys.

Mrs. Sandlas stated she would like to call on the future Board Members and Mr. Churchill, Mr. Ferrara and Mrs. Dyson as well. The Environmental Action Committee always looks forward to It's a Wonderful Life Festival, and they are proud that our hometown is known as Bedford Falls. She is appealing to Mr. Churchill, Mr. Ferrara and Mrs. Dyson to keep Seneca Falls Bedford Falls, and not Pottersville.

Allison Stokes stated this last Seneca Falls Board Meeting of 2021 appears to her something like the end of an era. She identifies herself as co-founder, along with Brad Jones, of the SF Environmental Action Committee. After a time, Mr. Avery took over, and when he was elected to the Town Board, Valerie Sandlas took over from him. The SF Environmental Action Committee has been active in working for the Town Law that closes the Landfill by 2025. Ms. Stokes mentioned Council Member Annette Lutz who bravely opposed the Landfill and defended the Host Community Agreement by calling attention to important sections that were not adhere to. Now we honor two Councilmen who courageously and resolutely carried on challenging the power, intimidation scare tactics and deep pockets of Seneca Meadows. Ms. Stokes said together with the SF Environmental Action Committee, she salutes Mr. Avery and Mr. DeLelys and their dedication to protecting our environment and our Community – they are Seneca Falls heroes.

Mr. Ferrara thanked all for coming forward with very kind words. He is sure Mr. Avery and Mr. DeLelys will appreciate that.

Theresa VanTassel: Theresa VanTassel of Century 21 Davoli stated she listed 115 Fall Street which is the Town of Seneca Falls property the end of June 2020. She received a contract on the property in October 2020 with a closing date of December 2020. They have yet to close on the property, and she is here to ask why we haven't closed; the Buyer, Jeffrey Munder is also curious as to why we haven't closed. Mr. Ferrara welcomed the Buyers to Seneca Falls, and said we are getting close.

Mr. Morrell stated this is a unique situation for a couple of reasons, one being the Condominium was formerly owned by the Village of Seneca Falls which no longer exists. That puts it in a unique situation in our State and trying to get answers on how to properly address the title issues which has taken some time. He is hoping to get this done by the end of the year. Mr. Munder asked if Mr. Morrell had an estimate as to when they could close on the property. Mr. Morrell replied he is trying to get everything over to their Attorney's Office by the end of the week, and then it's just a matter of coming together. Mr. Munder asked if they can expect something by the next Town Board Meeting; Mr. Morrell replied yes – he apologized that it's taking so long.

#### Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Town Board Budget Workshop/Meeting of October 25, 2021 by Doug Avery and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of Town Board Budget Workshop/Meeting of October 28, 2021 by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Town Board Public Hearings and Meeting of November 3, 2021 by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Reports:

Dog Control Officer: No report.

Zoning Officer: A motion was made to accept Mr. Zettlemyer's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Steve Churchill. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Parks & Recreation: A motion was made to accept Mrs. Jones' report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Steve Churchill. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway Superintendent: A motion was made to accept Mr. Peterson's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Assessor: A motion was made to accept Mrs. VonWald's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Steve Churchill. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Water & Sewer: A motion was made to accept Mr. Tullo's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson.

Mr. Ferrara noted that starting December 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be some construction work on Fall Street. He said about three weeks ago, a 6" line broke coming from a fire hydrant on Fall Street. They were unable to isolate the leak as the valves were so old, so they had to cut off the water. They will be replacing four valves which will take about 8-9 days. Mrs. Dyson asked if Fall Street will be closed or traffic re-routed. Mr. Ferrara replied it will be limited to one lane in different parts, and there will be people on Fall Street without water for a very short period of time as the valves are going in. Mr. Tullo added there will be adequate traffic control.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to accept Mr. Tullo's report was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Town Justices: A motion was made to accept the reports of Judge Lafler and Judge Kelley by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Police Chief: A motion was made to accept Chief Peenstra's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson.

Chief Peenstra reminded everybody that they are into their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Drive, Fill the Cruiser. They are accepting new toys, unwrapped, at a couple different locations and the Police Department; this Saturday, they will be at the It's a Wonderful Life Festival down on the corner of Fall Street and Cayuga Street from 10 to Noon.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to accept Chief Peenstra's report was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Barton & Loguidice: A motion was made to accept Mr. Baker's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Ferrara mentioned that they are moving forward on a lot of different projects. Mr. Baker said yes, they have a lot of projects that are progressing.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to accept Mr. Baker's report was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Mr. Ferrara stated both of the WIIA grants have been submitted for Kingdom Road and equalization tank. He said there has been a lot of collaboration between MRB and Barton & Loguidice as far as making all that happen; hopefully, we will be hearing some good news on that to defray some of those expenses. Mrs. Dyson asked when will we know if we got the grant. Mr. Horn replied they don't give you an estimate – they are about three months behind in their work.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to accept the report of MRB Grant Writing Services was carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Seneca Falls Development Corporation: Mr. Avery stated the contracts for the large DRI projects are going out this month. There was a small business improvement loan that was part of that; that program will be overseen by the SFDC, and that process is just getting started. Contracts have been made, and letters have gone out to all the businesses that did not make it into the DRI final list. Mr. Avery noted there will be public meetings in January. He mentioned that there are Christmas ornaments on sale in the shops downtown that are designed after the Ripples of Change statute.

Communications:

A motion was made to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 4 by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves. Communications numbered 1 to 4 are as follows:

1. Monthly Report of all monies received and disbursed during the month of August 2021 from Town Supervisor.
2. Minutes of the Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting of October 26, 2021.
3. Minutes of the Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting of November 23, 2021.
4. Checks and deposits totaling \$1,103,345 representing copies of Police reports; Police incident report; Retirees Health Insurance; Wireless data fees; 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Landfill revenue (\$1,011,148.17); refund of copier lease; Town Clerk September and October reports; Vince's Park deposit; Community Center deposits; surplus from Police equipment; Judge Lafler's October report; burial fees; trash tote fee; dumpster fees; scrap metal; Judge Kelley's October report; payment for tools auctions; lightpole reimbursement; bus fuel reimbursement; tax overpayment reimbursement; reimbursement for medical deductions; interest for tax overpayment; culvert pipe reimbursement; School Resource Officer reimbursement and NYSIF reimbursement.

Old Business:

Sale of Surplus Property – (115 Fall Street): An update was given earlier in the Meeting.

Town Demands Related to SMI: Mr. Morrell noted that there is nothing to report.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events: Mr. Ferrara stated there is one Event – the Gould Hotel New Year's Eve Ball Drop. He said it's good to see the Gould back in operation at least on a limited basis; hopefully, moving forward, it will be an intricate part of downtown.

A motion was made to approve the New Year's Eve Ball Drop by Steve Churchill and seconded by Michael Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Bids – Annual Heavy Equipment Rental: A motion was made to accept the bid of Seneca Pipe & Paving, Co., Inc., Seneca Falls, NY for heavy equipment rental for the year 2022 by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Michael Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Bids – Tree/Stump Removal: A motion was made to accept the bid of Lumbermac, Inc., Phelps, NY, for tree/stump removal for the year 2022 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Advertise for Members of Board of Assessment Review: A motion was made to advertise for Members to serve on the Board of Assessment Review by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes. 0 naves.

Advertise for Members of HPC: A motion was made to advertise for Members to serve on the Heritage Preservation Commission by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Advertise for Alternate Member of Planning Board: A motion was made to advertise for an Alternate Member to serve on the Town Planning Board by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Advertise for Alternate Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals: A motion was made to advertise for Alternate Members to serve on the Town Zoning Board of Appeals by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Interim Appointment of Zoning Officer: A motion was made to appoint Dean Zettlemoyer as Interim Zoning Officer effective November 23, 2021 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Ferrara stated he contacted Mr. Zettlemoyer after the unfortunate loss of Mr. Stabinsky, and he agreed to help out; he will be working 20 hours a week. He thanked Mrs. Rose for her assistance in the lapse of time. He added the County and the Town has advertised for this position – it is a Civil Service position.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to appoint Dean Zettlemoyer as Interim Zoning Officer effective November 23, 2021 was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Accept Retirement of Police Clerk: Mr. Ferrara read a letter of resignation from Alice Capacci which states her intent to retire as Seneca Falls Police Department Clerk effective January 10, 2022.

A motion was made to accept the retirement of Alice Capacci as Seneca Falls Police Department Clerk effective January 10, 2022 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Ferrara thanked Mrs. Capacci for her 33 years of service to the community of Seneca Falls, and wished her nothing but good luck and good health. Chief Peenstra said Mrs. Capacci will be at the January Board Meeting so that she can be recognized officially.

SFPD Resolution – Backfill Vacant Police Clerk Position: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Police Clerk Alice Capacci has submitted a letter to Chief Peenstra giving notice that she will be retiring January 10, 2022 with her last physical day in the Office on January 7, 2022; and  
WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Police Department will have a full time Police Clerk vacancy; and  
WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Police Chief, Public Safety Committee and Personnel Committee to backfill this position in December to properly train the new Clerk before Clerk Capacci's departure.  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts backfilling the vacant Police Clerk's position and allows Chief Peenstra to interview for this position.  
Chief Peenstra will present a resolution at a future Board Meeting with the name of the recommended Individual for backfilling.

Mr. Churchill asked if this was the second vacant full time Police Clerk position; Chief Peenstra replied yes. Mr. Churchill asked if they absolutely need two; the Chief replied yes, with all the paperwork that is necessary.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the above resolution authorizing the backfilling of the vacant Police Clerk position was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

SFPD Resolution – Order 2022 Ford Police Utility Vehicle: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Police Department is seeking approval by the Town Board to authorize Enterprise to factory order one 2022 budget approved vehicle; and  
WHEREAS, the new vehicle will replace one marked unit that has met its 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, estimated arrival is nine to eleven months.  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Police Department sign an agreement with Enterprise to order one marked 2022 Ford Police Utility vehicle to replace one aging vehicle in 2022.

Chief Peenstra stated last year, they ordered two marked vehicles in January; they received one last month, and the other vehicle is still not here.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution authorizing Enterprise to order a 2022 Ford Police Utility vehicle was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Budgeted Contribution Request – SF Community Band: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Community Band provides an invaluable service to the Town of Seneca Falls, providing free weekly live concerts to the Community throughout the summer months; and  
WHEREAS, a budget allocation of \$500.00 for the Seneca Falls Community Band is included in the 2021 Budget.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the release of \$500.00 to the Seneca Falls Community Band.

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Year-End Meeting Date: The Board agreed to hold a Year-End Meeting to pay bills at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Reorganizational and Regular Monthly Meeting: The Reorganizational and regular monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Levy Delinquent Water/Sewer Charges on Town/County Tax Bills: A motion was made to levy delinquent Water/Sewer charges on Town/County tax bills by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Steve Churchill. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Levy Delinquent Mowing Charges on Town/County Tax Bills: A motion was made to levy delinquent mowing charges on Town/County tax bills by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Steve Churchill. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Transfer Funds to Cover Increased Striping Costs: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the cost of striping and crosswalk painting came in at twice the quoted estimate; and

WHEREAS, there is an insufficient amount in A3310.403 to cover the additional cost.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does authorize the additional funds to pay the increased cost by a budget modification to increase Line A3310.403 (Road Striping) and decrease Line A3310.405 (Weed Control) by \$1,000.

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Transfer Funds for Emergency Replacement of Hydrants/Addition of Shut-off Valves: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the hydrant failure on Fall Street in October pointed out the consequences of a lack of shut-off valves on the aged 12" main; and

WHEREAS, protecting the water supply available to the residents of the Town is of utmost priority.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does authorize funds to pay for the replacement of hydrants and the addition of shut-off valves along the 12" main on Fall Street from State Street to Auburn Road, up to a cost of \$100,000.

The Principal Account Clerk is authorized to make the appropriate modifications to the Town Water Fund Budget through appropriation of savings in the Water Fund.

Mr. Churchill asked if we can get any closer to what we need than \$100,000. Mr. Tullo replied it's probably high, but they are not sure what it's going to cost. Each valve costs \$10,000 – they need four, and they will be putting in more next year. Mr. Churchill asked if they budgeted for the valves for next year; Mr. Tullo replied no, they didn't. Mr. Churchill asked if ARPA can help; Mr. Ferrara replied yes, some funds can be allocated. Brief discussion followed.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution to transfer funds for emergency replacement of hydrants/addition of shut-off valves was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Water/Sewer Credits: None this month.

Proclamation – It's a Wonderful Life Event: Mr. Ferrara read the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, It's a Wonderful Life film by Director Frank Capra was inspired by and adapted from the original work "The Greatest Gift" by Philip Van Doren published in 1943, and was released in cinemas on December 20, 1946 by Liberty Films founded by Frank Capra and Samuel Briskin; and

WHEREAS, the real Bedford Falls is imagined to have been modeled after the Town of Seneca Falls during Mr. Capra's visit while crafting the film script; and

WHEREAS, the film was recognized with five Academy Award nominations for Directing – Frank Capra; Actor – James Stewart; Best Motion Picture – Liberty Films; Sound Recording – RKO Radio Studio Sound Department, John Alberg, Sound Director; and Film Editing – William Horneck, and honored at a ceremony held March 13, 1947 at the Shrine Civic Auditorium, Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 the film was designated as culturally, historically or aesthetically significant, and inducted into the National Film Registry at the Library of Congress, Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, a committee of Seneca Fallsians instituted the "It's a Wonderful Life Festival" in 2006, and It's a Wonderful Life Museum was founded in 2010 and is located at 32 Fall Street in the former Seneca Theater built in 1913 by Charles Fornesi; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls celebrates the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of It's a Wonderful Life film on December 8-12, 2021, and will mark the occasion with a ceremonial ribbon cutting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 and a schedule of events; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls welcomes cast members Carol Coombs as Jamie Bailey; Karolyn Grimes as ZuZu Bailey; Jimmy Hawkins as Tommy Bailey; Jeanine Roose as young Violet Bick; Michael Chapin as young George's Friend; and Donald and Ronald Collins who played "Little Pete"; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls also welcomes Mary Owen (Donna Reed's daughter); Monica Capra Hodges (Frank Capra's granddaughter); Carol Moses Loop (Virginia Patton's daughter) and John Kuri (son of Emile Kuri, set Decorator), representatives of the Donna Reed Center & Heritage Museum and the Jimmy Steward Museum, and It's a Wonderful LEGO Life, and the numerous other authors, filmmakers, artists and other participants of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festival celebration; and also welcomes Keith and Marilyn Smith of Colorado to present for the first time George Bailey's 1919 Dodge Touring car at the It's a Wonderful Life Festival; and

WHEREAS, It's a Wonderful Life Festival will close the 75<sup>th</sup> celebration of It's a Wonderful Life film with a "Raise a Cup of Kindness" dinner and singing "Auld Lang Syne" on Sunday, December 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in the words of the late Frank Capra "You are the salt of the earth, and It's a Wonderful Life is my memorial to you".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Ferrara, Town Supervisor of the Town of Seneca Falls, New York, on behalf of the Town Board and the citizens of Seneca Falls, do hereby proclaim December 20, 2021 as It's a Wonderful Life Day in the Town of Seneca Falls, and encourage all citizens to observe this day by recognizing its unique story and its significant contribution to our status as the Birthplace of Women's Rights.

A motion was made to declare December 20, 2021 as It's a Wonderful Life Day by Doug Avery and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Ferrara wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season. He thanked Dave DeLelys and Doug Avery for their years of service to the community of Seneca Falls.

At 7:08 P.M., a motion was made by Doug Avery and seconded by Michael Ferrara to go into Executive Session to discuss the proposed sale, lease or acquisition of real property where publicity is likely to affect the fair market value of the properties involved, under Public Officers Law Section 105(h). No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reconvene the regular monthly Meeting at 7:17 P.M. by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

#### Payment of Bills:

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

General Fund - \$536,993.37 (Abstract #12)

Recreation Fund - \$54,303.43 (Abstract #12)

Miscellaneous Fund - \$26,991.11 (Abstract #12)

Vince's Park Fund - \$1,332.99 (Abstract #12)

Highway Fund - \$219,530.99 (Abstract #12)

Sewer Fund \$139,604.88 (Abstract #12)

Water Fund - \$85,543.84 (Abstract #12)

No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER  
Town Clerk

