

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Public Hearing, Reorganizational and regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street.

Present were Supervisor Michael Ferrara; Councilwoman Dawn Dyson; Councilmen Douglas Avery, David DeLelys and Steven Churchill. Also present were Dean Zettlemyer, Zoning Officer; James Spina, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation; Deborah VonWald, Assessor; James Peterson, Highway Superintendent; Joseph Tullo, Chief WWTP Operator; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; Peter Baker, Town Engineer and a Member of the local media.

Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law #1 – 2020: Supervisor Ferrara opened the Public Hearing relative to Local Law #1 – 2020, a local law to abolish and dis-establish the Office of Town Attorney, at 6:00 P.M. He stated in 2018, the Town Board established the office of Town Attorney; this local law abolishes that position and enables the Board to hire an attorney for municipal purposes. He asked if there were any comments or questions.

Since there were no comments, a motion was made to close the Public Hearing at 6:05 P.M. by Steve Churchill and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Supervisor Ferrara – Opening Remarks:

Supervisor Ferrara thanked the Highway Department, Police, Water & Sewer, Parks & Recreation and all Town Employees for helping out in making It's a Wonderful Life Weekend another huge success. The metal detector will not be used any longer at Meetings, and there will not be a Police presence other than the Police Chief. He hopes everyone will feel at ease and come to meetings on a regular basis – the Board is looking for your input and partnership as we move forward in 2020. For organizational purposes and timing, if anyone wishes to speak at a Meeting, notify the Town Clerk by Noon, the Thursday before the Meeting so you can be put on the Agenda; also, an opportunity will be provided to speak. Mr. Ferrara said the Board still would like to hold comments from 3 to 5 minutes to help move the meeting along. He said it's your Government and your Town, and you need to get involved and need to become informed.

Mr. Ferrara mentioned the Article 78 litigation with SMI and said there is a Court date of January 21st in Waterloo. There is a serious sewer problem on the Rt 318-Rt 414 corridor that connects Junius, Tyre and the Rt.414 corridor in Seneca Falls that comes down Rt. 5 & 20 – the sewer line that comes down Rt. 5 & 20 is in desperate need of repair. Previous Boards have been working on eminent domain to secure Ludovico Trail to bring the sewer line down the Trail. This is still ongoing, and the Board will have to make a decision as to whether to continue with eminent domain or go to Plan B which will be Bayard Street and which is more expensive and more intrusive.

Mr. Ferrara mentioned projects that are ongoing with water and sewer, such as the equalization tank at the Sewer Treatment. Those projects have been bid out, preliminary work and studies have been done, and projects will be started soon. We will continue to reline some of the existing sewer lines in the Town and former Village to help make those sewer lines more usable.

Mr. Ferrara said Bayard Street is still a problem. There is a 150-year old tunnel under Bayard Street made of stone that takes off the drainage from the south end of the Village into the Canal. The Canal Corps inspected it and determined that the tunnel was unsafe. Mr. Ferrara stated through Mr. Baker's efforts and working with the Canal Corps and a video, they determined that the road was safe enough for limited traffic, and it was opened. He added the problem is not solved – this is just a temporary fix. It still has to be determined who is going to pay for it and what the extent of the project is.

Mr. Ferrara stated he would like to revitalize the Solid Waste Committee to start working on our solid waste issues, and urged people to join that committee to work towards solutions. He mentioned the closure of the Landfill and said he would like to work with a committee and people to start looking at the overall impact of what the eventual closing of the Landfill is. He added we need to continue to work with the Landfill and keep them accountable based on the Host Community Agreement. He plans on working with them to continue to hold them accountable for odors, and we need to audit SMI to make sure we are getting the proper contribution.

Mr. Ferrara said we need to start looking at financial planning to keep taxes lower – we need to be more effective and efficient, and start planning now for landfill closure. He mentioned the Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant from the State and said it is a very big deal. We are in the process of implementing that grant which is difficult – a lot of work and a lot of meetings. It's on a fast pace, and he reminded those who would like to

submit a proposal that they are due January 17th. Mr. Ferrara said in 2-3 years, you will see a major impact on downtown Seneca Falls and the Sackett District.

Mr. Ferrara stated the Board needs to do a better job of using resources out there. They have interviewed grant writers to help find money to help support some of our infrastructure issues, record keeping issues, etc. Grant Writer will be appointed this Evening.

Mr. Ferrara stated we are a very large Town – it's a village and town combined. He mentioned that we have some great people and department chairs who work here; everybody is doing their job, but we need to look at how to become more effective and more efficient. He is a firm believer that we need some type of manager/administrator to run the day-to-day business of the Town.

Mr. Ferrara talked about updating the Town's website, and exploring more inter-municipal arrangements. He mentioned working with Seneca County to hire a shared IT person, and hopefully, that will happen. Mr. Ferrara said he has had discussions with a Geneva-based Company called CBN about bringing alternative internet and television services to the Town at a much lower cost. He also wants to submit overdue corrective action plans in response to the State audit findings, which he hopes to get done in the next couple of months.

2020 Appointments:

Mr. Ferrara made a motion to appoint Special Counsel Attorneys Boylan Code, Barclay Damon & Roemer, Wallens, Gold & Mineaux. Mr. Churchill asked if there was a reason why the Attorney for the Town was skipped; Mr. Ferrara replied yes, we don't have an Attorney to appoint.

Mr. Churchill made a motion to appoint Patrick Morrell as Attorney for the Town, seconded by Dave DeLelys.

Mr. Churchill stated he realizes RFPs have been reviewed and a discussion and meeting was held a few weeks ago. He said Mr. Morrell has history with our Town and certainly knows the inter-workings - he had been the Town Attorney for many years. He is local and very capable, and Mr. Churchill thinks he will do a wonderful job for the Town. Mr. Ferrara asked if Mr. Morrell was interviewed; Mr. Avery replied no – none of the Applicants were interviewed.

The above motion made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Dave DeLelys to appoint Patrick Morrell as Attorney for the Town was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Councilwoman Dyson with the dissenting vote.

A motion was made to appoint Boylan Code, Barclay Damon and Roemer, Wallens, Gold & Mineaux as Special Counsel Attorneys for the Town by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

Mr. Churchill asked if this means that we are contracting with these attorneys for a year. Mr. Ferrara replied all three have 2-year agreements going into 2020. Mr. Churchill said he thinks it's more prudent, depending on the issue you may face, you may or may not want one of the Attorney Firms – in the best interest of the Town; we don't want to be locked into one of these three. Mr. Ferrara explained that these three are dealing with specific Town issues. Brief discussion followed.

The above motion made by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys to appoint Boylan Code, Barclay Damon, and Roemer, Wallens, Gold & Mineaux as Special Counsel Attorneys was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reappoint Kathryn Lankford and Melissa Howell as Deputy Town Clerks, and Linda Marzan as Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Receiver by Steve Churchill and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reappoint Eileen Schmidt, Ashley VanDoren and Courtney Adams as Court Clerks by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Ferrara appointed Councilwoman Dyson as Deputy Supervisor.

A motion was made to appoint Timothy Pagano as Deputy Highway Superintendent by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Brian Devay as Deputy Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Fred Peterman as Deputy Water/Sewer Maintainer by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Nicaletta Greer as Assistant to Zoning Officer by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Melissa Howell as Secretary to Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Nicaletta Greer as Registrar of Vital Statistics by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Kathryn Lankford as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Nicaletta Greer as Records Management Officer by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Dallyn Jenkins as Dog Control Officer by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Tammy Clark as a Member of the Recreation Commission by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson.

Mr. Spina stated the Rec Commission generally handles those appointments; they interview and make a recommendation to the Board. He said every five years, there are two that come off or are reappointed. There is a vacancy, and this month, the Commission will advertise, discuss it and make a recommendation to the Board. There are ten on the Commission – seven regular members and three alternates. Brian Thomas did not want to be reappointed, so an alternate will move into that regular spot.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to appoint Tammy Clark as a Member of the Recreation Commission was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Stuart Peenstra as Ex-Officio Member of the Recreation Commission by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Ferrara stated, with the Board's permission, he would like to table the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Heritage Preservation Commission appointments because we are in the process of determining years of service and if they want to continue serving. He added if they have meetings in January, they will still serve in their capacity. Mr. Avery stated he has had requests from people in the Community who are interested in getting on – are we saying applications will be accepted. Mr. Ferrara replied the Town Clerk will place an ad and applications will be accepted; if their terms have expired, they should reapply. Discussion followed.

A motion was made to appoint Steven Gleason as Alternate Member of the Planning Board by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Steve Churchill. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Timothy Hopkins and Frank DeJohn as Alternate Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reappoint Freda Wilson to the Cemetery Commission by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Fran Barbieri as Town Historian by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to appoint Barton & Loguidice as the Town Engineering Firm by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Churchill asked if this is a contract with Barton & Loguidice for the year at a fixed rate. Mr. Baker stated the Town designates an Engineer on an annual basis. The agreement includes general services on the day-to-day engineering-type activities on an as needed basis. They also have capital services – specific projects. He said they have a couple of ongoing agreements, such as the equalization tank, sanitary sewer rehab project, etc. Mr. Baker mentioned that there is a 30-day out clause on both sides on agreements. Discussion followed.

A motion to table the appointment of Barton & Loguidice as the Town Engineering Firm was made by Steve Churchill. Since there was no second, the motion failed.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to appoint Barton & Loguidice as the Town Engineering Firm was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Councilman Churchill with the dissenting vote.

A motion was made to appoint the Bonadio Group as Town Auditors by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Churchill asked if the Town solicited for this. The Town Clerk replied the Bonadio Group does the Town's yearly audit. She said it's hard to find town auditors – a town audit is different than a business audit. Mr. Ferrara said he thinks everyone here would agree that we need to do due diligence and start looking at engineering firms, legal firms, etc. We need to have people in place and the audit is coming up within a few weeks. He is in favor of forming committees and doing RFPs. Further discussion followed.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to appoint the Bonadio Group as Town Auditors was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made to conduct a regular monthly Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion to designate Community Bank, Five Star Bank, M&T Bank, First Niagara Bank and Lyons National Bank for the deposit of Town monies by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made designating the Finger Lakes Times as the official Town newspaper by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made to adopt the current IRS mileage rate (.575) and Per Diem Rate by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made to adopt the 2020 Procurement Policy by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Churchill said he read through the Policy fairly quickly, and he feels a lot of the housekeeping should be cleaned up before it's adopted.

A motion was made to table adoption of the 2020 Procurement Policy by Steve Churchill and seconded by Michael Ferrara.

Mr. Avery asked what happens if this is tabled; Mr. Ferrara replied he will appoint two Board Members. Mr. Avery said it makes more sense to have Mr. Morrell review it.

The above motion made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Michael Ferrara to table adoption of the 2020 Procurement Policy was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

After further discussion, Mr. Churchill said he will work up his questions and give them to Mr. Ferrara, who, in turn, will give them to Mr. Morrell who will work up a draft. Mr. Ferrara will forward the draft to Board Members.

2020 Committee Assignments:

Mr. Ferrara proceeded to read the following Committee Assignments:

Assessment – Steve Churchill, Chair and Dawn Dyson

Economic Development – Doug Avery, Chair and Michael Ferrara

Recreation – Dawn Dyson, Chair and Dave DeLelys

Highway/Public Works – Mike Ferrara, Chair and Doug Avery

Waste Management – Mike Ferrara, Chair and Doug Avery

Personnel – Doug Avery, Chair and Dave DeLelys

Website/IT – Steve Churchill, Chair and Dawn Dyson

Public Safety – Dave DeLelys, Chair and Steve Churchill

Court – Dave DeLelys, Chair and Steve Churchill

Solid Waste – Mike Ferrara, Chair and Steve Churchill

Water/Sewer – Doug Avery, Chair and Mike Ferrara

Mr. Avery stated through the last part of November and December, he and Mr. DeLelys were acting as liaison with Dataprise. Mr. Ferrara said he has been working with Dataprise; there are still some issues. The Police have some issues, and they are trying to get Jason Palladino at the County to be able to contact Dataprise because he deals with the Police Station and Police cars. Mr. Avery said they have been working with different people at Dataprise – what does he tell them. Mr. Ferrara said they are handling them. Mr. Churchill said he will talk with them as IT Chair.

Open Bids – 60 State Street and 10 Fall Street: Mr. Ferrara opened the following bids:

60 State Street – Casey & Christopher Galloway, Seneca Falls, NY

10 Fall Street – Becky Bly (Seneca Falls Performing Arts Center), Seneca Falls, NY

Mr. Ferrara said the bids will be referred to Committee for review – Dave DeLelys and Doug Avery.

Petitioners:

Robert Wayne: Robert Wayne stated before the Village dissolved, everyone living in the Town paid \$0 Town tax; as of today, his Town tax was just under \$1,900. The \$1,900 happened because all those living in the Village voted to dissolve the Village because taxes were too much; those living in the Town had no say. Mr. Wayne said Town taxes keep going up and Town Government keeps getting bigger. He talked about giving Town employees raises midway during a fiscal year which wasn't budgeted.

Mr. Wayne mentioned the Recreation Center budget went up \$70,000, and Vince's Park budget went up \$57,000. He said Vince's Park needs to be sold and put back on the tax roll. It's becoming a money pit, and is not used as much as it used to be. Mr. Wayne stated the Town Police Department was forced upon Town residents without a vote. Those outside the Village were happy with the coverage by the Sheriff's Department and State Police.

Mr. Wayne stated he feels it's time for the Board to start downsizing government and start looking out for the taxpayers. We still have to deal with the closing of Seneca Meadows. Also, the Fire Department wants to put up a referendum to add an addition to the Fire House which is going to raise fire taxes.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Meeting of December 3, 2019 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 Special/Year End Meeting of December 27, 2019 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Reports:

Dog Control Officer: A motion was made to accept the Dog Control Officer's reports for November 2019 and December 2019 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Zoning Officer: A motion was made to accept Mr. Zettlemoyer's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Avery stated under Violations, they are all for removal of snow, ice and dirt from sidewalks – they are all Fall Street addresses and all the same day. Mr. Zettlemoyer stated these are the habitual ones every year – they have been served several notices. Mr. Avery said if we are going to enforce it, we have to enforce it Townwide. He referred to Route 5 & 20 and said there are landlords and property owners there that don't or refuse to remove the snow. Mr. Zettlemoyer said Rt. 5 & 20 is entirely a different situation – people shovel their sidewalks and then the State plow comes down and fills it right back in. He said – how do you cite those people for not shoveling when they did. Mr. Avery stated we need to discuss it and come up with a solution. Mr. Ferrara stated hopefully, he, Mr. Zettlemoyer and Mr. Peterson can meet and look at this right away. Mr. DeLelys mentioned that NYMIR said if the Town goes on property and shovels, the Town is liable if someone gets hurt – right now, it's on the homeowner.

Mr. Churchill said until we resolve this issue, does it make sense to continue to cite these folks. Mr. Zettlemoyer said they were not actually cited. He explained the steps to enforce this - a courtesy letter is sent; next would be a remedy letter; and by the time the remedy letter goes out the snow is gone. Mr. Churchill said don't do

anything until we get something that works. Mr. Avery disagreed and said the Mr. Zettlemoyer should continue sending the letters – there's no harm in notifying them. Further discussion followed.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to accept Mr. Zettlemoyer's report was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Commissioner of Parks & Recreation: A motion was made to accept Mr. Spina's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway Superintendent: A motion was made to accept Mr. Peterson's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Steve Churchill. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Peterson mentioned that the Christmas Tree pickup will be Monday, January 13th.

Assessor: A motion was made to accept Mrs. VonWald's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mrs. VonWald stated Gary Drake, the State's liaison, came in and could not access and update the State software. She had to contact Dataprise and have them do remote access to allow the changes. She needs Gary Drake to have access without permission for the State software – Gary was delayed about three hours due to denied access to the software. After brief discussion, Mr. Ferrara indicated that they are working on this.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to accept Mrs. VonWald's report was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Town Justices: A motion was made to accept the reports of Judge Lafler and Judge Laquidari by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Mr. Tullo extended an invitation to the new Board Members to take a tour of the water/sewer facilities.

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

Chief Peenstra thanked everyone who brought toys and helped with their Toy Drive. They dropped off 30 large boxes of toys to Social Services for the kids for Christmas. He said it was a hugely successful event which made it a special Christmas for a lot of kids. Mr. Ferrara thanked the Chief and his Department for doing this every year – it's a great Community service.

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

Barton & Loguidice: A motion was made to accept the Town Engineer's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Communications:

A motion was made to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 8 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays. Communications numbered 1 to 8 are as follows:

1. Minutes of the Seneca County Planning Board Meeting of November 14, 2019.
2. Results of Bridgeport Fire District Election of December 10, 2019 from Kim Gribneau, Secretary, Bridgeport Fire District.
3. Water System Field Compliance Inspection Summary Report from Seneca County Health, Environmental Services.
4. Checks and deposits totaling \$1,578,875.00 representing copies of Police reports; Retirees Insurance payments; Retiree yearly Insurance payment; mortgage tax; dumpster fees; per diem overpayment; AIM Aid; CHIPS revenue; Pave NY WIRP; Community Center deposit; sale of scrap; School Resource Officer reimbursement; Bridgeport FD fuel reimbursement; Judge Laquidari's November report; SMI Landfill revenue (\$1,033,773,20) and Judge Lafler's November report.
5. Network News from Cayuga Lake Watershed Network.
6. Minutes of the Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting of December 18, 2019.
7. Notice of Public Hearing on confirmation of second amended Joint Plan of Reorganization of Chapter 11

of Cornerstone Homes, Inc. from US Bankruptcy Court.

8. Letter from Kate Bennett, President, National Women's Hall of Fame, thanking Town for its support.

Old Business:

Write-off Uncollectable Receivables: Mr. Ferrara noted this is in reference to the funds owed to the Town by Phil Jordan; we have to get a legal opinion on this.

A motion was made to table write-off Uncollectable Receivables by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events: None this month.

Authorize Town Supervisor to Invest Town Monies: A motion was made authorizing the Town Supervisor to invest Town monies by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Delegate & Alternate Delegate – Association of Towns Meeting: A motion was made designating Douglas Avery as Delegate and David DeLelys as Alternate Delegate to attend the Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Proposed Local Law #1 – 2020: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt Local Law #1-2020, a Local Law to Abolish and Dis-Establish the position of Town Attorney for the Town of Seneca Falls. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Renew SMI Annual License to Construct & Operate Landfill: A motion was made to renew SMI's annual license to construct and operate Landfill by Michael Ferrara.

Mr. DeLelys said he thinks this should be tabled and have Mr. Morrell look at it. Mr. Ferrara said the permit is pretty standard and a check has been submitted – this is renewal of their license which is part of the Host Agreement which is in effect until 2025. Mr. Churchill said he concurs with Mr. DeLelys – it should be reviewed by the Town's Attorney to see if there are any issues with it. He would also like to have the time to read and understand the document better. Mr. Avery stated this is the Town's opportunity to express concerns about the fact that the odors have increased again. He also said Mr. Morrell should take a look at it. Brief discussion followed.

A motion was made to table the renewal of SMI's annual license to construct and operate the Landfill by Steve Churchill and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Supervisor Ferrara with the dissenting vote.

Budget Modifications for December 2019: A motion was made to approve Budget Modifications as submitted by the Principal Account Clerk by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Bids – 60 State Street & 10 Fall Street: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to table the bids for 60 State Street and 10 Fall Street so that they can be reviewed. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Appoint Joshua Sahler Water/Wastewater Operator Trainee: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board realizes that Joshua Sahler has scored high enough on his Civil Service exam to be promoted to Water/Wastewater Operator Trainee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the appointment of Joshua Sahler to the position of Water/Wastewater Operator Trainee. His pay rate will be the starting salary in the Matrix for this position \$21.72.

Mr. Tullo said Joshua Sahler and Michael Bradley were both hired as Laborers with the intent to bring them up as Trainees. Mr. Churchill asked how many licensed Water/Wastewater Operators does the Town have. Mr. Tullo replied three and himself. Mr. Churchill said so this would move two more up, and the next step would be Operators – so there would be six Water/Wastewater Operators - how many does he need. He assumes that as these folks move up, he is going to pull in Laborers to replace them. Mr. Avery asked if Mr. Tullo was going

to turn around and hire Laborers; Mr. Tullo replied no – the intent was to start as Laborer and progress up. Brief discussion followed.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution authorizing the appointment of Joshua Sahler as Water/Wastewater Operator Trainee was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Appoint Michael Bradley Water/Wastewater Operator Trainee: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board realizes that Michael Bradley has scored high enough on his Civil Service exam to be promoted to Water/Wastewater Operator Trainee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the appointment of Michael Bradley to the position of Water/Wastewater Operator Trainee. His pay rate will be the starting salary in the Matrix for this position \$21.72.

Mr. Ferrara asked if this gives cross-training ability; Mr. Tullo replied yes – they will be trained at both plants. Mr. Ferrara said if the Board keeps moving people up, where is the bottom fall-out type of thing. Mr. Tullo said right now, they don't have enough licensed Operators according to the DEC.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution authorizing the appointment of Michael Bradley as Water/Wastewater Operator Trainee was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Appoint Grant Writer: A motion was made to appoint MRB Group as the Town's Grant Writers by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Ferrara stated MRB Group submitted an RFP; the Committee interviewed three Grant Writers and determined that MRB would be their choice. He added they will be meeting next week to see what is available. Mr. Churchill asked if there were any other bidders; Mr. Ferrara replied that there were five – three were interviewed. Mr. Churchill asked who interviewed; Mr. Ferrara responded he, Mr. Avery and Mr. DeLelys.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to appoint MRB Group as the Town's Grant Writers was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Councilman Churchill with the dissenting vote.

Authorize Town Supervisor to Sign Inter-Municipal Agreement for School Resource Officer: A motion was made authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the Inter-Municipal Agreement for School Resource Officer by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

Chief Peenstra stated with there being a new School Superintendent, we went through the Agreement and noticed there was some verbiage that needed to be added. It went through the School Attorney, and now with a new Town Supervisor and School Superintendent, they thought it would be a good time to re-sign the Agreement with the new verbiage and new people. After brief discussion, Mr. Ferrara said he would have Mr. Morrell review it.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the Inter-Municipal Agreement for School Resource Officer was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Authorize Town Supervisor to Sign NYSEG Excavation Permit: A motion was made authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the NYSEG Excavation Permit by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson.

Mr. Peterson stated every year, NYSEG sends out a permit which would give them permission to dig in the Town's right-of-way; the Town needs to sign off on that, and they will have to follow the Town's rules.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the NYSEG Excavation Permit was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway – Purchase Snow Pusher for Snow Removal: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to purchase a snow pusher for snow removal. Two quotes are from Bobcat of the Finger Lakes for \$2,653.16 and quote from ZM Industries for \$2,245.50. After looking at both pieces of equipment, the recommendation is to go with Bobcat of the Finger Lakes for \$2,653.16 as it is built stronger and has a tilt system for following the road edge better; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department will use this for snow removal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of a snow pusher from Bobcat of the Finger Lakes for the sum of \$2,653.16. This snow pusher is under NYS Contract and is a budgeted item for 2020.

Mr. Churchill asked if there is a current snow pusher that is being replaced. Mr. Peterson replied they have one, and they are looking to get a second one. Mr. Churchill said if we have one, what is the need for a second one. Mr. Peterson said it's for when they clean downtown and push the snow to the curb so they can get done a lot faster – also, for the parking lots so he can put another guy on and move the snow faster.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution authorizing the purchase of a snow pusher was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Highway – Purchase 2020 CV515 SFA International Dump Truck: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to purchase a 2020 CV515 SFA International dump truck with an all-season box and all the plow equipment from Regional International Corp. for the sum of \$128,936.68; and WHEREAS, this truck will replace the 2009 F550 they have now. The 2009 will be sold on Auction International when the new truck arrives, pending Board approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of a 2020 CV515 SFA International dump truck will all-season box and plow equipment from Regional International Corp. for the sum of \$128,936.68. This vehicle is under NYS Contract and is a budgeted item for 2020.

Mr. Peterson stated this is a smaller truck for inside the former Village that has the plow wing on it and all-season box. He said on the Asset Management Plan, these trucks are usually replaced every seven years; it got put out eleven years – this truck needs to be replaced. Mr. DeLelys asked if this is one of the trucks that NYMIR said is not safe; Mr. Peterson replied yes – the two F550s. Mr. Avery mentioned that Mr. Peterson asked for two trucks for the budget but it was cut back to one. He added this truck needs to be ordered because of the length of time it will take to get it. Mr. Ferrara mentioned that the Asset Management Plan needs to be updated.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2020 CV515 SFA International Dump Truck was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Highway – Purchase SB240 Snowblower for Bobcat: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to purchase a SB240 snowblower for snow removal for the bobcat. One quote was from Bobcat of the Finger Lakes for \$5,301.52 with trade-in of a 1999 snowblower; and WHEREAS, this new snowblower will replace the 1999 snowblower.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of a SB240 snowblower from Bobcat of the Finger Lakes for the sum of \$5,301.52 with trade-in. This snowblower is under NYS Contract and is a budgeted item for 2020.

Mr. Peterson stated this is the former Village snowblower purchased in 1999 and is really tired. They use these snowblowers for the sidewalks they do.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution authorizing the purchase of a SB240 Snowblower for Bobcat was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Highway – Surplus Specific Items to be Sold at Auction International: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to surplus the following items: 1 garage door 8x8, 2 snow Ex sanders, 2 light bars, 1 spyker push sander and 1 saltdogg sander; and

WHEREAS, these items will be put on Auction International for sale as these items are no longer used.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the surplus of these items to be auctioned off through Auction International.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Highway – Transfer Two Laborers to Temporary MEO Positions: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to transfer two Laborers to temporary MEO positions. This will help with the workload we have as we are down one MEO due to a disability issue until further notice. The Highway Committee has recommended a \$1.00 an hour increase in pay; and

WHEREAS, these two employees will be able to perform all the duties as the rest of the MEOs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the transfer of

two Laborers to the temporary MEO position at an increase of \$1.00 an hour in pay.

Mr. Peterson stated they are down a position – a man went out for surgery. The Laborers are not supposed to be running a bobcat or heavy equipment. He said if they are moved to a temporary MEO position, he can utilize them to run a bobcat or any heavy equipment. Mrs. Dyson said Mr. Peterson is down one position – why is he bringing two people up. Mr. Peterson replied because if he leaves the other person in Laborer's position, he can't utilize him for a bobcat or heavy equipment. Mr. Churchill said since this is temporary, does the \$1.00 an hour go away when they go back; Mr. Peterson replied yes.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the above resolution authorizing the transfer of two Laborers to temporary MEO positions was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

W/S – Fence Installation at Oak Street Barn: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board realizes the need for installation of a fence at the Oak Street Barn; and
WHEREAS, the Water/Sewer Department received 2 bids for the fence. Reale Fence, Inc. located in Geneva was the low bidder at \$4,460. This is a budgeted item and there is \$6,000 in the Budget.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of said fence from Reale Fence, Inc. for \$4,460.

Mr. Tullo said they have an unsightly fence there now; they would like to put up a chain link fence with slats. He added hopefully, the weather will hold out so that it can be installed before the School comes over and utilizes the parking area.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the above resolution authorizing the installation of a fence at the Oak Street Barn was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Additional Increase for Court Clerk (Office Manager): A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Town Justice Lafler requested a .50 per hour increase for the Court Office Manager Eileen Schmidt for added duties as Office Manager in addition to the increase provided all hourly employees; and
WHEREAS, the amount for this increase was added to the Budget line, but was not acted upon by the Town Board during the Budget process.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board approves the additional .50 per hour for Eileen Schmidt to be added to the increase for 2020 approved for all hourly employees.

Mr. Churchill asked if this was to bring her in line with the rest of the employees in the Office. Mr. Avery replied this is to bring her in line with her extra duties. Mr. Churchill said there is no Office Manager position; Mr. DeLelys replied no – the Judge is giving her added duties as per the State; this was discussed at the Budget Workshop. Brief discussion followed.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the above resolution approving the additional .50 per hour for Eileen Schmidt was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Authorize Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor to Sign Checks: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Town Supervisor and Town Board to appoint two individuals to sign checks on behalf of the Town; and
WHEREAS, the terms of the two previous signers have been completed.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Five Star Bank to remove Gregory Lazzaro and Louis Ferrara as approved check signers; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Five Star Bank to add Michael J. Ferrara and Dawn Dyson as approved check signers.
No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project Change Order No. 4: A motion was made to approve Change Order No. 4 relative to the Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project which authorizes the work for Additive Bid items No. 1 and No. 2 at a no cost increase by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Baker proceeded to explain the Project and Additive Bids No. 1 and No. 2 which include 11,431 LF of additional sanitary sewer cleaning and CCTV inspection for pipe diameters 6-inch to 12-inch, and includes 2,856 LF of additional sanitary sewer cleaning and CCTV inspection for pipe diameters 15-inch to 20-inch.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to approve Change Order No. 4 relative to the Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project was carried 5 aye, 0 naves.

WTP – Generator Replacement Project Change Order No. 1: Mr. Ferrara read the description and reasoning for Change Order No. 1 which is as follows:

Following the Notice of Award on September 11, 2019, Concord Electric Corp. submitted their Bonds and Insurances to Barton & Loguidice on September 17, 2019, and Barton & Loguidice provided the documents to the Town Attorney the same day. After multiple follow-ups with the Town Attorney, comments on the Contractor’s Bonds and Insurances were not received from him until November 2, 2019. This delay in review and approval resulted in increased costs and a time extension necessary to complete the replacement work.

Change Order No. 1 includes the costs and time increases associated with the delay. Items included in the Change Order are extension to pollution liability; increase in Generator cost; additional costs for completing work under Winter conditions; additional unit costs for contamination removal. The total amount for Change Order No. 1 is \$8,623.23.

Mr. Churchill believes the Attorney should review this. He said no ill will towards the Town’s former Attorney, but he cost the Town money by delaying it two months. Further discussion followed.

A motion was made to approve the Generator Replacement Project Change Order No. 1 conditional upon the Town’s Attorney approval of the verbiage by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Water/Sewer Credits:

A motion was made to approve the Water/Sewer credits in the amount of \$751.68 as per Memo dated January 7, 2020 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Mr. Ferrara mentioned that the Women’s Hall of Fame had a meter on the fire hydrant when they were doing construction – the meter was in place from June 2018 to June 2019, and the water bill for the Hall was \$11,000. The Hall is looking for relief – they are asking for 2/3 forgiveness. Mr. Ferrara said they made a couple of claims which are not accurate. He sent an email to them with a proposal, but hasn’t heard back from them yet.

Payment of Bills:

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

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| General Fund - \$351,596.71 (Abstract #01) | Recreation Fund - \$28,049.46 (Abstract #01) |
| Miscellaneous Fund - \$5,226.44 (Abstract #01) | Vince’s Park Fund - \$97.00 (Abstract #01) |
| Highway Fund - \$36,355.06 (Abstract #01) | Sewer Fund - \$34,914.98 (Abstract #01) |
| Water Fund - \$55,763.17 (Abstract #01) | |

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Mr. Ferrara welcomed Steve Churchill and Dawn Dyson to the 2020 Board, and welcomed Doug Avery and Dave DeLelys back as Incumbents on the Board. He thanked Greg Lazzaro, Lou Ferrara and Vic Porretta for their years of service on the Town Board.

Mr. Ferrara stated being elected Officials is not an easy thing to do, and hopefully, people are doing it for the right reason. The right reason is to make the Community we all come from a better place. He is convinced that all five Board Members have the best interest of Seneca Falls in mind and the Community.

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 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

