

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a regular monthly Meeting which was a “live-streamed” Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

Present were Supervisor Michael Ferrara; Councilman Dawn Dyson; and Councilmen Douglas Avery, David DeLelys and Steven Churchill by telephone. Also present by telephone were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; James Spina, Commissioner of Parks & Recreation; Dean Zettlemoyer, Zoning Officer; James Peterson, Highway Superintendent; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief and Peter Baker, Town Engineer.

Mr. Ferrara called the Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. A roll call of Board Members was taken and all were present or available by telephone; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Mr. Ferrara welcomed everyone to Seneca Falls’ first Virtual Meeting. Hopefully, many Town Residents are able to watch this “live” on FingerLakes1. On behalf of the Town Board, Mr. Ferrara expressed concern for everyone’s health, and said hopefully, we can get back to normal in May.

Open Bids – Equipment Rental Agreement: Mr. Ferrara noted one bid for heavy equipment was received which is from Seneca Pipe & Paving Co., Inc., Seneca Falls, New York. He opened the sealed bid which listed all heavy equipment with hourly rates.

Open Bids – Removal of Trees: Mr. Ferrara opened the one sealed bid for cutting down, removing trees and grinding stumps 6” below ground level. The bid with rates listed was from Lumbermac Tree Service, Phelps, NY.

Mr. Ferrara said he will have Mr. Morrell look at the bids to make sure they conform to our Procurement Policy.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Informational/Special Meeting of February 27, 2020 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 Informational/Public Hearing and Meeting of March 3, 2020 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Reports:

Dog Control Officer: A motion was made to accept the Dog Control Officer’s report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. 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 Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays. (Mr. Avery was not available.)

Commissioner of Parks & Recreation: A motion was made to accept Mr. Spina’s report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson.

Mr. Spina stated Canalfest has been postponed. They are looking for support from the Board for Convention Days later on. He said the Easter Egg Hunt has been postponed, but they will do something for the kids maybe in the Summer as they have the candy and can’t send it back. He mentioned that the men have started working today, cleaning outdoors and getting ready to mow.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to accept Mr. Spina’s report was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays. (Mr. Avery was not available.)

Highway Superintendent: A motion was made to accept Mr. Peterson’s report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays. (Mr. Avery was not available.)

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

Mr. Ferrara stated Mr. Tullo had a health issue and was in the hospital over the weekend. He said all is good, but he is faced with mandatory or self-quarantine because he was in the hospital. He added in Mr. Tullo’s absence, James Varricchio is taking care of water and Brian DeVay sewer.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to accept Mr. Tullo’s report was carried 4 ayes, 0 nays. (Mr. Avery was not available.)

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

Mr. Ferrara stated on behalf of the Town Board, he would like to thank the Chief, Lt. Snyder and the entire Police Department for what they are doing on the front lines every day. He added they are dealing with and are in contact with people on a regular basis, and the Board appreciates their dedication.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to accept Chief Peenstra's report was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays. (Mr. Avery is back on line.)

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

Mr. Baker stated as to COVID-19, they are considered an essential business because of their work involvement. They have two active projects, one being the sewer rehabilitation project. There are two crews - W.D. Malone is working on Maple and Johnston Streets and the other crew is doing cleaning and sewer inspection from Green Mountain. Mr. Baker stated they are all aware of the social distance requirement, and they all have records of letters from their employers indicating they are doing essential business work.

Mr. Baker stated they are wrapping up the generator project at the Water Treatment Plant. They did a test yesterday, and there will be another test performed tomorrow before final approval.

Mr. Baker said he sent out an amendment in the 2020 Agreement relative to the generator replacement. He would like that executed at some point in time by year-end.

Mr. Baker referred to the Bayard Street Culvert and said he provided some preliminary costs for three options. He would like to schedule a virtual workshop with the entire Board or two Board Members. He mentioned that the more cost-effective option is the one that is more suitable for grant funding. Mr. Ferrara asked if the Board can have an Executive Session to discuss the three proposals. After brief discussion, Mr. Morrell said he would check it out and let the Board know.

Mr. Morrell referred to Mr. Baker stating the ongoing projects have been determined to be essential services, and said he received an email from NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation which states that all water and wastewater construction projects are deemed by the State to be essential services. He added this is not just a determination made by the contractor nor is there any required action by the Town to continue these actions.

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

MRB Grant Writing Services: A motion was made to accept the April 1, 2020 Report from MRB Grant Writing Services by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson.

Mr. Ferrara mentioned Emily Palumbo discussed with Department Heads what their priorities might be; they took that and put it into a needs assessment. They will have a follow-up next week so they can get this into final form, and the Town can prepare for the grant season which is upon us. Mr. Ferrara mentioned that the Main Street Grant should be pursued this year; MRB agreed and said it has been updated.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to accept the April 1, 2020 Report from MRB Grant Writing Services was 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 Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays. Communications numbered 1 to 8 are as follows:

1. Monthly Report of all moneys received and disbursed during the month of January 2020 from Town Supervisor.
2. Contributions totaling \$908.00 for Restvale Cemetery flagpole – contributions made in memory of James Wilson.
3. Certificate of Results of Votes Cast at Bridgeport Fire District Special Election from Kim Gribnau, Secretary.
4. Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 from Town Supervisor.
5. Town of Seneca Falls Condition Assessment Report relative to the Auburn Road Tower from Utility

Service Co., Inc.

6. Network News from Cayuga Lake Watershed Network.
7. Monthly Report of all moneys received and disbursed during the month of February 2020 from Town Supervisor.
8. Checks and deposits totaling \$97,531.23 representing sale of grave; burial fees; tower rent; copies of Police reports; School Resource Officer reimbursement; Retirees Insurance; PILOT payments; Spectrum refund; Vince's Park deposits; excavating bond; Town Clerk's January and February 2020 monthly reports; BFD fuel reimbursement; dumpster fees; unemployment reimbursement; Community Center deposit; disability reimbursement; Restvale Cemetery contributions; Judge Laquidari and Judge Lafler February reports; sale of scrap and tower rent.

Communications:

Sale of Surplus Property – 10 Fall Street: No action.

Sale of Surplus Property – 60 State Street: Mr. Morrell stated they are in the process of trying to get a contract together between the Town and the ones who submitted the proposal.

Adopt Procurement Policy: Mr. Morrell said he received the proposal, and would like to discuss it with Mr. Churchill and Mr. Avery to work through it. Mr. Ferrara said to keep Mr. Ruzicka in contact. Mr. Avery indicated he would reach out to him; they will sit down with Mr. Morrell first.

Renew SMI License to Operate Landfill: A motion was made to take this off the table by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson.

Mr. Avery stated there is one request on the table before the Board considers this - that they create a management odor reporting system that the public can trust. He said until we have that, he doesn't see this moving forward. Mr. Ferrara said he understands everyone's concerns, but he thinks it's irresponsible on the Town Board's part to not renew the permit. He added this will put the 1st and 2nd quarter payments in delay at a very difficult time, fiscally speaking, and will cost the Town more legal fees for not issuing the permit. Mr. Avery said we have one chance to do this; if you look at records of past meetings, public hearings, there are zero people in Seneca Falls who trust that system. He added the Board has an obligation to get a system in place that we can trust – it's a simple request and shouldn't cost them that much. Mr. Ferrara said he thinks this is asking them to open the conditions of the Host Agreement. Mr. Avery mentioned that the conditions say they have to provide a system for complaints – as long as it's not trustworthy, they are not providing that. Mr. Ferrara stated SMI will litigate this and some Judge is going to have to make that decision.

Mr. Churchill referred to the letter the Board received from SMI's Attorney which mentioned that if the Board did not approve their operating permit tonight they will sue and cut off the Town's funds and negate the Host Agreement. He said shame on them for doing this in the middle of the pandemic. He added there is only one thing we would like resolved; they are in violation of the Host Agreement – not the Town. Mr. Churchill stated this was tabled last month; his vote is not to bring it off the table and move on.

Mr. DeLelys stated we have the odor, and we also complained about the staging of the trucks. It's getting warmer weather now; they have covers but they are still leaking. We have to get this odor done somehow.

Mr. Avery stated the Board cannot table this tonight and do nothing and bring it up again next month. He said there has to be some conversation (face-to-face) with Kyle Black or someone. Mr. Ferrara mentioned that he has had discussions with Mr. Black. He thinks what Mr. Black said in gist is they would be more than willing to provide the same amount of funds for odor control, and everything above and beyond the Town would have to fill in. Mr. Ferrara said he will try to find out what the cost would be to get a system in place that will satisfy people as far as odor control. He will reach out to Mr. Black.

Mr. Morrell stated if the issue is the odor response set-up that we have, if we want to make changes to that, let's come up with a proposal the Board would like to see to present to Seneca Meadows instead of just complaining about the way they do it. He thinks if the Board gets something together to present, it would make a lot more sense. Mr. Churchill said he thinks that he, Mr. Avery and Mr. Morrell should have a conversation to get some ideas together so that they can begin to formulate a proposal to take to the Landfill. Mr. Ferrara said he will appoint that group of people when it comes to that point.

A motion was made to table action on the renewal of SMI's permit by Steve Churchill and seconded by Doug

Avery. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 2 nays; Supervisor Ferrara and Councilwoman Dyson with the dissenting votes.

Mr. Ferrara stated he will let the Board know how we are going to proceed.

Approve Purchase Agreement with DataPrise for Firewall Software and Remote Server Backup: Mr. Churchill stated he was unable to get in touch with Bob Laprade at the County. He checked on some pricing; the firewall software is something that can be done for less than \$1,800, and the server backup which is \$1,200 a month is high as well. Mr. Churchill said unless he gets in touch with the County guys, he is not sure how to proceed. After brief discussion, Mr. Ferrara suggested that Mr. Churchill reach out to Mr. Laprade – if Mr. Churchill calls him, he will call him back. Mr. Churchill said he will reach out to Mr. Laprade.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events: Mr. Spina stated the Trinity Church has requested to use Van Cleef Lake Park and bandstand as well as 10 Fall Street for parking, and also to use some of lower Fall Street for Easter Service.

A motion was made to approve the Special Event application of Trinity Church for Easter Service by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

Chief Peenstra stated he spoke to the Pastor today, and the intent is to have everybody stay in their vehicles and park and listen through an electronic device. There will be no contact as everybody will remain in their vehicle.

Mr. Ferrara said he thinks it's inconsistent with what we are doing; as far as any Town events, everything has been cancelled. He thinks if there is an emergency, we are putting the Police and First Responders in a difficult situation.

Mr. Avery said they will not use the bandstand as they will be putting up a canopy in front of the Church. He thinks it will be a fairly small gathering, and he thinks it's a creative way to deal with the fact that no one can get together in a traditional setting for Easter morning. Brief discussion followed.

The above motion made by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys to approve the Special Event application of Trinity Church was carried 3 ayes, 2 nays; Supervisor Ferrara and Councilman Churchill with the dissenting votes.

Bids – Equipment Rental Agreement: A motion was made to accept the bid submitted by Seneca Pipe & Paving, Co., Inc. of Seneca Falls, NY for the Equipment Rental Agreement by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Bids – Removal of Trees: A motion was made to accept the bid submitted by Lumbermac Tree Service of Phelps, NY for removal of trees by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Budgeted Contribution – Ludovico Sculpture Trail: A motion was made to contribute the budgeted amount of \$3,000 to the Ludovico Sculpture Trail by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson.

Mr. Ferrara stated they provided a summary of how the money will be spent. He requested that they give a complete list of expenditures at the end of the year. Mr. Avery mentioned that the Board discussed that non-profits give some sort of document outlining how it benefits the Town.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to contribute the budgeted amount of \$3,000 to Ludovico Sculpture Trail once they have provided a document outlining how it benefits the Town was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Freeze all Non-Essential Town Expenditures: A motion was made to freeze all non-essential Town expenditures for the next 30 days by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Ferrara stated once the dust settles, he thinks there is going to be tremendous ripple effect, economically speaking. He would like to hold off on any non-essential expenditures. He said there are items on the Agenda that he would like to hold off on for 30 days to get a better feel on the way things are

going. Mr. Avery said he thinks it's a good idea and a wise idea, but he is a little concerned about how to define what is essential and non-essential - it's going to be a tough determination to make as far as what is essential. Mr. Ferrara said he is going to have to trust his opinion on some of this stuff. He asked Mr. Peterson if he could wait 30 days – we already have an Auger and a Breaker. Mr. Peterson said he will just have to put some money into them to keep them running. He added he could probably get by for 30 days, but they need to be replaced – these are the old Village attachments and they are in tough shape. Brief discussion followed.

Mr. DeLelys mentioned the resolution for the Police recorded phone lines – he thinks it's essential that we should be doing that. Mr. Ferrara stated he thinks it's essential, too, but we got by without it for four years so it can't be that essential. He would support it after 30 days.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to freeze all non-essential Town spending for the next 30 days was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Vince's Park: Michael Ferrara made a motion to not open Vince's Park for the 2020 Season, seconded by Dawn Dyson.

Mr. Ferrara stated it's a wonderful asset for the Community, but at some point in time the Board will have to figure out if it can afford Vince's Park; it costs about \$160,000 a year to operate. Mr. Ferrara mentioned that the Town has budgeted \$3.6 million from SMI as part of the Host Agreement this year. This is based on tonnage, and they are projecting anywhere from 30 to 40% less business which means 30-40% less revenue for the Town if everything plays out.

Mr. Avery said he didn't know if Mr. Ferrara was doing this for health concerns or financial concerns. Mr. Ferrara replied it's more financial at this time. Mr. Avery stated he would like to spend the next month looking into the figures Mr. Ferrara quoted – he hates to jump into this. He suggested looking at it the next 30 days so that an informed decision can be made.

Mr. Spina said what about the people that reserved the pavilion and pole barns for parties – would they remain open, and would it be just the pool. They are booked up for the summer. Mr. Ferrara replied if the Board looks at this for a month, maybe the pavilion and pole barns can stay open. He believes they are self-sufficient financially. Mr. Spina replied they are pretty much; there will be some cost to mow and maintain it. It will be some minimal cost, but he thinks it would be in the best interest to allow the pavilion and pole barns to remain open. Mr. Ferrara stated the Board will meet with Mr. Spina to see what the exact dollar amount of savings would be.

Mr. Ferrara withdrew his motion to not open Vince's Park for the 2020 Season, and Councilwoman Dyson withdrew her second.

Resolution – Recorded Phone Lines for SF Police Department: A motion was made to table action on the resolution for recorded phone lines for SF Police Department for 30 days by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Sangolqui Solar, LLC – Decommissioning Agreement: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Zoning Board of Appeals approved Special Use Permits for Donati Solar, LLC and Sangolqui Solar, LLC subject to approval of a decommissioning bond by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the applicants have presented proposed agreements to the Town that set forth the terms of the decommissioning bonds and require that such bonds be in place prior to the completion of construction; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and our Attorney have reviewed the proposed agreements and the terms of the decommissioning bonds and find them to be acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute the proposed agreements on behalf of the Town of Seneca Falls.

Mr. Morrell explained that this is the solar projects at the intersection of Gravel Road and Route 318 which the Zoning Board of Appeals approved in 2018; part of the approval was subject to the Town Board approving decommissioning bonds. He said after the installation runs its course and useful life, the land will be restored to its original state. This bond will be in place by the end of construction. Mr. Morrell stated the terms of the agreement and amount of the bonds are directly in line with the guidelines issued by the State who oversees this sort of thing.

Mr. Churchill questioned the amount of the bonds. He said it seems low – he thinks 25 years at \$100,000 doesn't seem like much money to tear apart a solar farm, dispose of it and restore the property. Mr. Morrell stated it's in line with NYSERTA. Mr. Avery asked if this is one agreement for both projects; Mr. Morrell replied no, each project has its own agreement. Brief discussion followed.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the above resolution relative to the decommissioning agreements for Donati Solar, LLC and Sangolqui Solar, LLC was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

W/S – UV Light Sensors for UV Disinfection System: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Water/Wastewater Department is in need of UV Light Sensors for its UV disinfection system at the Water Treatment Plant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of said sensors from Koester Associates as a sole source supplier of Trojan UV equipment for \$10,770.

Mr. Churchill asked if this is a budgeted item; Mr. Baker mentioned that these are critical for disinfection at the Water Plant. He said typically, these sensors will have to be replaced periodically – it's not part of our specific project right now – it's more of replacement of worn parts. Mr. Churchill said in the estimate, it says it does not include the labor to install them. Mr. Varricchio stated these are just normal parts of the UV system- they do the installation. Brief discussion followed.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution authorizing the purchase of UV Light Sensors was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

W/S – New Roof at E.Bayard Street Pump Station: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, East Bayard Street Pump Station is in need of a new roof. The Water/Sewer Department received two bids from local contractors. The low bidder is Peterman Lumber at \$8,200; and WHEREAS, there is enough money left in the Bridgeport account, and Bridgeport requested this roof be done with leftover funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of said roof from Peterman Lumber for the sum of \$8,200.00.

Mr. Ferrara stated Bridgeport Sewer District is closed out; they would like the money that was left to go towards installing a new roof.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the above resolution authorizing the purchase of a new roof for the E.Bayard Street Pump Station at a cost of \$8,200.00 was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway – Transfer Two Laborers to MEOs: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to transfer two laborers to permanent Light MEOs at a wage of \$20.00 an hour. This would all take place when the Department is back at full staff; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department will be able to utilize these two men in the right class as they will be able to run all the equipment. Both employees are qualified to do the job.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the transfer of Ernie Tillman and Dan LaClair from laborers to permanent Light MEOs.

Mr. Peterson stated the two laborers cannot run any equipment in the class they are in. He would like to transfer them to MEOs because they are qualified to run the equipment and he can utilize them for anything he needs. Mr. Ferrara asked if it was \$1.00 an hour per person; Mr. Peterson replied yes – a raise of \$1.00 an hour per person. Mr. Avery stated he thinks it's the best way to use the people we have.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the above resolution authorizing the transfer of Ernie Tillman and Dan LaClair from laborers to permanent Light MEOs was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Letter from SF Performing Arts Center – Re: Wesleyan Chapel: Mr. Churchill stated they would like to do something with this property whose owner owes the Town approximately \$16,000 for renovations that

were done. He said the Board voted to lower it to \$8,000 to settle this debt; that offer wasn't satisfied. Mr. Churchill said the SF Performing Arts Center is trying to secure DRI funding, but the lien the Town has on the property is preventing anybody from doing anything with the property in regards with the DRI.

Mr. Avery explained they don't own the property – Allison Stokes does and she is not able to pay the \$8,000. The Performing Arts Center wants the property; as far as the DRI, if they are left in the DRI they will purchase it, but they can only stay in the DRI if there are no liens. They are willing to pay it on behalf of Ms. Stokes, hoping it paves the way for them to purchase the property. Mr. Avery mentioned that they have just launched a campaign. They were told that they need to prove that their request for the DRI is about \$200,000 less the cost of what needs to be done. They have to prove to DRI that they can come up with \$200,000. Mr. Avery said this is a huge undertaking for a small group of people in a short period of time. Mr. Avery stated the Town is not going to get the \$8,000 or the \$16,000; the building is in bad shape and an eyesore. He said this is a step the Board can take that moves people in the right direction – whether it will actually come to fruition he doesn't know; they have a long way to go yet.

Mr. Churchill stated he is not sure if \$1,000 is the right number; the last time the Board asked for \$8,000, and perhaps the Board should ask for a little more in the interest of getting something back for the taxpayers. He agrees with Mr. Avery's sentiment that the Town is never going to see the \$16,000 or the \$8,000 or may not get anything if entities stop coming forward trying to get that property.

Mr. Morrell stated by accepting less than the full amount, it could be claimed that the Board is making a gift of the amount it is not taking. The Town should not be making gifts to anybody, but since it's defined here as settling a debt, there is a value of getting paid something as opposed to holding out for the full amount and getting nothing. He said being in a situation like this, the Board has other situations where the Board entered into an agreement and laid out what the benefit to Town residents are, such as cultural events. He added if the Board would like to do something like this, it would have to formalize an agreement laying out what the benefit is for Town residents.

Mr. Ferrara said he thinks it creates a terrible precedent. There are a lot of non-profit organizations who are in desperate need of financial support. Also, he said whatever agreement the Town would make with them would be contingent on DRI funding. Mr. Churchill stated there is no indication that we are ever going to get the money back. This would be putting money back into the Town's coffers. He added the Board can't make it contingent on the DRI money because the lien has to be removed before they can move forward to get the DRI money.

A motion was made to accept an offer of \$3,000 from the SF Performing Arts Center in lieu of payment of the lien contingent on their meeting the requirements of an agreement which demonstrates what they are giving back to the Town by Steve Churchill and seconded by Doug Avery. Motion carried 3 ayes, 2 nays; Supervisor Ferrara and Councilwoman Dyson with the dissenting votes.

Mr. Avery mentioned that they need to know they have to prove that they can raise the other \$200,000. Mr. Churchill said he would reach out to them as to what the Board agreed on. Mr. Avery said if they say no, then we will not need an agreement.

Water/Sewer Credits:

A motion was made to approve the Water/Sewer credits in the amount of \$323.64 as per Memo dated April 7, 2020 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Payment of Bills:

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

General Fund - \$181,647.57 (Abstract #4)

Recreation Fund - \$59,093.15 (Abstract #4)

Miscellaneous Fund - \$193,314.91 (Abstract #4)

Vince's Park Fund - \$2,067.76 (Abstract #4)

Highway Fund - \$51,626.76 (Abstract #4)

Sewer Fund - \$114,157.65 (Abstract #4)

Water Fund - \$708,264.76 (Abstract #4)

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

At 7:30 P.M., a motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to go into Executive Session to:

- a) discuss the proposed sale, lease or acquisition of real property where publicity is likely to affect the value of the properties involved, under Public Officer' Law Section 105(h) and
 - b) discuss the employment history of particular Town personnel, under Public Officer's Law Section 105(f).
- No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reconvene the regular Meeting at 7:55 P.M. by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to provide eight hours of compensation time for every 40 hours worked by the SF Police Officers who make up the PBA by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Ferrara stated the whole time would be depending on the Governor's orders as far as when we are at PAUSE – as of right now, this would be until April 29, 2020.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery was carried 5 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 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Special Meeting which was a "live-streamed" Meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

Present were Supervisor Michael Ferrara; Councilpersons Dawn Dyson, Douglas Avery and David DeLelys. Also present by telephone was Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town.

Supervisor Ferrara called the Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. A roll call of Board Members was taken and Councilman Churchill was absent from the Meeting; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Mr. Ferrara stated the purpose of the Meeting is to discuss the financial impact of COVID-19 crisis, immediately and long-term. Board Members received a packet which contains an overview of each department and where the Town is financially. He outlined all the five different funds, and said in the 2020 Budget, almost \$3.1 million comes from Landfill revenue. Water and Sewer is budgeted there for capital improvement projects.

Mr. Ferrara stated the first quarter payment from the Landfill is due, but we have not received it. In talking with the Landfill, revenue is down 50%; normally, we would get \$900,000, but we will be in the \$450,000 range for the first quarter. Also, he mentioned that he doesn't know what is going to happen with State aid. Mr. Ferrara stated money will have to be moved from the reserve funds to cover the Budget. He did not include Water and Sewer because there is enough money in the fund. If we take away the Landfill money from Water and Sewer, we may not be able to do some of the major projects being discussed.

Mr. Ferrara referred to the Community Center and said Mrs. Warfel discussed with Mr. Spina some of the ideas he had for potential savings. He mentioned Vince's Park and said he would still like to not open Vince's Park this year. Mr. Avery asked if it was a viable alternative to just close the pool; Mr. Ferrara replied that's definitely one of the options – close the pool and keep the pavilion open because there are events scheduled. He added it's kind of a break-even deal – we certainly can do that. Mr. DeLelys mentioned that Mr. Spina had sent some options – he thinks option 3 which is close the pool and allow rental of pavilion and shelters is the way to go. Brief discussion followed

Mr. Ferrara said the biggest thing with Highway to look at is the refurbishing program which is funded by CHIPS which doesn't come back to the Town until next year. Will CHIPS money be there next year – we don't know. Mr. Avery mentioned that we have CHIPS money from last year. He suggested doing as much paving as that money will allow. Mr. Ferrara suggested the Board review this and make a decision at the regular Board Meeting. Discussion followed.

Mr. Ferrara stated with the financial situation, he would like to start some lay-offs within the Town. There are between 15 to 18 people who have been deemed non-essential by the State's definition. These people are home but not working from home, and we are still paying them. He would like to lay these people off temporarily until we are able to come back to full operations. He said they will still receive their benefits; if they receive health benefits, they will continue to receive health benefits. Mr. Ferrara said we are not putting these people in a disadvantage – the last thing he wants to do is put any of the employees in a financial disadvantage during this crisis. He noted it's between \$10,000-\$11,000 a week of payroll savings. Mrs. Dyson asked about the employees who have a family health insurance plan – would they just send in their portion. Mr. Ferrara replied yes – as long as they send in their portion, it will be maintained.

Mr. Ferrara said he would start off with a personal phone call to those who will be laid off explaining the situation, and follow it up with a letter. Mr. DeLelys asked if he will be talking to Department Heads first; Mr. Ferrara replied yes – he has already talked to Water and Sewer, and talked a little with Highway. Obviously, we can't do anything with Police. Mr. Avery asked when will it become effective; Mr. Ferrara replied Monday. Further discussion followed.

Mr. Morrell mentioned that it should be laid out that the accruals, retirement and health benefits remain unaffected during this period of layoff which is consistent with the Executive Orders that came to put workplace restrictions in place. He added as long as that is maintained, the Town is on the right side of Civil Service and these Executive Orders.

A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to put into effect a temporary lay-off for some of non-essential employees effective Monday, April 27, 2020; these employees will still be provided all of their benefits, and status quo will be maintained for health insurance benefits. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Ferrara stated by May, he would like to come back and make some hard decisions, especially about Vince's Park. He requested that the Board look at it and research it. A decision should be made by May, which is only fair for planning purposes for Parks & Recreation staffing, etc.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

