

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street.

Present were Supervisor Michael Ferrara; Councilpersons Dawn Dyson, Kaitlyn Laskoski; Frank Sinicropi and Steven Churchill. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; Peter Porcelli, Zoning Officer; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; James Peterson, Highway Superintendent; Joseph Tullo, Chief WWTP Operator; Deborah VonWald, Assessor; Sarah Wright, Principal Account Clerk and Lesen Haracz, Town Engineer

Supervisor Ferrara opened the regular monthly Meeting at 6:00 P.M. A roll call of Board Members was taken and all were present; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Petitioners:

Chris Puylara – Sewer Backup: Chris Puylara stated he and his Wife bought 31 Fall Street two years ago, and since that time, there has been four times when drainage water from the Town came into his property, exploding up through the toilet in the basement at 31 Fall. It happens when we have a rainfall, and his only conclusion is that the sewer pipes on lower Fall Street are too small. Mr. Puylara noted that the Church basement has been flooded a few times, but four times in two years is excessive. He pays a lot of taxes and sewer fees. He had to replace the flooring due to water backup. Mr. Puylara said he finds, as a taxpayer, that water coming up through his toilet in the basement is unacceptable. He asked if the Town has any plans to maybe expand the pipe size.

Mr. Ferrara stated Mr. Puylara is not the only person with this problem. We are talking about an antiquated system that is 100 years old or more. He said there are multiple places throughout the town, residences and businesses, that have their stormwater going into the sewer. Mr. Ferrara said unfortunately, where Mr. Puylara is everything goes there behind Fall Street and Mr. Puylara's property, underneath the bridge and to the Waste Treatment Plant. He added as far as a plan, he wished that he could say the Town is ready to spend \$50 million-\$60 million to fix the problem – he wishes the Town had the money to fix everybody's problem. Mr. Ferrara said he is working with the Town Engineer to come up with a short-term fix for him. He mentioned the Kingdom Road Pump Station sewerline project and said they are hoping that this will help to alleviate the situation because it will take more of the sewage from that line and move it over. Mr. Ferrara said we are talking about a very difficult situation. He apologized to Mr. Puylara and said the Board will continue working on it.

Noah Welker, Coordinator – FLACRA Recovery Community Center: Noah Welker stated he is here to talk about the Drop-In Center at 27 Cayuga Street, which offers services like connections around recovery – it's a community outreach center for folks in recovery. What you can expect there is services for individuals and their family and peer-like groups. They are offering services for affected family members - they work with an outreach team who have positions specifically for working with affected family members. Mr. Welker stated they engage individuals at any and every point in their recovery, and they walk forward with them from that moment on. He said there is a huge need – you see it on the news every day, and the problem is not going away. Mr. Ferrara asked if this is a referral type of thing. Mr. Welker replied it's open to the public – there is no admission criteria. This is a grant-run program, and they do a little bit of data collection through surveys. It is a free service.

Joseph Calarco – Advance Business Solutions – Insurance Recommendations for Town Retirees: Mr. Ferrara stated Joe Calarco and William Chamberlain are here to talk about insurance for the Town's Retirees. When the Town changed Brokers a few months ago, he and Sarah Wright met with Mr. Calarco to talk about how we can better serve our employees and retirees, as well as trying to save the taxpayers as much money as we can. Mr. Ferrara said there are 32 retirees that are getting health insurance benefits in retirement, which is costing the Town about \$120,000 a year. He emphasized that we are not attempting to cut any services – they will get the same services they are getting, and it will not cost them anymore money out of their pocket. Mr. Ferrara said as these folks will explain, we are going to a more individualized Medicare Advantage program.

Joseph Calarco stated it's an honor to represent the Town to be its Broker. He said Miss Wright has done an amazing job, and through her efforts and Mr. Ferrara, they were able to find a few people that the Town was actually paying both on the health insurance and Medicare. Mr. Calarco stated the goal is not to have anyone lose any coverage, but also to be able to save money for the Town and retirees going forward. At this time, Mr. Calarco said his Partner, William Chamberlain will talk about Medicare.

Mr. Chamberlain stated there are three things they look at when they started looking at this program:

1. Streamline benefit offering to retirees.
2. Offer as good as or better coverage than they currently have.
3. Reduce cost to both the Town and retirees.

Mr. Chamberlain went on to explain the demographics currently for the Town retirees that are 65 years or older. He said the proposal is to put all retirees on individual Medicare Advantage plans and make them whole to their current plans using a Health Reimbursement Account administered by TASC. He went on to explain the spread sheet which shows the Town's current annual cost for the current plan is \$112,878.84; the current premium cost for the plan they are proposing for the entire year will be \$10,296.00. HRA projected cost is \$57,100.00; with the HRA projected cost, the total cost of the plan will be \$67,396.00.

The retiree contribution currently is about \$20,000 a year; the proposed cost is \$20,000. The net cost to the Town is \$47,396.00. The net annual savings to the Town is \$45,482.84. Mr. Chamberlain further explained some of the features of the plan.

Mr. Ferrara stated if the Board moves forward with the plan, they will try to get all of the Medicare eligible retirees in a meeting in the same room, and they will try to do this before September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Chamberlain stated there is also information in the packet about EPIC, a NYS Pharmaceutical Program. They will make sure all retirees are signed up for EPIC. Brief discussion followed.

Dan Babbitt: Dan Babbitt stated the Waterloo School tax District starts at the old Village of Seneca Falls line on the west side of the defunct Seneca Falls Machine Shop. At one time, it was mainly farmland and everything west of it, and it was minimally taxed. It was given to Waterloo for School taxes as their schools needed it. He said this is no longer the case as there has been substantial development in this area. Mr. Babbitt said since Waterloo no longer needs the money and this is Seneca falls' domain, it's time to take it back for our own benefit. Mr. Ferrara asked if this should be a petition for the Seneca Falls School District. Mr. Babbitt replied he is not sure who would initiate this. After brief discussion, Mr. Babbitt said he will propose this to the Seneca Falls Board of Education.

#### Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Meeting of May 3, 2022 by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Bid Opening of May 17, 2022 relative to the Veterans Bridge repairs by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Frank Sinicropi. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 23, 2022 by Steve Churchill and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

#### Communications:

Mr. Ferrara mentioned that there are three Communications which are as follows:

1. Minutes of the Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting of April 26, 2022.
2. Minutes of the Planning Board Meeting of April 27, 2022.
3. Minutes of the Seneca County Planning Board Meeting of May 12, 2022.

#### Old Business:

Sale of Surplus Property: Mr. Morrell said 115 Fall Street can be taken off the Agenda as the closing happened on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Buyers are happy to be property owners here in Town.

Mr. Morrell stated 60 State Street will be next. He was in touch with the surveyors and is waiting for more information from them. He added once that happens, he will be able to deliver all the closing documents to the Buyers Attorney and the closing could happen prior to the next Meeting.

Mr. Ferrara referred to 10 Fall Street and said it has been an ongoing liability for the Town. He will continue to work with the SF Development Corporation to line up developers to develop the property. Most of the developers they talked to would like to develop the whole area which includes 2 Fall Street; the people who own 2 Fall Street haven't been very cooperative in the price they want for it. Mr. Ferrara mentioned that he has a developer looking at the Town owned property behind Kids Territory. He stated the goal is to get as much property owned by the Town back on the tax rolls.

Provide Electrical Service to the Water Fountain: Mr. Ferrara stated they looked at permanently wiring the fountain, and it did not make the Budget for 2022. They tried to get donations and went to Goulds Pumps who

said they are not in a position at this time, so they are not interested. Mr. Ferrara said there will not be a fountain in the water in 2022. He added it will be brought up in the Budget process this Fall.

Proposal for Professional Services – Comprehensive Plan: Mr. Ferrara stated he was charged with getting an idea for a proposal for professional services to work on a Comprehensive Plan. He gave the Board a copy of the proposal from MRB, and asked if they had a chance to review it. He requested that the Board look at the Plan between now and July, and think about moving forward and starting the Comprehensive Plan as soon as possible. Mr. Churchill asked if an RFP was put out for that; Mr. Ferrara replied we did not. Mr. Churchill asked if we were just going with MRB; Mr. Ferrara replied correct. He reached out to Genesee Valley Planning Council and talked to his two contacts and asked them for a ballpark idea a couple of months ago and they didn't respond. Mr. Ferrara said he didn't put out an RFP and he is not going to put out an RFP; it's a professional service and is not required by law. Mr. Morrell said that is accurate – it is a professional service. Mr. Churchill stated we might be able to save some money if we solicit some others. Mr. Ferrara said there might be an opportunity to save more money, and that's why he wants the Board to review it. Also, there might be some things that change between now and July which would define the need for MRB to be the Consultant. Further discussion followed.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events: A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Dawn Dyson to approve the following Special Events as they are a benefit to the Community:

- Seneca Falls Historical Society Ride the Rails Event on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 1 PM.
- Seneca Museum of Waterways & Industry Family History Day on July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12 to 2 PM.
- Convention Days Annual Procession from Stanton Home to First Presbyterian Church on Cayuga Street.
- SF Development Corporation Farmers Market June 21<sup>st</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> in Peoples Park.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

SFPD – Retirement of Police Clerk: A motion was made by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to regretfully accept the retirement of Linda E. Wolcott from the position of Police Clerk/Dispatcher for the Town and Village of Seneca Falls Police Department effective July 9, 2022

Chief Peenstra would like to thank Clerk Wolcott for her dedication, compassion and professionalism to the Department, Citizens and those that visited Seneca Falls for the last 35 years. Chief Peenstra and the Members of the Seneca Falls Police Department wish nothing but the best for Linda in her future endeavors and a happy and healthy retirement. Mr. Ferrara also thanked Linda for her years of service.

The above motion made by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to regretfully accept the retirement of Linda E. Wolcott effective July 9, 2022 was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

SFPD Resolution - Backfill Police Clerk Position: A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Steve Churchill to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, effective July 9, 2022, Linda Wolcott will retire as Police Clerk/Dispatcher after 35 years of service with the Town and Village of Seneca Falls; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Police Department has been actively recruiting, interviewing and conducting background investigations for the vacant Police Clerk position to properly train a new Clerk prior to Clerk Wolcott's departure; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the Clerk hiring process, it is the recommendation of the Police Chief, Public Safety Committee and Personnel Committee to backfill this position with Charlotte E. Miculka.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept backfilling the vacant full time Police Clerk with Charlotte E. Miculka at the rate of \$19.50 an hour.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

SFPD – Accept Resignation of Police Officer: A motion was made by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to regretfully accept the resignation of Josef S. Shaffer from the position of Police Officer with the Seneca Falls Police Department effective May 24, 2022.

Chief Peenstra would like to thank Officer Shaffer for his dedication, compassion and professionalism to the Department, Citizens and those that visited Seneca Falls. Chief Peenstra and the Seneca Falls Police Department Members wish nothing but the best for Joe in his future endeavors. Mr. Ferrara stated Joe was a fine Officer – it's not that Joe is moving on to another Police Department or Law Enforcement Agency, he is doing a career change.

The above motion made by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to regretfully accept the resignation of Josef S. Shaffer effective May 24, 2022 was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Bridgeport Cemetery – Approve Repair of Retaining Wall: A motion was made to approve the proposal of Senecal Memorials for the repairs to the retaining wall at the Bridgeport Cemetery at a cost of \$8,000.00 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Frank Sinicropi. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Ferrara noted that this was budgeted – it comes out of the Cemetery Fund.

Highway Resolution – Purchase International Dump Truck: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Michael Ferrara to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department is seeking to purchase a 2024 HV 507 SFA International 6-wheel dump truck with plow equipment from Viking pursuant to Onondaga County Contract #8996; and

WHEREAS, the dump truck and plow equipment will be purchased from Regional International Corporation for pursuant to a quote received in the amount of \$206,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department will use this truck for plowing highways and road maintenance. This is not a budgeted item and would replace a truck that is now out of service with a blown motor. The out of service truck was scheduled to be replaced in 2024 and the truck would not be delivered until 2024 if ordered now; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Town Board finds that Onondaga County is a governmental entity; and

WHEREAS, the contract awarded under Onondaga Bid #8996 has been made available for use by other governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, that contract was let in a manner consistent with New York State Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board hereby authorizes the purchase of a 2024 HV 507 SFA International 6-wheel dump truck with plow equipment from Viking, for the amount of \$206,000.00 pursuant to a quote from Regional International Corp., pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103 (16).

Mr. Churchill stated it's important to let the public know that this is currently not budgeted for this year. The reason it is being ordered this year is the wait time is two years on delivery. Mr. Ferrara added by doing it now, we can lock in the price of \$206,000.00.

The above motion made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Michael Ferrara to adopt the above resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2024 International dump truck at a cost of \$206,000 was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Approve Contract for Repair Work on Veterans Bridge: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Veterans Bridge needs expansion joint repair work; and

WHEREAS, Barton and Loguidice Engineering Firm prepared a repair bid for the work to be completed; and

WHEREAS, the bids were opened on May 17, 2022 and the lowest of the three (3) bids was Economy Paving Co., Inc. for \$122,750.00; and

WHEREAS, Barton and Loguidice, Town Engineers, are recommending this construction company; and

WHEREAS, the Town has been budgeting money for these repairs over the past several years and has accumulated \$106,285.00 in line item DA5120.400. The balance will need to be transferred from the Contingency line item.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Seneca Falls Town Board approves the spending of \$122,750.00 for repairs to the Veterans Bridge by Economy Paving Co., Inc.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Change Insurance Practices for Town Retirees: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls currently has 22 retired employees, and the current cost of health insurance premiums to the Town of Seneca Falls is \$112,878.84 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Group, LLC has proposed changes that would put all retirees in individual Medicare Advantage Plans; and

WHEREAS, the projected savings for the Town of Seneca Falls would be \$45,483.00, and no retiree insurance coverage or current out-of-pocket expenses would be compromised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Seneca Falls Town Board approves the Finger Lakes Group, LLC to begin meeting with retirees to start the process of switching health plans.

Mr. Churchill stated it would be wonderful if the Board got a report a year after it was implemented to see what we did save and whether it did impact anybody. Mr. Ferrara requested that Miss Wright keep track of that because she will have all the data.

The above motion made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the above resolution changing Insurance practices for Town Retirees was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution Authorizing Town Supervisor to Solicit RFPs -Construction Management & Design for DRI Public Works Projects: A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls received a Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant from the State of New York in 2019; and

WHEREAS, there are three (3) Public Works Projects included in the Grant (Community Center Skate Park, Visitors Center and Northside Canal Restoration); and

WHEREAS, construction design and management are needed to complete these Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Seneca Falls Town Board approves the Town Supervisor to solicit Requests for Proposals from interested companies to complete these Projects.

Mr. Sinicropi referred to the three Projects mentioned in the resolution and asked how much were those three. Mr. Ferrara replied it's a little over \$1,000,000.00. Mr. Sinicropi said there is a lot of money left – there is still about \$8,100,000 worth of projects to go. Mr. Ferrara noted that money is allocated to other things, which he went on to explain.

The above motion made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the above resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to solicit RFPs for construction management and design for DRI Public Works Projects was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Approve Cannabis Licensing and Advisory Board (CLAB): A motion was made authorizing the Town Board to approve the Cannabis Licensing and Advisory Board (CLAB) by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Frank Sinicropi.

Mr. Ferrara stated this Committee is in response to Seneca Falls opting in to the sale and distribution of cannabis. The Committee will be working on things to keep it as regulated as they possibly can on a local level. Mr. Ferrara said there is a well-represented group of people working on this, including Chief Peenstra, Mrs. Laskoski, Members of the Downtown Business Association and himself. He reached out to the Cayuga Nation to have a representative on this Committee. Their first Meeting is Thursday at 5:30 P.M. at the Community Center.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Frank Sinicropi authorizing the Town Board to approve the Cannabis Licensing and Advisory Board was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Reappointment of Solid Waste Management Committee: A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Frank Sinicropi to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there has been some changes in the Membership of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, Frank Sinicropi was appointed by Town Supervisor to act as Chairman of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Members of the Committee are as follows:

Kierstin Shimmel – Term expiring December 31, 2023

Jean Gilroy – Term expiring December 31, 2024

Virginia Konz – Term expiring December 31, 2025

Barbara Reese – Term expiring December 31, 2026

Dan Babbitt – Ex Officio Member

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board hereby appoints the above Citizens of Seneca Falls as Members of the Solid Waste Management Committee with terms as specified.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Solid Waste Management Committee Request for Funding of Mailing: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls has been encouraging organic composting; and

WHEREAS, the household waste program has had a very slow start; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Management Committee is requesting that the Town Board authorize the mailing of postcards at a cost of \$1,700, funds to be taken from the Contingency account A1990.400 and transferred to Natural Upcycling account SR8160.405.

Mr. Sinicropi stated Barb Reese has been working on the postcard which will be sent to the printer who will mail them out to just the individual households on the tax roll. He said we need to get the word out about organic composting. Mr. Peterson has been keeping a record of those who use it, which is ten people a month. Mr. Sinicropi said they will also try to do more advertising.

Mr. Ferrara stated this was a difficult aggressive idea about separating organics at this level. He believes for the whole program to be effective is when we make a commitment to provide containers to individual households and some type of collection service. He added Ms. Destino is working on some grants to hopefully make that happen.

Mr. Churchill asked what are we expecting from this \$1,700 unbudgeted expense. Mr. Sinicropi replied he is hoping we can go from 10 to 50 or 80 or 100 participating a month. Mr. Churchill asked if there is an opportunity to get the information out on Code Red – that would not cost anything. He thinks a lot of this is going to get recycled. Mr. Ferrara asked if the Committee had discussed other things to do; Mr. Sinicropi replied no, they haven't. Mr. Churchill suggested printing flyers and leaving them in locations downtown. He doesn't believe this is going to be very effective. Kyle Black mentioned that the Landfill would be more than happy to put the information on their website, if the Board so pleases, as well as potentially talk about making their citizen drop-off area another avenue to start this separation process until curbside comes to make this program successful.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to table action on the resolution until the July Meeting. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Proposed Local Law Regarding Signage: A motion was made to table action relative to a proposed Local Law regarding signage until the July Board Meeting by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Support & Authorization for Submittal of Local Waterfront Revitalization Program: A motion was made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Frank Sinicropi to adopt the following resolution:  
WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls, Seneca County, supports the submission of a 2022 Consolidation Funding Application (CFA) on behalf of the Town, for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) for the preparation of a plan to create a set of focused strategies for the areas impacted by the activity of the Canal; and  
WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State (DOS) is soliciting applications through the CFA from eligible towns along New York's designated inland waterways to advance the preparation strategies for community and waterfront revitalization; and  
WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls was recognized as a Downtown Revitalization Initiative Community in 2019, and maintains a Federal and State-recognized historic central business district on the banks of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal, with acres of historic architectural assets, shopping, services and recreational amenities; and  
WHEREAS, if funding is received, it will allow the Town of Seneca Falls to prepare a Local Waterfront Revitalization plan with revitalization strategies centered on its strategic Canalside locations.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board, on behalf of the Town, identifies the Town Supervisor as the authorized representative for the project, able to execute necessary documents relative to and as required for this application; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THE Town Board does hereby authorize and obligates local matching funds of the minimum 25% of the total of any grant funding awarded in the form of in-kind services or cash contribution hereby appropriated from the General Fund; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls recognizes and fully supports the submission of the 2022 CFA for the preparation of Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

Mr. Ferrara stated this is just for the planning part of it. If funding is secured, then we will bring the stakeholders in and talk about ideas and concepts about the Canal revitalization. Ms. Destino said once this is awarded and you go through the planning process, there is a Part II to this funding stream for implementation.

The above motion made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Frank Sinicropi to adopt the above resolution in support and authorization for submittal of Local Waterfront Revitalization Program application. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

SEQR Resolution – Local Waterfront Revitalization Program: A motion was made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:  
WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board (hereinafter referred to as Town Board) is completing an application through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under New York State Department of State (DOS) for the preparation of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby classify the above referenced action to be a Type II action under 6 NYCRR, Section 617.5© (27) of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Type II under Actions are not subject to further review under Part 617 of the SEQR Regulations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Town Board in making this classification has satisfied the procedural requirements under SEQR and directs this resolution to be placed in the file on this Action. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Support & Authorization for Submittal of Application for CDBG Grant: A motion was made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the New York State Community Development Block Program provides funding to communities under the Microenterprise Program to undertake activities that focus on community development needs, such as creating or expanding job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls has authorized the submittal of an application to the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) for a grant under the Community Development Grant Program to fund a Microenterprise Assistance Program to support eligible Microenterprise activities which will provide grants to eligible businesses (including startup and existing) for working capital, equipment, etc.; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the Town of Seneca Falls will not be responsible for any local matching share requirements, as that will be the responsibility of the business owners; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls has held a Public Hearing to obtain citizens views regarding the CDBG Program as administered by HCR and regarding the proposed Microenterprise Program.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town is hereby authorized to submit a grant application in the amount up to \$300,000, with such amount to be used to provide business grants and fund the costs of grant administration and program activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby designated as the Environmental Certifying Officer for the purposes of complying with the applicable environmental review requirements for the grant.

Mr. Ferrara stated this is to secure funds. The SF Development Corporation has been talking over the last few months about Microenterprise – with Microenterprise, the goal would be to fill as many Fall Street store fronts as we possibly can. He added the Grant funds will be available for people to start up their business.

The above motion made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the above resolution in support and authorizing the submittal of a CDBG Grant application was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Any Other New Business:

At 7:23 P.M., a motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Michael Ferrara to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular Town personnel under Public Officers Law Section 105F; and to discuss current litigation of Article 78 proceeding of Seneca Meadows vs. Town of Seneca Falls. invited into Executive Session is Attorney Christa Cook of Bond, Schoenek and King, David Hou of Boylan Code and Town Attorney Patrick Morrell. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reconvene the regular Meeting at 8:56 P.M. by Steve Churchill and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Water/Sewer Credits: None.

Payment of Bills:

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

General Fund - \$294,592.82 (Abstract #6)

Recreation Fund - \$55,571.56 (Abstract #6)

Miscellaneous Fund - \$28,367.18 (Abstract #6)

Vince's Park Fund – 2,741.06 (Abstract #6)

Highway Fund - \$31,955.45 (Abstract #6)

Sewer Fund - \$165,266.05 (Abstract #6)

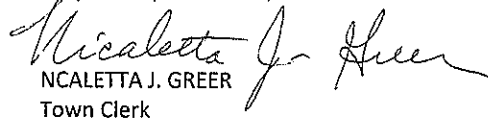
Water Fund - \$175,575.62 (Abstract #6)

No questions. Motion 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 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
NCALETTA J. GREER  
Town Clerk

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