

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a regular monthly Meeting which was a 'live-streamed' Meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street.

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

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

Petitioners:

Mr. Ferrara read a letter from Valerie Sandlas, Chair of the Seneca Falls Environmental Action Committee, requesting once again that the Board deny renewal of SMI's operating permit as it is in violation of the Seneca Falls Town Code, the Town of Seneca Falls Landfill Permit and the Host Community Agreement. She requested that the Board review, along with Mr. Morrell, the violations cited in her May letter. Mrs. Sandlas states SMI's noxious odors continue to pollute our Town, and its complaint management program continues to be ineffective. Seneca Meadows has been out of compliance for years, and it's time to hold them accountable.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and regular monthly Meeting of June 2, 2020 by Dave DeLelys and seconded by Dawn Dyson. 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 Doug Avery and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 aye, 0 naves.

Zoning Officer: Mr. Zettlemoyer stated he has no report because he is having computer problems in the program; IT and Williamson Law are working on it.

Commissioner of Parks & Recreation: A motion was made to accept Mr. Spina's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Steve Churchill.

Mr. Spina stated he met with three Program Directors from basketball, soccer and lacrosse relative to getting some programs together, and tentative schedules have been set for each program. They are in the process of putting a plan together to ensure the safety of the kids and Staff which they will have by the end of this week, and will get it to Mr. Morrell and the Board Members for approval. Mr. Spina said it feels good to get some programs working and something for kids. These are skill camps (no contacts).

Mr. Spina stated they are working to get the Community Center open. Hopefully, by July 20th, they can open up the gym for walking. Protocol will be in place for all programs, and they will get everything to the Board for input and approval. Mr. Morrell mentioned that there is extensive guidance put out by the State Department of Health. There is a lot of information and a lot of restrictions beyond normal operations. He thinks it's trying to keep everybody moving in the right direction and doing it properly.

Mr. Avery asked if they were going to have hand sanitizers on a stand; Mr. Spina replied yes. Mr. Avery said we should probably have one here. Mr. Ferrara agreed, and asked Mr. Spina to order a couple for here.

Mr. Spina mentioned that Friday night at the Community Center, they will have a drive-in movie night in conjunction with the Library. He said if all goes well, they may try something outdoors in the Park.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Steve Churchill to accept Mr. Spina's report was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

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

Mr. Peterson stated on July 13th and 14th, they will be milling Adam Street, Walnut Street hill, Heath Street, Mechanic Street, Maynard Street and South Street. Notices will be sent to the residents on those streets.

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

Mr. Ferrara stated that he, Mr. Zettlemoyer, Mr. Peterson and Chief Peenstra spent two mornings going through Town looking at inconsistencies in parking. They will meet with the Town Clerk and Mr. Morrell to finalize it. There might have to be some local laws to make some changes.

Assessor: A motion was made to accept Mrs. VonWald's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Attorney for the Town: Mr. Morrell stated at the last Meeting, the Town Board adopted Local Law #3 related to parking amendments. Shortly after, the Board received a Notice of Claim. Mr. Morrell filed a notice to dismiss. There was a conference with Judge Doyle last Tuesday. The Article 78 was also seeking an injunction to prevent enforcement of the Local Law, and the Court denied to impose an injunction. Mr. Morrell said although that Law is being challenged, it has been adopted and filed with Department of State and a receipt was received back from the State. Although it is being challenged, it is on the books and is enforceable. He expects to hear from Judge Doyle within a few weeks as to whether it will be dismissed or it will be allowed to continue.

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

Mr. Churchill asked how the Lake is looking for algae blooms; Mr. Tullo replied there are some; they expect more, but nothing close yet.

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

Mr. Ferrara said he believes Court will open the end of July. Judge Erway has been appointed by the 7th Judicial District to fill the second Judge's position until the end of the year.

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

Chief Peenstra stated the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee awarded the Police Department \$2,000 for the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program. He thanked MRB for helping them write the Grant. He said they are still waiting on the Police Traffic portion of the Governor's Traffic Safety.

Chief Peenstra stated last weekend was a busy weekend with fireworks complaints. He reminded everyone that fireworks are illegal and tickets will be issued. Seneca County Local Law allows use of sparkling devices between June 1st through July 5th and December 26th through January 2nd each year. He added obviously, that's over, so any fireworks in Seneca County are illegal. The Chief said fireworks are dangerous and cause a lot of fires.

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 Mr. Baker's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

Mr. Ferrara stated because there are a lot of projects that involve engineering, he suggested that the Board have a Special Meeting. The Board agreed to schedule a Special Meeting for 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, July 14.

Mr. Avery asked where does it stand on the Stanton portion of the Safe Routes to School – he had complaints from homeowners about the quality of work. Mr. Baker stated he met with a representative from Massa and did a walk-through of the punch list. He put them on notice that they have until July 31st, and then the next step will be taken. Lengthy discussion followed.

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 report of MRB for grant writing services by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery.

Matt Horn said they were excited to hear about the funding for the Police Department. They are working on Clean Energy Communities funding - action items are later on the Agenda relative to that.

Emily Palumbo stated what they are hearing is not much of anything. The DRI that was supposed to come out in early May did not come out this year. The CFA which normally comes out May 1st has not come out. Ms. Palumbo said they are working on a partnership with B&L and BPD to ensure that the proper steps are taken for bonding for the projects so that the Town is ready and qualified for funding when the grants do become available.

Mr. Ferrara stated the Town's DRI project will be starting back up. We have approval for the final Meeting which will be a Virtual Meeting with public participation.

Mr. Churchill referred to the Cemetery Commission report and said they have some fairly major undertakings that they are looking to do in the future. They are hoping that perhaps they can get some grants. Mr. Ferrara asked Mr. Horn or Ms. Palumbo if they have heard of any grants for cemetery restoration. Ms. Palumbo replied a lot of times cemeteries are considered under towns and maintenance which the State does not tend to fund. She added sometimes under the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund grant, they are able to cover some of the records for the cemetery. She will be happy to meet with someone from the Town or that Committee and look at it further. Mr. Ferrara will put Ms. Palumbo in contact with Kaye Ireland.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to accept the report of MRB was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Seneca Falls Development Corporation: A motion was made to accept the Seneca Falls Development Corporation's report by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

Greg Zellers stated the Reopen Seneca Falls Website.com has been updated with the latest information from the State. Farmers Market is in full swing, but is a little reduced because of the COVID restrictions. They donated play equipment to Frank Knight Elementary School, Elizabeth Cady Stanton School and the Community Center to help with kids' programs.

Ms. Joelle Murney-Karsten stated they were contacted by the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission that they would like to have a new statue of suffrage and other types of women from our immediate area, such as native American and typical Mill worker. She added they will pay for all costs which include the artist to design and develop it, shipping it here, installation and maintenance. Ms. Murney-Karsten stated this is \$200,000, something along the lines of the other statue, but much larger. The statute will consist of Sojourner Truth, a Seneca Native woman (still researching), Harriet Tubman, researching a Mill worker and another suffragette.

Mr. Ferrara stated the statute will be permanently in People's Park, but with the DRI, there will be some construction in People's Park, so the temporary home will be across from Generations Bank. Mr. Churchill said since People's Park is Town property, will the Board be reviewing and approving that final design. Mr. Ferrara replied that is something that is already done in the DRI proposal. Ms. Murney-Karsten said there will be a whole process with the DRI that a lot of the public and the Board will be involved in. She explained some of the things that will be done at People's Park. Further discussion followed.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to accept the Seneca Falls Development Corporation's report was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Other Committee Reports:

Mr. Avery referred to the renewal of the Landfill Permit and said that the appointed Committee (Steve Churchill, Doug Avery and Patrick Morrell) are focusing on two things, one being improvement to the odor reporting system. They met with Peter Baker and Bill Doebler of B&L and talked about developing a GIS-based odor complaint reporting system that generates data that could be looked at and absorbed, and will also go to DEC.

Mr. Avery said the second thing is that the Landfill would be expected to show compliance with NYS Law 257-5.3 which means that there is a very measurable, specific threshold for safety that pertains to hydrogen sulfide. They haven't had a conversation yet as to whether, in each of these instances, simply telling them this is what we want which will get them their permit, or they supply a plan to meet these needs which will get them their permit, or they have another program to meet those needs and that's when they get their permit. Mr. Avery said they also want to bring in someone from the DEC.

Mr. Avery stated Thursday, they have a meeting with the Waste Management Advisory Committee and will

discuss bringing in an Environmental company who does a lot of this in terms of receiving complaints and determining through their process the source of the odor.

Mr. Ferrara mentioned that the Board never officially appointed the Waste Management Committee. It is a four-person Committee and one Board Member who acts as Chair of the Committee. Mr. Ferrara added Mr. Avery will be that Board Member. This will be done at the Special Meeting.

Communications:

A motion was made to receive and file Communications numbered 1 to 10 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays. Communications numbered 1 to 10 are as follows:

1. Monthly report of all moneys received and disbursed during the month of May 2019 from Town Supervisor.
2. Checks and deposits totaling \$972,627.23 representing mortgage tax; 2019 SLETPP Grant; dumpster fees; employees health/dental contributions; Wal-Mart Police Grant; Retirees Insurances; New York Life/Colonial payments; copies of Police reports; AFLAC payments; refund of training expenses; Judge Lafler's March and May reports; overpayment refunds; tower rents; Goulds PILOT; 1st quarter Landfill revenue (\$755,398.80); Judge Erway's March report; DARE donations; background check; Judge Laquidari's March report; Education reimbursement; tax penalty payments; excavating bonds; burial fee; Staples refund; Town Clerk's March report; training refund and School Resource Officer reimbursement.
3. Minutes of the Town Planning Board Meeting of May 27, 2020.
4. Letter from Monica Kuney, SF Central school District Clerk, listing those who were elected to the Board of Education for three-year terms.
5. Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of May 28, 2020.
6. Minutes of the Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting of June 23, 2020.
7. Letter from Ken Maring, Show Manager, Empire Farm Days, stating the agricultural show will be held July 29, 30 and 31, 2020, and requesting the service and cooperation of the Town.
8. Letter from Michael Mestan, President, NY Chiropractic College, stating they received approval for limited opening, and thanking Board for advocating to get this result.
9. Copy of letter to Lt. Timothy Snyder from Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, stating the SF Police Department has been awarded \$2,000 to participate in the Statewide Child Passenger Safety Program.
10. Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of June 25, 2020.

Old Business:

RFP for 10 Fall Street: Mr. Morrell said the Notice has been sent to the Town Clerk who will place it on the website and published as a Public Notice in the Town's official newspaper. Submissions will be received until October 1st. Mr. Morrell indicated that he would forward the Notice to the SF Development Corporation.

Sale of Surplus Property – 60 State Street: Mr. Morrell stated he reached out to them recently, but he hasn't heard anything back at this point.

SF Performing Arts Center- Re: Wesleyan Chapel: Mr. Avery stated the Board decided to lower the indebtedness of the Church to \$3,000. Mr. Morrell drew up an agreement to be signed by the Supervisor and the President of the Performing Arts Center. Mr. Avery stated some of the facts surrounding this whole thing didn't get to the Board. He said when Mr. Morrell put the agreement together it created some problems with what they had set up among themselves. The Performing Arts people are not buying the Wesleyan Chapel outright – they are waiting for DRI money at which time they will move forward (they don't get the DRI money unless the debt is paid off). Mr. Avery said the result is everything has come to a halt because they are not going to buy that building unless they get the DRI money. He stated all the DRI needs is that the Performing Arts people demonstrate that they have control over that site. The agreement is in the way right now. The suggestion made to the Board was to nullify the agreement and start with something simpler – lower the indebtedness of that structure to \$3,000. The Performing Arts people will pay it off - leave those other things out.

Mr. Morrell stated he worked very closely with the President of the Performing Arts Center in putting that agreement together. He said this was put together with them, and this is the way they wanted it. Mr. Morrell said he would be very happy to talk to Mr. Beals about this, but since the day he signed the agreement in his Office he hasn't heard from him. Mr. Churchill stated we need to get Allison Stokes and Mr. Beals and work it out. Mr. Ferrara stated he isn't quite sure why the Board should be involved in this – it did what it had to do. He said he can't justify to the Town taxpayers that we are going to spend more money on this when the Board forgave \$13,000. He asked why the Board is still involved – Mr. Morrell made the agreement to protect the interests of the Town of Seneca Falls. After more discussion, Mr. Ferrara requested that they come back in

August with more information – he doesn't want to move any further tonight with something that's not the Town's issue. Mr. Churchill agreed that it's on their end. Mr. Avery said Ms. Stokes asked that the agreement that she didn't sign, that Mr. Ferrara and Performing Arts Center signed be nullified. Further discussion followed.

Listing of 115 Fall Street: Mr. Ferrara stated the Condo has been listed and has been getting some interest. Next week, Mrs. Devay is going over and will start to move some of the documents over to our Records Building. Mr. Avery mentioned that some of those things may be better off in the Museum than in our storeroom.

Frank Knight Sidewalk Project: Mr. DeLelys suggested that maybe the Chief and some others can look at the sidewalks and scale back to get the cost down. Mr. Ferrara stated the original contribution from the Town was \$394,630 for the project; it is an additional \$265,000 because of the increased construction costs. If the Town was to move forward with the design as it stands now, the Town's contribution would be \$659,000; when the Town agreed to this, it didn't agree to that much money.

A motion was made to scale back on the sidewalk project to get it back to the original Town contribution of \$394,630 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson.

Mr. Churchill asked if it would be more appropriate to have a motion that laid out what the new proposal was for the scaled back version. Mr. Baker stated there are a lot of streets where there are sidewalks on both sides of the streets. We could look at possibly moving sidewalks on certain sides of the streets. He suggested that this be discussed with Matt Schooley who will walk through where we are with the project. Mr. Ferrara said the Board could discuss this at the Special Meeting.

Mr. Ferrara withdrew his motion to scale back on the sidewalk project to the original Town contribution, and Mrs. Dyson withdrew her second.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events: Mr. Spina stated the Town Democratic Committee wants to have a Caucus in People's Park tomorrow night. There will be about 20 to 40 people, and they don't need insurance because of the First Amendment.

Mr. Spina said Generations Bank wants to do a Women Take the Stage Event – a virtual concert on August 26th in People's Park; they have submitted insurance.

A motion was made to approve the Special Events of the Town Democratic Committee Caucus and the Generations Bank Women Take the Stage Event by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Spina stated the Seneca Falls Rotary Club wants to have their annual SF Rotary Club Treasures Sale (basically a yard sale) in People's Park on August 1st from 9 AM to 4 PM (about 50 people). If weather is a problem, they want to move it to the gym. Mr. Spina said at that time, they will have protocols in place. They will make sure that if they come inside they will abide by the protocol. They will have someone on Staff to monitor. Mr. Spina noted they have provided insurance.

A motion was made to approve the Seneca Falls Rotary Club's Treasures Sale Event to be held on August 1st in People's Park or the Community Center gym if weather is a problem, by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Conditionally Award Bid – Carbon Dioxide Feed System(Water Plant): Mr. Baker stated it was advertised and only one bid was received. He said it's proprietary technology and this is only one in town that provides that. Mr. Churchill asked if it was budgeted; Mr. Ferrara replied yes.

A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to adopt the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Town's Water Treatment Plant utilizes a coagulation and sedimentation process to remove and treat raw water as part of the overall treatment process; and
WHEREAS, the addition of carbon dioxide gas, through a Carbon Dioxide Feed System, to the raw water will reduce the raw water pH and increase the effectiveness of this coagulation and sedimentation process; and
WHEREAS, application to the New York State Department of Health has been made to authorize the installation of the Carbon Dioxide Feed System for the Plant's water intake; and
WHEREAS, the Town has solicited competitive bids for the purchase of a carbon dioxide injection and mixing system that will provide the required pH adjustment for the Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, advertisement for bids were made in the Finger Lakes Times as well as online plan rooms and bidder's exchanges; and

WHEREAS, the Town received a single bid from Koester Associates for a Carbon Dioxide Feed System which was read aloud at a public bid opening on June 26, 2020 with a value of Two Hundred and Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$219,000); and

WHEREAS, the bid has been reviewed and determined to be in full compliance with the Bidding Requirements and a Recommendation of Award Letter has been prepared and submitted to the Town; and

WHEREAS, formal award of the Bid cannot be completed until the New York State Department of Health has approved the aforementioned application for the installation and operation of a Carbon Dioxide Feed System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board hereby conditionally awards the purchase of a Carbon Feed System to Koester Associates for a value of \$219,000.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that this award is fully contingent upon the New York State Department of Health approving the use of the Carbon Dioxide Feed System at the Water Treatment Plant

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Recognize D&D Drive for 911 Purposes Only: A motion was made to recognize D&D Drive for 911 purposes only by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys.

Mr. Ferrara stated this is a driveway off of Smith Street and Tyler Avenue. He explained Mark Robinette built his house a while ago on Robinette Drive. Recently his two sisters-in-law moved into the same area. They are not dedicating the road to Seneca Falls and we don't maintain it – the only thing the Town is doing by recognizing it is - 911 will put it on their call center and first responders can be there.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to recognize D&D Drive for 911 purposes only was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Increase Pay of Cemetery & Part-Time Workers: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to increase the six part-time workers from minimum wage status of \$11.80 to \$12.80; and

WHEREAS, these workers have taken on more work in past years and they work hard for the Town. Money was put in the budget last year for their raises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the increase for the six part-time workers from \$11.80 to \$12.80 per hour.

Mr. Peterson said this was discussed at Budget time. These workers only get minimum wage every year. He would like to raise them \$1,00 an hour. Mr. Peterson noted there are four cemetery workers, one mows roadside and one works at the dump site.

Mr. Churchill asked if they receive any other benefits from the Town; Mr. Ferrara replied no. Mr. Peterson said they are seasonal workers. Mr. Avery asked if they were full time; Mr. Peterson replied the cemetery workers are full time – if it rains they don't get paid.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the above resolution increasing the pay of cemetery and part-time workers by \$1.00 an hour was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

E. Bayard Street Culvert & Garden Street Culvert: Mr. Ferrara stated there is a serious problem with erosion on the property where the statue is. There is a large drainage pipe that drains Bayard Street and that part of town (east of the other Bayard Street culvert pipe), and over time the bank has eroded and the pipe is completely exposed. It's a very unsafe situation. The cost to go in and re-connect the pipe, stone it and soil it is \$14,000. Discussion followed.

A motion was made to expend up to \$14,000 to fix the culvert pipe and bank erosion on E. Bayard Street by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Baker stated the Garden Street culvert is in a floodplain. It's a complicated fix and will be a construction project on the south side of Garden Street. Mr. Baker said he and MRB talked about looking into seeing if there is any grant money. After further discussion, Mr. Baker said he will discuss this with their Environmental group.

Form Citizens Advisory Committee to Explore Pros & Cons for Creating Town Manager Position: A motion was made to form a Citizens Advisory Committee to explore pros and cons for creating a Town Manager position by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson.

Mr. Ferrara stated he would like to pursue getting a Citizens Advisory Committee together to look at if this is something the Town should be considering. He said at one point, there was an Individual of the Community who would volunteer his time, but he wanted to do it with the Board's blessing.

Mr. DeLelys said the Board went through this with the last Supervisor. It never went through the last time because of duplication of what Mrs. Warfel's doing and what the Town Clerk is doing and Department Heads are doing. Mr. Ferrara said he is not asking to appoint a Town Manager tonight – he is asking to appoint a Citizens Advisory Committee to look into it. Mr. Churchill asked who the person was who would volunteer his time; Mr. Ferrara replied he shared his name in an email he sent to the Board last week. Discussion followed.

Mr. Churchill said he thinks it's a good idea – whether the Town can afford it is another question. He added it doesn't hurt to talk about it.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to form a Citizens Advisory Committee to explore pros and cons for creating a Town Manager position was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Budget Modifications for June: A motion was made to approve the Budget Modifications for June 2020 as per attached list by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Resolution – Use of Unified Solar Permit Application in the Town: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Steve Churchill to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Unified Solar Permit is a standardized permit application designed to streamline the approval process for installing solar electric systems. The standardized permit is expected to cut costs by creating a uniform permitting process in municipalities across the State of New York. As local governments adopt the permit, installers and communities alike will save time and resources permitting solar electric systems. An expedited process will allow these standard systems to pass quickly through the jurisdictional review process, freeing up time for all involved parties, decreasing the overall installation time for customers, and allowing non-standard systems the necessary time for detailed review; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority has developed a New York State Unified Solar Permit that reduces the cost for solar projects by streamlining municipal permitting processes; and WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls desires to promote the streamlining of the application process for small-scale photovoltaic system installations by adopting the New York State Unified Solar Permit application form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and procedures for the installation of small-scale photovoltaic systems, as annexed hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, any further actions required of the Town to affect the foregoing are hereby authorized and the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any instruments, documents or the like as required to effect the same.

Mr. Zettlemoyer stated this is a standard form that New York State uses for any solar residential solar project – we don't use this at this time. Mr. DeLelys asked if this was used for the solar project on Rt. 318; Mr. Zettlemoyer replied it was not used by the Town – it might have been used by the County.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Steve Churchill to adopt the above resolution for the use of the unified solar permit application was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project – Approve Change Order #7: A motion was made to approve Change Order #7 for the Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Baker stated this change order largely includes the significant portion of lining Fall Street which was done in the Evening. Lighting was not included to work at night; they worked on four nights. He said this Change Order increases the Contractor's overall costs, and next month, there will be another Change Order. Mr. Baker said the objective is to maintain the \$3 million budget. Mr. Ferrara asked how much additional money would it be if it was decided to do the additional lining. Mr. Baker said the Board can discuss this at the Special Meeting.

The above motion made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery to approve Change Order \$7 for the Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Repairs – Town Cemeteries: A motion was made authorizing the Cemetery Commission to continue to do additional repairs at the Cemeteries with budgeted money by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Steve Churchill. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

SEQR and Resolution – Equalization Tank Improvement Project: A motion was made to accept the SEQR Resolution for the equalization tank improvement project by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Doug Avery.

Mr. Baker stated in March, the Town submitted a Notice of Intent for the Town to serve as Lead Agency. Letters were sent out to involved agencies, and the only response was from SHPPO who had no objection to the Town being Lead Agency. Barton & Loguidice has completed the Environmental Assessment Form, and last month, Mr. Baker provided Part 2 and Part 3 to the Board. Mr. Baker noted the project is a Type I action which means there is minimal environmental impact. He proceeded to go through Part 3 which refers to each of the impacts and how they will be mitigated. Further discussion followed.

Mr. Churchill asked if the Board can act on this at the Special Meeting; Mr. Baker replied yes.

A motion was made to table action on the SEQR and Resolution until the Special Meeting by Steve Churchill and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Resolution – Lease Agreement with Generations Bank: A motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls has the opportunity to receive a grant from the State of New York for a new statue commemorating the history of Seneca Falls; and

WHEREAS, the Town will need a temporary site for the statue until a permanent site can be located and prepared; and

WHEREAS, Generations Bank has generously offered to allow the Town to use a portion of its property on East Bayard Street for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute documents necessary to enter into a lease with Generations Bank for a portion of their property on East Bayard Street with an annual rent of \$1.00; and

THAT any expenditure related to this lease shall be appropriated wholly from surplus funds.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Water/Sewer Credits: A motion was made to approve Water/Sewer credits totaling \$3,505.92 as per Memo dated July 7, 2020 by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Payment of Bills:

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

General Fund - \$239,811.98 (Abstract #7)

Recreation Fund - \$36,130.91 (Abstract #7)

Miscellaneous Fund - \$381,959.96 (Abstract #7)

Vince’s Park Fund - \$4,045.28 (Abstract #7)

Highway Fund - \$57,521.00 (Abstract #7)

Sewer Fund - \$84,673.60 (Abstract #7)

Water Fund - \$56,377.37 (Abstract #7)

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

At 8:15 P.M., a motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue concerning the part-time Code Enforcement Officer by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made to reconvene the regular Meeting at 8:34 P.M. by Doug Avery and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

