

regular basis; next Meeting is March 12th at 5:30 P.M. The Committee is made up of Virginia Konz, Barb Reese, Jean Gilroy, Dan Babbitt, and he and Doug Avery as Board Members. He said if anyone else is interested, they are to see him.

Discussion followed relative to assisting the SF Development Corporation in planning, implementing and decorating Seneca Falls for the Womens Rights Celebration. Barb Reese spoke about students' participation. Mr. Avery said we have a claim to be the epicenter for this – we need to talk about what we need to do to make this Town look like celebrating.

Discussion Relative to Approval of SMI 2020 Landfill Permit: Mr. Ferrara stated every year, the Board is required to issue a permit for operating the Landfill according to the Host Community Agreement. The purpose of this Meeting is to have a Community forum to submit any questions that SMI or the Board can answer – Mr. Black is here to answer any questions. He said this is not about Local Law #3 and litigation or closure of the Landfill. It is not pro-landfill or anti-landfill. With that, Mr. Ferrara asked Mr. Black to give an overview of how the Landfill operates on a daily basis.

Mr. Black gave an overview of the daily operations. They scale in at 6:00 AM with paperwork. They stage until they are called to the working facility. There are 5-6 compactors and 8-10 bulldozers to take the waste. They have to cover the waste every day with 6" of material, which they have to strip off and then they come in and unload. At the end of the day, they pack everything in to the point that the surface is flat, and cover the material – the waste is never left uncovered.

Mr. Churchill asked what time do they stop dumping. Mr. Black replied they stop somewhere about 4:00 P.M., but they have until 6:00 P.M. when they have to be out of there. He added generally, it takes about 1 – 1 ½ hours to unload. He said today, they made a decision to not unload – they shut down because of the wind. Mr. Black said their goal is to turn the trucks around in about one hour.

Mr. Avery said most of the complaints are odor related. If they cover every night, how can it smell on Sunday night or 4:00 A.M. in the morning – it's clearly landfill odor. Mr. Black replied there are two odors coming out of the Landfill – the operational odor which is the daily odor of the waste which after cover that odor is there; and the other odor is landfill gas which they are trying to get through their pipes across the road. He added 30%-40% of gas is used for electricity – that's the other odor.

Jean Gilroy asked – how many trucks are staged outside the scales overnight that are filled and producing odors. She said at 2:00 A.M. she smells landfill at her house – what happens at 2:00 A.M. that she can't walk out the door. Mr. Black replied those trucks are tarped; they do have an odor control system that neutralizes that odor – they are staged around that area. He added they do have trucks coming in through the night, but they get dumped within 24 hours.

John Garee mentioned discussions with Brian Kolb and other leaders regarding recycling and trash, and asked Mr. Black if there has been any dialogue with Mr. Shipley or any others running for Office. Mr. Black replied they have had discussions with leaders – there are four candidates in that race and they will be talking to all of them. He added they have always engaged in discussions with Assemblyman Kolb, Michael Nozzolio and Pam Helming in how we can educate to reduce the amount of materials coming in the Landfill. Mr. Garee asked if anyone has talked to Bruce Bonafiglia or Goulds Pumps – they said they are having trouble hiring people because of SMI. Mr. Ferrara replied he has had multiple discussions with Mr. Bonafiglia about working with SMI relative to odor reduction. He has not met with Goulds Pumps. He added the Board has the Host Agreement that it has to work within at the moment to hold SMI accountable. Mr. Black said the last 2-3 years, any business knows it's hard to find help around here – they have 5%-10% turnover. He added we have lost a lot of population and businesses. Further discussion followed.

Mr. Ferrara stated the major complaint is – they make an odor complaint and nothing is done. They go through the odor complaint hotline, the report is filled out, and when they get there, there is no smell – this seems to be the comment 90% of the time. Mr. Ferrara asked who investigates the complaints, and how long does it take to respond to the complaint. Mr. Black replied they have the 800 line, and also during the day they have someone answering the phone. Once the complaint is logged, it goes to a technician who is trained by them – they also have odor control equipment. They check the weather status and the wind, and go to the site; sometimes they engage with the Individual if there is still an odor there. When they come back, we try to determine where the odor is coming from. Mr. Churchill referred to the neutralizer and asked what are we breathing – what is that chemical. Mr. Black replied they use a very small percentage – most of what you see is water. He said odors are molecules; the rest is 98%-99% of water only

Mr. Ferrara referred to the DEC reports which he reviews and are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Mr. Black stated the DEC has a monitor there every day; pretty much every day, he does an odor run himself. Janelle Bradshaw asked how many calls do they get a month; Mr. Black replied 30-40 a month. Sandra Garee asked the Board – how can it encourage or insist the SMI do something to reduce this odor. Mr. Avery said he received a letter today – more often than not, they don't come at all. Mr. Black stated every complaint is investigated – they may not come to your door, but rest assured, he will guarantee that they are doing the investigation.

Mr. Ferrara suggested working together as to how we can come up with a better system to address the odor complaints. One of the most effective way is to drill more wells. Mr. Black said they actually drill more wells when they are getting odor complaints – they will identify the area and drill another well. They will continue to drill more wells.

Mark Pitifer, speaking on behalf of BonaDent, stated they have remained on the sidelines of these issues for many years, but cannot continue to stay quiet any longer. They ask that Seneca Meadows is held to a greater level of accountability over the next five years. The odor generated from the Landfill continues to be an unresolved problem both inside and outside their facility. It impacts their current employees and their families and has a negative impact on their ability to recruit future employees. Mr. Pitifer said numerous calls to the odor complaint hotline has failed to resolve the odor issues at BonaDent. Reports falsely indicate that odors were investigated when no employees were visible. He added as the Board considers renewal of their operating permit, they implore the Board to consider greater oversight and accountability.

Mr. Churchill asked if the Landfill would consider a private investigation process. Mr. Black replied they would be willing to sit down and talk to the Board about that. Mr. Churchill asked if the DEC monitors the odor; Mr. Black replied they drive around the perimeter of the site to monitor the odor. Mr. Churchill said we need someone that comes out that is not objective – that doesn't work for the Landfill.

Barbara Reese mentioned that she read some of the reports on file and saw a report about air quality; it had in there a measurement of methane. Mr. Black went on to explain the process for investigating air quality and methane. Further discussion followed.

Mr. Avery stated 16-17 years ago, there was improvements. Mr. Churchill stated it has always stunk, and it's always going to stink. He added can you realistically live next to a landfill that size and control the smell. Mr. Avery stated from the complaints he is hearing, it's nearing 2016 levels; it was fixed and now we are sliding backwards. Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Churchill asked how many areas are zoned M-2; Mr. Black replied the whole footprint is 600 acres. To the north, it's zoned M-2 up to BlackBrook; M-2 can receive municipal waste. Mr. Churchill asked if they can dump on all that property. Mr. Black replied no – they would have to get a DEC permit; right now, it's conservation – it's not going to be used for landfill. Mr. Churchill asked when will it be filled; Mr. Black replied approximately 2025. Mr. Churchill asked what the future plans of the Landfill is when they fill the current site. Mr. Black replied the only space that is left is in the middle.

Dan Babbitt asked if methane has an odor; Mr. Black replied no. Mr. Babbitt asked if sulphate has an odor; Mr. Black replied yes, there is some. Mr. Babbitt mentioned that there were two garbage trucks sitting in the Wal-Mart parking lot one day and they smelled – are they washed before they get out of your area. Mr. Black replied they are not the Landfill's trucks; yes, they wash them. He added they kick many trucks out of their site because of safety issues. Mr. Babbitt asked if there was some way to monitor these trucks and take care of these trucks. Mr. Black replied they make an effort to make sure that trucks on their site are unloaded in 24 hours or less – they police that as much as they can. He said if they are parked somewhere loaded, they can't do anything about that.

John Quattrochocchi asked if there are any inspections of the loads that are coming in – is the Town able to audit daily books on tonnage. Mr. Ferrara stated the Landfill will be audited in April – it's an Independent Auditor that the Landfill has to pay for. Mr. Quattrochocchi asked if they can identify what is coming in; Mr. Black replied all of their operators are trained to identify waste – 80%+ of waste they get is household waste.

Mr. DeLelys asked how many feet does it settle a year; Mr. Black replied in the next five years, there will be 5'-10' of additional settlement.

Mr. Casamassima mentioned that the recycle bins are small – would they be willing to get bigger containers so people will recycle more. Mr. Ferrara said that is a County issue – recycling is with the County and bins are issued by the County. Mr. Black said they would be willing to work with that. Brief discussion followed.

Mr. Ferrara thanked everyone for coming and for being respectful. He would like to see the following steps taken:

1. The Solid Waste Committee work with SMI on odor complaints.
2. Discussion on outside monitoring program for odor complaints.
3. Discussion regarding the staging of trucks.

At 7:55 P.M., a motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss a real estate issue by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reconvene the Meeting at 8:14 P.M. by Doug Avery and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

SENECA FALLS TOWN BOARD INFORMATIONAL/PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING MARCH 3, 2020

The Seneca Falls Town Board held an Informational/Public Hearing and regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street.

Present were Supervisor Michael Ferrara; Councilpersons Dawn Dyson, Douglas Avery, David DeLelys and Steven Churchill. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; James Spina, Commissioner of Parks & Recreation; Deborah VonWald, Assessor; Jim Peterson, Highway Superintendent; Joseph Tullo, Chief WWTP Operator; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; Peter Baker, Town Engineer and a Member of the local media.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING – SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – FRANK KNIGHT ELEMENTARY SIDEWALK PROJECT (5:00 P.M.):

Brian Nicholson P.E. of Barton & Loguidice stated this is a sidewalk project that is funded through the Safe Routes to School Improvement Projects. This project will improve approximately 17,000 feet of sidewalk in the vicinity of Frank Knight Elementary School and Seneca Falls Middle School, and installation of a trail between Frank Knight and the Middle School.

Mr. Ferrara mentioned that Phase I was the Cady Stanton School sidewalk program; this is Phase II, and possibly, Phase III will include the High School and Middle School area.

Mr. Nicholson pointed out on a map the areas where the reconstruction of the existing sidewalks would be, and named the streets – Daniels Street, Boston Avenue, Porter Street, VanCleaf Street and Troy Street. A Petitioner asked if the sidewalks are going to be repaired on the corner of Daniels Street; Mr. Ferrara replied the sidewalks will be replaced. The Petitioner also mentioned Porter Street and the uprooting of sidewalks because of trees and cracks in the sidewalks. Brief discussion followed.

Mr. Churchill asked if the trail will be lit; Mr. Nicholson replied yes – there are also plans for a fence on either side. Mr. Ferrara said there will also be capabilities of cameras on the trail. Chief Peenstra stated the School is willing to participate in the camera end of it; the fencing is to keep people on the trail and not wandering off of it. He added the goal is to make that trail safe and useable compared to what it's been.

Mr. Nicholson reviewed the schedule of the project which will take place in 2020/2021. Mr. Avery asked how many trees will be taken out; Mr. Nicholson replied about 30-40 trees. Mr. Ferrara mentioned that the project is not completely funded – it will cost the Town between \$350,000-\$400,000 in matching funds. Mr. Churchill asked if there were any other grants. Mr. Ferrara said not that he is aware of – the Safe Schools is the biggest

