

The Seneca Falls Town Board held Public Hearings and a regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls.

Present were Supervisor Michael Ferrara; Councilpersons Dawn Dyson, Kaitlyn Laskoski, Frank Sinicropi and Steven Churchill. Also present were Peter Soscia, Town Manager; Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; Peter Porcelli, Zoning Officer; Deborah Von Wald, Assessor; Stuart Peenstra, Police Chief; Joseph Tullo, Chief WWTP Operator; Jeremy Wendt, Interim Highway Superintendent 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.

Public Hearing – Application for CDBG Economic Development Grant Funding: A motion was made to open the Public Hearing relative to the Application for CDBG Economic Development Grant Funding by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Frank Sinicropi. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Ferrara stated this Grant will allow for funding from CDBG; it's called Microenterprise Assistance Program grant. If the Town gets the grant, the goal is to set up a system where new businesses can open in downtown Seneca Falls and the Sackett District. Mr. Ferrara said our goal is to revitalize downtown as much as we can.

Mr. Ferrara asked if anyone present would like to speak. Since there were no comments from the public, a motion was made to close the Public Hearing by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law – Signs: A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Dawn Dyson to open the Public Hearing relative to a proposed local law for signage. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Ferrara stated this is related to signage and how big signs are, and trying to reduce those type of things that have become a nuisance in our Community. He asked if anyone would like to speak.

Susan Sauvageau of 61 Fall Street, Seneca Falls, quoted the 1st Amendment and the 14th Amendment which relates to freedom of speech. She asked what was wrong with the Town's current sign policy. For 30 years, Democrats, Republicans, Independence, etc. have put up and taken down signs all over town with few problems until recently, when someone elected to National office encouraged obscenity. Ms. Sauvageau stated the Board's solution is discrimination against your fellow citizens and discourages equal access to political advertisement environment. She said according to new regulations, she cannot put up political signs because she, like many others, live in a commercial district. Also, a person can only support three candidates when most elections involve more offices than that.

Ms. Sauvageau stated she doesn't see how this law solves any real problems as it seems discriminatory, inconsistent and time consuming for some local officials who have other things to do. She doesn't think Seneca Falls will be served by this. She urged the Board to keep the same regulations that already seem to work.

Mr. Ferrara stated for the record, this law does not restrict anybody's freedom of speech. He noted the three local laws will not be voted on tonight as they have to go before the County Planning Board. The Town Board will vote on the local laws at their November 1st Meeting.

Rachael Weil, 51 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls, stated she is speaking in her capacity as the current Chair of the Democratic Committee. She opposes these regulations because they can put harmful restrictions on the ability of candidates of any party to run for office. It also puts restrictions on the ability of citizens to support those candidates. Ms. Weil said she thinks both of those things are necessary in a democracy. She believes a resident of Seneca Falls has the right to support as many candidates as he/she wants to. She also doesn't see any public safety issue that would lead one to restrict signs.

Michael Calabrese stated he lives on Shamrock Avenue and has the commercial building on E. Bayard Street with the colorful signs. He read the proposed changes to the sign code, and he sees that you are making the code very neutral content. Mr. Calabrese stated the purpose of making a code neutral content is it gives the municipality the ability to make just about any rule or regulation on any sign that is a problem. He said this is going to be a little broader than the political view. Just about any sign that the municipality finds is somehow in violation of a neutral content code is going to go an advantage to the Town, which is not necessarily a bad thing. Mr. Calabrese stated the point he is making is the Town belongs to the people; people pay the taxes, and people support the Town.

Mr. Calabrese asked Chief Peenstra if he, in his experience, where signage in this Town has caused traffic situations. Chief Peenstra responded there has been reports of contents on signs that have caused disturbances, but he is not sure about traffic situations. Mr. Calabrese further spoke regarding placement of signs and size of signs.

Mr. Calabrese stated that Mr. Ferrara said in a previous Meeting that sign code restrictions have always been on the books but the Town never enforced it. He asked Mr. Porcelli - when the new sign code is in place, whatever it says, will the Town enforce that code 100%; Mr. Porcelli replied yes - across the board.

John Quattrocchi stated it was said that political signs are not allowed on public property; Mr. Ferrara replied correct. Mr. Quattrocchi said then no signs are allowed on public property; Mr. Ferrara replied correct. Mr. Quattrocchi referred to Ms. Sauvageau's comment that she couldn't put a sign on her building, and said there is part of the Department of State Constitutional Rule that commercial messages are allowed - the owner or occupant must be permitted to display his or her ideas or those of others. Mr. Ferrara said he didn't say Ms. Sauvageau couldn't put a sign on her building - she said that. Mr. Quattrocchi stated the policy does - it's unconstitutional. He thinks that none of the committee that formed this policy didn't take the trouble to check with the Department of State Municipal Control of Signs booklet. He thinks there are a lot of changes that need to be made.

Mr. Morrell read part of the proposed Local Law that he thinks people may have skipped over, which contains an exemption for everybody and every property. He added as pointed out, it is completely content neutral, and you can put whatever you like on that sign. Mr. Morrell stated it is there specifically in response to the guidance put out by the NYS Department of State that Mr. Quattrocchi referred to. Mr. Morrell suggested that everybody read it, and if they have any comments or changes they would like to see before the Board takes action at the November Meeting, feel free to submit your comments to the Town Clerk, and it will be included for consideration by the Town Planning Committee who meets before the next Board Meeting.

Since there were no further comments from the public, a motion was made to close the Public Hearing by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Public Hearing - Proposed Local Law - Short Term Rentals: A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Dawn Dyson to open the Public Hearing relative to a proposed local law for short term rentals. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Ferrara stated this is an intent to have a better handle on short term rentals. With the onset of ABnBs, homes are being bought by people who live in different communities and being rented out.

Mr. Ferrara asked if there was anyone who wished to speak on this proposed local law. Since there were no comments from the public, a motion was made to close the Public Hearing by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Public Hearing - Proposed Local Law - Anaerobic Digester Facilities: A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and

seconded by Frank Sinicropi to open the Public Hearing relative to a proposed local law for anaerobic digester facilities. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Ferrara stated this is also to get a handle on the possibility of anaerobic digesters which is part of the renewable energy programs throughout this Country. There is nothing regulating it now – this is an attempt to regulate it in case some enterprise comes in.

Kyle Black asked if this is going to be specific to certain zoning requirements within the Town; Mr. Ferrara replied yes – it will not be allowed in zoned commercial district; it's predominated in Agricultural. Mr. Churchill added that it also only allows small digesters. Mr. Morrell mentioned that large digesters would come under Article 10 of the NYS Public Service Law which is anything over 25 megawatts.

Since there were no comments from the public, a motion was made to close the Public Hearing by Steve Churchill and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Petitioners:

Harriet Haynes – Review of Agricultural District #6 as it Relates to Town Lands: Harriet Haynes, Senior Planner for Seneca County, stated the Ag Districts we are talking about are not your local Ag Districts, but rather an Ag District Program that is established by the State of New York. The districts are to promote agriculture within the State, and they provide two benefits to agricultural operations that are located within the district. One is the landowners that are part of an agricultural operation can apply to have an ag assessment on their property rather than the normal assessment, therefore, allowing for their assessment to be reduced and taxes can be reduced. Ms. Haynes said the other thing it does is that it triggers higher standards with the NYS Right to Farm Regulations that puts in place standard farm operations cannot be prohibited under nuisance regulations.

Ms. Haynes stated what they are looking at now is how are the boundaries going to be for the next certification period. She referred to a map given to Board Members and explained the locations of the districts which include the northern half of Seneca Falls. Properties located south of Bayard Street are located in District 8, and they will be reviewing those properties the end of the year.

Ms. Haynes said as they are getting to the end of this process, they are trying to go out to each of the towns that have lands in the district, to determine if they have any knowledge that would impact what lands are in the district. She explained the process that follows. Brief discussion followed.

B.J. Radford – Update on Cayuga Nation Properties: B.J. Radford, a 20-year employee of the Cayuga Nation, gave an update on three Nation properties that are owned by the Nation but have not been possessed by the Nation in a number of years. She referred to 4 Briarwood Circle which the Nation purchased about 2010 and occupied for a number of years by non-rent payers. The home fell in disrepair and was abandoned for a number of years. The Nation recently took the property down and has hydroseeded the property and it looks great.

Ms. Radford referred to the second property, 3004 Cosad Road, and said the Nation bought the property in 2008-2010 and was occupied for a number of years by a non-rent payer; it was abandoned because it had fallen in such disrepair. The Nation recently took possession of it, cleaned it up, and it will be seeded soon.

Ms. Radford stated 2954 E. Bayard Street Ext., known as the old Coville farm house, was purchased by the Nation in 2009-2010 who has not had possession of it for the last 12 years. It was occupied by a series of non-rent payers, and most recently, occupied by a group of non-Cayugas who were violating lots of laws – Nation laws, State laws, local laws, and drugs were being sold out of the front yard. She said taking back this property was not easy, and it resulted in a number of days of protests by non-stakeholders. The house is being cleaned up and the yard is done – the house is being renovated, and the neighborhood has returned to a safe one. Ms. Radford said the occupants of this property have moved to another dilapidated Nation owned but not possessed property in the Town of Varick. She stated although this is not a Town of Seneca Falls property, it is part of the greater story, and she is here to let the Board know the Nation is working hard to develop a plan to regain this property. Ms. Radford said the Nation still owns 13 homes that are occupied by non-paying Individuals. A coordinated plan is being developed to deal with this situation in the near future as well.

Mr. Ferrara asked if the Cayuga Nation owns 2133 Lower Lake Road. Ms. Radford replied it does not. She added it is owned by a group of individuals that try to put themselves forth as the Nation, but they are clearly not the Nation. She wonders why the County hasn't foreclosed on that property since the property taxes are about \$60,000 in arrears. Brief discussion followed.

Mr. Ferrara gave some updates.

- Residents will be getting a letter from the Group that's doing the reval. It's basically an inventory letter.

Mr. Sinicropi said he has questions about 2133 Lower Lake Road – it's in the 64,000 acres of the reservation. Ms. Radford replied yes, it's in the boundaries of the reservation. Mr. Sinicropi said if it's not a Cayuga Nation person, and it's just a private citizen, do they have a license from New York State to sell marijuana. Ms. Radford replied they do not. Mr. Ferrara noted New York State hasn't issued any licenses. Mr. Sinicropi asked why is it operating; Mr. Ferrara replied it's under investigation. Further discussion followed.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 30, 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 Public Hearing and Meeting of September 6, 2022 by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 14, 2022 by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Communications:

Mr. Ferrara noted there were four Communications which include Minutes from the Planning Board Meeting, Zoning Board of Appeals, Heritage Preservation Commission and monthly report from Town Supervisor.

Old Business:

No Old Business.

Mr. Ferrara proceeded to give more updates.

- On behalf of the Board, Mr. Ferrara congratulated Dan Emmo who was selected New York Planning Federation Chairperson of the Year.
- The Huntington Building is progressing. They are closing in October, and the project will start in November.
- Veteran's Bridge Project will hopefully be done and back open on Friday.

Mr. Ferrara stated the Board has to make a decision soon if we are going to continue the practice of having an elected Highway Superintendent, or opt to have a public referendum to change it and create a local law that will have the Town Board appoint a Highway Superintendent. He would like the Board to think it over within the next month. It would have to be a Special Election sometime in March. Brief discussion followed.

Mr. Ferrara asked if there were any questions relative to the Department Head reports. Mr. Sinicropi referred to the Organics Grant and asked if you have to accept it if you get it; Mr. Horn replied no. Mr. Ferrara noted it's a 25% match if you get it.

Mr. Churchill stated the Board received an email from Dan Babbitt saying there was a catch basin making noise on Pleasant Street. Mr. Ferrara said there was water running into the storm drain in the ground. Someone on the street was emptying their pool into that drain.

Mr. Ferrara referred back to the Huntington Building and said he received a letter from NYS Parks & Recreation and Historic Preservation that said the Huntington Building was recommended to be listed in the NYS Register of Historic Places and nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events:

Mr. Ferrara stated there were two requests for Special Events – It's a Wonderful Life Festival to be held on December 9-11, 2022, and Peddler's Village & Bazaar and Luncheon in Academy Square sponsored by the SF United Methodist Church.

A motion was made to approve the It's a Wonderful Life Festival and the Peddler's Village & Bazaar and Luncheon as they are a benefit to the Community by Steve Churchill and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski. No

questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

2023 Tentative Budget: Mr. Ferrara noted the Board has the Tentative 2023 Budget in their packet. He said the Town Manager has been working diligently on the Tentative Budget. Mr. Ferrara and the Board agreed to schedule the following Budget Workshops which will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room:

Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. (if needed)

Set Public Hearing for 2023 Budget: A motion was made to hold a Public Hearing relative to the 2023 Preliminary Budget at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 1, 2023 by Steve Churchill and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Highway Resolution – Fill Vacant Motor Equipment Operator Position: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to hire a Motor Equipment Operator to replace the position of the Motor Equipment Operator that moved up; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department will use this person to perform all the duties of a Motor Equipment Operator. This Gentleman has worked in the field of road work for many years and will make a good fit in the Department. This will make for an easy transition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the hiring of Dominick Beaver as a Motor Equipment Operator starting at \$22.00 an hour.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Highway Resolution – Fill Vacant Motor Equipment Operator LightPosition: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to hire a Motor Equipment Operator Light to replace the one that has left; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department will use this person to perform all the duties of a Motor Equipment Operator Light. This Gentleman has worked in the field of road work and grounds maintenance for many years and will make a good fit in the Department. This will make for an easy transition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the hiring of Shawn Van Gee as Motor Equipment Operator Light starting at \$20.50 an hour.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 Naves.

Appoint Deputy Highway Superintendent: A motion was made to appoint Brian Jensen as Deputy Highway Superintendent by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Frank Sinicropi. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

CDBG Economic Development Grant Funding: A motion was made authorizing the submission of an application for CDBG Economic Development Grant funding by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Frank Sinicropi. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Proposed Local Laws for Signage, Short-Term Rentals and Anaerobic Digesters: No action taken until the Board receives the Seneca County Planning Board recommendations.

Reappoint Board of Assessment Review Member: A motion was made to appoint Jean Gilroy as a Member of the Board of Assessment Review, effective October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2027, by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

FYI – Fall Leaf/Brush Pickup – November 14th: Mr. Ferrara stated the Highway Department will be having a Leaf/Brush pickup on Monday, November 14th, one day only.

Approve Formation of Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Seneca Falls has authorized updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan; and
WHEREAS, the creation of this document will be directed by community members.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby accepts the following membership for the Town of Seneca Falls 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee:

- Representative from Town Board (ex officio – non-voting)
- Representative from Town Planning Board
- Representative from Town Zoning Board of Appeals

- Representative from Seneca Falls Development Corporation
- Representative from Seneca County Planning Board
- Representative from School District Senior Leadership
- Representative from Major Private Sector Employer
- Representative from Small Business
- Representative from Arts/Culture Community
- Representative from Agricultural Interests
- Representative from Spiritual Community
- Representative(s) from Cayuga Nation
- Representatives from Community Neighborhoods
 - Former Village Residential (2)
 - Southern Agricultural Lake
 - Dense Population Housing Communities

Mr. Ferrara asked what the timeline was; Mr. Soscia replied they would like to complete the staff list by the end of October, and the first meeting early November. Mr. Ferrara asked how he was going to advertise participation. Mr. Soscia replied they will solicit Board Members for names of nominees; reach out to community members through the website and post on the website for invitations or suggestions for nominations.

The above motion made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the above resolution approving the formation of Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Discussion – Replace Private Line on Gravel Road: Mr. Ferrara stated there is an issue with a private sewer line on the east side of Gravel Road. It connects nine houses and the private sewer line has gone bad and needs to be replaced. The Engineers looked at it, and it will cost about \$500,000 to replace it. After discussion, Mr. Ferrara stated Lesen Haracz will take a look at it.

Resolution – Organics Reduction and Recycling Program: A motion was made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Frank Sinicropi to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls supports the submission of a 2022 Municipal Food Scraps Recycling Initiatives Funding Application on behalf of the Town to increase the recycling of residential food scraps; and WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Conservation (DEC) provides a competitive statewide reimbursement grant program to assist in increasing the Town's recycling of residential food scraps; and WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls meets the funding eligibility and is considered a funding priority; and WHEREAS, if funding is received, it will allow the Town of Seneca Falls to set up a food scraps recycling program for residents and participating restaurants.

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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls recognizes and fully supports the submission of the Municipal Food Scraps Recycling Initiatives Funding application.

Mrs. Laskoski asked if there were totes at the Landfill yet. Mr. Sinicropi replied no, he hasn't approached the Landfill because he hasn't met with the Solid Waste Committee – they will meet sometime this month. Mrs. Laskoski stated she has talked about this a few times about having totes at the Landfill – the whole purpose is to reduce organics within the Landfill – everyone complains about the smell. She has asked repeatedly for totes at the Landfill and there has been opposition. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Ferrara requested that Mr. Sinicropi ask the Committee again – he thinks the majority of the Board favors that. Mr. Sinicropi said he would ask them – they are meeting this month.

The above motion made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Frank Sinicropi to adopt the above resolution supporting the submission of a 2022 Municipal Food Scraps Recycling funding application was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Councilwoman Laskoski with the dissenting vote.

Resolution – Authorize Funding for Water Meter Project: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Seneca Falls approved the application of a GIGP (Green Innovation Grant Program); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls was awarded \$1,285,000 GIGP Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board approved Core Main to complete the project either at the total cost of \$2,094,960 or to reduce the scope of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board approves utilizing the remaining ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) balance of \$511,639.72 and \$298,320.28 from the water reserve fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Seneca Falls authorizes the Water Meter Replacement Project to be completed in its entirety and approves funding the balance of the Project with ARPA funds and Water Reserve funds for a total of \$809,960.00.

Mr. Churchill asked if the ARPA money covers this type of activity; Mr. Ferrara replied yes. Brief discussion followed.

The above motion made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the above resolution authorizing funding for the Water Meter Project was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Allocate Funds from Water Reserve Fund for Water Meter Project: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Water Meter Project has been approved by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Water Meter Project total cost is \$2,200,725.95; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls received a GIGP Grant for \$1,285,500 and will be using \$511,639.72 from the remaining balance of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that approval of using Water Reserve Funds is subject to a permissive referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Seneca Falls approves allocating \$298,320.28 from the Water Reserve Fund F231.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Set Public Hearing for proposed Local Law to Override Tax Cap: 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 believes that it would be advantageous to the Town to override the tax levy limit imposed by General Municipal Law Section 3-c; and

WHEREAS, Subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax cap by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a proposed local law entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C" be and the same is hereby introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls, New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law have been presented to each Member of the Town Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on said proposed local law at the Town Municipal Building, 130 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls, NY at 6:00 P.M. on November 1, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk publish or cause to be published a notice of said Public Hearing in the official newspaper of the Town at least five (5) days prior thereto.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Application for Funding – Justice Court Assistance Program: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Town of Seneca Falls, Seneca County, supports the submission of a 2022-2023 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) application on behalf of the Town of Seneca Falls Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls authorizes the Seneca Falls Town Court to apply for a JCAP Grant in the 2022-2023 Grant cycle up to \$30,000.

Mr. Ferrara stated the intent, in collaboration with the Court, is to provide a microphone and speaker system for the Court and also Town Board; the cost would be no more than \$12,000.

The above motion made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the above resolution authorizing the submission of an application for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Highway Resolution – Declare Dump Truck Surplus and Auction: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Superintendent has determined that the 2014 International Durastar 4300 has a

blown engine and is in disrepair; and

WHEREAS, the Vin # is 1HTMMAAR1EH096094 and has 21,406 miles and is equipped with Henderson plow equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of Seneca Falls has approved to declare surplus.

Mr. Ferrara stated the engine blew, and it was brought to two vendors who said it would cost more to fix it or replace it than it's worth. Mr. Churchill asked what the cost would be to replace it. Mr. Wendt replied he has bids but he doesn't have them with him. Brief discussion followed.

The above motion made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the above resolution to declare the dump truck surplus was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Update Employee Vacation Policy in Employee Handbook: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the attached modification of the Employee Handbook to update Vacation Policy Section 802.

Mr. Soscia stated this allows employees that are hired during a calendar year to have an opportunity to take vacation before the following January 1st. He added this Policy offers a pro-rated vacation schedule after six months. Mr. Ferrara said this is in the spirit of trying to recruit and retain employees as we lose people through retirement or moving on.

The above motion made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the attached modification of the Employee Handbook was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

W/S Resolution – Install Water Service Adjacent to Bridgeport Cemetery: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board realizes a need for water service to be installed at property next to the Bridgeport Cemetery due to a leak; and

WHEREAS, the Water/Sewer Department received two bids for the boring of a line from next to the fence at the Cemetery to the property on Lake Road Spur below the Cemetery. D.C. Rauscher, Inc. of Waterloo was the low bidder at \$3,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the install of said line by D.C. Rauscher, Inc. for \$3,500.

Mr. Ferrara stated the waterline that is in the Bridgeport Cemetery connects to properties on Lake Road Spur; it is leaking and we are losing thousands of gallons of water. We are trying to move the waterline out of the Cemetery and onto the homeowner's property.

The above motion made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to install water service adjacent to the Bridgeport Cemetery was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

W/S Resolution – Purchase Watermain Parts and Materials for Services: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board realizes a need for parts and materials for watermain services; and

WHEREAS, the Water/Sewer Department received two bids for these parts with FW Webb Company of Rochester being the low bidder at \$19,707.33.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of these parts from FW Webb Company for \$19,707.33.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

P & R Resolution – Replace Drinking Fountain: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the water fountain at the Community Center has been leaking and is beyond repair; and

WHEREAS, in line item CR7020.202, Drinking Fountain, there are budgeted funds of \$5,000 available to replace the drinking fountain.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation Director is authorized to replace the broken drinking fountain at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

P & R Resolution – Appoint Cleaner/Groundskeeper: A motion was made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a position open for Cleaner/Groundskeeper in the Parks & Recreation budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board approved filling of the vacant full time position at the September 6th Town Board Meeting; and
WHEREAS, four persons were interviewed; and
WHEREAS, the best applicant for the position is to be offered the position at \$19.50 per hour.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board approves the hiring of Mike Anderson at \$19.50 per hour with no additional costs to the Parks & Recreation Budget.
No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nayses.

P & R Resolution – Roof Repair: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Community Center still has leaks in the roof in locations other than the gym; and
WHEREAS, Upstate Roofing & Painting has located causes of the leaks; and
WHEREAS, it is necessary to get the repairs complete prior to snow falling; and
WHEREAS, there is \$2,140 left in roof repair account CR7140.210; and
WHEREAS, an additional \$4,410 could be transferred from account A7110.415 to account CR7140.210.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the transfer of funds in the amount of \$4,410 from A7110.405 to CR7140.210 and authorizes the repair of current roof leaks.
No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nayses.

SFPD Budget Modification – Ammunition Line Item: A motion was made by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Frank Sinicropi to approve a Budget modification, transferring \$3,633.79 from the Public Safety Equipment line A3120.200 to Ammunition line A3120.411. The transfer of funds will balance the Ammunition line after an unforeseen purchase of ammunition was required for three Police Recruits to adequately train in the Police Academy.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nayses.

SFPD Budget Modification – Power DMS Software: A motion was made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to approve a Budget modification, transferring \$5,000 from the Public Safety Equipment line A3120.200 to the Education Line A3120.408. This Budget transfer is necessary due to a clerical error in a receipt memo for Power DMS software. The original purchase memo indicated the purchase to be removed from the Education line when it should have been the Equipment line.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nayses.

P & R Resolution – Resurface Pool House Floor: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Pool House at Vince's Park has carpet in the Lifeguard room and Office area; and
WHEREAS, the carpeted rooms retain moisture and mold; and
WHEREAS, account CR2-7180.204, Resurface Pool House Floor, has budgeted funds available of \$4,000.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Shuttleworth to resurface the remaining Vince's Park Pool House rooms to be resurfaced with epoxy flooring in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.
No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nayses.

Town Court Resolution – Transfer Funds to Interpreter Line A1110.404: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Town Court had budgeted for \$2,000 in Interpreter expenses A1110.404, and \$1,800 in the Equipment line A1110.200 in the 2022 Budget; and
WHEREAS, the total cost exhausted for Interpreter expenses to date is \$1,927.10, and no monies have been spent out of the Equipment budget, leaving a surplus of \$1,800.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the transfer of funds in the amount of \$800 from the Equipment line A1110.200 to the Interpreter line A1110.404.
No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nayses.

W/S Resolution – Appoint Tim Pagano W/S Maintainer: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Tim Pagano was appointed to a 30-day probationary position in the Water/Sewer Department at the August 2nd Town Board Meeting; and
WHEREAS, the 30-day period ends on October 5th and Mr. Pagano has requested to stay in the Water/Sewer Department, and understands that he will not be able to transfer back to the Highway Department.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Seneca Falls agrees to appoint Tim Pagano permanently as a Water/Sewer Maintainer at an hourly rate of \$28.77 effective October 5, 2022.
No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nayses.

Resolution – Standard Workday for Employees: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls Employees can be members of the New York State Retirement System; and WHEREAS, Town Employees should have a standard work day defined for purposes of reporting to the New York State Retirement System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls hereby establishes the following as standard work days for its Employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these Members to the clerk of this body:

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| Community Center – 8 hours | Finance – 7 hours |
| Summer Play Program – 8 hours | Town Clerk – 7 hours |
| Town Court – 7 hours | Water Maintenance – 8 hours |
| Town Board – 6 hours | Assessment – 7 hours |
| Vince’s Park – 8 hours | WWTP Sewer – 8 hours |
| Highway – 8 hours | Water Treatment – 8 hours |
| Town Supervisor – 7 hours | Town Manager – 7 hours |

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Water/Sewer Credits: A motion was made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to approve the Water/Sewer credits totaling \$198.36 as per Memo dated October 4, 2022. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Payment of Bills:

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

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| General Fund - \$114,918.69 (Abstract #10) | Recreation Fund - \$17,939.06 (Abstract #10) |
| Miscellaneous Fund - \$27,497.75 (Abstract #10) | Vince’s Park Fund - \$6,932.98 Abstract #10) |
| Highway Fund - \$19,013.63 (Abstract #10) | Sewer Fund - \$112,974.09 (Abstract #10) |
| Water Fund - \$71,914.69 (Abstract #10) | |

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

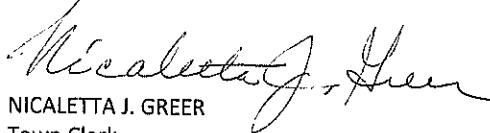
At 7:46 P.M., a motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Kaitlynn Laskoski to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular Town personnel under Public Officers Law Section 105(F), and to discuss the sale, lease or acquisition of real property and publicity is likely to affect the fair market value of the properties involved, under Public Officers Law Section 105(H).
No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reconvene the regular Meeting at 8:07 P.M. by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Steve Churchill. 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 Steve Churchill. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

