

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 130 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls.

Present were Supervisor Michael Ferrara; Councilpersons Frank Sinicropi, Steven Churchill, Dawn Dyson and Kaitlyn Laskoski. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; Peter Soscia, Town Manager; Peter Porcelli, Zoning Officer; Jeremy Wendt, Interim Highway Superintendent; Joseph Tullo, Chief WWTP Operator; Timothy Snyder, Police Chief; Mary Jones, Interim Recreation Director and Lesen Gleason, 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.

Mr. Ferrara gave the following updates:

- Mr. Ferrara thanked the Board of Assessment Review, on behalf of the Town Board, who worked very hard for the last two weeks reviewing 150 applications. A special thanks went out to Mrs. VonWald and Mrs. Rose who worked a lot of hours during that time period.
- There will be a Public Forum on Wednesday, June 14th to update our community and get your thoughts on the developed Comprehensive Plan which was facilitated by Mr. Soscia and MRB Group.
- The Manhole Project is going very well and should be done in a couple of weeks.
- Mr. Ferrara thanked Joell Murney-Karsten (who works for the Canal Corps). Last week Benton Pond was cleaned up, and hopefully, it will help us if we have another rain event.
- Drainage updates - they are working with MRB Group and have some tentative plans which will be brought to the Board as they are finalized. A 36" pipe will be put underneath the railroad to drain the lower half of Johnston Street and take away some storm water from other parts.
- They are looking at possibly a pump station at Benton Pond to better control the water levels during rain events. With the pump station there, the intent is to reline the culvert (contingent on grants) and now water flow from Benton Pond will be pumped and will alleviate a lot of pressure upstream where people are getting flooded. Discussion followed relative to Benton Pond.
- They have identified a severely damaged manhole on State Street. Water/Sewer is in the process of rebuilding that manhole. They will start working on Mynderse Street down towards the end of Fall Street to see what the obstruction is there.
- They ran the camera and cleaned White Street, and a curb was added at one of the neighbor's driveway to help divert the water because it's the lowest spot on White Street.
- They are working on some grants to address infrastructure issues that the Board will be voting on for water and sewer to potentially develop behind Kids' Territory. The Board has a tentative agreement to sell that property; alot is contingent on getting water and sewer to that property.
- They are looking at adding some parking to Kids' Territory; 2 ½ acres were kept and not included as part of the sale. This will be done inhouse by the Highway.
- Design and Planning continues for the three DRI projects (Community Center, Visitors Center and north side of the Canal area).
- The Micro Enterprise Program is up and running, and they are ready for applications. Greg Zellers from the SF Development Corporation is facilitating the Program. Discussion followed relative to getting water and sewer to areas of the town that do not have water or sewer and the cost to water/sewer districts. Mr. Ferrara said if the Town gets a grant, there would be no additional cost to the water/sewer districts.
- A Committee was formed to work on the Local Water Revitalization Program. A \$58,000 grant was received for planning purposes. The next step is to do an RFP to hire a consultant to help the Committee work through the planning.
- Gutter work is almost complete in the Seneca Manor Project. Curbing and sidewalk handicap ramps have been completed in Park Place and Maple Grove Apartments area. Both will be paved in July along with Garden Street Extension.
- Water Street sidewalks will start, and the stairway going from Cowing Street up to Water Street will be replaced. Stairway in Elizabeth Cady Stanton Park will get some repairs.
- Canalfest is coming the end of the month; fireworks on July 4th will be paid for by the Town. Mrs. Laskoski asked where they will be placing the fireworks.; Chief Snyder said lower Fall Street, down by the gazebo and Church. Mrs. Laskoski commented that there were issues. Mr. Ferrara said there were issues with some paper casings going into somebody's yard. He added that's the only place they can have it - we cannot get a barge anymore. Mr. Ferrara stated he wanted to make it clear that the fireworks did not start the fire at Ferrara Lumber. Mr. Churchill mentioned that it was held at Vince's Park in the past. Mr. Ferrara said they wanted to have it in conjunction with Canal Days. After further discussion, Mr. Ferrara said he would check to see if they can hold the fireworks
- at Vince's Park. He will inform the Board by email.
- Founders Day in Seneca Falls is June 17th.

Matt Bell – 10 Fall Street: Mr. Ferrara stated Mr. Bell has a contingency offer to renovate 10 Fall Street into Condo apartments. Mr. Churchill asked how many apartments; Mr. Bell replied twelve. Mrs. Dyson asked if they are going to be subsidized; Mr. Bell replied at this point, they do not plan to have any subsidized.

Mr. Bell stated they put an RFP in on the building. They will parcel off the Town's Storage Building. The plan is to renovate the building into twelve apartments. In addition, they would like to work with the Town to try and keep the gazebo and the dock in good condition. Mr. Bell stated the long-term plan is to also acquire 2 Fall Street. Having control of the entire end of Fall Street, they would like to do some sort of outdoor space seating – some sort of addition to the Canal, such as boat dock slips, some sort of restaurant at 2 Fall Street, etc. The apartments will be a higher finished level. They anticipate it will be roughly \$900,000 to renovate the building, and they will have some additional expenditures for the grounds.

Mr. Churchill asked if the gazebo and the dock property are part of this parcel. Mr. Bell replied it is not – it's owned by the Town. Mr. Ferrara said the waterfront is owned by 2 Fall Street. Mrs. Laskoski asked if it was part of the historic district; Mr. Bell replied it is. Mrs. Laskoski asked if Mr. Bell met with them as far as any plans; Mr. Bell replied they haven't.

Mr. Bell mentioned that they just acquired 41-43 Fall Street, and they will be going through SHPO and necessary channels to renovate the building. Mrs. Laskoski asked about the timeline as to how long are they anticipating as far as construction. Mr. Bell said they are anticipating about 14 months.

Robert Parker – Re: 36 Seneca Road: Robert Parker, 31 Seneca Road, stated he was going to address the Board about the house that burned down. He received a call from Mr. Ferrara indicating that the issue will be resolved in the not-to-distant future. His only comment is that piece of property is still unsecured. They have done their best as neighbors to watch the kids in the neighborhood to make sure no one is going in and out of there. Mr. Porcelli said Sessler is coming very soon. Mrs. Laskoski asked if there was anything that can be done to secure the house – can we put hazard tape around it. Mr. Ferrara asked Mr. Porcelli to take care of that tomorrow.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Meeting of May 2, 2023 by Katelyn Laskoski and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Communications:

Mr. Ferrara noted there were seven Communications. He said the Board also has Department reports and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Sinicropi referred to the sewer project on Bayard Street, and said it's being held up by NYSEG. Mrs. Gleason said the Town needs an easement from them, but it's currently in DEC review – it's been about four months. She added once we get the DEC approval, it will be held up by NYSEG for the easement. Brief discussion followed.

Mr. Churchill referred to Barton & Loguidice's report which talks about water going up Route 414 – a 10" main out to Seneca Meadows property (Education Center) which doesn't look like it gets used at all. Mr. Ferrara said when B&L did an engineering review of our Water Treatment Plant and distribution, they identified "x" number of things that would help with distribution and the Water Treatment Plant. Part of that is bringing more water services to our people going up Route 414. Mr. Churchill said this is talking specifically to run water to their Center out there – there is not much else out there. He said earlier, the Board was talking about some of the small roads that don't have water. Why aren't we doing those and serving our Citizens rather than serving a facility, and why do they need a 10" main. Mr. Ferrara replied it's not to serve a facility – it's to serve potential customers and current customers on Route 414. Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Ferrara requested that Mrs. Gleason send Mr. Churchill the preliminary review, and asked that Mr. Churchill review it. Mr. Churchill stated this Board needs to discuss it – it's part of the SEQR review. Mr. Ferrara stated it's a Type 1 Action that has been reviewed by the professionals. Mr. Churchill said it has to be reviewed and approved by the Board. Mr. Morrell stated that will be done at the July Meeting. More discussion followed.

July Meeting Date: Mr. Ferrara stated the July Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5th. There will also be a Special Meeting on July 11th at 6:00 P.M. The Town Clerk will advertise the Meetings.

Old Business:

Sale of Town Property: Mr. Ferrara noted there isn't any sale of Town Property to discuss at this time.

Mr. Churchill asked if Mr. Ferrara was able to talk to the Tyre town Supervisor about the sewer project up Gravel

Road and out to Tyre. Mr. Ferrara replied he has not been able to sit down and talk to her – it's something down the road that would require another grant.

New Business:

Special Events: A motion was made by Katelyn Laskoski and seconded by Frank Sinicropi to approve the following Special Events as they are a benefit to the Community:

- Beverly Animal Shelter Party for Paws – July 16th in Peoples' Park.
- Right to Run 19K, Inc. – July 1, 2023.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution - Approve Transfer of Cole Marr from Highway Department to W/S Department: A motion was made by Katelyn Laskoski and seconded by Frank Sinicropi to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Cole Marr holds a Laborer position with the Town of Seneca Falls Highway Department and has requested to be transferred to the Water/Sewer Department; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent, Water/Sewer Supervisor and the Board's Highway Committee have approved the transfer; and

WHEREAS, the transfer will not result in an hourly pay increase and Mr. Marr will continue to be paid \$21.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of Seneca Falls approves the transfer of Cole Marr from the Highway Department to the Water/Sewer Department effective when the Highway Department finds his replacement.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution Celebrating July 2023 as SF Women's History Month: A motion was made by Katelyn Laskoski and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, July 2023 is the 175th Anniversary of the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention when a woman's right to vote was first demanded in a Declaration of Rights and Sentiments; and

WHEREAS, July 2023 is the 100th Anniversary of the proposal of the Equal Rights Amendment by Alice Paul in the First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls; and

WHEREAS, Seneca Falls is recognized throughout the Nation and the World as the Birthplace of the Women's Rights Movement and the ERA; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York and the United States Government have recognized the importance of these events by creating and funding a National Women's Rights Historic Park and Heritage Preservation Center and District, and supporting projects in the Town associated with these events; and

WHEREAS, it is right and proper for the Town of Seneca Falls to celebrate the July 2023 anniversaries of these events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Seneca Falls that:

The month of July 2023 is declared to be celebrated as SENECA FALLS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Authorization & Support for 2023 NYS Consolidation Funding Application – Engineering Planning Grant: A motion was made by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Katelyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Town of Seneca Falls, Seneca County, supports the submission of a 2023 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on behalf of the Town. For the Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) program to conduct a study of its sanitary sewer collection system for inflow and infiltration; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), provides a competitive Statewide reimbursement grant program to assist in the initial planning of eligible Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) water quality projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls meets the municipal median household income thresholds for EPG eligibility; and

WHEREAS, if funding is received, it will allow the Town of Seneca Falls to prepare a preliminary engineering report to investigate inflow and infiltration and recommend solutions, enabling the Town to seek further financing for construction through the CWSRF program to advance the required water quality improvements.

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 20% of the total grant funding awarded in the form of in-kind services or cash contribution hereby appropriated from the sewer fund; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls recognizes and fully supports the submission of the 2023 CFA for an EPG for investigation into the sanitary sewer collection system for flow and infiltration.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

SEQR Resolution – 2023 NYS Consolidated Funding Application, Water Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant Application: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Katelyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board (hereinafter referred to as “Town Board”) is proposing to submit a 2023 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for the Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) program to conduct a study of inflow and infiltration issues within the sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, this action constitutes “information collected including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soils studies” and “conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action” which under the New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act are listed as Type II actions for which it has been determined there are no significant adverse effects on the environment.

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©(24)(27) of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Type II actions are not subject to further review under Part 617 of the SEQR Regulations; and be it

FURTHER 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 4 ayes, 1 nay; Councilman Churchill with the dissenting vote.

July Meeting Date: The Town Board Meeting for July will be held at 6:00 P.M. on July 5, 2023.

Highway Resolution – Authorize Hiring of Motor Equipment Operator Light: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department would like to hire a Motor Equipment Operator Light to replace the one that 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 our department. This will make for an easy transition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board hereby authorizes the hiring of Joshua Larsen as a Motor Equipment Operator Light, starting at \$21.00 an hour.

Mrs. Laskoski stated last month, the Board was talking about putting a hiring process in place; they met and developed something. She has nothing in terms of what his qualifications are. Mr. Sinicropi stated when he and Mr. Churchill met with Mr. Wendt, he had three applications. The person has to meet Civil Service requirements. The person did an application for the Town and the County approved the application. Mr. Sinicropi said neither he nor Mr. Churchill is going to tell Mr. Wendt who to hire. Mrs. Laskoski asked where the documents were to show that Mr. Wendt followed the process. She has no knowledge of his qualifications – she is not going to tell him who to hire, but the Board can’t arbitrarily just keep putting people in spots. After further discussion, Mr. Ferrara said applications can be provided to the Board.

The above motion made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Mrs. Dyson to adopt the above resolution authorizing the hiring of a Motor Equipment Operator Light was carried 3 yes, 2 nays; Councilpersons Laskoski and Churchill with the dissenting votes.

Resolution – Authorization & Support for 2023 NYS Consolidated Funding Application – Kids’ Territory Improvements: A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls, Seneca County, supports the submission of the 2023 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on behalf of the Town, for funding to improve the infrastructure of Jerry Galusha Memorial Park, aka Kids’ Territory; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s planning documents recognize the importance of our recreational assets and lays out a vision for modern and accessible parks throughout the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town is dedicated to offering all residents an opportunity to enjoy our beautiful parks while fostering a sense of pride and community; the Town’s offerings are a cornerstone of what makes Seneca Falls special and encourage residents to participate to fully take advantage of our beautiful area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board on behalf of the Town of Seneca Falls, New York, authorizes the Town Supervisor to submit a NYSPRHP Environmental Protection Fund grant application for the

improvements to the trail networks within and connecting Town parks and recreation locations, and be considered the authorized representative for the project, able to execute all necessary documents relative to this project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board understands that by accepting such a grant, the Town would be obligated to provide matching local 25% funds that would be appropriated from the General Fund Budget; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls recognizes and fully supports the submission of the 2023 Park Grant CFA submission for improvements to Kids' Territory so that residents of Seneca Falls can continue to enjoy what the park has to offer.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Resolution – Authorize Court Clerks to Attend NYS Association of Magistrates Court Clerks Conference and Training: A motion was made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the NYSAMCC will be hosting their annual Conference from September 17th to September 20th, 2023 in Verona, New York, and it is required by New York State that each Court Clerk obtain six (6) training credits yearly; and

WHEREAS, the total cost to attend this training, including registration, hotel, meals and mileage will not exceed \$2,110.00 in total. Monies to attend this Conference were budgeted in the 2023 Education expense line A1110.405.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves expenditures to allow Courtney Andrews and Ashlie VanDoren to attend the 2023 NYSAMCC Conference and training at a cost not to exceed \$2,110.00.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Resolution – Water Bill Adjustment for Customer Account 1618: A motion was made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls operates a municipal Water and Sewer utility; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Seneca Falls are the primary users of this utility; and

WHEREAS, the utility services accounts on Lake Road Spur utilize a lateral supply line from Lower Lake Road; and

WHEREAS, the meter on this account was previously installed on the Town owned lateral from Lower Lake Road;

WHEREAS, the Town owned portion of the lateral broke and caused a substantial leak that was registered on customer I1618's meter; and

WHEREAS, the Town is responsible for this water usage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town will credit account I1618 for the amount of \$9,194.07, and this will not be considered a one-time leak credit.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

NYS & Local Retirement System Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected Officials: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Steve Churchill to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the Officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Dawn Dyson – 6 standard work day; and Kaitlyn Laskoski – 6 standard work day.

No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 naves, 2 abstentions; Councilpersons Dyson and Laskoski abstained from voting.

Resolution – Town Board Lead Agency Intent – Water System Improvements Project: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls (Town) is proposing the Town of Seneca Falls Water System Improvements Project (Project) located in the Town of Seneca Falls, Seneca County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been classified as a "Type 1 Action" as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.4; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Seneca Falls Town Board to assume the role of "Lead Agency" for purposes of conducting a SEQRA/SERP assessment of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) has been completed, reviewed by the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board, and will be circulated to all Interested and Involved Agencies for purposes of establishing the Seneca Falls Town Board as "Lead Agency" in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Seneca Falls is hereby authorized to sign Part 1 of the FEAF (page 13); and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town of Seneca Falls will send Part 1 of the FEAF and associated site figure to the attached list of "Interested and Involved Agencies" under cover of a "Notice of Intent to Establish Lead Agency" letter for purposes of establishing Lead Agency status under the SEQRA/SERP; and it is further RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Seneca Falls and the Town Board, together with the Town of Seneca Falls Attorney and B&L, are hereby authorized to take all actions, serve all notices, and complete all

documents required to give full force and effect to this determination.
No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Councilman Churchill with the dissenting vote.

W/S Resolution – Award Bid – Water/Wastewater Treatment Chemical Supplier: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Municipal Law, bids for Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemical Supplier, were received, publicly opened and read aloud on May 25, 2023 in the Town Hall, 130 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Engineering Consultant, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. (B&L), tabulated and analyzed the bids received, and by letter dated June 1, 2023, has recommended award of the Town of Seneca Falls Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemical Supplier.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the recommendation of B&L, the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board hereby awards the Town of Seneca Falls Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemical Supplier to Slack Chemical Co., Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Churchill asked what the time period of the contract is; Mrs. Gleason responded this is a one-year contract with the option to renew for another year. Mr. Churchill said it should state that in the resolution.

The above motion made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the above resolution awarding the bid for the Water/Wastewater Treatment Chemical Supplier was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

W/S Resolution – Award Bid – Water Street Pump Station Improvements Project: A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Frank Sinicropi to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls (Town) is the owner of the Water Street Pump Station Improvements Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Municipal Law, bids for Contract No. 1A – Packed Pumping Station pre-Purchase and Contract No. 1B – Submersible Pumps Pre-Purchase were received, publicly opened and read aloud on May 25, 2023 at the Town Hall, 130 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineering Consultant, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. (B&L), tabulated and analyzed the bids received, and by letter dated June 1, 2023, has recommended award of the Town of Seneca Falls Water Street Pump Station improvements Project as follows:

Contract No. 1A – Packed Pumping Station Pre-Purchase

Contract No. 1B – Submersible Pumps Pre-Purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the recommendation of B&L, the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board hereby awards the Town of Seneca Falls Water Street Pump Station Improvements Project as follows:

Contract No. 1A – Packed Pumping Station Pre-Purchase to Shrier Martin Process Equipment for the bid in the amount of \$79,830,

Contract No. 1B – Submersible Pumps Pre-Purchase to Fluid Kinetics, Inc. for the bid in the amount of \$22,563.

Mr. Churchill asked if the total of this is about \$100,000; Mrs. Gleason replied yes. Mr. Churchill asked if it was going to eliminate that building down there; Mrs. Gleason replied yes. She said this is only to purchase all the materials and mechanic to complete the project. Brief discussion followed.

The above motion made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Frank Sinicropi to adopt the above resolution awarding the bid for Water Street Pump Station Improvements Project was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Award bid – Electrician Contract Services: A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Frank Sinicropi to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Municipal Law, bids for Electrician Contract Services were received, publicly opened and read aloud on May 25, 2023 at the Town Hall, 130 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls, Ny 13148; and WHEREAS, the Town Engineering Consultant, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. (B&L) tabulated and analyzed the bids received, and by letter dated June 1, 2023, has recommended award of the Town of Seneca Falls Electrician Contract Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the recommendation of B&L, the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board hereby awards the Town of Seneca Falls Electrician Contract Services as follows:

Electrician Contract Services to Caratuzzolo Electrical, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Establish Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment on Potential Community Development Block

Grant Application: A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls recognizes the provision of safe, affordable housing is critical to the health and vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town is evaluating opportunities to develop a mix of affordable housing opportunities, which will require infrastructure enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program supports the provision of infrastructure to advance housing availability for low and moderate income individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Town is considering the development of an application to the CDBG Program to assist in infrastructure development; and

WHEREAS, CDBG Program requirements charge potential applicants with holding a Public Hearing to receive comments on application parameters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board will host a public hearing on a potential CDBG Grant application on July 5, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board requests that the Town Clerk advertise the hearing in the Finger Lakes Times no fewer than eight days prior to the hearing date.

Mr. Horn stated the Community Development Block Program funds a whole variety of economic community development projects mostly targeted toward services to benefit low to moderate income individuals. The CDBG funding requires that a public hearing be held for public comment. Mr. Horn said the maximum application request is \$750,000 or up to 95% of project cost, whichever is higher.

The above motion made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the above resolution establishing a public hearing to receive public comment on CDBG application was carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

Resolution – Authorization and Support for NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act – Drinking Water Grant Application: A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board supports the submission of a New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant application on behalf of the Town for a water system improvement project, hereinafter referred to as the "Project"; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) administers grants to assist municipalities in funding water infrastructure projects that improve water quality and protect public health; and WHEREAS, an Engineering Report entitled "Preliminary Engineering Report for the Seneca Falls Water System and FlexTech Study", dated June 2022 and amended June 2023, recommends implementing the Project to help improve water quality and protect public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board identifies the Town Supervisor as the authorized representative of the Town to submit the WIIA application on behalf of the Town and execute all associated documents relative to and as required for the WIIA application, including the funding agreement and financial application, as applicable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town may be obligated to provide local matching funds totaling at least 40% of the Project costs in the form of in-kind services or cash contributions appropriated through State Revolving Fund (SRF) or other approved financing or funds, in accordance with the Bond Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board of Seneca County fully supports the Project and the submission of the WIIA grant application by MRB Groupon behalf of the Town to improve water quality and protect public health.

Mr. Churchill said the Town is applying for the grant, but the Town would be committed to 40% of the cost of whatever project it is. Mr. Ferrara stated he would think that we want to get as much grant money as we can, and use less taxpayers' money with the grant money, and then bond and try to get 0% financing. A reserve fund would be set up, and each year, money would be put in that fund – we would be fixing infrastructure which is probably 100 years old and fixing the problem. Mr. Churchill said he would like to know what the project entails.

After further discussion, the above motion made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the above resolution in support of and authorizing the submission of a WIIA Drinking Water Grant application was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Councilman Churchill with the dissenting vote.

Resolution – Schedule Public Hearing for Water Treatment Plant Improvements: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls, NY (the "Town") previously requested Barton & Loguidice Engineers, P.C., engineers duly licensed by the State of New York, to prepare a map, plan and estimate of cost for the improvement of facilities of the Town of Seneca Falls Water Distribution System (consisting of Seneca

Falls Improvement Water Districts No. 1 & 2; the former Village of Seneca Falls District and the former Village of Seneca Falls Permissive Service Area) in and for the Town, consisting of the replacement and rehabilitation of existing components at the Town's Water Treatment Plant, including a new backwash tank, rebuilding backwash filters to include all scour, adding a vacuum prime system to the backwash pump, valve and actuator replacement and zebra mussel control, and the following distribution system improvements within existing water service areas: 5 & 20 to E. River Road; approximately 2,800 linear feet of new 12-inch watermain along State Route 414 to serve Seneca Meadows, Inc. Education Center; and approximately 4,000 linear feet of new 8-inch watermain to loop existing dead end water mains and serve one additional property on Martin Road including related site work, paving, restoration and repairs incidental thereto; and

WHEREAS, said map, plan and estimate of cost are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk for public inspection, and estimated maximum cost of such improvement is Seventeen Million, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$17,700,000.00); and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on said proposed improvement pursuant to Town Law Section 202-b.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board as follows:

THAT a meeting of the Town Board shall be held at the Town of Seneca Falls Offices, 130 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls, NY on the 11th day of July, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed increase and improvement of the facilities of the districts in the Town, as described in the preambles hereof, at which time and place the Town Board will here all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same; and further

THAT the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of said public hearing to be published in the official newspaper of the Town and posted in the manner prescribed by law.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Morrell further explained the project which schedules a public Hearing under Town Law Section 202-b.

The above motion made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the above resolution scheduling a Public Hearing for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements was carried 5 ayes, 1 nay; Councilman Churchill with the dissenting vote.

Proposed Local Law – Real Property: Absentee Landlords and Criminal Activity: Mr. Morrell explained this is creating a registry in conjunction with the Police Department to ensure the Town knows who the responsible party is for property that has fallen in disrepair or has become a problem. He said this requires a public hearing and SEQR review which will be done at the July 11th Meeting.

A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board (hereinafter referred to as town Board) has reviewed the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) part 1 prepared by MRB Group (hereinafter referred to as Town Engineer) on the above referenced town of Seneca Falls "Local Law Amending Seneca Falls Town Code, Chapter 215, Rental Property: Absentee Landlords and Criminal Activity" local law is being introduced to the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board (hereinafter referred to as Action); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that said Action is subject to review by other Interested Agencies under the SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that it is the most appropriate Agency to ensure the coordination of this Action and will provide written notifications to interested agencies for the purpose of conducting a coordinated review and making the determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has prepared and submitted the standard Town Project SEQR Lead Agency Coordination Letter, a list of Interested Agencies; and

WHEREAS, there are no Identified Involved Agencies for this project, only interested Agencies which include the following: Seneca County Planning Board, town of Seneca Falls Planning Board, Town of Tyre Town Board, Town of Waterloo Town Board Town of Fayette Town Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby classify the proposed Action as a Type 1 Action as is further defined under Part 617.5 of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the town Board does hereby declare its intent to be designated as the lead agency for the Action and directs the Town Supervisor to sign and date the Full EAF Part 1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Engineer is directed to provide notice hereof to the above listed interested agencies, seeking a response in writing on or before Noon on Friday, July 7, 2023.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 naves.

A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls believes that it would be advantageous to the Town to

amend the Town Code to include a Chapter on Rental Property: Absentee Landlords and Criminal Activity. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 4 of the year 2023 entitled "A Local Law to Amend the Seneca Falls Town Code by adding Chapter 215 Rental Property: Absentee Landlords and Criminal Activity" be and the same is hereby introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls, NY; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law be laid upon the desk of each member of the Town Board; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that aforesaid proposed local law be referred to Seneca County and Seneca Falls Planning Boards for review and recommendation; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on said proposed local law at 6:00 P.M. on July 11, 2023; 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 ten (10) days prior thereto. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Proposed Local Law – Peddling, Soliciting, Transient Business & Mobile Food Vending: Mr. Ferrara stated there is nothing in the Town Code for mobile food trucks to park downtown and operate. This protects our business owners. Mr. Morrell pointed out they reached out to the Downtown Business Association and amended it to say there will be no food trucks downtown or the Sackett District or within 100' of another food service business. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Frank Sinicropi to adopt the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board (hereinafter referred to as Town Board) has reviewed the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) Part 1 prepared by MRB Group (hereinafter referred to as Town Engineer) on the above referenced Town of Seneca Falls "Local Law Amending Seneca Falls Town Code Chapter 213, "Peddling, Soliciting, Transient Business and Mobile Food Vending" local law is being introduced to the Seneca Falls Town Board (hereinafter referred to as Action); and WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that said Action is subject to review by other Interested Agencies under the SEQR Regulations; and WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that it is the most appropriate agency to ensure the coordination of this Action and will provide written notifications to interested agencies, for the purpose of conducting a coordinated review and making the determination of significance thereon under SEQR Regulations; and WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has prepared and submitted the standard Town Project SEQR Lead Agency Coordination Letter and a list of Interested Agencies; and WHEREAS, there are no identified Involved Agencies for this Project, only interested Agencies which include the following: Seneca County Planning Board, Town of Seneca Falls Planning Board, Town of Tyre Town Board, Town of Waterloo Town Board, Town of Fayette Town Board. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby classify the proposed Action as a Type 1 Action as is further defined under 617.5 of the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations (SEQR); and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby declare its intent to be designated as lead agency for the Action, and directs the Town Supervisor to sign and date the Full EAF Part 1.; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Engineer is directed to provide notice hereof to the above listed interested agencies, seeking a response in writing on or before Noon on Friday July 7, 2023. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Frank Sinicropi to adopt the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls believes that it would be advantageous to the Town to amend the Town Code as it relates to Peddlers, Soliciting, Transient Business and Mobile Food Vending. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law #3 if the year 2023 entitled "A Local Law to Amend Chapter 213 of the Seneca Falls Town Code" be and the same is hereby introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls, NY; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law be laid upon the desk of each Member of the Town Board; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid proposed local law be referred to the Seneca County and Seneca Falls Planning Boards for review and recommendation; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on said proposed local law at 6:00 P.M. on July 11, 2023; 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 10 days prior thereto. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Water/Sewer Credits: None.

Payment of Bills:

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

General Fund - \$246,885.45 (Abstract #6)

Recreation Fund - \$23,452.54 (Abstract #6)

Miscellaneous Fund - \$34,579.91 (Abstract #6)

Vince's Park Fund - \$2,692.54 (Abstract #6)

Highway Fund - \$147,750.51 (Abstract #6)

Sewer Fund - \$66,478.88 (Abstract #6)

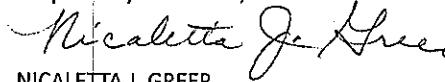
Water Fund - \$188,580.03 (Abstract #6)

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



NICALETTA J. GREER

Town Clerk

