

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a regular monthly Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at the Seneca Falls Community Center, 35 Water Street, Seneca Falls.

Present were Supervisor Michael Ferrara; Councilpersons Dawn Dyson, Kaitlyn Laskoski, Frank Sinicropi and Steven Churchill. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; Peter Soscia, Town Manager; Peter Porcelli, Zoning Officer; Jeremy Wendy, 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:

- Water Meter replacement project is moving forward. Through negotiations with Sensus and because of delays they were able to save \$248,000 from the original price.
- Paving projects for CHIPS money received – three roads were completed – Garden Street Extension, Park Place and Seneca Manor Drive.
- The November Board Meeting would fall on Election Day, November 7<sup>th</sup>. After brief discussion, the Board agreed to hold the November Meeting on November 8, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
- Mr. Ferrara advised that the Board would be unable to pay the bills tonight without the Abstracts. He suggested a Special Meeting on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Noon. The Board agreed to have the Meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> to pay the bills.
- Mr. Ferrara will be meeting with Mrs. Gleason of Barton & Loguidice next week to look at areas in the town that do not have water; they will bring it back to the Board.
- Mr. Ferrara thanked Greg Zellers and the SF Development Corporation for their help in obtaining \$210,000 in grants that do not have to be repaid. The money will assist five new businesses, as well as helping four existing businesses. If the money is used up this year, they can apply for additional money next year.
- There will be two Fall brush pickups and two Spring brush pickups. The two Fall pickups are scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>. There will also be Swap Cycle days to be held on October 13, 14 and 15. People can put usable items out to the curb on Friday, and register those items on line; anyone interested in them can pick them up.
- The stair project at Water Street to Cowing Street is complete and is now ADA compliant, or will be once the handrails are installed.
- Three DRI projects are in the works – the Skate Park at the Community Center going out for bid and the Kayak launch. The Visitors Center and the north side of the Canal - they have the cooperation of NYSEG to bury all the wires underground.
- Mr. Ferrara mentioned the School tax bills and said the rate dropped down to \$18.04 per \$1,000 of assessed value. His assessment went up \$40,000, and his taxes actually went down a few dollars.
- Mr. Ferrara said he will be writing a letter to DEC requesting that they look into the possibility of lung cancer clusters in the area. He will share that letter with the Board if any of them wanted to sign it, and will also share it with the Waste Management Committee.
- Mr. Ferrara mentioned that the final draft of a Comprehensive Plan was done, and the Board would be asked to vote on it in October. Steering Committee Members Christine Van Dusen and Frederick Capozzi went to the podium to speak. Mr. Churchill asked if this was on the Agenda; Mr. Ferrara replied it was not – they are going to give a preview of what was done to come up with this plan. Mr. Capozzi gave a brief talk about the work that was put into this Plan, and thanked the Committee for all their hard work.

Mr. Churchill proposed that the Board hold a Public Forum so that the public can come and have discussion about this – it is the blueprint for their community for years to come. Mr. Churchill said he would make a motion to hold a public forum; Mrs. Laskoski agreed about having discussions regarding the Plan. After brief discussion, the Board agreed to hold a Public Forum on the Comprehensive Plan on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at the Community Center.

Mr. Horn went to the podium to give a brief presentation on the Plan. Mr. Churchill objected and said this was not the place on the Agenda to have this presentation.

At 6:27 P.M., a motion was made by Michael Ferrara and seconded by Dawn Dyson to go into Executive Session as per Public Officers Law Section 105-D to discuss litigation concerning MOU and the Landfill, and to discuss the sale or lease of property as per Public Officers Law Section 105-H. Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Councilman Churchill voted no.

A motion was made to reconvene the regular monthly Meeting at 7:04 P.M. by Steve Churchill and seconded by

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Michael Ferrara. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Petitioners:

Mr. Ferrara advised that there were several petitioners that wish to speak, and they would each be allowed three minutes to speak. He stated the MOU is not a legal binding document, and that future Boards could throw out any Host Agreement reached. He added the MOU is just to protect the Town if the DEC grants SMI the permit.

Corey Foster – SMI HCA: Corey Foster, 4 Leland Drive, stated he wished the Landfill was never here, but it is here and he feels that as long as it is, the Town should be getting something out of it.

Mark Pitifer – New HCA: Mr. Churchill said Mr. Pitifer called him earlier and asked that he be allowed the five minutes to speak. Mark Pitifer, representing his employer, Bill Lutz and Waterloo Container, stated he is opposed to any expansion of the landfill and the Board entering into any MOU or new host community agreement. He said the only reason for the MOU since it is not a binding agreement is to send a message to the DEC that the Town approves SMI expansion. He asked how the Board could support a MOU before the SEQR has been completed by the DEC. Mr. Pitifer said he opposes SMI having anything to do with odor complaints. He added approving anything tonight would be premature since SMI has not completed their application with DEC.

Matt Venuti – SMI: Mat Venuti, Wagner Street, Waterloo, stated that he is a musician and does a lot of videos of music to nature scenes, with most of the scenes being of the Finger Lakes region. He stated the health risks associated with landfills are very easy to look up. The longer the landfill is open and the bigger it gets, the more health risks it will pose and the more damage it will do to the environment.

Barb Reese: Barb Reese said she was speaking by way of her husband who is a Doctor in this area. She said the cancer rates between 2011 and 2015 are 50% higher than expected. Mrs. Reese stated with the new Agreement being \$10 million a year for 15 years, the thought is of money and not the health of the community. She does not feel that a letter from Mr. Ferrara to the DEC is enough.

Jean Gilroy: Jean Gilroy, Gravel Road, asked who on the Board saw the resolution that Mr. Ferrara was asked to present to the Board about DEC and cancer clusters prior to last Thursday when Mr. Ferrara refused to present it, and said the Board was not interested. The other four members of the Board indicated that they had not seen it until she gave them a copy tonight. Mrs. Gilroy feels that air quality should be more important than a few bicycles and backpacks. She asked that the Board table any vote, and wanted to know where the big money offer from SMI has been for the past 16 years. Mrs. Gilroy said she feels SMI should be making payments to the Town for the next 50 years after the landfill closes.

Phil Gilmont: Phil Gilmont stated he is with the Executive Committee of the Finger Lakes Sierra Group. He lives in Montour Falls and travels regularly to his girl friend's house in North Rose so he is familiar with the landfill. The methane gas that comes from the landfill is extremely bad for the ozone. Mr. Gilmont stated that less than 20% of methane produced in landfills gets siphoned off for renewable energy. He added it's up to each person to decide what type of world they want to leave their children and grandchildren.

Jaxson Puylara: Jaxson Puylara, Town Board Candidate, stated he was at last month's Town Board Meeting, and thinks it's crazy that all Board Members were not involved in negotiations with SMI. He opposes any MOU because it does not say what will happen if the landfill does not correct odor problems.

Valerie Sandlas: Valerie Sandlas, Member of the Seneca Falls Environmental Action Committee, stated that she does not think any agreement should be made with SMI. She feels the Board should be talking to the NYS Health Department and Seneca County Health Department, as well as the DEC, about the cancer clusters in the area. Mrs. Sandlas feels that the new agreement is nothing more than a bribe on the part of SMI and completely neglects any health concerns. She mentioned that the landfill is less than two miles from our schools, and no amount of money is worth sacrificing health and safety. She referred to the stack of complaints she has made to SMI odor line, and said they with the last complaint, they said there was an odor of wood smoke found, but nothing caused by the Landfill. Mrs. Sandlas stated no amount of money is worth the risks that an expansion would create.

Emil Bove: Emil Bove, State Street, mentioned the new dog they got and how she gobbles her food way to fast. His wife Lynn worked on training the dog to eat slower, and if it starts to eat fast, she says "Go Slowly" and the dog eats slower. Mr. Bove said he is saying to the Board "Go Slowly", and let's be careful in this. He added if SMI is willing to pay \$10 million a year to the Town, then what is in it for SMI – he answered about \$3 billion. Mr. Bove recommended that the MOU and Host Agreement be sent to the NY Comptroller's Office to see if it is even

legal first.

Holland Grey: Holland Grey, Skaneateles, stated the he is Executive Director of Citizens to Preserve Skaneateles who works diligently to protect and enhance Skaneateles. He asked if protestors in the room had an attorney, and recommended that they get one. Mr. Grey said Town Boards listen more when an attorney is speaking, and the prospect of a lawsuit is looming.

James Hoffnagel: James Hoffnagel, Niagara Falls, NY, stated he has written several articles about the landfill here for the Niagara Falls Reporter. His reason for concern about this landfill is that millions of gallons of leachate comes out of this landfill and gets shipped to Buffalo Sewer Authority where it gets "treated" and then dumped out into the Niagara River. This puts PFAS into the drinking water of thousands of people. PFAS has been known to cause endocrine disorders, high blood pressure and cancer. Mr. Hoffnagel stated another 15 years of this will certainly cause heart attacks, cancer deaths and miscarriages. He said the leachate should be shipped back to Texas.

Patience Rooster: Patience Rooster, Skaneateles, wife of Holland Grey, stated the landfill greatly affects the Town of Skaneateles in that over 250 trucks a day comes through the Town, tearing up their roads and disrupts the Town. This causes a risk to the lake and their water supply because one of those trucks could overturn and send garbage into Skaneateles Lake. Mrs. Rooster asked the Town Board why they are not protecting their constituents like they are elected to do.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular monthly Meeting of August 1, 2023 by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Frank Sinicropi. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Peter Dolan: Mr. Churchill read a letter from Peter Dolan who owns the Gould Hotel which stated his concern with the extension of the landfill to 2040 will perpetuate an identity crisis for Seneca Falls. The opportunity to create a long-term sustainable revenue source through downtown enhancements and developments via a focused effort on Seneca Falls' identity will be threatened. Now is the time to identify what Seneca Falls is about. Mr. Dolan said Seneca Falls has a lot to offer – a unique college; significant history; associated with a classic movie; wineries. He added most important, we have good people that care about the Town.

Herbert Holden: Mr. Ferrara read a letter from Herbert Holden who said his home is just east of the landfill, and the odor is a problem almost daily. The landfill is negatively affecting the value of their property and their health. Mr. Holden said he is very concerned about the ever-increasing expansion of Town Government, and the overspending and management of funds has gotten out of control. Mr. Holden stated he is certain we can budget to offset landfill revenue and stabilize taxes without this expansion and after the landfill closes. He added we don't need Seneca Falls to turn into the Town of Seneca Meadows, because that is the path we are on. Mr. Holden referred to the MOU and HCA and said he feels both are premature. He sees numerous promises for improvement but very little recourse for failure to deliver the advertised improvements.

Wendy Crane: Wendy Crane, Town Board Candidate, stated she is raising three children in Seneca Falls and feels it is essential to keep safety high and taxes low. She is glad that everyone here is willing to stop creating garbage so that we won't have to worry about where it is going to go. Ms. Crane said if she thought for one minute that her children were in danger, she would not even be around here.

Mr. Sinicropi made a motion to move up letter K (Resolution – Memorandum of Understanding), seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Authorize Town Supervisor to Sign Memorandum of Understanding with SMI: Mr. Ferrara read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Seneca Meadows, Inc. (SMI) currently operates a landfill (the Landfill) in the Town of Seneca Falls (the Town) and has applied to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for a modification of its existing Solid Waste Management Facility Permit pursuant to 6NYCRR Part 360; and  
WHEREAS, the Town has had a Host Community Agreement (HCA) with SMI concerning the Landfill since 1990 pursuant to which SMI provides benefits to the Town intended to compensate the Town for potential negative impacts associated with the Landfill; and  
WHEREAS, in the event that the DEC grants SMI's current permit application, it is necessary that the town and SMI enter into a new HCA in order for the Town to receive increased payments and benefits from SMI; and  
WHEREAS, the Town and SMI may not enter into a HCA until the DEC has completed its environmental review of SMI's permit application; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorized representatives to enter into negotiations with SMI to discuss potential terms of a new HCA in order to protect the interests of the Town; and  
WHEREAS, A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is a statement by the parties of their intention to enter into an agreement at a later date, but is not itself a binding agreement; and  
WHEREAS, the Town now desires to enter into a MOU with SMI to reflect the understanding reached between the parties concerning acceptable terms for a new HCA; and  
WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and is implementing regulations set forth at 6NYCRR Part 617 (the Regulations) with respect to the adoption of the MOU.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby finds that entering into an MOU with SMI is not an Action pursuant to the Regulations because it does not commit the parties to a definite course of action, however, to the extent that it is deemed an Action, the adoption of the MOU would be a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5©(26) and (33) of the Regulations; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby approves the terms of the attached MOU and authorizes the Supervisor to execute it.

Steve Churchill made a motion, seconded by Frank Sinicropi to vote on the above resolution.

Mrs. Laskoski stated transparency throughout this is incredibly important. She is not comfortable with moving forward with this HCA at this point due to the fact that Mr. Ferrara's brother, David Ferrara, who works for Bond Schoneck and King, sat on the Negotiating Committee. Mrs. Laskoski said that personally, she would like to table this for the time being. She needs to remove herself from any implication of impropriety.

Kaitlyn Laskoski made a motion to table action on the above resolution, seconded by Dawn Dyson.

Mr. Churchill said he supports the resolution 100%. He thinks there were some things that were not done properly with the MOU and HCA.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to table action on the above resolution which is as follows:

Michael Ferrara – no            Frank Sinicropi – no            Kaitlyn Laskoski – yes  
Dawn Dyson – yes            Steve Churchill – yes

Motion to table action on the above resolution was carried 3 ayes, 2 nays.

Resolution from Waste Management: Mr. Churchill made a motion, seconded by Frank Sinicropi to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, census tract data from the New York State Department of Health for 2011-2015 and 2013-2017 has revealed a lung cancer cluster in the area around Seneca Meadows Landfill and the gas-to-energy-plant; and  
WHEREAS, Seneca County's lung cancer rates continued to rank higher during 2016-2020 based on data from National Institutes of Health; and  
WHEREAS, additional data is needed to identify which census tracts in Seneca County are driving these higher County rates 2016-2022; and  
WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls is located in the lung cancer "cluster" labeled LU-H-17 by the New York State Department of Health; and  
WHEREAS, the reporting suggests that the higher incidence of lung cancer is due to factors other than random exposure or higher smoking rates; and  
WHEREAS, sewer gas odors are being smelled inside businesses along the Route 414 corridor, in the medical offices and in the hotel on Balsley Road due to the shared sewer line that also carries leachate to the Seneca Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant and these odors were recently linked to the leachate from the landfill; and  
WHEREAS, a study by Mataloni, et al (2016) concluded that exposure to H2S was associated with lung cancer mortality and respiratory disease morbidity and mortality; (See Morbidity and Mortality of people who live close to municipal waste landfills: a multisite cohort study); and  
WHEREAS, evidence suggests an association between H2S and acute respiratory infections in children and Seneca Meadows Landfill is located less than three miles from all schools in the Town of Seneca Falls and Waterloo; and  
WHEREAS, Seneca Meadows Landfill currently has over 70 million tons of waste in place and has applied for an expansion to add another 40 million tons of waste through 2024, increasing the permitted landfill height by about 70 feet, from 774 feet to 843.5 feet above sea level; and  
WHEREAS, New York State has identified the Town of Seneca Falls as a disadvantaged community that bears the combined burdens of negative public health effects, environmental pollution, impacts of climate change, and also possesses certain socioeconomic criteria of low and moderate income households; and  
WHEREAS, as per Seneca Falls Town Code Section 185-5 Landfill Permit Requirements, Section E. Conditions, it is the responsibility of the Town Board to impose conditions on the construction and operation of any landfill as

may be necessary to protect public health, safety, welfare or the environment.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to protect public health, safety, welfare and the environment, the Seneca Falls Town Board requests that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation includes an analysis of the lung cancer patterns in the census tracts surrounding the Seneca Meadows Landfill as part of the Environmental Impact Statement required for the Landfill's expansion application.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Communications:

Mr. Ferrara mentioned that he has about 254 communications to be added for the record in response to the website survey about the MOU. About 160 are from Seneca Falls and the rest are from out of town.

Old Business:

Sale of Town Property: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Approval of Special Events: A motion was made by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Frank Sinicropi to approve the Seneca Falls Performing Arts Center Event on September 30, 2023.

Chief Snyder stated he is not okay with it at this time as he had questions about the sale of alcohol, and they haven't gotten back to him yet. Mrs. Jones said they just got back to her the other day. Mr. Ferrara made a motion to table action on this Event until the Special Meeting September 11<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Frank Sinicropi. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Reappoint Member of Board of Assessment Review: Mrs. VonWald said she was unaware of any opening except for Sheryl Spano who went to work at the Police Department.

A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to fill the vacancy. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

SFPD Resolution – Permanent Police Sergeant Appointments: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Seneca Falls Police Department has the need to fill three permanent Police Sergeant positions; and WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Police Chief and Public Safety Committee to fill these positions with qualified candidates; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bethany Kidd, Sergeant Eric McLean and Sergeant Logan Burgdorf were appointed Provisional Police Sergeants July 5, 2023, and all are currently on an active Seneca County Civil Service list for Police Sergeant after passing the Sergeant test.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves promoting Sergeant Bethany Kidd, Sergeant Eric McLean and Sergeant Logan Burgdorf to permanent Police Sergeants.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

SFPD Resolution – Declare 1970s Police Radar Unit Surplus and Donate to SF Historical Society: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to declare a 1970s Kustom Signals Police Radar Unit surplus and give custody of the Radar Unit to the Seneca Falls Historical Society.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

WHEREAS, two bids were received for materials for water services; and

WHEREAS, F.W. Webb Company was the low bidder at \$7,565.68,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the purchasing materials for water services from F.W. Webb Company for a total of \$7,565.68.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Authorize Supervisor to Sign Engagement Letter with MRB Group – Local Water Revitalization Grant: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls received a Local Water Revitalization Grant for \$68,875.00 with a local matching share of \$19,625.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls posted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a consultant for the planning and facilitation of the Revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the MRB Group was the only firm who submitted a proposal. Their proposal is for \$78,500.00 to be the lead facilitator and consultant; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State (DOS) approved the MRB proposal.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Seneca Falls approves for the Town Supervisor to sign the engagement contract with MRB Group for \$78,500.00 to be the lead consultant and to work with the LWRP Committee on the planning for the revitalization of the Cayuga/Seneca Canal and the VanCleaf Lake shorelines and surrounding areas.

Mr. Ferrara stated it is critical to start planning as this will be a long process. He said a Committee has been formed, and they will be meeting September 11<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Dyson asked who was on the Committee; Mr. Ferrara replied Dr. Lorenzetti, Christine Van Dusen, Chris Lytle, Kristin Grillone, Doug Avery, Jessica Lorenzetti and Frank Sinicropi. Mr. Churchill said this Grant is \$60,000; this Grant plus the Town's \$17,000 is what is going to pay MRB. Mr. Ferrara said that is correct. He added once we have a plan in five years, we can apply for more Local Revitalization funds.

The above motion made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Dawn Dyson to approve the above resolution was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

WHEREAS, the Highway Department needs to surplus outdated/old equipment:

1998 Mac garbage truck; 1990 Trojan payloador; 1990 Badger ditch machine;  
Graco paint sprayer 3900; Generac Gp 7500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board declares these items surplus and authorizes placing them on Auctions International for bid.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Add Application Fee for Lot Line Adjustments: A motion was made by Steve Churchill and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted a revision to the Ordinance known as Chapter 255, Subdivision of Land, on April 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the revision created an addition of a required Lot Line Adjustment application fee, and whereby the Zoning & Code Enforcement Department proposes a new application fee in the amount of \$100.00 per application to satisfy this requirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board approves the proposed Lot Line Adjustment application fee relevant to Town Code Chapter 255, and that these changes be implemented in the Town Fee Schedule effective immediately upon approval.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution – Modification of Fee Schedule for Peddling, Soliciting, Transient Business and Mobile Food Vending:

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted the revised Ordinance Chapter 213, Peddling, Soliciting, Transient Business and Mobile Food Vending, on August 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the modification of this Ordinance establishes a new streamlined fee schedule, and the Zoning and Code Enforcement hereby proposes a \$10.00 fee for one day permit; and a \$50.00 fee for one year permit be added to the Town Fee Schedule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board approves the proposed addition of these Fees associated with application for Peddling, Soliciting, Transient Business and Mobile Food Vending, and that these changes be implemented in the Town Fee Schedule immediately upon approval.

No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays

Mr. Churchill asked if the money is going to be collected by the Clerk's Office or Mr. Porcelli; Mr. Porcelli replied the Clerk's Office.

Resolution – Addition of Fee for Absentee Landlord License: A motion was made by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted a new Ordinance under Chapter 215, Rental Property: Absentee Landlords and Criminal Activity on August 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the new Ordinance requires an application for an Absentee Landlord License, and such application requires an imposed fee, therefore the Zoning and Code Enforcement Department proposes a fee of \$50.00 per application to satisfy this requirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board approves the proposed addition of aforementioned

Absentee Landlord License Application fee as outlined in Chapter 215, and that these changes be implemented in the Town Fee Schedule effective immediately upon approval.

Mrs. Laskoski said she would ask the Town Clerk what the due process is for the collection of the fees.

Comprehensive Plan: Matt Horn stated Advance Seneca Falls 2040 is intended to serve as a decision-making framework for policy makers and decision makers in all areas of Town operations. He proceeded to make a presentation of what the draft Comprehensive Plan contains.

Resolution – Set Public Hearing Date – Comprehensive Plan: A motion was made by Dawn Dyson and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Seneca Falls Town Board (hereinafter referred to as Town Board) has received a draft of the Town of Seneca Falls Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby schedule a Public Hearing, and move to continue the review of the Comprehensive Plan Draft to their October 3, 2023 Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 130 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148.

Mr. Churchill said he would like to not vote on this until after the Public Forum. As Mr. Horn said, the Board needs to take the time on this as two or three things need to happen – let's get that stuff done and then figure out when to have the Public Hering.

A vote was taken on the motion to set a Public Hearing Date which is as follows:

Michael Ferrara – aye	Frank Sinicropi – aye	Steve Churchill – nay
Dawn Dyson – aye	Kaitlyn Laskoski – ayes	

Motion to adopt the above resolution was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay.

SEQR Resolution – Lead Agency Intent: A motion was made by Kaitlyn Laskoski and seconded by Frank Sinicropi to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the 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 on the above-referenced Town of Seneca Falls Comprehensive Plan (hereinafter referred to as Action); and WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that said Action is subject to review by other Involved and 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 a determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, there are no identified Involved Agencies for this project, only Interested Agencies which include the following: Seneca County Planning Board, Seneca Falls Planning Board, Seneca Falls Zoning Board of Appeals, Town of Tyre, Town of Waterloo and Town of Fayette.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby classify the proposed Action as a Type I 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 the Full EAF Part 1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MRB Group is directed to provide notice hereof to the above listed Interested agencies, seeking a response in writing on or before Noon on Monday, October 2, 2023.

Motion carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Mr. Churchill vote no.

SEQR Review: Mr. Ferrara asked Mr. Horn if that was it for SEQR form. Mr. Horn replied it is a Type 1 Action and is all set with lead agency declaration.

Resolution – Engagement Letter with MRB – Complete Bayard Street Culvert Engineering Report: A motion was made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls has been awarded a NYSDEC Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source (NPS) Planning Grant to study the Bayard Street Culvert; and

WHEREAS, the Grant award is up to \$30,000.00 with a corresponding 10% match of \$3,000.00 for a total project cost of \$33,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the MRB Group will complete Field measurements, Stormwater Flow calculations. Develop possible alternatives for replacement and complete a professional engineering report (PER).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Seneca Falls approves for the Town Supervisor to sign the engagement contract with the MRB Group for \$24,900.00 to complete the Bayard Street Culvert Engineering Report.



Mr. Churchill asked if this wasn't something that B&L had already done. Mr. Ferrara replied no—they did some preliminary work. Mr. Churchill said they gave some engineering designs and two or three options—this work is done. Mr. Ferrara stated that it's not done to the point where if the Board in the future wants to put a shovel in the ground, it's not done to that point. Discussion followed.

The above motion made by Frank Sinicropi and seconded by Kaitlyn Laskoski to adopt the above resolution was carried 4 ayes, 1 nay; Mr. Churchill voted no.

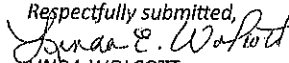
Water/Sewer/Pool Credits: A motion was made to approve the Water/Sewer/Pool credits in the amount of \$1,215.08 by Steve Churchill and seconded by Frank Sinicropi. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Any Other New Business:

Mrs. Laskoski told Mr. Soscio she got his email and responses to the Audit report, but she would like to know more about what is going on—more discussion, end of the month reports. She would like more detail as to how they are going to respond to audits. She said we should be acting more as a team and all the Board is receiving the same information. Mrs. Laskoski said it's important that it's about us. Mr. Ferrara agreed with Mrs. Laskoski.

Mr. Ferrara stated the Comptroller was here and they were checking on the audit of 2018 and what the Town Board completed from that audit. The Town Board didn't do a whole lot to change the deficiencies that were in place. When he and Mr. Churchill came on the Board, he assumed everything was corrected, but it was not. Mr. Ferrara said as soon as the strategies are in place, we will work together to fix the problem.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting at 9:09 P.M. by Steve Churchill and seconded by Dawn Dyson. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
LINDA WOLCOTT  
Deputy Town Clerk

