3675 Flint Road

Stanley, NY 14561

January 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the Seneca Town Board was called to order at 7:30 pm by Supervisor John Sheppard. Also present were:

Charles Smith, Councilman Andrew Wickham, Councilman

Howard Keeney, Councilman Jason Mosher, Councilman

Terri Quartaro, Town Clerk Shana Jo Hilton, Assessor

Rick Allison, Highway Supt. Jerry Hoover, CEO

Jane Wolfe, Historian

Supervisor Sheppard led the pledge of allegiance and then administered the oath of office to newly appointed Councilman Wickham. The agenda was then approved on motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Keeney. Supervisor Sheppard had some additions to the agenda and then offered the amended version for adoption. Motion seconded by Councilman Wickham and carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sheppard then shared his unfortunate experience with storing a hoe in the wrong position and having it hit him in the face.

Privilege of the floor was then given to Bob McGill of Waterloo who presented the board with information regarding incinerators in upstate New York.

Minutes of the last three board meetings were offered for approval. Supervisor Sheppard proposed an amendment to the November 20 minutes to read “The 2013 budget is up 5%, but 2 ½% of the increase is for water line installation project”. The minutes were the approved on motion of Supervisor Sheppard, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sheppard mentioned the following communications:

* Knauf/Shaw invoice of $2,800
* Office for the Aging newsletter
* GTC Bulletin
* Ontario Pathways newsletter
* RPTS Pilot billing
* Letter from Clark Patterson to NYSDEC
* Letter from NYSDOH regarding sampling requirements
* Landfill letters

Written reports were submitted by the highway superintendent, water superintendent, CEO, assessor and historian and are on file. Carla from Casella reported the FEIS was tabled and remains so, they’re currently filling the new cell, will be starting a 10 acre cap (green) on the south side. Their lawyers will be writing up a response to the zero waste press release. IES should be operational by the end of January. Councilman Wickham asked about the scholarship program that Casella funds and Carla stated that BOCES administers the program. Supervisor Sheppard reported that Paul Wagner will be here auditing soon.

WARRANTS –

 General, claims #2-35 & 58-59 in the amount of $42,483.01 were approved on motion of Councilman Mosher, seconded by Councilman Keeney and;

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 Water, claims #1-11 in the amount of $47,042.21 were approved on motion of Councilman Keeney, seconded by Councilman Mosher and;

 Highway, claims #1 & 36-57 in the amount of $29,996.24 were approved on motion of Councilman Wickham, seconded by Councilman Keeney and;

 Hall light, claims #22-23 in the amount of $404.34

 Stanley light, claims #22-23 in the amount of $377.52

 Seneca Castle light claims #22-23 in the amount of $320.29 were approved on motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wickham and;

 Town Clerk’s, CEO’s and Supervisor’s monthly reports were approved on motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wickham and all carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the water department bidding the purchase of 5 miles of pipe and appurtenances was offered by Supervisor Sheppard, seconded by Councilman Keeney and carried unanimously.

The 2013 road agreement with the highway superintendent was approved on motion of Supervisor Sheppard, seconded by Councilman Mosher and carried unanimously. A motion to approve the bidding for a sweep tractor and broom for highway was approved on motion of Supervisor Sheppard, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously. The highway reserve fund expenditures for 2013 for a total of $280,000 for a plow truck with plow, tractor and broom and one ton with dump body were approved on motion of Supervisor Sheppard, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously.

Property tax exemptions need to be reviewed. It was decided to keep them all at the current levels on motion of Supervisor Sheppard, seconded by Councilman Mosher and carried unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding changes to an elected official’s compensation level. Supervisor Sheppard feels that if any changes are going to be made it should be decided before the election season begins; the county’s policy is by April. Councilman Wickham stated the supervisor position has become very time consuming due to the landfill increasing in size and the workload related to it.

A public hearing on the sanitary sewer system was held a week ago but only one property owner attended. Councilman Wickham stated it is a good investment and will only cost more in the future. Councilman Mosher is concerned that the taxpayers have not been heard from. It was decided to hold a special meeting on January 29 at 7:00 pm inviting people to come and be heard. This was approved on motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wickham and carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sheppard offered a motion to enter into executive session to discuss property and litigation issues at 9:06 pm, seconded by Councilman Keeney and carried unanimously. With no action taken, the executive session was closed at 9:20 on motion of Supervisor Sheppard, seconded by Councilman Keeney and the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:21 on motion of Supervisor Sheppard, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously.

Terri Quartaro, Clerk

Town of Seneca