

TOWN OF SENECA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 17th, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Seneca Town Board, County of Ontario, State of New York was held at 3675 Flint Road, Stanley, NY 14561 on the 17th day of October 2023 at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT	
Drew Wickham	Town Supervisor
Jason Mosher	Councilman/ Deputy Supervisor
Jim Malyj	Councilman
Jesse Orbaker	Councilman
Howard Keeney	Councilman
Shana Jo Hilton	Deputy Town Clerk/ Tax Collector/Assessor
Kathy Mastellar	Town Historian/Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Jim Lawson	Highway Superintendent
Randy Coolbaugh	Water Superintendent
Brian Sanders	Ontario County Landfill

Supervisor Wickham started with the Pledge of Allegiance and dispensed with Roll Call as everyone in attendance was acquainted. Town Clerk/ Tax Collector Eagley was deemed necessarily absent.

Supervisor Wickham opened the Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget. He reviewed fund appropriations, stating 5% wage increases and noted Highway Superintendent Lawson struggled to get our 2022/2023 International 10 wheel truck, manufacturing issues keep pushing it out. Due to this issue Jim is moving to Mach for future purchases as they are delivering on schedule. Other highlights include plans to add a furnace in the pavilion and reroof the highway/water building. Supervisor Wickham stated Water Superintendent Coolbaugh would like to forgo his truck being replaced in 2024 and look to utilize those funds to replace the aging bread/utility truck. The board agreed. There being no other comments offered from the floor, the Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget was closed at 7:39 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. The approval was motioned by Councilman Keeney and seconded by Councilman Malyj. Motion carried. Supervisor Wickham had a couple of amendments to tonight's agenda. He requested to add under communications the following g. Resignation, h. Trident Ins, i. CSEA Letter. The approval for the Amended Agenda was motioned by Councilman Mosher and seconded by Councilman Orbaker. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Supervisor Wickham looked for anyone who wanted privilege of the floor, or any comments on the general meeting. Nobody wished to speak at this time.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to approve the minutes from September 19th regular meeting and September 28th budget workshop meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Malyj and seconded by councilman Mosher and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

All communications were reviewed and are available to view during business hours at the Town Hall upon request.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

HIGHWAY: Highway Superintendent Lawson noted he is working renewing the BOCES Salt Agreement. The Town of Benton has some millings on auction, and he is watching and interested in purchasing some if they are reasonable.

WATER: Supervisor Wickham noted that they are up to full staff. Superintendent Coolbaugh said things are going well. Water tower construction update panels went up on Monday. Should be online sometime in January.

CASELLA: Mr. Sanders went over his report. Gas collection starting, cap installation is going well. Pretreating leachate to combat odor. Leachate was down significantly from last year. Reminder transfer station is for in town household generated trash and is not set up to accommodate dump trailers, they pose a safety issue.

Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to approve the Supervisor, Town Clerk, and Code Enforcement Financial Reports. Motion was made by Councilman Mosher and Seconded by Councilman Keeney. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NUMBER	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	MOTION	SECOND
#84-23	Authorization to pay the 2023 Audited Vouchers	5	0	0	Councilman Malyj	Councilman Orbaker

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Privilege of the Floor was offered, and Ron Hutchinson who lives on Ferguson Rd wished to speak. He and Roxanne have sold their home and are going to travel and wanted to thank the Town. Drew, Council, Town Highway Superintendent Lawson and the crew who take great care of the roads, Superintendent Coolbaugh and water crew for their good work along with Jerry, Shana Jo and Haley. Everyone is always so helpful and accommodating when they need something. He noted he has been a 44 year member of the Seneca Castle Fire Department, and Hutchinsons have lived in the town for over 200 years, so it is exciting but bittersweet. Supervisor Wickham thanked him and wished them well in their new adventures and to not be a stranger and stop in if they are here visiting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business at 8:03 pm Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Councilman Keeney and seconded by Councilman Mosher and carried.

Respectfully,
Shana Jo Hilton, Deputy Town Clerk