

3675 Flint Road
Stanley, NY

February 17, 2015

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
Howard Keeney, Councilman
Shana Jo Hilton, Assessor
Jim Lawson, Water Supt.
Mike Roulan, Town Attorney

Andrew Wickham, Councilman
Terri Quartaro, Town Clerk
Rick Allison, Highway Supt.
Jerry Hoover, CEO

Councilman Jason Mosher was declared necessarily absent. Supervisor Sheppard led the pledge of allegiance and dismissed the roll call.

The agenda was approved on motion of Councilman Keeney, seconded by Councilman Wickham. Supervisor Sheppard offered two additions and the amended agenda was approved on motion of Councilman Wickham, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously. This month's safety topic is to try to keep water pipes from freezing and to be careful at the intersections with snow piled so high. Privilege of the floor was offered but no one wished to speak.

Supervisor Sheppard reported the landfill expansion hearings are scheduled for March 3rd at 6:00 pm and 11th at 9:00 am. Solar City has approached the County about building a solar farm on land near the safety training facility in Hopewell. Both the Town of Hopewell and the school district are disallowing the tax exemption on solar farms.

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved on motion of Councilman Wickham, seconded by Councilman Keeney and carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sheppard mentioned the following communications were received:

- 4-H Camp Bristol Hills
- NYS Gov Finance office annual conf.
- The Inside Dirt
- Thank you from Mercy Flight
- 4th qtr Casella payment
- 4th qtr sales tax report
- NYS PSC reforming energy vision sessions
- NYS Annual planning & zoning conf.
- Talk of the Town
- JCAP grant
- NYS DOH approval to move CR5 water main

Written reports were submitted by the highway superintendent, water superintendent, CEO, assessor and historian and are on file. Lakeland Equipment has given a price quote on a new John Deere mower under state contract at a price of \$11,175.78. They will give us \$6,190.00 for the 2012 grasshopper mower which is \$1,000.00 more than what we received on the 2011 grasshopper we sent to auction last year. A motion was offered by Councilman Smith to declare the 2012 grasshopper as surplus equipment and to trade it in on a new John Deere from Lakeland at a cost of \$5,139.78 after trade. Motion was seconded by Councilman Keeney and carried unanimously.

CEO Hoover reported that NYS is considering adopting the ICC code instead of their own NYS building code, in which case sprinklers would be required in all new construction of one and two family homes but there is a lot of misinformation out there right now and he will keep the board updated.

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Kevin Shaw, from Casella, reported that the Post Manor suffered major water damage due to a water line freezing on the 3rd floor. They are not yet finished with the new gas collection project and they've had some weather challenges with equipment.

WARRANTS

- Water, claims #11-22 in the amount of \$5640.89
- Sewer, claims #92-94 in the amount of \$975.20
- General, claims #60-75 & 95 in the amount of \$60240.35
- Highway, claims #42 & 76-89 & 96 in the amount of \$85489.87
- Hall light, claims #90&91 in the amount of \$396.91
- Stanley light, claims #90&91 in the amount of \$370.20
- Seneca Castle light, claims #90&91 in the amount of \$314.00
- Town Clerk's, Supervisor's and CEO's monthly reports

All were approved on motion of Councilman Keeney, seconded by Councilman Wickham and all carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sheppard is looking at the County Data Center proposal to use fiber optic in our building and contract for services with the county's IT department. He is reviewing the costs and may wish to call a special meeting for February 24. Paul Wagner has completed his audit of the town justices' books for 2013 and found no instances that required disclosure.

Regarding the two parcels in Stanley that the board deemed as excess property last month, sale of them will require a permissive referendum process. It was agreed to sell the two parcels together and to list them with a realtor for \$16,000. The town will retain a permanent easement of the railroad bed. This was approved on motion of Supervisor Sheppard, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously.

At 8:12 pm Supervisor Sheppard offered a motion to enter into executive session to discuss proposed settlement terms with IES. He does expect the board to take action after the session. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously. Executive session ended and regular meeting reconvened at 8:31. Supervisor Sheppard stated the terms of the agreement being: \$10.5 million assessment from this point forward for 6 years, provided no new construction and no refunds will be made for 2013 or 2014. Both the supervisor and the assessor agree to accept the settlement. Supervisor Sheppard offered a motion to accept the settlement. Motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously. With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:35 on motion of Councilman Wickham, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously.

Terri Quartaro
Seneca Town Clerk