

TOWN OF SENECA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20th, 2024

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 20th day of February 2024 at 7:30 PM.

PRESENT	
Drew Wickham	Town Supervisor
Jason Mosher	Deputy Town Supervisor/ Councilman
Howard Keeney	Councilman
Jim Malyj	Councilman
Jesse Orbaker	Councilman
Haley Eagley	Town Clerk/ Tax Collector
Jim Lawson	Town Highway Superintendent
Randy Coolbaugh	Town Water Superintendent

Supervisor Wickham called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call was completed and everyone in attendance was acquainted. CEO Hoover, Assessor Hilton, Historian Mastellar, and Brian Sanders were deemed necessarily absent. In place of Mr. Sanders was Dan Jones of the Ontario County Landfill.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Supervisor looked for a motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Mosher and seconded by Councilman Keeney.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Supervisor Wickham offered privilege of the floor to anyone who wished to speak and there were no comments offered at this time.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

WATER UPDATE: Supervisor Wickham stated that they had a conference call with our water department, Geneva's water department and a few engineers and it went well. At this time, the bid for the Kashong Tank has gone out.

IMPACT EARTH: Impact Earth is a company that the Town has been partnered with for around 3 years. They are the company that places and exchanges totes at the Transfer Station for residents to place their compost in. As far as we know, they do a decent job physically collecting the materials, but they aren't very responsive on the business side of things and haven't held up their end of the contract by supplying monthly reports to us. Supervisor Wickham acknowledges that there are a few people who use them regularly; however, wants to discuss stopping service with Impact Earth. Ontario County offers composting barrels for those that still would like to take part in composting and Supervisor Wickham said that he would help the individuals who are interested in composting.

Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the January 16th, 2024, Regular meeting. Councilman Keeney made the motion and councilman Mosher seconded. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

HIGHWAY: Councilman Orbaker asked Highway Superintendent Lawson if Car Quest was able to deliver. He noticed in the vouchers that there were 9 purchases from there and wanted to make sure we utilize delivery if possible. Highway Superintendent Lawson explained that unless it's an absolute emergency, they don't make

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the trip there. He added that at times the stock is low and its necessary in between deliveries- but for the most part they utilize delivery. Water Superintendent Coolbaugh explained that he groups his trips anywhere so that he can make multiple stops at one time.

WATER: Supervisor Wickham noted that we are trying to assist one of our PWMA's in getting his CDL. Times have changed and getting a CDL now requires a course with so many hours. The course would cost in the \$3,500.00 range and getting that done through BOCES would allow a small discount. Councilman Orbaker asked if we would be the ones paying for this. Supervisor Wickham explained that he isn't sure because this is the first time that we've ever dealt with it. Up for discussion would be the possibility of putting a work requirement in place. This would require the employee to work for us for a certain amount of time after receiving their CDL or paying us back if that isn't held up. We are in the very beginning stages of this idea and have made no set decisions. There will be more on this topic as we unfold.

CEO: Included in CEO Hoovers report was the work that the Planning Board has done on the Short Term Rental Regulations. The planning board has researched into what other surrounding towns are doing with this and they've developed their ideas on what we could potentially do. Supervisor Wickham said that we have choices; we could schedule a public hearing for next month and get on with it or we can take a month to digest what they have given the board. This would put us three months out for adoption. Supervisor Wickham said it would be nice to try and get this on the books before summer hits but it's up to the board. The two issues that the board needs to think about are whether or not they instill "quiet hours" with Air Bnb's or if they have a owner-residency requirement.

Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to accept the Supervisor, Town Clerk, and CEO Financial Reports. A motion was made by Councilman Mosher and Seconded by Councilman Orbaker.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NUMBER	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	MOTION	SECOND
#25-24	Authorization to pay the 2024 Audited Vouchers	5	0	0	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Malyj
Motion #1	Set Public Hearing for Local Law #1-2024	5	0	0	Councilman Orbaker	Councilman Malyj
Motion #2	Set Public Hearing for Local Law #2-2024	5	0	0	Councilman Mosher	Councilman Keeney
#26-24	Purchase of Zero-Turn Mower for Water Department	5	0	0	Councilman Malyj	Councilman Orbaker
# 27-24	Approve Annual Town Clerk Report	5	0	0	Councilman Orbaker	Councilman Malyj
#28-24	Authorize Casella Host-Fee Audit	5	0	0	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Orbaker
#29-24	Approve Highway 284 Agreement	5	0	0	Councilman Mosher	Councilman Keeney
#30-24	Approve Purchase of Pickup Truck	5	0	0	Councilman Malyj	Councilman Orbaker
#31-24	Approve Amendment for Hunt Engineers	5	0	0	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Orbaker
#32-24	Approve Purchase of Tractor	5	0	0	Councilman Mosher	Councilman Keeney
#33-24	Approve Purchase of Bush Hog	5	0	0	Councilman Orbaker	Councilman Mosher

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OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss tonight.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Town Property Owners Trevor Sheldon and Tiffany Shores were in attendance and wanted to introduce themselves. They recently purchased some land and a farm on Gates Road. Mr. Sheldon was looking at the possibility of giving a small presentation at a future meeting as to what they wanted to do with their property. Someday, they would like to have event space at their new property. Supervisor Wickham explained that most of that work would be done through our Planning Board; however, the board would be open to hearing anything that they have to say or present.

Ambulance: Zach Gibeau was in attendance in place of Amanda Gibeau tonight. The ambulance is moving forward with closing on their property on Gorham Rd. Pizza night is 5 pm to 8 pm on March 1 at the Hall Fire Department. The Easter Bunny will be there and there will be an Easter Egg Hunt. If anybody would like to volunteer to drive, we can help them get in touch with Amanda.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:22 pm, Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Councilman Keeney and Seconded by Councilman Orbaker. The motion carried and the meeting was officially adjourned.

Respectfully,

Haley Eagley
Town Clerk