

3675 Flint Road
Stanley, NY

March 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.

Andrew Wickham, Councilman
Jason Mosher, Councilman
Rick Allison, Highway Supt.
Jerry Hoover, CEO

Terri Quartaro, Town Clerk was declared necessarily absent. Supervisor Sheppard led the pledge of allegiance and dismissed the roll call.

The agenda was approved as presented on motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wickham and carried unanimously. This month's safety topic is a reminder of the DEC state ban on residential brush burning during the state's historically high fire-risk period of March 15th through May 15th. Open burning of debris is the largest single cause of spring wildfires in the state. Privilege of the floor was offered but no one wished to speak.

Supervisor Sheppard reported the landfill expansion issues conference was postponed. The Board of Supervisors voted in overwhelming favor of a resolution in support of legislation calling for a repeal of the SAFE Act of 2013.

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

Supervisor Sheppard mentioned the following communications were received:

- AOT Annual Finance School
- Office of the Aging Newsletter
- Association of the Towns Letter
- The Inside Dirt
- FLH, Report to the Community

Written reports were submitted by the highway superintendent, water superintendent, CEO, assessor and historian and are on file.

Kevin Shaw, from Casella, reported that the demo and clean up on the damage from the water line freezing at Post Manor has been completed and they are now accepting bids for the repair work. The new gas collection project is up and running and working well. They are looking at installing additional wells, possibly 30 more wells this year. He has 15 men picking roadsides in an effort to clean up debris hidden by winter.

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WARRANTS

- Water, claims #23-36 in the amount of \$8,938.19
- Sewer, claims #156-157 in the amount of \$116.83
- General, claims #98-132 in the amount of \$36,756.01
- Highway, claims #97, 133-153 in the amount of \$124,964.33
- Hall light, claims #154&155 in the amount of \$433.18
- Stanley light, claims #154&155 in the amount of \$405.53
- Seneca Castle light, claims #154&155 in the amount of \$344.81
- Trust & Agency, claims #8-16 in the amount of \$362,527.50
- Town Clerk's, Supervisor's and CEO's monthly reports

All were approved on motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Mosher and all carried unanimously.

A motion was offered by Councilman Smith stating the Town of Seneca had no objections to the Town of Geneva Town Board assuming Lead Agency status on the Town of Geneva Water District No 6 Water main replacement project seconded by Councilman Wickham and carried unanimously.

Declared the Water departments 2012 Ford F150 4WD pickup truck surplus equipment on motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wickham and carried unanimously. We will advertise both the CEO's (2012 Chevy 2WD pickup declared surplus at the January meeting) and the Water department truck for sale on the town's web page along with staging them at the transfer station.

A motion was offered by Councilman Keeney, seconded by Councilman Smith to authorize the water superintendent to bid out 2015 system appurtenances and pipe seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sheppard is in the preliminary stages of planning and welcomes any input on this year's Memorial Day event.

Supervisor Sheppard recommended we accept the proposal from James Daigler to conduct the 2014 Casella Host Benefit Audit for the lump sum of \$2000. This was moved as a motion by Councilman Wickham, seconded by Councilman Keeney and carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sheppard reported the County Data Center proposal to use fiber optic in our building and contract for services with the county's IT department went to the county's Governmental Operations committee today and passed. It now goes to the BOS for approval next Thursday.

Supervisor Sheppard reviewed with the board the Comparative Market Analysis Century 21 prepared on the 2 parcels we own In Stanley that has been declared surplus property. Century 21 has a minimum commission of \$2000. After board discussion it was decided that there was no sense of urgency and we should investigate Self listing, and MLS listing. The board decided on a listing price of \$16,000 for the two parcels with the buyer paying all cost associated with the sale. Supervisor Sheppard will work with town council on this matter.

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Supervisor Sheppard recommended that we approve CEO Hoover participation in the NYS Code Enforcement Disaster Assistance Response (CEDAR) program. Jerry would like to do this and stated CEDAR volunteers are provided workman's compensation and indemnified by New York State while deployed. This was approved on motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Keeney and carried unanimously.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:14 on motion of Councilman Keeney, seconded by Councilman Mosher and carried unanimously.

Shana Jo Hilton
Seneca Deputy Town Clerk