

3675 Flint Road
Stanley, NY

March 19, 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
Rick Allison, Highway Supt.	Shana Jo Hilton, Deputy Town Clerk
Jane Wolfe, Historian	

Terri Quartaro, Town Clerk, and Jerry Hoover, CEO were declared necessarily absent.

Supervisor Sheppard led the pledge of allegiance and the roll call of the board. The agenda was approved on motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wickham. Supervisor Sheppard offered five amendments to the agenda, which was then approved, as amended, on motion of Supervisor Sheppard, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously. Supervisor Sheppard reminded everyone of the DEC regulations on outside burning for this month's safety item.

Privilege of the floor was offered and no one spoke.

The minutes from the last three board meetings were approved on motion of Councilman Keeney, seconded by Councilman Mosher and carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sheppard mentioned the following communications that were received:

- a. Whitney Cemetery Association
- b. COE Nationwide permit for municipal water installation
- c. Casella; Seneca transfer annual report
- d. 4-H Camp Bristol Hills
- e. County Safety training opportunities
- f. USDA Grant & Loan opportunities
- g. NYS DOT Expo
- h. NYS DL firefighter escape system

Written reports were submitted by the highway superintendent, water superintendent, CEO, assessor and historian and are on file. Fred Kober was on hand to give a landfill update. Deb Dressner was given privilege of the floor and stated the smell was unbearable at 6 am and she should not have to live like this and something needs to be done.

WARRANTS

General, claims #122-158, in the amount of \$ 44,248.79 were approved on motion of Councilman Wickham, seconded by Councilman Keeney and;

Water, claims #31-50, in the amount of \$13,995.38 were approved on motion of Councilman Keeney, seconded by Councilman Mosher and;

Highway, claims #159-183 in the amount of \$52,426.74 were approved on motion of Councilman Mosher, seconded by Councilman Keeney and;

Hall light claims #129&144 in the amount of \$399.82 and

Stanley light claims #129&144 in the amount of \$373.13

Seneca Castle light claims #129&144 in the amount of \$316.45

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.

Supervisor Sheppard stated elected officials compensation was discussed at budget time with it being noted it would be revisited and if any changes were going to be made it should be prior to the election season. A discussion started on council compensation and Councilman Wickham along with Councilman Keeney both stated their intent to seek reelection and will abstain from any voting concerning that position. Supervisor Sheppard moved to leave the Council, Highway Superintendent, and Town Clerk/Tax Collector base salaries the same in 2014 with the exception of COLA seconded by Councilman Smith. The motion was approved 3-ayes, 2 abstained.

Councilman Wickham then started a discussion on the Supervisors compensation, Supervisor Sheppard stated his intent to seek reelection and will abstain from any discussion or voting and left the room completely. Councilman Wickham moved a motion for the Town Supervisor base salary to remain the same level as 2013, with the recommendation of the addition of a line item to the 2014 budget called landfill stipend to the Supervisor base salary, not to exceed \$10,000 that Town Council members could use all, none, or a portion of annually to compensate Supervisor for additional workload as a result of landfill activities seconded by Councilman Keeney. Councilman Wickham stated with the landfill in any given year there could be many additional responsibilities and there should be some way to compensate for this. He does not support just adding it to the base salary as it may not always be the case. Councilman Smith questioned how would you quantify? Councilman Wickham offered a rubric would need to be developed to review the year and determine the amount. After further discussion Councilman Wickham moved to lay over seeking public input.

Supervisor Sheppard rejoined the Council and stated park rule #15 states firearms and weapons are prohibited. As the board last month passed resolution #35-13 opposing the NY Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013 it was felt we did not need to be more restrictive and a motion to remove was offered by Supervisor Sheppard and seconded by Councilman Mosher and carried unanimously.

Supervisor Sheppard offered a motion on Highway Superintendent Allison's recommendation to reject the broom tractor bids received February 11, 2013 seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously. Rick explored a utility work machine and found that is a multi-function piece of equipment and has many functions the town could use and requested bids for that. A

motion was then offered by Councilman Keeney seconded by Councilman Wickham to accept the lone bid from D.J.M. Equipment, Inc. on a utility work machine, a 2013 Bobcat 5600 for \$37,719 plus \$7,208.96 for a bucket, pallet forks, bucket grapple and an 84” angle broom. It was noted that two bid packets were given out with only one submitted.

Supervisor Sheppard gave a status update on the sewer improvement area. The agreement with Town of Geneva has been prepared and a motion to approve was offered by Councilman Wickham seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously carried. This will now go to Geneva for approval. On a motion offered by Councilman Smith seconded by Councilman Keeney the Town has declared its intent to be Lead Agency and has reviewed the SEQR for the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Area No.1 and has deemed the project an Unlisted Action and has completed the EAF and although Unlisted Actions do not require it the board feels it would be prudent to perform a Coordinated Review with involved or interested agencies carried unanimously. No new information regarding IES litigation or the FEIS for the landfill. The 2013 Advisory appraisal is in for IES.

Privilege of the floor was again offered and no one spoke. With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:45 on motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Mosher and carried unanimously.

Shana Jo Hilton
Deputy Town Clerk