

TOWN OF SENECA
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
AUGUST 17TH, 2021

7:30 PM Regular Board Meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Privilege of the Floor
5. Supervisor's Report
 - a. Budget Timeline
6. Approve Minutes of July 20th, 2021 Regular Meeting
7. Communications
 - a. Newsletter: Senator Helming
 - b. Newsletter: Ontario Pathways
 - c. Newsletter: The Inside Dirt
8. Reports:

Highway
Water
CEO
Assessor
Town Clerk
Historian
Casella

9. Accept Supervisor, Town Clerk, and CEO Financial Reports
10. Warrants:
 - a. **Resolution #73-21:** 2021 Warrants
11. New Business
 - a. **Resolution #74-21:** Identifying Supervisor Wickham as an authorized signer for Wayne Bank
 - b. **Resolution #75-21:** Recommend Joe McHale for the Town of Seneca Representative of Ontario County Planning Board
 - c. **Resolution #76-21:** Set Public Hearing for Solar Exemption
 - d. **Resolution #77-21:** Award Bid for Water Materials
12. Old Business
13. Privilege of the Floor
14. Adjournment

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Resolution #73-21

Authorization to Pay the 2021 Audited Vouchers

Claim Category	Voucher Numbers	Claim Amount
GENERAL		
HIGHWAY		
WATER		
SEWER		
HALL LIGHTING		
STANLEY LIGHTING		
SENECA CASTLE LIGHTING		
TRUST & AGENCY		
WATER CAPITAL SYSTEM		

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Resolution #74-21

Identifying Supervisor Wickham as an Authorized Signer for Wayne Bank

WHEREAS, Bank of the Finger Lakes merged with Wayne Bank in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the bank continues to be known as Bank of the Finger Lakes with the addition of "a branch of Wayne Bank" in the name; and,

WHEREAS, Bank of the Finger Lakes has requested us to provide an updated resolution identifying Supervisor Wickham as an authorized signer since the two banks merged; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Seneca hereby identifies Supervisor Andrew Wickham as an authorized signer for the Town of Seneca Accounts at Bank of the Finger Lakes, a Branch of Wayne Bank.

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Resolution #75-21

Recommend Joe McHale for the Town of Seneca Representative of Ontario County Planning Board

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the town board of the Town of Seneca hereby recommends Joe McHale, of 3558 Old Mill Road, for the Town Representative of the Ontario County Planning Board.

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RESOLUTION #76-21

Set Public Hearing for Local Law #1-2021- Real Property Tax Law §487 Exemption

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") §487 establishes real property tax exemptions for certain energy systems; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RPTL §487(8), towns may enact local laws providing that the exemptions set forth in RPTL §487 shall not be applicable within their jurisdictions ("opt-out"); and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2014, the Town of Seneca ("Town") enacted Local Law No. 5 of 2014 ("2014 Local Law") opting out of the real property tax exemption relating to solar and wind energy systems set forth in RPTL §487; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2018 the Town enacted another Local Law, Local Law No. 1 of 2018, opting out of §487 exemptions relating to farm waste energy systems, micro-hydroelectric energy systems, fuel cell electric generating systems, micro-combined heat and power generating systems, electric energy storage equipment, electric energy storage systems and fuel flexible linear generator electric generating systems; and

WHEREAS, in recent litigation, it has been alleged that there was a procedural deficiency in the enactment of the 2014 Local Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town is defending the validity of the 2014 local law in that action and maintains that the Town's prior opt-out of all RPTL §487 exemptions remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to reiterate its intent to opt-out of all RPTL §487 exemptions and eliminate basis for any future allegations of procedural deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Public Hearing will be duly advertised in accordance with law; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby establish a public hearing to be held for said Local Law on the 21st day of September 2021 at 7:30 PM in the Meeting Room at the Town Hall, 3675 Flint Road, Stanley, NY 14561, where at such hearing any persons may be heard in favor or against the proposed Local Law.

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RESOLUTION #77-21
Award Bid for Water Materials

WHEREAS, Resolution #64-21 adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Seneca authorized the competitive bidding of water materials including fire hydrants, service brass, and water main appurtenances; and

WHEREAS, Water Superintendent, Brian Prater, has advertised and received bids that were opened publicly on August 9, 2021 at 11:00 AM; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid was received from Blair Supply Corporation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Seneca hereby authorizes the Water Superintendent to purchase the water materials detailed in the advertised bid from Blair Supply Corporation for a total cost not to exceed \$35,716.85

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