

**TOWN OF SENECA**  
*Regular Town Board Meeting*  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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The Regular Meeting of the Seneca Town Board, County of Ontario, State of New York was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020 at the Seneca Town Hall, 3675 Flint Road, Stanley, NY 14561 at 7:30 PM.

PRESENT	
Drew Wickham	Town Supervisor
Jason Mosher	Councilman
Howard Keeney	Councilman
Jim Malyj	Councilman
Haley Eagley	Town Clerk/ Tax Collector
Shana Jo Hilton	Deputy Clerk/ Assessor
Kathy Maestellar	Town Historian

OTHERS PRESENT	
Brian Sanders	Casella Management
Sue Campbell	Court Clerk
NECESSARILY ABSENT	
Jerry Hoover	Code Enforcement Officer
Jim Lawson	Highway Superintendent
Brian Prater	Water Superintendent
Jesse Orbaker	Councilman

Supervisor Wickham called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The Supervisor led the pledge of allegiance. Supervisor Wickham passed over roll call as all in attendance were acquainted. Supervisor Wickham declared CEO Hoover, Highway Superintendent Lawson, Water Superintendent Prater, and Councilman Orbaker necessarily absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion made by Councilman Mosher to approve the agenda for the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilman Malyj. Carried.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Privilege of the floor was offered and nobody wished to speak at that time.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Wickham mentioned that this was covered in Water Superintendent Prater's Monthly Report, but wanted to speak on the task that he's given Brian. He briefly explained that sewer rates and regulations needed to be adjusted. Supervisor Wickham also stated that The Water Department is working to stem infiltration at D`Amico's property. He pointed out that Water Superintendent Prater has jumped right on this issue and is being very proactive about this. We hope to have some recommendations for the board next month regarding sewer regulations.

With that, Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to approve the January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion was made by Councilman Keeney and seconded by Councilman Malyj. Motion Carried.

Communications were read aloud and are available on request to view here in the Town Hall.

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<b>DEPARTMENT REPORTS</b>
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All written reports for the Department Heads were given to each Town Board Member to read through. Questions about Department Reports were welcomed by each Department Head but there were no questions asked. Written reports are available for viewing at the Town Hall upon request.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** The board spoke briefly about the Bell Tower that is planned to be placed in The Seneca Castle Park. Following the decision to accept the lower bid for this project, a local company made a generous donation of time and materials for this project. The Town Board states that they are still moving toward utilizing the lower bid that they previously agreed upon and will seek to use the local contractor on other parts of the project. Supervisor Wickham stated that they've done a great job with the projects that they've completed on this park with a small amount of money. Councilman Malyj pointed out that CEO Hoover has been a great deal of help to this project as well.

**ASSESSOR:** No questions were asked, but Supervisor Wickham pointed out that we've been in a bit of a runaway market recently. Stating that property has been selling very quickly and that the market is outpacing us. Adjustments may be coming soon for that.

**CASELLA:** Brian Sanders was in attendance and stated that he was wishing the weather would cooperate with their plans. He stated that they're about 85-90% of the way done with the first horizontal of the haul road. Mr. Sanders said that they had to make adjustments and go a little deeper than they expected to find the correct ways that they wanted to place the collection pipes that they're putting in. Depending on weather he's hoping to have this portion of their projects done by this Friday.

Once they finish that project, Mr. Sanders states that they will move to the East side. This will involve some change to the berm structure on the East side of the landfill. He said that they're going to convert the current drainage berms into what they're going to call benches so that they will be able to drive equipment on them. They'll still fall and drain, but it will give them year-round access to that slope, especially in the winter time. He said that this might push them back a few weeks longer than they wanted, but they need to make sure that the weather is clear before they can execute this safely. Supervisor Wickham asked if they plan to leave the berms permanent or take them out once successful and Mr. Sanders stated that those berms will stay permanent. He said these berms will be a road-style berm that will pitch back in towards the slope and still drain the correct way. They'll just be able to drive equipment on them and maintain them. They're providing year-round access to repair as needed.

Mr. Sanders said that they're now at 23 pumps that extract liquid out of gas wells. They've broken the gas system into 3 phases. He said that they have 36 wells that they felt were critical. 23 of the 36 are completed so far and they're striving to get 2 pumps per week in to get to the 36. He stated that they're trying to get some of the liquid out of the hill which in turn will help with gas collection, leachate outbreaks, and numerous other things. Ultimately, they're going to keep attacking until they get every well that needs that done.

Mr. Sanders said that they're trying to be more proactive about getting after these issues.

Supervisor Wickham looked for motion to accept the Supervisor, Town Clerk, and CEO financial reports. Councilman Mosher Motioned, Councilman Malyj Seconded. Motion Carried.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution Number	Resolution Title	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Motioned	Seconded	Carried?
51-20	2020 Audited Vouchers	4	0	1	Councilman Moshier	Councilman Keeney	YES
52-20	Authorization to Approve Excess Property	4	0	1	Councilman Malyj	Councilman Keeney	YES
53-20	Authorize the Audit of 2019 Casella Host Fee Payments	4	0	1	Councilman Moshier	Councilman Malyj	YES
54-20	Resolution Calling on the Governor and New York State Legislature to Preserve the Zero Percent Growth Cap for All Counties and NYC	4	0	1	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Malyj	YES

*All resolutions are posted on our website at the same time the agendas are to allow for public review prior to board meeting. They're then posted in detail with votes & motions after the meeting.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

Supervisor Wickham called for any Old Business that anybody wanted to add and nobody had anything.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Privilege of the floor was given and nobody wished to speak at this time.

On that note, Supervisor Wickham looked for motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. Councilman Moshier made motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Malyj. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 PM.

*Haley Eagley, Town Clerk  
Town of Seneca*