

AGENDA
TOWN OF SENECA REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 18TH, 2020

Resolution #51-20
Authorization to Pay the Audited Vouchers

CLAIM	CLAIM NUMBER	IN THE AMOUNT OF
GENERAL		
HIGHWAY		
SEWER		
HALL LIGHTING		
STANLEY LIGHTING		
SENECA CASTLE LIGHTING		
WATER		
TRUST AND AGENCY		

Ayes	Nays	Absent

Resolution #52-20
Authorization to Approve Excess Property

WHEREAS, the following equipment has exhausted its useful life and is no longer necessary to operations:

- 2017 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD Regular Cab 4x4 Pickup (Highway Department)
- Approximately 300 feet of vinyl fence panels

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the above-mentioned items are hereby declared surplus equipment and shall be auctioned, donated, recycled or junked as is applicable.

Ayes	Nays	Absent

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Resolution #53-20

Authorize Audit of 2019 Casella Host Fee Payments

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Seneca wishes to perform an audit to verify that the quarterly payments made by Casella are in accordance with the Host Fee Agreement for the Ontario County Landfill; and

WHEREAS, Daigler Engineering, PC has submitted a proposal for Professional Services outlining a three-step scope of work to complete this audit for a total cost of \$2,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funds for this service have been allocated in the 2020 Adopted Town Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Seneca hereby accepts the proposal from Daigler Engineering and Authorizes the Supervisor to execute this agreement for a total cost not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Ayes	Nays	Absent

Resolution #54-20

*Resolution Calling on the Governor and New York State Legislature to
Preserve the Zero Percent Medicaid Growth Cap for All Counties and New York City*

WHEREAS, spending in New York state for Medicaid is the single largest expense in the State budget; and

WHEREAS, the funding to support the Medicaid program is provided by a combination of federal, state and local resources; and

WHEREAS, the required county and New York City contribution is \$7.6 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, the local share of Medicaid funding paid in New York is the highest of any state in the country and is more than what 43 individual states pay in state share for their Medicaid programs; and

WHEREAS, this large local funding share for Medicaid and other state programs is a major contributor to New York's high local tax burden compared to other states; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and legislative leaders recognize the fiscal burden the financing of Medicaid is for local taxpayers and initiated steps to relieve part of that burden by capping the growth in local costs in this program; and

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WHEREAS, one of the most prominent property tax reduction and mandate relief initiatives in state history was Governor Cuomo's establishment of the zero percent Medicaid growth cap; and

WHEREAS, this zero percent growth cap enables counties to keep funding for the growing cost of many vital state programs and services, while continuing local quality of life services demanded by taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Medicaid budget is facing billions of dollars in annual deficits over the next several years; and

WHEREAS, these Medicaid deficits are contributing to the largest budget deficit the state has faced since the Great Recession; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Budget Recommendation is proposing a variety of ways to address these combined fiscal shortfalls; and

WHEREAS, budget proposals advanced by the Governor rely on \$150 million in Medicaid program costs assumed by local taxpayers; and include:

- ☐ Using county government federal enhanced medicaid match savings;
- ☐ Losing state Medicaid growth cap if counties breach the state property tax cap;
- ☐ Shifting the local share of Medicaid growth above 3% to counties, if counties cannot contain costs under 3%; and

WHEREAS, counties do not have tools to control the Medicaid program growth; some of these limitations include:

- ☐ The ability to audit the Medicaid program;
- ☐ The ability to control the cost of perscription drugs;
- ☐ The ability to set provider reimbursement rates;
- ☐ The ability to modify eligiblity and benefit levels for Medicaid recipients;
- ☐ The ability to control changing demographics across the state;
- ☐ The ability to control provider contracts; and

WHEREAS, if state experts in the Medicaid program are unable to develop solutions to control growth in the Medicaid program, it will be difficult for counties to do so, since they do not have this authority to control costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) urges the Governor and legislative leaders to maintain the zero percent Medicaid growth cap for counties and New York City as they address state budget shortfalls in order to keep downward pressure on the local tax burden; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.
