

**TOWN OF SENECA**  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
*January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

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The Regular Meeting of the Seneca Town Board, County of Ontario, State of New York was held at 3675 Flint Road, Stanley, NY 14561 on the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of January, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

<b>PRESENT</b>	
Drew Wickham	Town Supervisor
Jason Mosher	Deputy Supervisor/ Councilman
Howard Keeney	Town Councilman
Jesse Orbaker	Town Councilman
Haley Eagley	Town Clerk
Shana Jo Hilton	Assessor
Shaun Kunes	Deputy Highway Superintendent
Brian Sanders	Manager of Ontario County Landfill

Supervisor Wickham called the regular meeting to order. The Supervisor led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call was dispensed as all in attendance were acquainted. Supervisor Wickham noted that Councilman Malyj, CEO Hoover, Highway Superintendent Lawson, Water Superintendent Prater, and Historian Mastellar were all necessarily absent. He thanked Deputy Highway Superintendent, Shaun Kunes for attending in place of Highway Superintendent Lawson.

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. The approval was motioned by Councilman Mosher and seconded by Councilman Orbaker. Motion carried. The supervisor requested an addition to the agenda. Under Supervisor's Report, add **B. Property Appraisal**. He also requested to table a resolution for the February board meeting. Under New Business, **D. Resolution #42-22 will get put on the table until February**. The approval of the amended agenda was motioned by Councilman Keeney, Seconded by Councilman Mosher and carried unanimously.

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**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Supervisor Wickham offered privilege of the floor, and nobody wished to speak at this time.

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**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

**CASELLA SCHOLARSHIP:**

Supervisor Wickham informed us that the Casella Scholarship is out and available to apply for. Supervisor Wickham explained that if anybody knows of someone who might be eligible for this scholarship to encourage them to apply. We could love to see someone in our town get this award.

An explanation taken from the WFL BOCES website: Casella Waste Systems, Inc. Has established this 20- year fund to support scholarships to encourage students to pursue college-level studies and careers in the fields of Environment Studies, Agriculture, and Waste Management. Those applications must be received by March 11, 2022. Please visit [www.townofseneca.com](http://www.townofseneca.com) for more information.

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**PROPERTY APPRAISAL:**

Regarding the property appraisal that was discussed at the Regular December 2021 Board Meeting, Supervisor Wickham obtained a quote for the appraisal of this property. An appraisal company in Penn Yan gave a quote for \$750.00 and Supervisor Wickham noted that he will be accepting this quote.

Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21 (Regular), December 30 (Special/Public Hearing), and January 4 (Organizational) Meetings. Councilman Orbaker offered the motion that was seconded by Councilman Keeney. Motion was carried.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

All communications were reviewed and are available to view at the Town Hall upon request.

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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**CASELLA:**

Mr. Sanders was in attendance and gave a spoken report. He said that they were able to get 28 wells drilled in December and at this point all of the wells are hooked up in one way or another (some temporary, above ground connections until the weather gets better). The downfall to these temporary above-ground connections is dealing with freezing, but they are diligently taking care of those connections.

Mr. Sanders made mention that there are still some surface emission items that they are working on. They were going to drill for that, but the weather never cooperated. For safety, they couldn't get the drill rig out on the slope due to the rainy weather. They're attempting to put additional soil over those areas as weather permits. At this point, they are picking and choosing which ones they can safely navigate to and there are still contractors on-site working.

Councilman Mosher asked where the tonnage measured for 2021. Mr. Sanders said that tonnage was shy for the year. He made mention that this month has started trending to be lower than usual as well. It seems that the lower tonnage is happening in all other surrounding landfills as well.

Councilman Mosher followed up with asking about the 2022 revenue forecast. While they're currently forecasting normal revenue, Mr. Sanders said that they are currently still working on that. They are hopeful that springtime should bring a big pick-up in revenue. Like many other things, COVID-19 has played a huge part in these changes.

Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to approve Supervisor, Town Clerk, and CEO financial reports. The motion was made by Councilman Mosher and seconded by Councilman Orbaker.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

RES. NUMBER	TITLE	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	MOTION	SECOND																														
#38-22	Authorization to pay the 2021 Audited Vouchers	4	0	1	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Orbaker																														
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#39-22	Town Clerk Annual Report	4	0	1	Councilman Mosher	Councilman Orbaker																														
#40-22	Approve NYSEG Annual Blanket Excavation Permit	4	0	1	Councilman Orbaker	Councilman Keeney																														
#41-22	Accept Highway 284 Agreement	4	0	1	Councilman Orbaker	Councilman Mosher																														
#42-22	Authorize 2021 Budget Transfers	<b>TABLED UNTIL FEBRUARY</b>																																		
#43-22	Authorize Purchase of Loader	4	0	1	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Orbaker																														

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing left to be said, Councilman Orbaker made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Keeney the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully,

**Haley S. Eagley**  
Town Clerk  
Town of Seneca