

3675 Flint Road
Stanley, New York

March 21, 2017

The regular meeting of the Seneca Town Board was called to order at 7:30 pm by Supervisor Andrew Wickham. Also present were:

Charles Smith, Councilman	Jason Mosher, Councilman
Howard Keeney, Councilman	James Malyj, Councilman
Terri Quartaro, Town Clerk	Jerry Hoover, CEO
Rick Allison, Highway Supt	Ben Karlsen, Water Asst.

Assessor Shana Jo Hilton and Water Supt Jim Lawson were necessarily absent.

Supervisor Wickham led the pledge of allegiance and the roll call. The agenda was approved on motion of Councilman Mosher, seconded by Councilman Keeney. Supervisor Wickham had a few changes and the amended agenda was adopted on motion of Councilman Keeney, seconded by Councilman Malyj and carried unanimously.

Privilege of the floor was given to Kate Silverstrim, chair of the Town of Seneca Republican Committee, who presented a request to begin discussion on a local law that would create a position of director of public works in place of the current elected highway superintendent position. John Hicks then read the petition from the committee requesting that the Town Board consider the passing of such local law, which would be subject to a mandatory referendum (voted upon by the voters). He and the committee are requesting the board to hold a public hearing in order to get the public's opinions of this possibility. There was no discussion at this time and no action taken.

Supervisor Wickham reported the county is conducting a survey on solid waste and recycling from the residents of the county and he encouraged everyone to fill out the survey. The town staff meeting will be March 29 at 10:00 am.

The minutes from the last two board meetings were approved on motion of Councilman Malyj, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously.

Supervisor Wickham mentioned the following communications:

- Thank you from #9 cemetery association
- Thank you from Mercy Flight central
- Oak tree wilt disease workshop on March 22
- Ag appreciation banquet on March 24
- NYS Recreation & Park society annual conference on April 2-4
- Southern Tier West local government conference on May 10
- Eye on the Courts newsletter
- FL Health report for 2016
- Inside Dirt newsletter
- Ont Co Citizen's academy

Written reports were submitted by the highway superintendent, water superintendent, CEO and assessor and are on file. Dennis Pantano, from Casella, reported that Matt East has resigned and his replacement has not yet been hired. A contractor will be here next week to get the plastic bags out of

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the trees. Supervisor Wickham stressed the importance of needing consistency in Casella's management so that he has someone he can relate to when issues arise regarding the landfill.

WARRANTS

- Highway, claims #136-152 in the amount of \$80,964.78
 - Water, claims #21-31 in the amount of \$4,567.16
 - Sewer, claims #133-134 in the amount of \$102.73
 - General, claims #100-135 in the amount of \$30,875.97
 - T&A, claims #20-29 in the amount of \$3,312.66
 - Hall light, claims #131-132 in the amount of \$382.53
 - Stanley light, claims #131-132 in the amount of \$355.01
 - Seneca Castle light, claims #131-132 in the amount of \$299.65
- Town Clerk's, CEO's and Supervisor's monthly reports were all approved on motion of Councilman Keeney, seconded by Councilman Mosher and carried unanimously.

The 2016 host benefit audit proposal from Daigler Engineering in the amount of \$2,000 was approved on motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Mosher and carried unanimously.

An intermunicipal cooperation agreement between the county, town and Geneva City School district in regards to the Cornell certiorari was presented. We will contribute 50% and the county and school will each contribute 25%. Motion to approve was offered by Councilman Malyj, seconded by Councilman Keeney and carried unanimously.

RES #36-17 Accepting gift of land from Hansen Land Holdings LLC of one half acre on the east, southeast corner of Lehigh Street and Mott Road was approved on motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Malyj and carried unanimously.

Supervisor Wickham asked for ideas for the Memorial Day event at the town property. Friendly Ford construction is moving along. No news from Clark Patterson Lee or Mike Roulan yet. We may need to look at hiring someone part time to mow this spring and summer as the water and the highway departments are too busy to keep up with it. More discussion to follow. At 8:18 an executive session was requested by Supervisor Wickham to discuss possible litigation. This was approved on motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Keeney and carried unanimously. At 8:51, with no action taken, the executive session was adjourned on motion of Councilman Mosher, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 on motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Mosher and carried unanimously.

Terri Quartaro, Clerk
Town of Seneca