

**TOWN OF SENECA**  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2023

The Public Hearings and 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023 at 7:30 pm.

<b>PRESENT</b>	
Drew Wickham	Town Supervisor
Jason Mosher	Deputy Town Supervisor/ Councilman
Howard Keeney	Councilman
Jim Malyj	Councilman
Haley Eagley	Town Clerk/ Tax Collector
Shana Jo Hilton	Assessor/ Bookkeeper
Jerry Hoover	Code Enforcement Officer
Kathy Mastellar	Town Historian
Jim Lawson	Highway Superintendent
Randy Coolbaugh	Public Works Maintenance Assistant
Brian Sanders	Manager of the Ontario County Landfill

Supervisor Wickham opened the public hearing on the Charter Communications Franchise Agreement at 7:30 pm. Supervisor Wickham offered the floor to anyone who would like to comment on this matter. With no comments offered, Supervisor Wickham closed that public hearing and immediately opened the Public Hearing regarding Local Law #1. No comments were made by the public or the Town Board, which led Supervisor Wickham to close that Public Hearing and call the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Supervisor Wickham led the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call was executed as we had a few new faces in the audience. Councilman Orbaker was deemed necessarily absent this evening.

**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 Keeney. Motion carried. Supervisor Wickham announced one small amendment to the agenda and that was to add Line C. under Supervisor's Report for Zoning and Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Malyj made a motion to approve the amendment and Councilman Mosher seconded it. Motion carried.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Amanda Gibeau was in attendance to give an update on their funding and plans for the sought after Ambulance building. With no other comments from the public, the Board moved to the next item.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE:** Supervisor Wickham announced that we will be having our Memorial Day Service and explained that we are open to suggestions for speakers to say a few words. A town resident spoke up in the moment and suggested someone who served as a Pilot in the Navy and is a Blue Angel. This gentleman is actively involved with the American Legion in Geneva. Supervisor Wickham appreciated the tip.

**COURT SECURITY:** Supervisor Wickham shared that they've been looking to find solid Court Security since Mr. McCaig passed away. Court Security is a must and Supervisor Wickham is concerned for them. Supervisor Wickham reached out to the Ontario County Sheriffs to see if they were staffed enough to get us an officer for Court Nights. They should be able to provide that. They are paid by the hour and usually bill between \$75-\$100 per hour. Supervisor Wickham said that this was already a budgeted item, so there should be no problems with anything budget-wise and he just wanted to keep everyone updated.

**ZONING & COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** Supervisor Wickham stated that he and CEO Hoover have been talking about updating our Zoning & Comprehensive Plan. They're looking to put together a plan as to how they'll move forward and how they want to do it. If anybody is interested and would like to take part in this, please reach out to Supervisor Wickham.

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Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Regular meeting Councilman Keeney made the motion and councilman Mosher seconded. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**WATER:** Supervisor Wickham inquired about the Water Rate Study. Water Superintendent Coolbaugh explained that all of the paperwork is into the gentleman who is conducting the study, we're just waiting for a response and we should have one soon.

**CEO:** CEO Hoover added in that he was approached by a company that is interested in placing solar within the Town. We have a Cap on 16 megawatts among the Town. We are at 10 megawatts at the moment and this project would put us at 14 or 15 megawatts. CEO Hoover explained that there is no application submitted at this time and he will update us as necessary.

**CASELLA:** Mr. Sanders reported that there isn't much to add, but they are gearing up for spring seeding to start. They had the cap assembled the day of the board meeting and the tank install should be close to being done sometime this week.

Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to accept the Supervisor, Town Clerk, and CEO Financial Reports. A motion was made by Councilman Mosher and Seconded by Councilman Malyj.

**NEW BUSINESS**

RES. NUMBER	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	MOTION	SECOND
#49-23	Authorization to pay the 2023 Audited Vouchers	4	0	1	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Mosher
#50-23	Accept Fuel Bid	4	0	1	Councilman Malyj	Councilman Mosher
#51-23	Approve Charter Communication Franchise Agreement	4	0	1	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Malyj
#52-23	Approval of Local Law # 1-2023	4	0	1	Councilman Malyj	Councilman Keeney

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Privilege of the floor was offered, and Town Resident, Mr. Townley, wished to speak. He had a few concerns that he wanted to share.

1. One concern has been a concern for a couple of years now. Mr. Townley wants to make sure the hydrants are getting flushed, painted, and greased as they should be. He is frustrated that he keeps having to bring it up and hopes to see it get finished soon.
2. Another concern he had was with the snowplows. He explained that the last snowstorm there was a lot of gouging on a lot of roads. He explained that he feels the drivers should be slowing down and dropping the wing properly on the narrower roads. He explained that he has pictures and he would hope that Highway Superintendent Lawson would come look at his pictures to understand where he's coming from. Mr. Townley expects the Town to be the one to fix these areas and have it graded and seeded before mowing season.

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3. The third thing is regarding the Comprehensive Plan. He said that he was glad that we are gearing up to review this again, but it should have been done at the 10 year mark in 2022. He feels that the town is unnecessarily behind on a few things. He wants the Household Business section to be reviewed again as he feels that it's getting stretched to the limit. He's specifically referring to Airbnbs- which currently have no specific Zoning in the Town. He would also like to see better communication about these changes throughout the Town. A letter to the nearest residents is not enough and there should be other ways like yard signs and better website and email communications.

Mr. Townley thanked the board for their time and said that he would be happy to discuss more and show pictures of his things outside of the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:00 pm, Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Councilman Mosher and Seconded by Councilman Malyj. The motion carried and the meeting was officially adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully,

Haley Eagley  
Town Clerk