

**TOWN OF SENECA**  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
*April 19<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 19<sup>th</sup>, day of April 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	Town Assessor
Jerry Hoover	Code Enforcement Officer
Jim Lawson	Highway Superintendent
Kathy Mastellar	Town Historian

Supervisor Wickham called the regular meeting to order. The Supervisor led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call was foregone as all in attendance were acquainted.

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Wickham looked for motion to approve tonight's agenda. Motion was made by Councilman Orbaker and Seconded by Councilman Mosher.

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

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**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

**CR4 & CR20 INTERSECTION:**

Supervisor Wickham announced that the link to this meeting is posted on our town website to view all documents and listen to the recordings. The project will be moving forward. Councilman Keeney asked Highway Superintendent Lawson if Ontario County was going to give him a detour route. Councilman Mosher interjected and said that it has already been put online.

Highway Superintendent Lawson explained that the detour will be on our town roads because they wouldn't send the detour all the way to County Road 47. Councilman Keeney asked if they would even use this detour although we have some 10-ton roads and Highway Superintendent confirmed that they will most-likely be using town roads regardless of weight limit.

Mr. Sanders asked how long they anticipate this lasting. Councilman Mosher answered saying that they are claiming this will take one summer and they are shooting for Summer 2023. Supervisor Wickham explained that it will probably be passable in a year; however, they will still be fine-tuning that area after that. Councilman Mosher read that they hope to be done by Thanksgiving of 2023. At this point, there are no definite answers on time and length of project.

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**MEMORIAL DAY PLANNING:**

If anybody has any ideas on planning or anybody who might like to speak at the service, please reach out to Supervisor Wickham.

**VERIZON TOWER:**

Engineers were on sight and a map was provided to Supervisor Wickham on where the Tower is planned to be placed. The location will be North-West of our Olson Road Water Tank. Verizon is looking for an easement from the Town of Seneca for the Driveway that leads to the Olson Road Water Tank to get to their location. Supervisor Wickham explained that they are working on the paperwork for this with Town Attorney, Mike Roulan. He anticipates that this will move along rather quickly.

Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Regular Meeting. Councilman Keeney made the motion that was seconded by Councilman Orbaker.

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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**

**HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Lawson added that the state budget was approved, and that our Highway Department funding will stay the same as it did last year. To be exact, our funding is down \$27.40 from last year.

Highway Superintendent Lawson attended an Ice Control Seminar in Canandaigua. Highway Superintendent Lawson explained that the involvement with Ice Control [salting the roads] is picking up as it is starting to effect the lakes. Councilman Mosher asked what we are using, and Highway Superintendent Lawson explained that it is the actual Salt Brine that is used that causes the problem and if municipalities aren't using the correct amount, it can be an overkill. Supervisor Wickham stated that Mr. Lawson has been conservative with the salt for a couple of reasons; one being the cost, and another being the environmental concern. Highway Superintendent Lawson stated that much of this issue is Driver Education. Some workers think that what the trucks are set at isn't working effectively, so they increase the amount distributed from the transistor boxes. Mr. Lawson pointed out that his Highway Crew is well trained on this and they're using the distribution correctly.

**ZONING**

Supervisor Wickham asked what size they decided on for the new town building and CEO Hoover responded that it was going to be 40x60 (40x70 in total with the 10-foot overhang on the North-end)

Councilman Orbaker appreciated that CEO Hoover is attempting to get a Wabash Road property cleaned up.

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**HISTORIAN**

Supervisor Wickham asked Historian Mastellar what the Pomeroy Grant Application for the Gates Substation. She explained that it is for the purchase of a roadside marker.

**CASELLA**

Mr. Sanders explained that the ground is very wet right now and that they are dealing with that. He said that things have been moving along good given the weather that they've had to battle with. They still have a lot of cover work to do and at the end of May they will have a big vegetation project above the temp-cap. He also said that they will be re-grading the entire top of the landfill to shed water correctly. They are shooting for a June well-drilling project. Somewhere in the ballpark of 16-25 new gas wells. A handful of those will be replacement wells. They've been working on a lot of de-watering. This will put them around 100 de-watering pumps on the hill, which includes 50% of their gas wells having de-watering in them.

He explained that they fired up their flare and throttled them back a little bit. This helped them gain 700-1000 SCFM of flow by doing that- this means less emissions and less odor. He said that they still have some work to do, and they still have some areas that have odor, although very light. They're just waiting for the right weather conditions to put equipment on the slope.

Mr. Sanders said they were finally able to get some temporary help in to get some litter picked up. He said the help is intermittent as some days he gets one person and some days he gets five people, but it's better than the latter.

Casella is preparing for spring and mowing. They plan to be doing some landscaping updates this year. They have a lot of tours planned with local schools. Mr. Sanders said they have Marcus Whitman, Penn Yan, and another that is further away- Watkins Glen. He explained that they're trying to give opportunities for young people to see what goes on there and to possibly see an open cell- or part of an open cell.

They continue to treat storm water. He explained that one of the challenges for them to treat this is the historical ways that the facility was operated, also explaining that this pre-dates Casella. He explained that whenever you place a layer of garbage and cover it, you have removed that layer of soil. If you do not remove that soil and use an abundance of soil (like the historical data shows us at the landfill), it creates seams. Rather than going through the seams, Water or Leachate will come out the sides. So, while they've de-watered one seam, they're moving to the next seam.

Councilman Mosher had a General Question for Mr. Sanders. He explained that he knows one of the ways they've been able to control the odor is by using the wells. He asked what happens after the Landfill is done and the facility is closed. What happens to the wells and who maintains them? What is the life expectancy of the pumps?

Mr. Sanders explained that once the landfill is capped and final, they wouldn't have to be as aggressive with pumping because nothing can escape once it is capped. The only place that there would have any potential odor would be if a boot on a well were to tare. He also explained that when that time comes, they would have a consultant on-site that would be looking at all of that stuff and making sure that it still stays as functional as it should.

Councilman Mosher followed up with another question, asking if the water and leachate coming out the sides- is that a result of the pumps? Mr. Sanders explained that this is not a result of the pumps, but a result of the seams.

Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to approve the Supervisor, Town Clerk, and CEO Financial reports. The motion that was made by Councilman Mosher was seconded by Councilman Keeney.

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**WARRANTS**

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#54-22	Authorization to pay the 2022 Audited Vouchers	4	0	1	Councilman Mosher	Councilman Orbaker																														
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**NEW BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION: Highway Building Preparation-** The building that is planned to go up will be 40x60 with a 10-foot overhang. This will be due north of the Pavilion and the peak will go North to South. This will go all the way to the east of the parking lot with the doors facing the other building and will be a mirror image of the other building out there. The overhang will be facing North. Supervisor Wickham just wanted to put this on everybody's radar as they are coming up with the final drawings. Councilman Mosher asked how this looked from a cost standpoint. CEO Hoover explained that while this still needs to go out to bid, he received an estimate during the early planning stages for roughly \$87,000. This includes the concrete floor, siding to match the other building, no electric and no water (which are un-needed at this point). This includes the highway guys doing all the site-work. While CEO Hoover received this rough estimate in the early planning stages, he doesn't see an issue with the price going up as the price of materials hasn't fluctuated very much and if anything has gone down a little bit. He also explained that the biggest deal right now is getting it going so that they can order the Trusses and get going as they are on a 12-24-week delay from pretty much anybody around.

**DISCUSSION: Town Property Sale-** Supervisor Wickham explained to the board that they have a map in their folder to go over. This is vacant town property which is adjacent to the old Town Hall and current Court House. While this property is adjacent to the Town Court, this will not affect the Town Court. Supervisor Wickham explained that there is an interested Commercial Property Buyer that has been inquiring about this property. Supervisor Wickham is not at liberty to disclose or reveal who it is right now, but he has begun preliminary discussions with them about what would be required to do their business on that parcel of land. There is a map drawn of the ideal parcel and it comes out to 2.25 acres. Supervisor Wickham wanted to put this out on the radar and said that there will be more on this in months to come.

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RES. NUMBER	TITLE	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	MOTION	SECOND
#52-22	Opposing Any Decrease to the Farm Labor Overtime Threshold (Pulled from 3/15)	<p>Councilman Orbaker requested that this resolution get tabled as he doesn't believe that this should be a town-issue. On a movement made by Councilman Orbaker; this resolution has been <b>tabled</b>. In response to the motion, Supervisor Wickham explained that any one person can table a resolution for 1 month on their own vote with no second.</p> <p>A point made by Councilman Mosher is that when something gets tabled, this doesn't necessarily mean that it will get brought back up for discussion unless someone requests that it get brought off the table.</p>				
#55-22	Accepting the Resignation of John Gordner from the Board of Assessment Review	4	0	1	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Orbaker
#56-22	Appointment to Board of Assessment Review	4	0	1	Councilman Orbaker	Councilman Mosher
#57-22	Authorization to Approve Excess Property	<p>Supervisor Wickham stated that there was an amendment to this Resolution. Clerk Eagley added a few items to this Resolution. Those items were: (2) Safety Gas Cans, (1) Aluminum Truck Toolbox, (1) Cordless Grease Gun, (1) Bobcat Grapple Bucket, and Various Office Supplies (printers and electronic items that are no longer of use).</p> <p>Supervisor Wickham moved to approve the amended resolution, Councilman Mosher Seconded.</p> <p>On a 4-person vote with 1- person absent, the motion was made by Councilman Mosher and Seconded by Councilman Keeney.</p>				
#58-22	Authorize The Purchase of Confined Space Entry Kit	4	0	1	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Orbaker

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**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

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 Mosher made a motion that was Seconded by Councilman Orbaker to adjourn the regular monthly Town Board Meeting at 8:09 PM

Respectfully,

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**Haley S. Eagley**  
Town Clerk  
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