

TOWN OF SENECA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18th, 2021

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 18th day of May 2021 at 7:30 PM.

PRESENT	
Drew Wickham	Supervisor
Jason Mosher	Deputy Supervisor/ Councilman
Howard Keeney	Councilman
Jim Malyj	Councilman
Jesse Orbaker	Councilman
Shana Jo Hilton	Bookkeeper/ Assessor
Brian Prater	Water Superintendent
Jim Lawson	Highway Superintendent
Kathy Mastellar	Town Historian
Brian Sanders	Manager of Ontario County Landfill

Supervisor Wickham called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The Supervisor led the pledge of allegiance. Supervisor Wickham passed over roll call as all in attendance were acquainted. Supervisor Wickham declared Town Clerk Eagley and CEO Hoover necessarily absent.

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. In addition to the approved agenda, Supervisor Wickham wanted to add under Supervisor's Report- B. Cemeteries and C. Solar Tax Exemption. Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion was made by Councilman Mosher and seconded by Councilman Keeney. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Privilege of the floor was offered and Alan Roher, a resident of Buffalo Street, spoke and presented the board with a petition containing 30 signatures all from Buffalo Street residents. The residents have concerns with the high vehicle usage and excessive speeds in which the vehicles are traveling on Buffalo Street. The petition requests that the Town Board make changes to the traffic patterns of Buffalo Street and consider temporarily closing it commencing April 1 until November 1. This would allow residents, young and old, to enjoy the street during the summer months and would open it back up during the winter season to facilitate plowing. Supervisor Wickham thanked him and will follow up with Highway Superintendent Lawson.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

COVID-19: Supervisor Wickham updated the board on COVID-19. County Vaccination Clinics continue and are targeting our youth population and offering outreach community clinics. Please reach out to Supervisor Wickham if you have an area that would like one. Currently, over 60% of the county has received at least 1 dose.

BUTCHER CEMETERY: Butcher Cemetery is located on the North end of Sutton Road (between County Road 4 and Prospect Hill) and has been mowed by neighbors over the years. They have reached out to the Town as they are no longer able to manage that mowing along with their own property. In the interim, the Town will maintain this cemetery as we look for a viable solution.

SOLAR TAX EXEMPTION- as many may remember, opting out of the Solar Tax Exemption is a local option in which many towns in the county have done. The Town, County, and some School Districts opted out years ago and filed accordingly. Recently there has been some questions raised on the filing of the adopted local law, most notable it appears that NYSERDA did not have the most accurate record keeping system years ago. So, they cannot say for definitive fact that a municipality/county did or did not file with them. A challenge has

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been made on both the Town and County NYSERDA filing. The county has agreed to be the lead in this litigation covering 75%, leaving the town with 25%. As a precautionary measure, we will most likely re-do the local law.

With that, Supervisor Wickham looked for motion to approve the minutes from the April 20th, 2021 meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Keeney and seconded by councilman Malyj. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The reports were reviewed by the board and are available to view in person, upon request, at the Town Hall.

HIGHWAY: Highway Superintendent Lawson stated that the Kidder Road culvert replacement grant he is applying for is projected to be over 1 million by grant specified requirements. He estimates approximately half that cost if we did in-house without a grant.

WATER: 5 & 20- Yaegel Road water line tie in/installation is progressing, water main charged for pressure testing.

LANDFILL: Mr. Sanders stated roads, cell, and final cover construction projects are progressing nicely with this stretch of good weather and hopes it continues. He stated NYSEG's recent power outage due to a transformer issue required the gas plant to go offline. He and a crew worked into the night getting the second flare running to accommodate the gas due to the plant being offline. The plant was just given the go ahead to start back up. This process takes a few days to get to full capacity.

Supervisor Wickham noted and asked about the permanent permit for foam and wondered what the percentage of reduction of cover soil is. Mr. Sanders stated they are saving 400-1000 yards per day.

Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to approve the Supervisor, Town Clerk, and CEO Report. Motion made by Councilman Malyj and seconded by Councilman Orbaker.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. NUMBER	TITLE	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	MOTION	SECOND
#62-21	Authorization to pay the 2021 Audited Vouchers	5	0	0	Councilman Orbaker	Councilman Malyj
#63-21	Approving Rich McNear as Town Volunteer	5	0	0	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Orbaker
#64-21	Authorization for Water Superintendent to Solicit Bids	5	0	0	Councilman Mosher	Councilman Orbaker

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Wickham called for any old business. He reminded folks of our upcoming Memorial Day Service here at the Veterans Park starting at promptly 8:30 AM. Assemblyman Jeff Gallahan will be present to comment

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along with guest speaker, WWII Veteran, Walt Brown. If anyone is interested in reading the names, please let him know.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

ADJOURNMENT

On that note, Supervisor Wickham looked for motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM. Councilman Keeney made motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Malyj. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully,
Shana Jo Hilton
Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Seneca