

TOWN OF SENECA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 21st, 2022

The Public Hearings and Regular Meeting of the Seneca Town Board, County of Ontario, State of New York were held at 3675 Flint Road, Stanley, NY 14561 on the 21st day of June 2022 at 7:30 PM.

PRESENT	
Drew Wickham	Supervisor
Jason Mosher	Deputy Supervisor/ Councilman
Howard Keeney	Councilman
Jim Malyj	Councilman
Jesse Orbaker	Councilman
Haley Eagley	Town Clerk/ Tax Collector
Jerry Hoover	Code Enforcement Officer
Shana Jo Hilton	Town Assessor
Brian Prater	Water Superintendent
Jim Lawson	Highway Superintendent
Kathy Mastellar	Town Historian
Brian Sanders	Manager of Ontario County Landfill

Supervisor Wickham opened the first Public Hearing of the evening for the Town of Seneca Fair Housing Act. He offered privilege of the floor to anyone who wished to speak on our Fair Housing Plan. With no comments offered from the floor, Supervisor Wickham closed the first public hearing of the night at 7:31 PM.

At 7:31 PM Supervisor Wickham opened the second Public Hearing of the night for the Community Development Block Grant. Again, with no comments offered from the floor, the second Public Hearing was closed at 7:32 PM.

Supervisor Wickham called the regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:33 PM. The Supervisor led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was passed over as all in attendance were acquainted.

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. There were no additions to the agenda.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

VERIZON TOWER:

Supervisor Wickham stated that we would be considering a resolution that would offer an easement to Verizon for the Olson Road water tank site. They plan to have an easement to come up the Town of Seneca driveway about three quarters of the way and then cutting over into the field that is owned by United Land Stewards, LLC.

FARM WORKER HOUSING GRANT:

The Town of Seneca will be one of the applicants along with the Town of Hopewell and the Town of West Bloomfield. Cornell Cooperative Extension is assisting us with the Application along with the County and their partners. Supervisor Wickham feels comfortable moving forward with it at this point.

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AMERICAN LEGION:

Supervisor Wickham received information from Tim Scoon that the American Legion grand opening will be Saturday, September 10th at 11:00 AM. Supervisor Wickham is happy for them to be moving into our town and we welcome them with open arms.

RECOGNITION OF BILL YARGER:

Supervisor Wickham asked Mr. Bill Yarger to stand up with him and continued with some background of why Mr. Yarger was in attendance. Mr. Yarger began his volunteering in scouting around the year 1999. In 2005 he became the Scout Master of Troop #68 of Hall, NY and fulfilled that role for 17 years with a total of 23 years in volunteering for the Troop.

Mr. Yarger has been an exemplary Scout Master throughout his 17 years. Troop #68 is student-led, which means the boys do all the work. Mr. Yarger takes pride in creating that environment and the young men really get to develop their leadership skills. Troop #68 has consistently been recognized as a model troop within the organization and outside of the organization.

Under Mr. Yarger's Leadership, the troop has remained strong with enrollment numbers in double digits and Supervisor Wickham explained that this is harder to accomplish in today's world. Mr. Yarger organizes and encourages the boys to plan camping outings throughout the entire year and Supervisor Wickham knows that a few of them were in the wintertime.

Throughout his 23 years, Mr. Yarger has focused on good scouting in general with not only his troop, but other surrounding troops and has fostered good relationships with them. Over the years, some of those troops include Troop #63 in Gorham and Troop #43 in Rushville.

Supervisor Wickham stated that Troop #68, which he likes to call "our troop", has produced a higher-than-average number of Eagle Scouts. He explained that he really did not know what an Eagle Scout was until he became involved with local government and then had an opportunity to work with some Eagle Scouts on some of their projects. Supervisor Wickham has a tremendous amount of respect for Eagle Scouts and appreciates all the effort that goes into it because it is not an easy thing to master.

In addition to Respectable Scout Master, Mr. Yarger also started a committee to create an explorer post in 2018 at the New York Wine and Culinary Center which ran successfully for 2 years under his leadership.

Supervisor Wickham explained to Mr. Yarger that he has done a tremendous amount of amazing work for our Town, and he wishes Mr. Yarger congratulations on his retirement. Supervisor Wickham officially thanked Mr. Yarger and his Wife, Mrs. Charla Yarger; because we all know there is a partner behind everybody. Supervisor Wickham is enormously proud of Troop #68 and the work that The Yargers have put in.

Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17th regular meeting and the June 7th special meeting. The motion was made by Councilman Orbaker and seconded by Councilman Malyj.

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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.

WATER:

The Water Department will have to dig up quite a few services in the town to verify that they have the correct type of pipe in there. The State EPA is requiring all state municipalities to verify this information by November of 2024 and the only way that we can verify this is by digging up the services and laying eyes on them ourselves. Water Superintendent Prater states that anything prior to 1995, the Town Code was to use K-Copper from the main to the curb box. Mr. Prater can use the Town Code as an acceptable verification. From the Curb-Box to the house, we have no record of what material was used. In 1995 is when the Town Code changed to make the material plastic from the main to the curb box. Anything after 1995, we do not have to dig up, as we can use the Town Code as verification. Mr. Prater stated that there are around six hundred and thirty services on the old system that will need to still be verified.

LANDFILL:

Mr. Sanders said that they have a few projects going on right now. Some of those things include seeding & vegetation; storm water items; scale repairs; leachate cleaning.

They have submitted plans to the Department of Health for well drilling, so they are looking to drill 27 additional wells in various locations. Some of those locations are currently deficient and others just are not performing as they should. Mr. Sanders stated that when he started at the landfill in January of 2020, there were only 2 functioning de-watering pumps. As it stands today, there are 93 functioning pumps and in the month of May alone, they were able to remove 708,000 gallons of liquid out of the hill.

Supervisor Wickham explained that before Mr. Sanders arrived, it was said that all the pumps in the hill were all watered in and not functioning or helping anything. It has been Mr. Sanders and Mr. Johnson's goal since day one to get them functioning properly. With the landfill nearing 100 functioning wells, the odor has improved immensely, and Supervisor Wickham thanked Mr. Sanders for that.

Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to approve the Supervisor, Town Clerk, and Code Enforcement Financial Reports. Motion was made by Councilman Keeney and seconded by Councilman Mosher.

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RESOLUTIONS

RES. NUMBER	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	MOTION	SECOND
#62-22	Authorization to pay the 2022 Audited Vouchers	5	0	0	Councilman Malyj	Councilman Orbaker
Motion #1	Set Public Hearing for June 28, 2022				Councilman Orbaker	Councilman Malyj
Motion #2	Set Public Hearing for June 29, 2022				Councilman Mosher	Councilman Keeney
Motion #3	Set Public Hearing for June 30, 2022				Councilman Keeney	Councilman Mosher
#63-22	Authorization to Solicit Bids for the Construction of a Storage Building	5	0	0	Councilman Orbaker	Councilman Malyj
#64-22	Approve Verizon Easement	5	0	0	Councilman Mosher	Councilman Orbaker
#65-22	Approve Pavement Quote for Water Department	5	0	0	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Mosher
#66-22	Adoption of the Town of Seneca Fair Housing Plan	5	0	0	Councilman Mosher	Councilman Orbaker
#67-22	Approve the Submission of a local Government Efficiency Grant Application to New York State Department of State	5	0	0	Councilman Malyj	Councilman Keeney
#68-22	Authorize the Submission of Farmworker Safety Housing Grant	5	0	0	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Orbaker

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Mosher made motion to adjourn the June board meeting, motion was seconded by Councilman Keeney and at 8:20 PM the board meeting was officially adjourned.

Respectfully,
Haley S. Eagley
 Town Clerk
 Town of Seneca