

TOWN OF SENECA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20th, 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 20th day of July 2021 at 7:30 PM.

PRESENT	
Drew Wickham	Supervisor
Jason Mosher	Deputy Supervisor/ Councilman
Howard Keeney	Councilman
Jim Malyj	Councilman
Haley Eagley	Town Clerk/ Tax Collector
Jerry Hoover	Code Enforcement Officer
Shana Jo Hilton	Assessor
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. Roll call was passed over as all in attendance were acquainted. It was declared that Councilman Orbaker and Water Superintendent Prater were 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 Keeney. 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 Wickham looked for a motion to approve the June 15th, 2021 regular meeting minutes. 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: Supervisor Wickham touched on the portion of the Highway Report that discussed a deteriorating sidewalk in Seneca Castle. Councilman Mosher asked our Highway Superintendent if he had drawn any type of conclusion that this would be a hazard or concern for this board. Mr. Lawson stated that there is no hazard and everything is flat or even in that area. Highway Superintendent Lawson stated that the town would be willing to remove sidewalks, but the Highway Department won't replace sidewalks or reimburse individuals for putting their own sidewalks in and he would have that conversation with the individual(s) that are inquiring.

Moving on- Highway Superintendent Lawson attached a photo of a 195-foot heavy hauler that would like to bring a 400 ton load up Billsboro and Lake to Lake Road. The trailer has a width of 18 feet. Highway Superintendent Lawson stated that they have a concern for the bridge on Lake to Lake Road between Wabash Road and Route 14A. Ontario County's Bridge Engineer has emailed the company back with these concerns and suggested that they find another route to take.

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WATER: While Water Superintendent Prater was declared Necessarily Absent earlier in the meeting, Supervisor Wickham had an update for him. They've been discussing the maintenance of the valves and hydrants in our town. The Town of Seneca has 646 valves and around 350 water hydrants in our water system. While they're working diligently to make the maintenance rounds, it's a challenge to them on top of all of the other items that our Water Department takes care of. They are making progress.

ASSESSOR: Supervisor Wickham explained that Assessor Hilton added a portion to her report to touch on Exemption 487- Solar Exemption. While both the county and the Town of Seneca are involved, it has been advised that the Local Law for this exemption be re-filed at the town and the county level.

Councilman Mosher inquired about the 2022 Re-valuation. Assessor Hilton stated that she is in the preliminary stage of the process. While we all know the real estate market has been extremely insane, Assessor Hilton explained that she will do her best to be as conservative as possible while staying within the mandates and guidelines of the state. Many other towns are doing a re-valuation during this time, too.

HISTORIAN: After Supervisor Wickham commented on a subscription to Ancestry.com last month, Historian Mastellar included a printout of the options for those. Supervisor Wickham stated that our Historian has a budget in which she is allowed to use for things like this. He explained that if she wanted to give it a try to see if it helped locate pictures and other historical information then she could. Historian Mastellar agreed with Supervisor Wickham and we will get started on setting that up soon.

LANDFILL: Mr. Sanders stated that the rain has not been of much help to their capping project. They're still able to drill gas wells and excavate for cell construction. Unfortunately, though, they have only been able to work on the capping a little bit on the toe. He mentioned that they walked it today (7/20/2021) to see if they could work on it tomorrow (7/21/2021), given it didn't rain overnight. He mentioned that it is still so wet that you can barely walk on it. He mentioned that roughly 40% of the gas system is disconnected because of that and it was difficult to do something temporarily for that. He explained that they were expecting rain and they build in rain days early on in the project, but they weren't expecting this much rain in Mid-July.

Mr. Sanders explained that they had a construction meeting today and he stressed that anything they can do to get the gas system back online is critical. He said there has been a minor increase in odor but he wouldn't deem that significant like prior history. He explained that although the odor isn't significant, it is enough and they are working diligently to get the gas system back online even if it's one piece at a time.

He mentioned that the construction is still staying on schedule and they are predicting to have it finished in October.

With that, Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to accept the Supervisor, CEO, and Town Clerk's financial report. Motion was made by Councilman Malyj and seconded by Councilman Mosher. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. NUMBER	TITLE	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	MOTION	SECOND
#69-21	Authorization payment of 2021 Audited Vouchers	4	0	1	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Malyj
#70-21	Extend County Mowing Contract	4	0	1	Councilman Mosher	Councilman Keeney
#71-21	Cooperative Electricity Supply Bid	4	0	1	Councilman Mosher	Councilman Malyj
#72-21	2022 Town Wide Property Re-Valuation	4	0	1	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Malyj

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OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Wickham called for any old business. Councilman Malyj spoke up and wanted to let us know that he will be attending the Seneca Lake Water Shed meeting at the end of July. He informed us that the group has accepted a \$15,000 donation from Seneca Meadows Landfill, which is an interesting acceptance for a Water Quality group. Councilman Malyj said that they are getting a lot of pushback for accepting this donation and he will update us as information becomes available.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:57 PM Councilman Mosher made motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Malyj and was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully,
Haley S. Eagley
Town Clerk
Town of Seneca