

TOWN OF SENECA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 20th, 2024

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 August 2024 at 7:30 pm.

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

At 7:30 pm Supervisor Wickham led the Pledge of Allegiance and dispensed the Roll Call as everyone in attendance had already been acquainted. A motion to accept the agenda was made by Councilman Mosher and Seconded by Councilman Keeney. There were no amendments to the agenda.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Privilege of the Floor was offered and, Town Resident, Larry Townley wished to make a comment. Mr. Townley commented on the workshop minutes from July 30th. He said that we've been talking about this Household Business subject for around 2 years, and it's not being changed at all. It's staying the same as it was back in the 1980s. He explained that he understands our Town Board does not want to take any authority away from the other boards, but sometimes the other boards need guidance and that is what this Town Board is here for. He went on to explain that the term "Household Business" is a business *within* the House. He doesn't understand why the Household Business section is being left alone and not being cleaned up in a world where everyone stretches everything. He said that they can agree to disagree, but he thinks the board is making a big mistake by leaving this alone. Supervisor Wickham thanked Mr. Townley for his comments.

Supervisor Wickham said that he has a Budget Timeline from Bookkeeper Hilton. We are in Budget Season and he's working with Department Heads to put budgets together. This will continue through the middle of September, and we will look to adopt a budget at the November Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to approve the July 16th regular meeting and the July 30th Workshop minutes. The motion was made by Councilman Orbaker and Seconded by Councilman Malyj.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CASELLA: The ongoing cell construction is significantly being setback by the rain; however, the site has held up well with all of the rain. There was some erosion with stormwater diversion, but there was no offsite sediment. Nothing got into the creeks. He said they're about 3 weeks behind on construction, but that doesn't really impact anything. They've been moving a lot of water. They started some clay placement, some liner placement, and some secondary liner placement in the Northern section of the construction area. They did see rainwater infiltration into the secondary riser of 9A. They have a process to follow and reports to file when they see something like this. Mr. Sanders explained this is a construction issue and therefore is

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not any issue with the liner leaking or anything. They will continue to monitor that, and they hope it stops raining soon so they can get this buttoned up and not have to worry about it anymore.

Mr. Sanders said that they are also doing the aeration project on the leachate tanks which is delayed as well. He said that they received parts that weren't of good quality, so they are waiting for new parts to be delivered.

The Ontario County Landfill is on track to produce the least amount of leachate in several years (since before Mr. Sanders was here) and that is a testament to what they've been doing.

SHG AMBULANCE: Both Mr. & Mrs. Gibeau were in attendance. Mrs. Gibeau started by saying that the County EMS Advisory Board is working on the County Mutual Aide Plan. They're hoping to have it done within the next several months. For their new Ambulance base, they're currently waiting on NYSEG to come and move a transformer and finish up the electricity. They will also be working on the floors in the new garage. They will be installing "Ambulance Ahead" signs on the road based off of a quote from Highway Superintendent Lawson. Mrs. Gibeau has to get the cost approved by their board and they should be good to go. Mrs. Gibeau said that they invited all of the Town Board members for the Grand Opening. She explained that this would only be "invite only" because they can't have hundreds of people attending. She would also be looking to see if a Town Board member would be willing to say a few words at the Grand Opening. Supervisor Wickham said that he would be able to be there and see if any of the other guys are able to be there.

Supervisor Wickham asked if they planned on having an open house or any events for the community to be able to come and see their new location. Mrs. Gibeau said that they eventually would like to do something once they're moved-in and settled.

Mrs. Gibeau added that there was a rumor going around that they would be offering non-emergency medical transportation-like taking people home upon hospital discharge and transporting people to and from medical appointments. She urged that this is **NOT** true, and they are not able to offer that type of service at this time.

HIGHWAY: Councilman Orbaker was curious about the latest date they could start the Kidder Road project. Highway Superintendent Lawson said that it all depends on the weather and added that they are still waiting for materials and the chance of the project starting this year is unlikely as they are looking at October delivery of materials at this time. Councilman Orbaker asked when Highway Superintendent Lawson might be able to start in the Spring. Mr. Lawson stated that it all depends on whether; however, it's at the top of their list to start as soon as they can.

Councilman Mosher asked to make sure that since the plans are finalized for the project, we shouldn't need any outside help. Highway Superintendent Lawson explained that there will be no outside help needed and that Benton has offered to help if we need it.

WATER: Supervisor Wickham asked Water Superintendent Coolbaugh if the new tank was full. He said that the tank overflowed today.

TOWN CLERK: Supervisor Wickham highlighted that Clerk Eagley received notification that the American Legion now has their Tavern license. This means that all patrons are now welcome to go there for food and beverage with or without a member. Councilman Orbaker commented positively on the minutes from the Workshop and said that they were well-done.

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

WARRANTS

RES. NUMBER	TITLE			AYE	NAY	ABSENT	MOTION	SECOND
#62-24	Authorization to pay the 2024 Audited Vouchers			5	0	0	Councilman Orbaker	Councilman Mosher
General \$30,141.41	Highway \$20,107.08	Water \$11,458.53	Sewer \$1,699.09	Hall Lighting \$433.51	Stanley Lighting \$359.21	Sen. Cast. Lighting \$352.78		

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NEW & OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #	TITLE	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	MOTION	SECOND
#63-24	Update and Accept Recommendations for the Comprehensive Plan	5	0	0	Councilman Mosher	Councilman Orbaker
#64-24	Take Lead Agency Status for Comprehensive Plan	5	0	0	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Orbaker
#65-24	Accept Recommendations for Zoning Updates	5	0	0	Councilman Orbaker	Councilman Keeney
#66-24	Take Lead Agency for Zoning Updates	5	0	0	Councilman Malyj	Councilman Mosher
#67-24	Supporting 2025 Town-Wide Reassessment Project	5	0	0	Councilman Keeney	Councilman Malyj
#68-24	Deem Excess Property	5	0	0	Councilman Orbaker	Councilman Malyj
#69-24	Engage Knauf and Shaw Law Firm	5	0	0	Councilman Mosher	Councilman Orbaker
#69-24	Resolution Honoring the Memory of Rick Jantzen	5	0	0	Councilman Malyj	Councilman Keeney

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Supervisor Wickham offered privilege of the floor and Molly Japp of Turnbull Rd. asked for details regarding the Amended Alcoholic Beverage Permit for Silos of Seneca. She was curious as to what they were changing. CEO Hoover clarified that the permit is amending the areas of alcohol consumption. While *servicing* alcohol is only permitted at their bar area inside, the *consumption* area was clarified to include any area of congregation including the patio and gazebo (that are not directly attached to the barn).

A follow up question by Mrs. Japp based on the Workshop Minutes. She wondered if they could change their business to a winery, brewery, or distillery at some point. CEO Hoover said that they would have to comply with the ABC laws and obtain all of the proper permits in addition to reapplying at the town and going through the process all over again with the Town. They wouldn't be able to just switch on a random day if they decided to; however, switching it is a possibility if granted.

Mr. Townley followed up and asked if it got to a point where they changed their business, it wouldn't fall under "Event Center" anymore and it could be a stand alone business. CEO Hoover confirmed it would be a stand alone business.

Changing Topics, Mr. Townley asked if the lighting project (switching the town streetlights to LEDs) was completed. Supervisor Wickham stated that he received an email roughly a month ago stating that they were cleared to begin the work and he's seen them out and about doing the work; however, he is unsure of the status. Mr. Townley commented that our streetlight bills that get presented each month haven't seemed to go down at all (and they should with LED lighting). Supervisor Wickham stated that he would check the status.

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Another comment from Mr. Townley was to see if there's any way that the potholes could be filled in the transfer station driveway. Supervisor Wickham said that he would discuss it with Casella and see how we can get it fixed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 pm, Supervisor Wickham looked for a motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board. The motion was made by Councilman Orbaker and seconded by Councilman Mosher.

Respectfully,

Haley Eagley
Town Clerk