

**Town of Sennett Board Meeting
February 20, 2020**

Minutes of the Town of Sennett Town Board Meeting held on Thursday February 20, 2020 at the Sennett Town Office Building at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Jerrold Eades, Councilman
Edward Rizzo, Councilman/Deputy Supervisor
James Jeffers, Councilman
Richard Gagliardi, Councilman
Kristopher LaPointe, Highway Superintendent
Ronald Schalck, Water & Wastewater Superintendent
Richard Andino, Town Attorney
Cheri Major, Bookkeeper
Debbie French, Court Clerk
Penelope Dennis, Town Clerk

The meeting is opened with the pledge to the flag.

The Public to be Heard segment is opened on a motion made by Councilman Gagliardi, seconded by Councilman Jeffers, 4 ayes, 0 nays 1 absent. Mark Izzo, 3351 Franklin Street Road speaks. He has lived at that address for 38 years. Over the last few years as the farmland across the street has been sold there has been a continual removal of trees and brush which would have been considered some type of wind break. On November 21, 2019 the last of the trees were removed. The next day he called Highway Superintendent, Kris LaPointe, and expressed his concerns. That being the possibility of more excessive winds creating possible property damage and more importantly heavy drifting across the road, creating hazardous driving conditions. Kris suggested that he call the Cayuga County Highway Department as it is a county road so there was not much that he could do. On December 8, 2019 there were strong winds thus creating heavy drifting in front of his house, Around 3:30 a car heading west lost control and went through a drainage ditch on his property, two more neighbors' properties before hitting a tree. Again on January 9, 2020 there was heavy southerly winds creating heavy drifting in front of his home. Around 3:30 AM a car became stuck in front of his house and had to be towed. He has talked to numerous people including CEO Jerry VeVone and Supervisor Tom Gray. He also called Mr. Young (the property owner) to discuss his concerns. He was willing to listen and was unaware of the safety issues that I had mentioned because of his actions, he said that he would give it some thought. I called him back again on February 11th and left a message, he has not called me back. I have also called Aileen McNabb-Coleman three times as Tom Gray suggested, and I have not heard back from her. On February 13, 2020 I called Carl Martel, Cayuga County Highway Foreman to discuss the

situation, he referred me to Andy Burke. On February 20, 2020 Mr. Burke came out to review the road and the open fields causing the safety concerns. He assured me that he was well aware of the issue and that he would discuss it with Mr. Martel. Mr. Izzo's question to the board is – can we come up with a solution before some one is injured on this stretch of road? He is also requesting that his concerns regarding this safety issue to be put on the record this evening (February 20, 2020) and he thanks the board for allowing him to address the board. Deputy Supervisor responds and said that he has spoken to Supervisor Gray and Mr. Gray has spoken to Aileen McNabb-Coleman, they actually say her Saturday evening at a function and she said that she had tried to reach Mr. Izzo but did not get a response. Mr. Izzo said that if she did she did not leave a number or a message. Deputy Supervisor Rizzo said that he would contact Mr. Gray and let him know and he will verify that everyone has the correct phone numbers. Mr. Izzo understands that there is not much that can be done because it is a county road, but he is concerned that something has to be done before someone is injured. Possibly there is a different agency that could help. Foremost, he wants the board to be aware of the situation. Debbie French, 3377 Franklin Street Road, says that she lives just down the road from the Izzo's, and she understands the situation. She understands that it is the property owners right to trim the hedgerows, but it has caused a problem, also people drive mush too fast heading into the City. There is more discussion.

The minutes of the previous meetings are approved (with a change to the dollar amounts regarding the drilling under the road for the waterline to the park), on a motion made by Councilman Jeffers, seconded by Councilman Gagliardi, 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, carried.

Old Business: Boiler repairs – highway Superintendent LaPointe report that he found a new pump, so the cost of the repairs has decreased significantly, the cost is for the installation of the circulation pump, some pipe and vents that will be used. The two quotes/proposals that he has are from Mason & Grant for \$1,850.00 and Donofrio Mechanicals for \$5,880.00. The difference is in the type of pipe to be used. After discussion a motion is made by Councilman Jeffers to go with the proposal from Mason & Grant for \$1,850.00, seconded by Councilman Gagliardi. Roll Call vote: Councilman Eades no, Councilman Gagliardi yes, Deputy Supervisor Rizzo yes, Councilman Jeffers yes, Supervisor Gray absent, carried.

Park Grant update: After the total amount for the installation of the bathrooms would go over the amount of the grant, the Town needs to wait for the Dormitory Authority to give final approval on the change in the original proposal/installing the waterline under Franklin Street Road. The cost of that is \$4,900.00 plus the \$69,000.00±, that has already been spent and verified with all involved agencies, would be about the total amount of the original grant.

Water tank Easement: Attorney Andino updates the board. They are waiting for the final description of the easement, which includes 25 feet on each side of the centerline. They are working with MRB Group and Ron Schalck. Also an amendment to the Water Contract/Agreement with the City if Auburn is needed. Attorney Andino reads the amendment:

THIS AGREEMENT, by and between the City of Auburn, New York (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), a municipality having a principal place of business located at 24 South Street, Auburn, New York, and the Town of Sennett (hereinafter referred to as the "Town"), having its principal place of business located at 6931 Cherry Street Road, Auburn, New York,

WHEREAS, the City is the owner and operator of the municipal water system supplying water and water system services; and

WHEREAS, the Town currently receives these services from the City; and

WHEREAS, the Town is in need of a commitment for water supply and water system services by the City to the Town for a period equal to the term of any long-term financing with the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development ("USDARD"); and

WHEREAS, the City and the Town entered into a "Municipal Cooperation Agreement" for water supply and water service dated March 9, 1995 ("the Agreement"), as amended, for the purpose of providing water and various water system services to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Town have deemed it necessary and desirable to extend the term of the Agreement for a period equal to the term of any long-term financing with USDARD; and

WHEREAS, the City has adequate water supply sources and water facilities and would like to supply water and water system services and the Town agrees to accept said services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the mutual benefits expected to be derived from the performance thereof and other good and valuable consideration the parties agree as follows:

1. The City agrees to provide water supply and water systems services to the Town for its use by its customers for a period equal to the term of any long-term financing with USDARD.

2. That the cost of water and water systems services shall be based in accordance with the Agreement, as amended by the parties.
3. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

This is being requested by Rural Development. A motion is made by Councilman Jeffers to authorize Supervisor Gray to sign this agreement pending final review/approval by the attorney, seconded by Councilman Eades. Roll Call vote: Councilman Eades yes, Councilman Gagliardi yes, Deputy Supervisor Rizzo yes, Councilman Jeffers yes, Supervisor Gray absent, carried.

There will be an ad in Sunday's Citizen for a Deputy Town Clerk.

New Business: CPR instruction at a cost of \$35.00 per participant will be held in March.

Park Committee – Councilman Eades, will be in charge of this.

Bookkeeper Cheri Major explains some final budget adjustments for 2019.

From DA5112.20 -\$22,429.65 to DA599 (roads refurbishing)

From L1-5182.400 -\$36.30 to L1-599

From S1- 8110.200 -\$13,233.33 to S1-599 (one-time payment for meters)

From S1-8110.400 -\$144.01 to S1-599

S1-8120.400 -\$22,520.94 to S1-599

S1-8120.410 -\$273.21 to S1-599

S1-9030.800 -\$22.47 to S1-599

Total = \$22,960.63

From S2-8110.200 -\$4,979.63 to S2-599 (one-time payment for meters)

From SW2-8310.410 -\$1,532.06 to SW2-599

SW2-9960.900 -\$18,091.49 (generators installed)

Total = \$19,623.55

From SW6-9960.900 -\$11,895.63 (generators installed)

These transfers are approved on a motion made by Councilman Eades, second by Councilman Gagliardi. Roll Call vote: Councilman Eades yes, Councilman Gagliardi yes, Deputy Supervisor Rizzo yes, Councilman Jeffers yes, Supervisor Gray absent, carried.

Department Reports: Highway Superintendent LaPointe reports that the department has plowed and sanded 23 times since the last report, they have spread over 350 ton of salt, he has ordered 300 more ton of salt, they cut down some trees on Beech Road and Swamp Road, they did shop work, they did some patching and the new excavator was delivered. Water and Wastewater

Superintendent Ron Schalck reports that the monthly water reports were done and given to DOH by the 10th, monthly and quarterly water samples were done, Three water leaks were repaired:

Bolts rusted out on a 12" valve on Grant Ave, replaced with stainless steel bolts

8" main break on RT 5 near Jericho Rd

Leak on Weedsport-Sennett Rd, full circle repair clamp bolts had rusted out, replaced with 30" stainless steel clamp and coated bolts

pulled pump 1 at Butera Dr sewer pump station due to high running hours, alarm at Pizza Hut pump station due to high temperatures on pump 1, new antennas placed at Franklin St water pump station and tank on Pine Ridge Rd, due to poor communication signal, causing pumps not to come on or shut off when needed. New antennas have more than doubled the signal strength, did a few final water meter readings for house sales, and data logs for high water usage, plowed snow as needed to tank and Franklin St pump station, replaced fill hose on water fill station due to getting broke off. Met with City due to enforcement of back flow prevention on our water connections at Franklin St pump station and Grant Ave hot box. They are requiring us to put RPZ backflow preventors in at both locations. They must be designed by an engineer and approved by DOH. Ron also wants to suggest replacing the water department vehicles. They are both old, the van is a 2013 and the truck is 9 years old. Ron will get some prices and give a report at a later meeting. Judge Timian reports \$3,336.00 for January. Judge Riley reports \$3,398.00 for January. The Town Clerk reports \$558.28 for January. The Court Clerk report is read and reviewed by the board. Debbie also states that there are big changes coming for the court system. The ZBA chairman reports that they have had an organizational meeting, they will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month (due to the Town Board meeting on the third Thursday of the month) and that Julie Panna has resigned as an alternate.

The Public to be Heard segment is closed on a motion made by Councilman Jeffers, seconded by Councilman Gagliardi, 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, carried.

The abstract in the amount of \$176,123.53 is approved for payment on a motion made by Councilman Jeffers, seconded by Councilman Eades. Roll Call vote: Councilman Eades yes, Councilman Gagliardi yes, Deputy Supervisor Rizzo yes, Councilman Jeffers yes, Supervisor Gray absent, carried.

The meeting is adjourned on a motion made by Councilman Jeffers, seconded by Councilman Gagliardi, 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Penelope Dennis, Town Clerk

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