

Town of Sennett Board Meeting
February 26, 2019

Minutes of the Town of Sennett Town Board Meeting held on Tuesday February 26, 2019 at the Town of Sennett Office Building at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Peter Adams, Supervisor
Jerrold Eades, Councilman
Edward Rizzo, Councilman
James Jeffers, Councilman
Richard Gagliardi, Councilman
Kristopher LaPointe, Highway Superintendent
Richard Andino, Town Attorney
Penelope Dennis, Town Clerk

The meeting is opened with the pledge to the flag.

The minutes of the January board meeting are approved on a motion made by Councilman Rizzo, seconded by Councilman Gagliardi, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

Finances: The bookkeeper is working with Williamson Law to get the 2018 numbers and the AUD finalized .

Old Business: Abundant Solar Project – they are scheduled for the ZBA meeting on the 26th, their paperwork is in, they are on track, the County 239 l, m & n review was done last week. This will be a two-step process – ZBA for the Special Use Permit and the Planning Board for the site plan review. There is discussion on this project and the various other sites that the company is working on in the county.

The Supervisor speaks on their trip to the Association of Towns meeting in NYC last week; what they learned at the various sessions and meetings that they attended, He also reminded everyone on some of the regulations regarding the Open Meeting Laws.

New Business: The WD#1 & WD#3: There will be a meeting in March with the Attorneys, Engineers and LaBella to get a general idea of the process/next steps and what we can be doing at this point, The Town is awaiting a response from the USDA.

A letter was received from the NYS DEC regarding a SEQRA received from Robinson Concrete regrading a request to mine below the water table. The attorney will review this.

Arbor Day Community Grant – Funds are available for trees – Councilman Eades will check on this.

Fund Balance Policy: this is a recommendation from the auditors. A preliminary copy is available for review by the board. The total revenue for the town is lower now. There is discussion on this.

A new sewer line for a new home on John Smith Avenue is discussed. The home owner is asking if they could connect to the main line as opposed to the sewer lateral due to the location of their driveway, etc. He would do it at his expense also. There is discussion on this. Councilman Jeffers does not want the home owner to disturb the road, he should use the existing lateral, because there will be many issues with the road in the future. The Highway Superintendent explains/discusses the possible damage that would happen to the road. The Supervisor discusses the situation – the exact location of the lateral was not known until the camera was used in the sewer. There is discussion on this. It is the consensus of the board to work with what exists. There is discussion on the use of culverts as opposed to open ditches in front yards. There are many issues to be considered and options. Open ditch policy.

Department Reports: The Highway Department reports that 680 ton of salt has been delivered and they have plowed 48 times. The Water and Sewer Department reports that monthly water operations reports were done and given to DOH by the 10th, monthly and quarterly water samples were collected, attended meeting with the City about sewer meters, final sewer hookup was done at 14 John Smith (thanks to Kris for letting us use their backhoe to finish after ours broke), submitted paper work for 13 water meters under warranty that are not reading, a pump was pulled to unclog at Mutton Hill pump station, marking out dig requests, within the next two weeks soil borings will be done for new water tank, plowed snow several times around water barn, Franklin St pump station and tank on Pine Ridge Rd, continue to work on creating a file for each property in the water and sewer district, Van was cleaned inside and out several times and water meters were installed at the two new houses. The status of the generator was also discussed. The Town Clerk reports \$474.71 for January. Judge Timian reports \$6,701.50 for January. Judge Riley reports \$3,910.00 for January. The CEO's reports were read and reviewed by the board. The Court Clerk's report was read and reviewed by the board. The Assessor reports that 15 commercial properties have been reviewed by the state, partial was given, (met with the state last year), the state was asked to redo 10 of them. The assessment rate for residential properties is 95% and the assessment rate for commercial properties is 92% for an overall rate of 93.5%, which is up from last year. The Planning Board Chairman reports that the board has a site plans for property on Depot Road for a commercial greenhouse and

then for the Abundant Solar (when they get to that stage). ZBA – no one to speak for them. The Attorney has nothing new,

The Public to Be Heard segment is opened on a motion made by Councilman Rizzo, seconded by Supervisor Adams, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried. Jerry Patience, John Smith Avenue, has some concerns about the new website – ease of use, finding different items, etc. Frank Graham, Franklin street Road, asks about the shooting range. The supervisor replies that he has sent out letters to the NYS DOC, to our State Representatives, requesting that a public informational meeting be held to inform/update the residents. Nothing yet from them. There is discussion. It is said to be an indoor covered range. Paul Bush, Butera Drive, the state is closing prisons, yet spending a million± on a shooting range! Letters need to be sent to all levels of government – Governor, State Comptroller, State Representatives, the DOC, etc. They need to meet with the residents – not just the board. The Public To Be Heard segment is closed on a motion made by Councilman Jeffers, seconded by Councilman Eades, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

The abstract in the amount of \$426,932.00 is approved on a motion made by Councilman Eades, seconded by Councilman Rizzo. Roll Call vote: Councilman Eades yes, Councilman Gagliardi yes, Councilman Rizzo yes, Councilman Jeffers yes and Supervisor Adams yes. Carried.

Kris LaPointe informs the board that the new 450 truck is in the shop getting everything added on to it. The old truck will be sold at auction probably in the fall. Councilman Eades asks if the old truck could be used by the Water & Sewer Department?

The meeting is adjourned on a motion made by Councilman Jeffers, seconded by Councilman Eades, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Penelope Dennis, Town Clerk
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