

Sennett Town Board Meeting Minutes July 16, 2019

Minutes of the Town of Sennett Town Board Meeting held on Tuesday July 16, 2019 at the Town of Sennett Office Building at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Peter Adams, Supervisor
Jerrold Eades, Councilman
Edward Rizzo, Councilman
Richard Gagliardi, Councilman
Kristopher LaPointe, Highway Superintendent
Ron Schalck, Water and Wastewater Superintendent
Richard Andino, Town Attorney
Penelope Dennis, Town Clerk

The meeting is opened with the pledge to the flag. The minutes of the June meetings are approved on a motion made by Councilman Eades, seconded by Councilman Gagliardi, 4 ayes 0 nays 1 absent, carried.

The Supervisor reports that the AUD has been filed. Also, two CD's have been moved, Now they come due quarterly so there is less of a problem if one needs to be closed out, used for unexpected expenses, etc.

Old Business: Grant - there was a phone conference call with all parties two weeks ago, paperwork is ongoing (some of which has to be done at different times/phases of the project. The final design of the project is in the process of being finished. A new easement for the new water tank is also needed. Attorney Andino updates the board. The current easement is explained by the supervisor. Attorney Andino has a proposal from Stropp Appraisals to provide a Summary Appraisal report at a cost of \$1,475.00. A motion is made by Councilman Gagliardi to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement at a total cost not to exceed \$2,500.00, seconded by Councilman Rizzo. There is discussion. After discussion Councilman Gagliardi amends his motion authorizing the Supervisor to sign the agreement at a total cost not to exceed \$2,000.00, seconded by Councilman Rizzo. Roll Call vote: Councilman Eades abstains, Councilman Gagliardi yes, Councilman Rizzo yes, Supervisor Adams yes and councilman Jeffers absent, carried.

The Park/Phase 3 buildout date will be August 16th. The Auburn and Skaneateles Rotary Clubs have been invited to assist with the project.

New Business: Assessor Jeff Lowe states that the final town assessment rate has increased to 98% from 92% in 2018. The state did 12 random appraisals. The

process involved by the state is explained by the Assessor. It is decided to hold an Assessment Workshop on July 30th at 6:00 PM for further discussion.

Upcoming meeting dates are July 24th @ 5:00 PM @ BOCES – Shared Services meeting. July 31st @ 9:00 AM @ City Hall - Sewer rate meeting. August 21st @ 6:00 PM thru 9:00 PM @ BOCES – Emergency Management training.

The Sam Grant #153 also needs more paperwork, the town is working on getting the necessary paperwork together.

The Newsletter is almost finished. There is discussion on this, pros and cons, some members felt that it is too late to send out. It will go out.

Department Reports: The Highway Superintendent reports that have picked up brush, mowed cemeteries, town yard and the Park; mowing guardrails; two trucks assisted Skaneateles; mowed some of Quincy Hill; installed a driveway on Center Street Road; met on the County Snow Plow contract; crack sealed west end of Center Street Road, Wegman Street, Meadowview Lane. Horan Street and Sharon Drive; repaired the headwall on Swamp Road; hauled stone for chipping O'Neil and Broadway Roads; widened the intersection of Mandy Rue and Rte. 20 and milled Mandy Rue in hopes of paving it this week. The Water and Wastewater Superintendent reports they marked many dig requests including for the NYSEG gas line replacement project on Wegman, Depew and Walnut Streets; monthly water reports and water samples were done; water meters were read, and bills sent out; alarm at RT 5 sewer pump station during heavy rain event on June 20th, we did some checking for the infiltration and found 2 problems; Butera Dr pump station had pump overloads we pulled them both 2 different times with towels plugged in them; finished fixing yards where we had dug up for water leaks this past winter; Generator is all ready to go but there is a backup up by Penn Power for generator startups by a month; cut grass at water tank and pump station as needed; met with the contractor at the State property on Franklin St shooting range for the water service, after looking at the plans I told them that the proposed water service was not acceptable to us. The engineer for the project has talked with me and is going to redesign the water to include one 6-inch meter in a hot box with an RPZ with approval by the County Health Department. Judge Timian reports \$6,256.00 for June. Judge Riley reports \$3,672.00 for June. The Town Clerk reports \$1,737.78 for June. The Court Clerk's report is read and reviewed by the board. A ZBA member reports that they have a Public Hearing scheduled for the Rex property on Rte. 20. The Attorney states that the NYS Sexual Harassment training can be done by Costello Cooney and Fearon, plus the policy needs to be updated.

A motion is made by Councilman Rizzo to open the Public to be Heard Segment, seconded by Councilman Gagliardi, 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, carried.

Tom Gray, South Hunter Avenue, speaks about the delay in the newsletter send out. He states that it is a good newsletter, he has enjoyed it in the past but feels it is too late to send it out now. Feels it should have been sent in the spring to let the town residents know about upcoming events in the town and update them on ongoing items. There is some discussion, The Public to be Heard Segment is closed on a motion made by Councilman Gagliardi, seconded by Councilman Rizzo, 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, carried.

The abstract in the amount of \$142,476.01 is approved for payment on a motion made by Councilman Gagliardi, seconded by Councilman Eades. Roll Call vote: Councilman Eades yes, Councilman Gagliardi yes, Councilman Rizzo yes, Supervisor Adams yes and Councilman Jeffers absent, carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Penelope Dennis, Town Clerk
Town of Sennett