

Minutes of the Town of Sennett Emergency Special Town Board Meeting Held on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 4:00 PM at the Sennett Town Office Building. The Town Supervisor has scheduled this Special Meeting as deemed necessary and notices posted to the extent practicable.

Members Present: Thomas Blair, Supervisor
Michael Wellauer, Councilman
Edward Rizzo, Councilman
Kristopher LaPointe, Councilman
James Vivenzio, Councilman

Also Present: Kathleen Salisbury, Town Clerk
William Perkins, Deputy Highway Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting is called to order at 4:02 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag and a prayer by Supervisor Blair.

ROLL CALL - Town Clerk Salisbury opens the meeting with a Roll Call, Councilman Vivenzio, Councilman Wellauer, Councilman Rizzo, Councilman LaPointe and Supervisor Blair are present.

Supervisor Blair advises Highway Superintendent Babilot submitted his resignation from his position effective January 8, 2024. Motion by Councilman LaPointe, seconded by Councilman Rizzo to accept the resignation of Highway Superintendent Babilot effective January 8, 2024. All in favor. 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent Carried

A discussion is held concerning the appointment of an acting Highway Superintendent in light of the resignation. A discussion is held to appoint Deputy Highway Superintendent William Perkins as Acting Highway Superintendent, and following the discussion regarding salary and benefits, a motion is made by Councilman Rizzo, seconded by Councilman Vivenzio to appoint William Perkins as Acting Interim Highway Superintendent effective immediately on January 8, 2024 through December 31, 2024, at the same salary and benefits as the resigning Highway Superintendent.

Roll Call vote

Councilman Vivenzio	Yes
Councilman Wellauer	Yes
Councilman Rizzo	Yes
Councilman LaPointe	Yes
Supervisor Blair	Yes

Motion carried. 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

A discussion is held regarding the hiring of another MEO for the highway department to replace Mr. Perkins who is now the acting Highway Superintendent. The person hired for the position will also serve as a floater to the Town departments.

A motion is made by Councilman LaPointe, seconded by Councilman Vivenzio to authorize Supervisor Blair to place an advertisement for an MEO for the Highway Department as well as for other departments set at a salary scale at the union rate of \$24.61/hour. No further discussion.

Roll Call vote

Councilman Vivenzio	Yes
Councilman Wellauer	Yes
Councilman Rizzo	Yes
Councilman LaPointe	Yes
Supervisor Blair	Yes

Motion carried. 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

A discussion is held regarding the interim period until a new employee is hired. A motion is made by Supervisor Blair, seconded by Councilman Rizzo to offer a snow emergency on-call, part-time MEO position to Kris L. LaPointe at a rate of \$27.61/hr to assist with plowing. No further discussion.

Roll Call vote

Councilman Vivenzio	Yes
Councilman Wellauer	Yes
Councilman Rizzo	Yes
Councilman LaPointe	Abstain
Supervisor Blair	Yes

Motion carried. 4 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 1 Abstain

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING - Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Wellauer, seconded by Councilman Rizzo. All in favor. 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Salisbury, Town Clerk
Town of Sennett