

**Town of Sennett Board Meeting
December 18, 2018**

Minutes of the Town of Sennett Town Board held on Tuesday December 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Sennett Town Office Building,

Members Present: Peter Adams, Supervisor
Jerold Eades, Councilman
Edward Rizzo, Councilman
Richard Gagliardi, Councilman
James Jeffers, Councilman
Kristopher LaPointe, Highway Superintendent
Ronald Schalck, Water & Wastewater Superintendent
Cheri Major, Bookkeeper
Richard Andino, Attorney
Penelope Dennis, Town Clerk

Meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

The minutes of the previous meeting are approved on a motion made by Councilman Eades, seconded by Councilman Jeffers, 5 ayes, 0 nays, carried.

The Bookkeeper reports that the WD#6 BAN has been paid off. There are four Bonds left. Another CD with Savannah Bank has been created.

Old Business: The generator has been ordered, with all options. It will take ten to twelve weeks to build and be delivered. The DOH is in approval.

New Business: CPA Firm – Cuddy & Ward has notified the town that they are no longer auditing municipalities. The town has received the following quotes:

1. Drescher & Malecki LLP, Buffalo, NY - \$13,760.00 – basic, includes expenses. Extra \$1000.00 to do the justice department.
2. Inero & Co. Ithaca, NY - \$8,900.00
3. Fust Charles Chambers, Syracuse, NY - \$12,00.00 (want to start doing municipalities)

Councilman Eades is requesting more time to follow through with any concerns – to get more information. Councilman Jeffers would also like more time before deciding. This will be determined at the year-end meeting.

Solar Pilot – Attorney Andino discussed this option for the proposed solar farm on County House Road. The PPILOT program needs to be discussed within thirty days, he has a sample letter, it varies with projects, it would be for a maximum of fifteen years. The process is explained. A motion is made by Councilman Eades to send the letter to Abundant Solar, seconded by Councilman Rizzo. Roll Call

vote: Councilman Eades yes, Councilman Gagliardi yes, Councilman Rizzo yes, Councilman Jeffers no and Supervisor Adams yes. Carried.

Supervisor Adams reports that he has received a letter from Gerald Patience, ZBA Chairman that effective December 31, 2018 he is done serving on the ZBA. (his term is up, and he does not wish to be reappointed to the board). A motion is made be Supervisor Adams to accept this, seconded by Councilman Eades, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

Department Reports: Councilman Eades questions/has concerns on ag buildings. There is no way of knowing when/where they are built, etc. There is discussion on this and different options to use. More discussion at a later date. Also, Sheriff David Gould is retiring. He thanks all for their help. Assemblyman Robert Oaks, after twenty-six years of service, is also retiring, he thanks the town. Supervisor Adams a letter that he received from both. The Highway Department reports that they have used 350 ton of salt so far. Dig Safe sponsored training will be held on April 4th at a cost of \$25.00 per person. The department has also plowed and sanded numerous times, picked up leaves, trimmed branches, replaced/repared truck parts and equipment, have done shop work, and building maintenance. The Parking Local Law is working okay – it is getting better. The Water Department reports that monthly water operation reports were done and given to DOH by the 10th, monthly water samples were done, did several final water meter readings, marking out dig requests, installed a water service for a new house on John Smith Ave., met with Paul Chatfield at tank site on Grant Ave for easements, F450 was serviced and cleaned, worked on backhoe bucket self-leveling system, met with John Roser from CH4 Generate and his contractor about the water line installation, plowed snow around shop and Franklin St. pump station and replaced a frozen water meter at a building on Grant Avenue. There is discussion on the easement that is needed for the new water tank installation. Also, there is discussion on the CH4 agreement – Attorney Andino will contact them. The Town Clerk reports \$281.27 for November. Judge Riley reports \$4,860.00 for November. Judge Timian reports \$6,245.50 for November. The Court Clerk's report is read and reviewed by the board. The CEO's report is read and reviewed by the board. Fire inspections are on track. There are some new businesses/building upgrades coming in 2019: Summit Ford, ABC and Duke. Owen Orchards is also considering an update. Jerry VeVone gives all board embers information pertaining to ag buildings as per the town's zoning and the NYS Code. There is more discussion on this. Attorney Andino states that he will do some research into this and get information for a future meeting. The Assessor reports that he has been working on exemption renewals, senior exemptions and corrections. The Planning Board Chairman updates the board on projects.

The Public To Be Heard segment is opened on a motion made by Councilman Eades, seconded by Councilman Jeffers, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried. Ed Magdziak questions the contents of ag buildings – how do you know what is stored in them? There is discussion on this. Insurance Companies may know what is stored in the buildings. Kris LaPointe states that when the town gets a Dig location request and it is for an ag building – they can let the Assessor know. 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 \$146,553.50 is approved for payment on a motion made by Councilman Jeffers, seconded by Councilman Gagliardi. Roll Call vote: Councilman Eades yes, Councilman Gagliardi yes, Councilman Rizzo yes, Councilman Jeffers yes and Supervisor Adams yes. Carried.

The next meeting will be December 27th at 6:00 PM – year end meeting. Meeting is adjourned on a motion made by Councilman Gagliardi, seconded by Councilman Rizzo, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Penelope Dennis, Town Clerk
Town of Sennett