

Minutes of the Town of Sennett Town Board Meeting Held on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 6:30 PM at the Sennett Town Office Building.

Members Present: Thomas Blair, Supervisor
Richard Gagliardi, Councilman (Remotely)
Michael Wellauer, Councilman
Robert Edmunds, Councilman
Edward Rizzo, Councilman

Also Present: Kathleen Salisbury, Town Clerk
Kristopher LaPointe, Water & Sewer Superintendent
Cheri Major, Bookkeeper
Bill Feocco
Ed Magdziak
David Morris
Jerry Sankey
Jim Vivenzio
Remotely: Seth Jensen, City of Auburn, Paul Chatfield,
MRB Group, Town Engineer; Jerry VeVone, Jim Jeffers

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting is called to Order by Supervisor Blair at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE - The meeting is 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 Wellauer, Councilman Rizzo, Supervisor Blair and Councilman Edmunds are present; Councilman Gagliardi arrives remotely at 6:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2022 are reviewed by the Board. Motion is made by Councilman Wellauer to approve the March 17, 2022 minutes, seconded by Councilman Edmunds. All in favor. 5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent, carried.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

Seth Jensen, City of Auburn - Mr. Jensen discusses the City of Auburn's recent water rate increase and why the City has raised the rates and how they came to the rates they are now charging.

Paul Chatfield, MRB Group - Mr. Chatfield discusses his recommendations for rates increases based upon the City of Auburn's increases, as well as the Town of Skaneateles rate increase they have imposed.

After hearing from Mr. Jensen and Mr. Chatfield regarding increases and the debt service associated with the water districts and the bonds, Supervisor Blair

suggests a special meeting for April 28th to make a final decision on the rate increase. A motion is made by Councilman Edmunds and seconded by Councilman Rizzo to schedule a special meeting to discuss the rates for April 28th at 4:30 p.m. All in favor. 5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent, carried.

PUBLIC BE HEARD - Motion is made by Councilman Wellauer to open the Public Be Heard Period, seconded by Councilman Edmunds. All in favor. 5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent, carried. Ed Magdziak asks the Board if there is one or more bond companies. Bookkeeper Major advises there is one broker. With nothing further from the Public, a Motion to close Public Be Heard was made by Councilman Edmunds, seconded by Councilman Rizzo. All in favor. 5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent, carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Town Clerk - Town Clerk Salisbury advised that the March 2022 monthly report was in the Board's meeting packet for their review.
- b. Bookkeeper - Bookkeeper Major advises the audit is complete. A final packet from the auditors in approximately six weeks. The new highway truck should arrive next month. We successfully filed our first ARPA report. Discussions between the Board and Bookkeeper were held regarding the bond for Sewer District 2.
- c. Assessor - Councilman Edmunds advises he met with Assessor Lowe who finished the tentative tax roll. As the Board is aware, Mr. Harkins submitted his letter of resignation. A motion is made by Councilman Rizzo and seconded by Councilman Wellauer to accept the resignation of Mr. Harkins. All in favor. 5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent, carried. Supervisor Blair will send a letter of thanks to Mr. Harkins. A new candidate will need to be appointed once one is located. Grievance night will be held at the end of May 2022.
- d. Fire District - Mr. Morris advises the Fire Department will be holding a Mother's Day Chicken BBQ from 11-2. Reservations can be made on the Fire Department website. Mr. Morris thanks the Board for putting the mailbox signs notification in the newsletter. Some residents have ordered signs. Supervisor Blair thanks the Fire Department members for all their hard work and serviced to the Town.
- e. Highway Dept. - Councilman Rizzo advises that Highway Superintendent Kristopher L. LaPointe's report was in the Board's meeting packet for their review. Mr. LaPointe is out of the office on vacation and Mr. Short is filling in.
- f. Water Dept. - Water Superintendent Kristopher A. LaPointe's report was in the Board's meeting packet for their review. They have replaced an additional 25 water meter heads. He has completed the annual water quality report and is waiting for the final approval from the City of Auburn.

- g. Attorney - Supervisor Blair advises he spoke with Attorney Rich Andino who has been working on the Easement with Mr. Panna. The litigation with East End Creamery has been discontinued and filed with the Court. All the Time Warner assessment complaints have been withdrawn.
- h. Codes/Zoning - Zoning Officer VeVone appears remotely and reports that he has been working with some businesses on Grant Ave. Councilman Wellauer provides a status report by Codes Officer Passarello that Chipotle met with the Planning Board and will be submitting the ZBA variance applications in short order, Sennett Meadows is moving right along, spoke with Mike O'Neil about filling potholes at BJ's entrance.
- i. Planning Board - Councilman Edmunds spoke with Chairman Bacon who advised that the Planning Board approved Chipotle and the Beech Rad subdivision and discussed the training with his board that was offered by the Town Board at the last meeting.
- j. Dog Control Officer - Councilman Wellauer read the report from Carl and Jen Collier of FLDPA who patrolled the area and responded to a dog complaint as well as a stray dog.
- k. Committees - We are still looking for volunteers for the various committees we are looking to fill. There will be a Veterans Affairs Committee meeting on 4-23.

OLD BUSINESS

- Water rate increases - This was discussed previously and a special meeting will be held on April 28th.
- Sennett Mine Pit - No updates
- WD #1 & #3 - Councilman Rizzo advises we are still awaiting the signed Panna Easement. Mr. Panna will not sign the agreement as he is now seeking an additional \$2,000 for crop loss. Discussions were held regarding the additional payment. A motion is made by Councilman Rizzo and seconded by Councilman Gagliardi to pay the additional \$2,000 to Mr. Panna on top of the already agreed to amount of \$39,000.
Roll call vote:
 - Councilman Gagliardi Yes
 - Councilman Wellauer Yes
 - Councilman Rizzo Yes
 - Councilman Edmunds Yes
 - Supervisor Blair No
 Four to one, motion carried
- Town Park & Grant - Supervisor Blair advised that the DASNY Grant has been signed and the money should be coming in soon.
- Website progress - Supervisor Blair advises the website is up and running.
- Town Hall security camera project - Councilman Edmunds advises that Mr. Bender has buried the cable outside and in mid-May the cameras will be installed and are being paid through ARPA funds.

- Town Lighting replacements - Supervisor Blair advises Councilman Edmunds will look into the status of the replacement LED lights.
- Town Hall capital needs - Supervisor Blair and Councilor Rizzo advises we are still collecting quotes.
- Town signage projects - tabled to next meeting.
- Town Employee Handbook - Councilman Gagliardi advises he will meet with the Highway Superintendent upon Mr. LaPointe's return.
- MRTA Followup - The previous Board has opted out.
- Town Zoning Map and Water Mapping Updates - Water & Sewer Superintendent is working with MRB on updating the maps.

NEW BUSINESS

- ZBA and BAR recommendations - There were two individuals interviewed for the ZBA member and alternate positions by Supervisor Blair and ZBA Chair Sikora. ZBA Chair Sikora recommends Bob Steiner as a member for a 5 year term and Dennis Sherry as an alternate for a 1 year term. Based on ZBA Chair Sikora's recommendation, a motion his made by Councilman Wellauer and seconded by Councilman Rizzo to approve Bob Steiner as a 5 year ZBA member replacing Julie Panna and Dennis Sherry as a 1 year alternate member.
- Highway Department 284 Agreement - As Mr. LaPointe is out of the office, this will be discussed at next month's meeting.
- Debt Service Refinancing -

SUPERVISOR CORRESPONDENCE/REPORT - Mr. Nethercott, who lives over on Butera, left us an attaboy message on my voicemail thanking Kris LaPointe and Bill Feocco, for going over into the Creek by his house where there was a doe that died and they took care of the doe.

Supervisor Blair received an email from a law firm in Auburn regarding the restaurant property on Route 20 East End Creamery, LLC, with an official request on behalf of a developer asking for an official determination on the preexisting nonconforming use status of the business of a restaurant at that property. Zoning Officer VeVone will get in touch with the law firm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Motion to enter Executive Session made by Councilman Edmunds and seconded by Councilman Wellauer at 7:58 p.m. to discuss employee personnel medical matter.

Motion to return from Executive Session made by Councilman Rizzo and seconded by Councilman Wellauer at 8:20 p.m. Councilman Gagliardi did not return to meeting after Executive Session.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS - Vouchers - Motion by Councilman Rizzo, seconded by Councilman Edmunds to pay the monthly vouchers with three or more signatures.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Gagliardi	Absent
Councilman Wellauer	Yes
Councilman Rizzo	Yes
Councilman Edmunds	Yes
Supervisor Blair	Yes
Motion carried 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent	

Next meeting is May 19, 2022

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. Meeting ended 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Salisbury, Town Clerk
Town of Sennett