

Minutes of the Special Sennett Town Board meeting held on Thursday June 4, 2020 via Zoom.us.

The meeting is opened with the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call of Members: Thomas Gray, Supervisor - here  
Edward Rizzo, Councilman - here  
James Jeffers, Councilman - here  
Richard Gagliardi, Councilman - here  
Jerrold Eades , Councilman - absent

Also present Kristopher LaPointe, Highway Superintendent  
Cheri Major, Bookkeeper  
Attorney Richard Andino - via phone connection

Supervisor Gray informs the board that he received a call from Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislator regarding the Cayuga County Nursing Home. She states that the sale of the building to the Auburn Community Hospital will be discussed at the county meeting tonight. She said that the hospital would use it as office space eventually moving their nursing home there. It would not be used for a homeless shelter. He also spoke to the Water & Wastewater Superintendent who stated that the waterline runs down the sidewalk, so that would need to be part of the negotiations. It would also become a private entity after the sale. She told the Supervisor that she is aware of that also. Ms. McNabb-Coleman wanted to know how the Town Board felt about the sale, as she stated that she would vote the way the board would vote, as she is the Town's Representative. The board states that they support the sale of the building. Supervisor Gray will let her know tomorrow about the Board's decision.

Supervisor Gray has four items on the agenda, the budget is next, they have to discuss and at the end of the meeting he has two Workmen's Comp proposals, one from the current company and one from Comp Alliance, that he will give a copy of each to the board members. He has included contact information in case any members have any questions. This will be decided at the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, so take the information home and review it.

Budget Review/Changes: After much discussion, it is decided to review budget modifications line by line.

GENERAL BUDGET: The A1110.150; Court PT Clerk is being lowered by one half. A1110.151 is being lowered by \$1396.53 (the position is no longer filled). A1220.131; Bookkeeper extra hours is being decreased by \$1,822.04. There is

much discussion on this – The bookkeeper is paid for a twenty-hour work week. This line item is for weeks when more time is needed – usually the beginning and the end of the year. A1355.410; Assessor Outside Consultant will not be needed this year reduce the line item 100%. A1410.121; Town Clerk Deputy, it is felt that this line item will not be needed this year. There is discussion – close the office if the clerk is in vacation, what about training someone?, etc. A1420.420; Legal Assessor, it is felt that this line item should not be needed this year ( no situation at present) – decrease by 100%. A1420.460; Legal Non-operational; decrease by 50%. A1680.410; Newsletter - it is decided not to do one this year. A1920.430; Education/Training, due to the Covid-19 pandemic most training options have been cancelled. Decrease by 50%. A1990.400; Contingency, basically a rainy day fund, decrease by 100%. A3100.150 Constables: Personnel Service; due to the Covid-19 pandemic, court has not had a court session since March, decrease by 50%. A6772.40 Seniors/Contractual; they have only met once this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic and we are not sure when or how many times they will be able to meet this year. Decrease by 100%. There are still concerns on the money that the Seniors have in their own account and what it should/can be used on. A7310.400; Youth programs, the summer swim program has been cancelled this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Decrease by 100%. A7510.130; Historian, decrease by 100%, the Supervisor does not want the pay. A7550.430; Celebrations, decrease by 100%, no celebrations.

HIGHWAY BUDGET: As was previously discussed at a previous meeting the Highway Superintendent stated that he could voluntarily give up some of his funding because the roads are in good shape, he does not need to do some projects, no bridges need repairs, salt and fuel will cost a little less this year. DA 5110.400; Road Maintenance, reduce by \$25,000.00. DA5130.400; Machinery Contractual, reduce by \$5,000.00. DA5130.420; Machinery Gas Oil, reduce by \$5,000.00. DA9901.940; Bridge Reserve, reduce by 100%. DA9901.950, reduce by 100%. DA9901.951; Salt Reserve, reduce by 100%.

The Supervisor asks for a motion to approve the changes. Kris LaPointe asks a question (because he knows that Cheri will not). Why did you cut the Bookkeepers extra hours funding? She is always here, she has already used \$1,677.96, and she will need more time to make all these changes. Councilman Jeffers responds that everyone needs to try to curtail any extra time, consolidate hours, unless it is an absolute emergency. We can address the extra hours again near the end of the year. It is a thought process that will start our budget process. Also, if it is not enough maybe the town should consider a full-time position for the bookkeeper next year. Supervisor Gray again asks for a motion. No motion no change. Councilman Jeffers moves to approve the changes(as follow). Councilman Gagliardi seconds the motion. Supervisor Gray asks if there is any discussion? Councilman Jeffers states that he still has a major problem with the Senior account. We have made cuts to a lot of funds, there is a major

fund balance and yet we are not willing to pay items out of it that support the Seniors. So noted. Councilman Gagliardi states that we are halfway through the year and questions if they will meet at all this year. Roll Call vote: Councilman Eades absent, Councilman Gagliardi no, Councilman Rizzo yes, Councilman Jeffers yes, Supervisor Gray yes, carried.

2020 June Budget Adjustments

		<b>Orig Budget</b>	<b>June Budget Adjustments June</b>	<b>new budget</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>				
<b>A1110.150</b>	Court PT Clerk	\$10,000.00	-\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<b>A1110.151</b>	Court Clerk Assist	\$1,500.00	-\$1,396.53	\$103.47
<b>A1220.131A</b>	Super-Bookkeeper extra/hours	\$3,500.00	-\$1,822.04	\$1,677.96
<b>A1355.410</b>	Assessor Outside Consult	\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00	\$0.00
<b>A1410.121</b>	Town Clerk Deputy	\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00	\$0.00
<b>A1420.420</b>	Legal-Assessor	\$8,000.00	-\$8,000.00	\$0.00
<b>A1420.460</b>	Legal-Non-Operational	\$10,000.00	-\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<b>A1680.410</b>	DP Newsletter	\$1,800.00	-\$1,800.00	\$0.00
<b>A1920.430</b>	Education/Training	\$6,000.00	-\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>A1990.400</b>	Contingency	\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00	\$0.00
<b>A3120.150</b>	Constables: Pers Serv	\$4,000.00	-\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>A6772.400</b>	Seniors/Contractual	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00	\$0.00
<b>A7310.400</b>	Youth Programs	\$2,500.00	-\$2,500.00	\$0.00
<b>A7510.130</b>	Historian	\$488.00	-\$488.00	\$0.00
<b>A7550.400</b>	Celebrations	\$400.00	-\$400.00	\$0.00
<b>HIGHWAY</b>				
<b>DA5110.400</b>	Road Maint	\$100,000.00	-\$25,000.00	\$75,000.00
<b>DA5130.400</b>	Machinery Contractual	\$35,000.00	-\$5,000.00	\$30,000.00
<b>DA5130.420</b>	Machinery Gas Oil	\$35,000.00	-\$5,000.00	\$30,000.00
<b>DA9901.940</b>	Bridge Reserve	\$3,000.00	-\$3,000.00	\$0.00
<b>DA9901.950</b>	Equipment Reserve	\$90,000.00	-\$90,000.00	\$0.00
<b>DA9901.951</b>	Salt Reserve	\$4,000.00	-\$4,000.00	\$0.00
			<b>-\$178,406.57</b>	cuts to revenues

**entries:**

**A DR Sales Tax Rev  
CR Exp**

**DA DR Transfer for General (5031)  
Cr Exp**

Councilman Jeffers tells Kris that if any training opportunities come up for himself or any of the highway men, make sure that you ask for things, just because it is not in the budget it can be funded, Kris asks just for training? He states that when we belonged to the Comp Alliance they paid /covered all training that the highway department needed to take. There is some discussion on this. Do not be afraid to ask for funding if it is needed.

Supervisor Gray discusses the floor runners that were mentioned at last month's meeting. After the meeting he called Cintas. They told him that we have a contract that we rent the mats from them. There is discussion on the need for the mats, we only need them in the winter, what about if it rains and the floors are wet and slippery and some one falls and gets hurt? Put a mat in front of each door, limit the number of mats used, buy our own, rent from another company, He will call Cintas in the morning and tell them to pull the mats and we will renegotiate in October, and we will pay the amount that we owe when a new bill arrives,

Supervisor Gray passes out the information on the two proposals for the Workmen's Comp Insurance for the boards review to decide at the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting,

A motion is made by Councilman Rizzo to enter into Executive Session to discuss proposed, pending, or current litigation, seconded by Councilman Jeffers, 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. A motion is made by Councilman Gagliardi to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Jeffers, 4 ayes, 0 nay, 1 absent.

Motion to adjourn is made by Councilman Jeffers, seconded by Councilman Rizzo, 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, carried.