

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

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

Also Present: Kristopher LaPointe, Highway Superintendent
Kristopher LaPointe, Water & Sewer Superintendent
Cheri Major, Bookkeeper
Kathleen Salisbury, Town Clerk
Kathy Gray, Judith Peltz, Betty Festa, Joyce Kreydatus, Aggie Crothers, Jerry Sankey, Bill Feocco and Dick Phillips
Remotely: Paul Chatfield, MRB Group; Duane Shoen, Insero & Co.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting is called to Order at 6:35 pm, due to technical difficulties.

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 Gagliardi, Councilman Wellauer, Councilman Rizzo, Supervisor Blair and Councilman Edmunds are present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2022 are approved by the Board, motion made by Councilman Edmunds and seconded by Councilman Wellauer.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

Paul Chatfield of MRB Group discussed the water project update and the Town Hall paving project.

Duane Shoen of Insero & Co. discussed the recently completed audit.

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. With no public comments, a motion to close is made by Councilman Edmunds and seconded by Councilman Gagliardi. All in favor. 5 yes 0 nays 0 absent, carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Town Clerk - Town Clerk Salisbury advised that the June 2022 monthly report was in the Board's meeting packet for their review.
- b. Bookkeeper - Bookkeeper Major advised the second quarter sales tax is in the amount of \$374,354.00, less than last year but more than any other year. The Bond refinancing of \$685,000 recently closed at a rate of 3.25%, a savings of \$35,000.
- c. Highway Dept. - Highway Superintendent Kristopher L. LaPointe's report was in the Board's meeting packet for their review. He advised that they chip sealed Highbridge Rd, Taylor Rd, north end of County Line, mowed Quincy Hill drainage district and installed three driveways. Sennett Meadows installed the sewer and gas and electric lines and they will pave the road when done. They kept Kris informed and they did a good job.
- d. Water Dept. - Water Superintendent Kristopher L. LaPointe's report was in the Board's meeting packet for their review. The meters were read and are still replacing non-working meters and the bills were sent out. The Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Response Plan has been accepted and signed. Sennett Meadows connected to the manhole and they did a good job. Districts 2 and 6 have the Storz connections on the hydrants. Now working on Districts 1 and 3.
- e. Town Assessor - Councilman Edmunds read Assessor Lowe's report advising that the Final Roll was published and filed July 1, 2022.
- f. Attorney - Attorney Andino has finished up the Panna easement and Councilman Rizzo facilitated in the signing of the documents. A special use permit and area variance were granted to Chipotle by the ZBA. They are working on updating the Town's Uniform Building Code Enforcement Program Law as mandated by the State.
- g. Fire District - no report this month
- h. Codes/Zoning Enforcement Officer - Councilman Wellauer provides a status report by Codes Officer Passarello. One stop work order was issued, Sennett Meadows is moving ahead smoothly, if anyone would like a tour of Sennett Meadows to let him know, a noise complaint from Highland Golf Course due to loud music (no town noise ordinance), Chipotle has passed through Planning and ZBA, Route 20 grill roof repair complete, 8 permits issued. Councilman Wellauer provides a status report from Zoning Officer VeVone advising he attended to a couple sign issues and followed up on two complaints which were unfounded. He spoke with the attorneys and new owners of Route 20 Grill.
- i. Planning Board - Councilman Gagliardi provided a report by Chairman Bacon advising they did a preliminary review for a greenhouse at Tractor Supply.
- j. Dog Control Officer - Councilman Wellauer provided a report advising that FLDPA received a barking dog complaint and posted a memo to the owners advising of same.
- k. Committees - Sennett Seniors Chairwoman Kathy Gray provided an overview of the Committee, providing the Board with the minutes and upcoming schedule for the Committee lunches. Ms. Peltz congratulates Sennett on having senior

housing coming into the Town. Is there any community space available for a senior center? It is much needed. Supervisor Blair advises Councilman Gagliardi is the liaison to Sennett Meadows and will discuss the matter with them.

OLD BUSINESS

- Water & Sewer Rate Hikes from City of Auburn + Sennett Rates - Water & Sewer Superintendent LaPointe and Councilman Edmunds attended a City of Auburn meeting regarding the rates. They are willing to discuss water rates. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of having MRB do a study into the water rates.
- Sennett Pit Mining Expansion Permit application status (Route 20) - The DEC has issued a final permit.
- WDs 1&3 project (Easement and bid status) - This was discussed earlier.
- Town Park & Grant - Working with DASNY to get the funds in.
- Website review (www.sennettny.org)
- Town Hall security camera project closeout - All cameras are in operation and working well. The Town will pay the lift bill for the outside lighting submitted in return for the various items provided by Mr. Bender at no additional cost.
- Town Lighting replacements - Councilman Edmunds advises 138 LED conversion is mostly complete, two lights are left.
- Possible charging stations and other energy credit projects/ Renewable energy consult bids - Supervisor Blair advises that there are programs out there for energy management services. Discussion was held to explore the programs. Supervisor Blair makes a motion to work with Attorney Andino to get an RFQ package to potentially bring an energy project management consult on board, seconded by Councilman Rizzo, all in favor aye. 5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent
- Town Hall capital needs - bids on parking lot & interior improvements - this was discussed early with MRB.
- Town branding & marketing project - tabled at this time
- Town Employee Handbook review - tabled at this time
- Town Debt service refinancing - covered earlier.

NEW BUSINESS - no new business

SUPERVISOR CORRESPONDENCE/REPORT - Supervisor Blair reports that the Cayuga County Ways and Means meeting in July and August to go over sales tax impacts and changes. Supervisor Blair advises that the sales tax that came in is above our targeted amounts. Mr. Jeffers emailed Supervisor Blair advising that there is a program called SWAP in the water program (similar to CHIPS for highway) and it would help with O&M costs. Councilman Edmunds will perform faresearch on the program. Supervisor Blair is working on finalizing the newsletter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Town Employee Personnel matter (medical) + Notice of Claim filed. Motion to enter Executive Session made by Councilman Edmunds and seconded by Councilman Gagliardi at 8:01 p.m. to discuss an employee personnel medical matter and a Notice of Claim.

Motion to return from Executive Session made by Councilman Edmunds and seconded by Councilman Gagliardi at 8:30 p.m. All in favor. Aye No action was taken.

Supervisor Blair advises that Seth Jenson of Cayuga County is requesting a resolution from the Town of Sennett to authorize an amendment to add Cayuga County Water Sewer Authority to join in the Wholesale Sewer Agreement for rates only together with the current parties of Sennett, Fleming, Owasco, Aurelius and the City of Auburn. Motion is made by Councilman Gagliardi to authorize the addition of the Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority to the Wholesale Sewer Agreement between the City of Auburn and the Towns of Fleming, Owasco, Sennett and Aurelius, and allowing the Supervisor to add any additional language to the resolution necessary, seconded by Councilman Rizzo. All in favor, aye. 5 ayes 0 nays 0 absent Motion carried.

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

Roll call vote:

Councilman Gagliardi	Yes
Councilman Wellauer	Yes
Councilman Rizzo	Yes
Councilman Edmunds	Yes
Supervisor Blair	Yes
Motion carried	5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent

Next meeting is August 18, 2022

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING - Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Edmunds, seconded by Councilman Rizzo. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Salisbury, Town Clerk
Town of Sennett