

Minutes of the Town of Sennett Town Board Meeting Held on Thursday, September 15, 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
William Feocco

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

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 August 27, 2022 are reviewed and approved by the Board, motion made by Councilman Edmunds and seconded by Councilman Wellauer.

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

MRB Group was not in attendance. Supervisor Blair read a report from MRB advising they will be meeting with Water Super LaPointe in the near future.

Seth Jensen from the City of Auburn was not in attendance and the upcoming meeting will be rescheduled.

PUBLIC BE HEARD - Motion is made by Councilman Wellauer to open the Public Be Heard Period, seconded by Councilman Gagliardi. 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 Wellauer. All in favor. 5 yes 0 nays 0 absent, carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. **Town Clerk** - Town Clerk Salisbury advised that the August 2022 monthly report was in the Board's meeting packet for their review. Fees of \$_____ received and \$_____ were disbursed to the Supervisor and \$_____ to NYS Animal Population Control.

- b. **Bookkeeper** - Bookkeeper Major was absent and Supervisor Blair advised she has been inputting data for the budgets.
- c. **Assessor** - Councilman Edmunds read Assessor Lowe's report advising that he has been
- d. **Fire District** - No one was in attendance from the Fire District. Supervisor Blair advise that he spoke with Mr. Komarisky regarding the Seniors using the fire house. Supervisor Blair asked him to please allow the seniors to utilize the fire house for a monthly meeting and to waive any fee normally charged in exchange for the Water Department installing the Storz attachments to the fire hydrants around town.
- e. **Highway Dept.** - Highway Superintendent Kristopher L. LaPointe's report was in the Board's meeting packet for their review. He advised that the Snowplow Contract with the County will need to be signed. A motion is made by Councilman Edmunds to allow Supervisor Blair to sign the contract, seconded by Councilman Rizzo. All in favor. 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent Motion carried
Highway Superintendent LaPointe provides the Board with a County Bid proposal from Seneca Stone for the paving of the Town parking lots, with Seneca Stone milling the highway side and the Highway Dept. milling the Town Hall side. They will it top the same day. He has requested additional bids, but has not received any.

A motion is made by Councilman Edmunds, seconded by Councilman Rizzo to authorize Highway Superintendent LaPointe to move forward with Seneca Stone to replace the blacktop on both the highway and town hall sides at a cost of \$68,558, subject to price change. Discussion was held.

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

Supervisor Blair thanks everyone in the Highway Department for all their hard work.

- f. **Water Dept.** - Water Superintendent Kristopher L. LaPointe's report was in the Board's meeting packet for their review. Repairs were made on Capitol Street Extension near the Ryan residence by the Water Dept. with the assistance of the Highway Dept. Forty feet of pipe was replaced. Superintendent LaPointe spoke with Mr. Ryan and advised him of the repairs. Kris and Erik will assist with Dumpster Days. The Water Dept. continues to work with MRB on reports for infrastructure and maps. Supervisor Blair thanks Kris and Erik for all their hard work.
- g. **Attorney** - Supervisor Blair advises he has an RFP for a Town Energy Services Consultant prepared by Attorney Andino to take LED swapouts for credits and grants. A motion is made by Supervisor Blair to publish the RFP for Energy,

seconded by Councilman Wellauer. All in favor. 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent Motion carried

h. Codes/Zoning Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshal -

New Fire Marshal Tim Ganey presents his report to the Board and the timeframes for inspections. Councilman Wellauer provides a status report by Codes Officer Passarello. 6 permits for July, Sennett Meadows is on schedule, Chipotle is through Planning and waiting on final submittals and reviews, Tractor Supply Garden Center addition is waiting on Planning Board approval. Supervisor Blair advises Zoning Officer VeVone has been communicating via e-mail regarding inquires on business locations, nothing major to report at this time.

i. Planning Board - Councilman Edmunds that Chairman Bacon advises it

j. Dog Control Officer - Councilman Wellauer provided a report advising that FLDPA was busy with a substantial dog bite attack and followed up on that with the owners and victim, there were two wandering dogs dropped off at their facility, and picked up another wandering dog and tried to locate the owners, with no luck.

k. Committees - Veteran Affairs Committee met early September and Supervisor Blair advised that Highway Superintendent LaPointe and the highway employees cleaned out the room. The Park Committee is still looking for volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS

- Water & Sewer Rate Hikes from City of Auburn + Sennett Rates - There is a meeting scheduled for September 30th that Water Superintendent LaPointe and Councilman Edmunds will attend.
- WDs 1&3 project (Easement and bid status) - this was discussed earlier
- Town Park & Grant - Supervisor Blair advised that Bookkeeper Major is working on obtaining reimbursement.
- Energy Consultant RFP - this was discussed earlier
- Status of EV charging station analysis - this is currently on hold
- Town Hall capital needs -parking lot & interior improvements - Supervisor Blair called and is waiting for a response
- Town branding & marketing project - on hold
- Town Employee Handbook review - on hold
- Town Debt service refinancing and possible payoff of debt - on hold
- Sennett Meadows/Cornerstone - Councilman Gagliardi advised that Cornerstone lottery will soon take place.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Blair advised that he has a letter of interest from a company looking to relocated to Sennett and is requesting a zoning code change to coincide with their business. Supervisor Blair and Councilman Wellauer will meet with the Chairperson of the Company to discuss.

SUPERVISOR CORRESPONDENCE/REPORT - Attorney Andino is working on updating the Uniform Fire Code and Local Law for same.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Employee Personnel Matter

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Councilman Edmunds and seconded by Councilman Rizzo at 7:37 p.m. to an employee personnel matter.

Motion to return from Executive Session was made by Councilman Rizzo, seconded by Councilman Wellauer. 8:13 p.m. All in favor. Aye No action was taken.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS -Vouchers - Motion by Councilman Rizzo, 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 October 20, 2022

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING - Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Edmunds, seconded by Councilman Rizzo. All in favor. 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Salisbury, Town Clerk
Town of Sennett