

Minutes of the Town of Sennett Town Board meeting held on Thursday April 15, 2021 via Zoom.

Members Present: Thomas Gray, Supervisor
Edward Rizzo, Town Councilman
Richard Gagliardi, Town Councilman
Michael Adrian, Town Councilman
James Jeffers, Councilman
Also present: Richard Andino, Town Attorney

The meeting is opened with the pledge to the flag.

Public to be Heard: No comments.

Supervisor Gray states that there has been an issue with the board minutes. The Deputy Clerk has been out due to complications from eye surgery. The Town Clerk has been busy with taxes and water bills and has completed the March 3rd minutes, could not get the March 18th minutes done yet. They (February and March) will hopefully, be available at the next meeting. A motion id made by Councilman Gagliardi to approve the March 3, 2021 minutes, seconded by Councilman Adrian, All in favor.

Old Business: Park Grant: The Supervisor states that he has contacted the Senators Office and it is on hold until the State approves the budget, which it did last week. The Supervisor will be contacting them this week. The reasons for the delay are there was leftover funding due to a change in plans; no bathroom was installed and what should the town do; put a waterline under Franklin Street Road to use in the future. He will contact them next week. Water Project Easements: Attorney Andino gives an update. Supervisor Gray states that he sent a letter to everyone that has not responded as of yet requesting that they act on the request soon. He also included a copy of the previous correspondence and a map of the location of the waterline. He also told them to call with any questions and that they can be notarized at the office, if needed. He will follow up on Monday again. When we receive them we will get them to Attorney Andino, and he will file them at the county. Building Maintenance update: Kris LaPointe updates the board. He has quotes from two companies, and they are very close in cost. They propose to remove the four doors at the entrance to the meeting room, install new continuous hinges, lubricate and repair, 2 new sweeps at exterior doors and replace thresholds. The main entrance doors will also be replaced/adjusted with new rim panic with cylinder and core, remove the two interior doors and replace with one 42" door with rim cylinder core, electric strike, closer, 1/4" tempered glass and two sidelights with 1/4" safety glass. There is discussion on the present condition (they are the original doors). Councilman Jeffers moves to accept the bid from A 24

HOUR DOOR NATIONAL, INC. of \$9,116.21, seconded by Councilman Rizzo. Roll call vote: Councilman Rizzo yes, Councilman Gagliardi yes, Councilman Jeffers yes, Councilman Adrian yes and Supervisor Gray yes, carried. The new lights are being worked on he needed to check on some items and get some parts. Kris will call him Monday. The board asks Kris if he would like to give his report now he's already up. He reports that the department has been repairing roadside damage done by plowing, they have delivered mulch, shop work, replaced/repainted signs, cut up trees that blew over, ground brush, sanded roads, picking up brush, cleaning up the cemetery, cut down some trees, serviced the mower, took the sanders off the trucks and they did some patching. Kris also states that they have changed drug testing companies. It was with Hogan, he has retired. Then it was with Evolution, they came once, and whenever he called they always had someone new. Now the town uses Lakeshore, it is \$300.00 per year for all CDL licensed employees, and it is done randomly. Also the towns will be getting all their CHIPs money and Pave NY money, plus 95% of the funds they kept last year. Dumpster Days will be May 1st and 2nd, with nine dumpsters. The Insurance is discussed. The town went with NYMIR, with a total savings of 7,291.00, Cyber security is covered by the umbrella coverage, which will increase yearly. Negotiations are discussed by Councilman Rizzo. He states that there was an omission on the insurance that that will only apply to three employees, that was agreed upon but was not written in yet, but it will be, They have not voted on the contract yet, they were one man short, but when they do we will get it written up by the attorneys and get it signed and taken care of. Supervisor Gray would like more discussion on this in Executive Session.

New Business: Lowe's water bill: the largest bill that they have had in the past was \$2808.20 in 2016. This past October they had a bill in excess of \$14,000.00. Ron Schalck told them at the time that they probably had a leak. They have a hydrant in their yard that they use to water their plants. The company that pays their bills contacted the town with proof that they had repaired the leak, that was underground, and requested a leak adjustment. The policy of the town is if you have a water leak, it has gone through your meter, we can not give you a credit, but we do not charge them a late fee. However, in the past the town has given credit for the sewer charge. Supervisor Gray proposes that the town offer them a credit of \$4,150.00 on the sewer portion that totaled \$8,290.00. Councilman Adrian seconds. Discussion: Councilman Jeffers asks if the town is also adjusting the sewer section of the previous bill that was three times higher than usual. They did not question that bill. Councilman Adrian states just this bill. Roll call vote: Councilman Rizzo yes, Councilman Gagliardi yes, Councilman Jeffers yes, Councilman Adrian yes and Supervisor Gray yes, carried. The Park 2021: Kris requests that the porta johns be put back at the park because of the increase in activity at the park. They were not used last year because of Covid-19. They cost \$150.00 per month and were emptied every two weeks unless

they needed it sooner. A motion id made by Councilman Adrian to put the porta johns back at the park. Councilman Jeffers seconds the motion specifying that they use the same supplier as before, 5 ayes, 0 nays, carried.

Department reports are in everyone's folder.

Councilman Jeffers wants to bring up the legalization of adult use of marijuana. He feels that this will be a hot topic. Attorney Andino states that towns have an option to opt out of this law before September 31, 2021. Attorney Andino gives some information on this law. There will be a new state office to monitor the sale, etc. There is discussion on this. There are options that the town could do, they could opt out in 2021, and take more time to evaluate this situation and draw up a strategy for the future. The state is not giving towns much time to come up with a strategy, need public input. etc. There will be more discussion at future meetings.

Supervisor Gray reopens the Public be Heard segment, hearing no response it is closed.

A motion is made by Councilman Adrian, seconded by Councilman Gagliardi to approve the payment of the abstract in the amount of \$147,871.45. Roll call vote: Councilman Rizzo yes, Councilman Gagliardi yes, Councilman Jeffers yes, Councilman Adrian yes and Supervisor Gray yes, carried.

Supervisor Gray makes a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, seconded by Councilman Rizzo, 5 ayes, 0 nays, carried.

Supervisor Gray has one more item before going into Executive Session. He has spoken to the Planning Board and ZBA Chairmen regarding the opening up of the meetings to the public again, and also have them available on zoom, and following proper guidelines and they were in favor of doing it and he wanted to know the boards feelings. They are also in favor of it as long as the proper guidelines are taken, and it is still available via Zoom. The offices will still remain closed during the day.

Respectfully submitted,
Penelope Dennis, Town Clerk

