

21-C LEGALS

1. (continued)

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to close the public hearing.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to adopt the following SEQRA resolution determination for property located at 2600 Seneca Street and grant a special permit for a maximum of seven vehicles for sale on site, conditioned upon the Planning Board recommendation of seven parking spaces fronting on Seneca Street, three parking spaces on Kirkwood Drive near the corner of Seneca Street and an additional three parking spaces at the rear of the property to the northwest of the building:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of West Seneca, as the lead agency acting pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, has reviewed Part I of the Short Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") prepared by the applicant in connection with the proposed special permit authorizing automotive sales at the property located at 2600 Seneca Street in the Town of West Seneca ("Subject Property"), has reviewed the draft completed Part II of the EAF analyzing the potential for the Project to result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, and has otherwise taken a hard look at the potential environmental impacts utilizing the criteria specified in 6 NYCRR 617.7(c); and

WHEREAS, upon such review, the Town Board has not identified any potentially significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed use of the Subject Property, has determined that no Environmental Impact Statement is necessary and that a Negative Declaration is therefore appropriate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 120-23(A) of the Town Code, the Town Board further finds that granting a special permit authorizing the use of the Subject Property to allow for automotive sales is appropriate for the location and will not adversely affect surrounding properties; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.7(a), the Town Board does hereby adopt a Negative Declaration, as set forth in Part III of the EAF, expressly incorporated herein, with respect to the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby grants a Special Permit for the Project pursuant to Sections 120-20(A)(8)(c) and 120-23 of the Town Code.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

21-C LEGALS

2. (continued)

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of West Seneca has received a request for a Special Permit authorizing the indoor storage and disassembly of automobiles awaiting repair at property located at 3470 Transit Road in the Town of West Seneca ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the Project constitutes a Type II action exempt from review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act due to the fact that the Project involves no significant physical alteration of the subject property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 120-23(A) of the Town Code, the Town Board further finds that the granting of a special permit authorizing the permitted use of the Subject Property is an appropriate use of the Subject Property and will not adversely affect surrounding properties; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby grants a Special Permit for the Project pursuant to Sections 120-20(A)(8)(c) and 120-23 of the Town Code.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

21-D COMMUNICATIONS

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| 1. Supervisor Meegan re Resolution in support of Niagara Military Affairs council | Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to adopt the attached resolution in support of the Niagara Military Affairs Council. |
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Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried
APPENDICES

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| 2. Town Engineer re Bid award for Restroom Accessibility Renovations Project | Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to award the bid for the Restroom Accessibility Renovations Project to Caysea Contracting Corp., 65 Allendale Road, West Seneca, NY 14224 at their low base bid amount of \$127,800 inclusive of \$25,000 in allowance. |
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On the question, Councilman Hart noted this is for ADA compliant restrooms at the senior center and Town Hall and he questioned if the town is receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money for this project.

Supervisor Meegan responded CDBG funds will pay \$100,000 to \$125,000 of the cost.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

21-D COMMUNICATIONS

3. Town Engineer re Senior Center Parking Lot Improvements Project, change order #1

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve change order #1 in the amount of \$12,988.50 for Northeast Diversification Inc., 2 Cadby Industrial Park, Lancaster, NY 14086 to ensure pavement is sealed for longevity and properly striped for the facility's use, noting that funding for the additional work will be reimbursed to the town via the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

4. Chief Denz re Resignation of Joshua Scanlon as Police Officer

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to accept the resignation of Joshua Scanlon and terminate him as Police Officer effective October 3, 2014 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

5. Chief Denz re Status change for part-time Public Safety Dispatcher J. Pingitore to seasonal

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to change the status of part-time Public Safety Dispatcher John Pingitore to part-time seasonal effective November 1 - 30, 2014 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

6. Attorney for the Town re Settlement with City of Rochester

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, upon receipt of a satisfactory release, to authorize payment of \$50,000 to the City of Rochester ("City") to fully resolve the City's claim for reimbursement for Officer Joseph Reidy's training pursuant to General Municipal Law 72-c.

On the question, Supervisor Meegan stated the Town of West Seneca hired a police officer off a civil service list and the officer was employed by the City of Rochester. According to a new rule, if an officer transfers within three years of his training the new employer must pay for his training. The town did not believe they owed this money because the officer took a civil service test with Erie County and they chose him from that list. An agreement was reached with the City of Rochester and they are sharing the cost of the officer's training.

21-D COMMUNICATIONS

6. (continued)

Chief Denz stated the Erie County Civil Service Commissioner and NYS Chiefs of Police Association had advised that what the town did was proper; however, litigation costs would have been in excess of the settlement.

Councilman Hart noted the request from the City of Rochester was significantly higher than the settlement agreed upon.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

21-E APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to approve the vouchers submitted for audit, chargeable to the respective funds as follows:

General Fund - \$2,819,860.62; Highway Fund - \$866,536.15; Special Districts - \$105,726.56 (voucher #'s 85955 - 86498); Trust & Agency Fund - \$30,158.58 (voucher #'s 86513 - 86526)

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

WORK SESSION

Amy Carpenter asked for highlights from the budget discussion that took place at the work session this date.

Councilman Hart responded each department head was asked to justify certain budget requests and some significant changes were made. The original proposed tax increase is being reduced approximately one percent from 4.4 percent to 3.4 percent and Finance Director Luke Malecki will be providing a new summary outlining the changes.

Supervisor Meegan stated future budgets will be read publically line by line and residents will be able to watch the process.

Councilman Hanley stated overtime line items will also be added to the budget.

Mrs. Carpenter commented previous budgets provided year-to-date figures and suggested it would be helpful if this information was included in the 2015 proposed budget.

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Amy Carpenter questioned if the town had a plan for the Recreation Director position and if it will remain a part-time position.

Susan Kims also referred to the work session and a discussion regarding increasing the part-time Recreation Director salary from \$35,000 to \$45,000.

Supervisor Meegan responded they have completed interviews for the position. Once all decisions have been made, a package will be put together prior to making any offers.

Councilman Hart stated they will be meeting with the attorneys on Thursday regarding this issue and the final decision will be addressed at the next Town Board meeting.

ROUTE 400 RAMP

Amy Carpenter commented on the visible garbage and debris around the entrance ramp to Route 400. She questioned who should be contacted for cleanup of the area.

Councilman Hart responded the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is responsible for cleanup.

Mary Lou Dietrich also commented on the negative appearance when entering West Seneca from Route 400. She suggested town representatives contact NYSDOT to clean up the area, noting entrance ramps to the town should be maintained at all times.

YOUTH CENTER

Mary Lou Dietrich commented on her lifelong involvement in the community with various committees, organizations and the youth of our town and discussed results of a recent economic study showing a concentration of families facing hardship and in need of services in the west end of town. She felt her concern for establishing a youth center has been overlooked over the years and she commented that some children are unable to participate in sports due to transportation issues and lack of money. Mrs. Dietrich contacted the listing realtor for St. Bonaventure School along with town officials and numerous other interested individuals to look at the school property which is listed for \$499,000. She further commented on the need for youth services and the great opportunity this property provides for a youth center. Mrs. Dietrich stated there is a lot of work involved and there are ways to pay for it, comparing it to the outpouring of support received with the establishment of the food pantry. She asked the Town Board to get the word out to residents before the property is gone or becomes an eyesore in an area of town that is in great need of services.

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

WORK SESSION - PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET

Karen Lucachik commented the website did not indicate the work session to discuss the proposed 2015 budget was open for the public to speak. She further requested the Town Board consider having work sessions in the evening.

Supervisor Meegan stated it was advertised and announced at the last Town Board meeting that the work session would be open to the public.

CORNER OF SLADE & RIDGE ROAD

Susan Kims commented on the paving and overall condition of the corner of Slade Avenue & Ridge Road.

Highway Supt. Matthew English responded these are not town roads, but he will contact Erie County Highway Department. Residents can also call their county legislator and state representatives to report road conditions.

SERVICES FOR SENIORS/PORTER SERVICE FOR TOTES

Johanna Guenther stated for 27 years she has been paying school taxes with no children in the school system. She voiced her concern that the town would invest \$50 million dollars in a gym and not provide services for seniors in the community.

Councilman Hart responded the town has not made a \$50 million commitment for anything.

Mrs. Guenther further spoke of the kind gesture of an employee of Modern Recycling who emptied her recycling tote and returned the container to her garage and referred to a previous suggestion to explore the idea of soliciting bids for services and compare current costs to the cost of hiring private companies.

PARKING ON ROYAL COACH ROAD

Joanne Czechowski referred to the last Town Board meeting when she reported a situation on Royal Coach Road involving commercial vehicles parking on the side of the road.

Chief Denz stated a police lieutenant informed the individual the next day not to park his commercial vehicles in this location. He suggested Mrs. Czechowski contact the Police Department if this problem reoccurs.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

WINTER PARKING BAN

Chief Denz reminded everyone the winter parking ban will be in effect beginning November 15th from 1 AM to 7 AM.

MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Chief Denz announced police officers are growing beards and mustaches for the month of November in support of a fundraising event to bring awareness to men's health, noting over \$2,000 was raised and will be donated to local charities.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION/CEREMONY/RECOGNITION

Sr. Recreation Therapist of Sr. Services Mary Josefiak announced there will be a Veterans Day celebration at the senior citizens center on Monday, November 10th starting at noon. A wall of honor will be displayed for the month of November in recognition of local veterans.

Councilman Hart thanked all veterans for their service and announced a Veterans Day ceremony will take place on Tuesday, November 11th at 11:00 AM in Veterans Park.

Recreation Supervisor Lauren Masset thanked all veterans for their service and announced veterans can skate free at the ice rink on Tuesday, November 11th at noon.

Supervisor Meegan thanked all those who served and continue to serve our great country.

ENCHANTED PATH

Recreation Supervisor Lauren Masset reported the Enchanted Path was a huge success. She thanked Councilman Hanley for help with donations and Sr. Recreation Therapist of Sr. Services Mary Josefiak for her assistance with decorations and details.

Councilman Hanley commented on the success of the Enchanted Path, thanked individuals who donated and complimented Ms. Masset on a fantastic job.

PART-TIME RECREATION ATTENDANT

Recreation Supervisor Lauren Masset stated they are currently accepting applications for a part-time recreation attendant, noting information is available on the town website.

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1250 Union Road
West Seneca, NY 14224

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PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

OXBOW STATUS

Recreation Supervisor Lauren Masset discussed the oxbow property and the planting of 500 - 600 trees and bushes. Over 1,000 service hours have been logged by Canisius High School, West Senior and Erie Community College. She commented on the open air classroom and river keeper program and invited the board members to stop and visit the area.

BUDGET MEETING

Supervisor Meegan announced a meeting to approve the budget is scheduled at Town Hall on Monday, November 10th at 3:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

JACQUELINE A FELSER, TOWN CLERK