

21-B LEGAL NOTICES

1. (continued)

Stephanie Henry of Silvestri Architects represented the petitioner and stated their proposal for Buffalo Truck Center on a 25 acre site on North America Drive. The building is approximately 75,000 sf and will be used mainly for truck sales, maintenance and service. The business will have 70 new employees. A small tenant space will be leased to Palmer Food Services for a test kitchen and office.

An Indian Church Road resident questioned if the applicant will be paying full taxes. Town Attorney John Fenz stated every property owner in the Town of West Seneca with a commercial building has the opportunity to take advantage of the 485-b program.

Residents of Seneca Creek Road stated the project is going behind their homes and expressed concerns about increased noise and fumes, an increase in truck traffic on Seneca Creek Road and displacement of the deer population. They requested sound barriers larger than two feet tall and also suggested the project tap into the drainage system rather than installing retention ponds.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Schieber stated the Industrial Park Review Committee met twice with the applicant to review the project. The noise and fumes were addressed with an agreement that only new trucks will be along North America Drive with the majority of the operation taking place on the other side of the building. Mr. Schieber noted the property does not back up to Seneca Creek Road; it is on the other side of North America Drive. The business should not add drastically to the sound because they are not directly behind the residences.

Mr. Fenz advised the use is permitted on the property, but the restricted use permit and site plan needs to be approved and conditions can be imposed by the Town Board.

Ms. Henry stated she will ask the petitioner to install a berm with trees along North America Drive and will work with their civil engineer on the site plan.

Councilman Hanley stated he will ask Highway Supt. Matthew English to post a sign prohibiting use of jake brakes on North America Drive.

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

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

21-G APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve the vouchers submitted for audit, chargeable to the respective funds as follows: General Fund - \$158,199.96 & \$1391.40; Highway Fund - \$75,965.24; Capital Fund - \$15,466.25; Sewer Fund - \$4235.44; Electric Lighting - \$362.36 (vouchers 3 – 304, 107233 & 107235) Trust - \$246,682.69 (vouchers 216 - 227)

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF LARUSSA'S LEGACY OF LOVE

Councilman Hart read a proclamation recognizing Rachel LaRussa for creating an outreach program for homebound, hospitalized and nursing home residents and declared October 23, 2018 as LaRussa's Legacy of Love Day.

PRESENTATION ON OPIOD CRISIS

Cheryl Moore of Erie County Department of Health gave a presentation on the programs in place and available to help combat the opioid crisis.

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

- A Covington Drive resident referred to a proposal for creation of a Citizens Budget Committee and suggested holding a meeting with the public for their input. Councilman Hart stated he is working with Director of Finance Megan Wnek on a draft for creation of the committee.
- A Covington Drive resident suggested the Town Board adopt the following local laws: require job vacancies to be posted on the town's website for three weeks; term limits for elected officials; and salary increases for elected officials only after the next election for that office. Supervisor Meegan stated job vacancies with the white collar unit are filled with candidates from a civil service list on file with Erie County Personnel and blue collar workers start in the Sanitation Department and move up the ranks to the Highway Department. Town Attorney John Fenz stated he will research setting term limits for elected officials. Councilman Hart stated the Highway Supt. and Town Clerk salaries follow the union percentage increases.
- A Reserve Road resident commented on driver training for semi trucks on Reserve Road and expressed her concern for the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. Supervisor Meegan stated NYS has been using the West Seneca Developmental Center site for semi truck driver training/testing and the town has expressed safety concerns to NYS.
- An Indian Church Road resident commented on the following:
 - ✓ Wasteful spending in the Engineering Department
 - ✓ Conflict of interest with the town electrical inspector owning an electrical company and performing electrical inspections and his procedure for charging for inspections – Town Attorney John Fenz responded this is a personnel issue and the town does take measures to ensure there is no conflict of interest.

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

- A Singer Drive resident commented on the company that street lights are purchased from and questioned if replacement parts have been budgeted for. Councilman Hanley responded it is anticipated by year seven of owning the lights the parts will need replacement.
- A Union Road resident questioned the process of referring items to the Planning Board. Town Attorney John Fenz stated board members could vote against the Planning Board referral and the vote does not need to be unanimous; however, referring a rezoning to the Planning Board is in the Town Code and could result in litigation.
- A Union Road resident commented on unfilled positions in the Police Department and an earlier suggestion to increase police surveillance on Seneca Creek Road.
- A Covington Drive resident questioned basement inspections throughout the town and understood the consent order only applied to sewer districts 5 & 13. Councilman Hart stated they are doing work in almost all sewer districts under the direction of NYSDEC. Basement inspections are for illegal hookup of sump pumps and downspouts. Any hookup to the sewer in any sewer district overtaxes the system, is illegal and needs to be changed. Councilman Hanley stated they may also report a quality of life issue if they come across one.
- A Covington Drive resident suggested bi-weekly recycling to save money. Councilman Hanley stated last year residents were overwhelmingly opposed to bi-weekly recycling. Supervisor Meegan stated concerns that people would not recycle and would then throw out recyclables adding to the tipping fees.
- A Covington Drive resident suggested a moratorium on new hires in town. Supervisor Meegan stated a moratorium would not be possible due to a number of upcoming retirements.
- A Covington Drive resident referred to the system at pump stations to eliminate employees from being called out and questioned if the new system is in place. Councilman Hanley stated the system is not connected to a central work station. Councilman Hart responded most of the overtime is caused by the pumps near West Senior High School that need gasoline every couple hours. Supervisor Meegan stated the town has asked NYSDEC to allow a siphon which would enable the pumps to be removed, but they will not allow it.

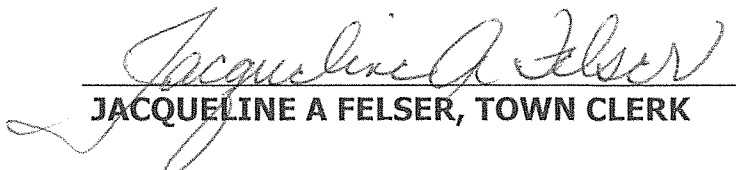
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried



JACQUELINE A FELSER, TOWN CLERK

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2018
AMENDING CHAPTER 62: DOGS**

SECTION 62-6 REDEMPTION OF DOGS SEIZED; FEES.

(A) (1) Each unidentified dog, licensed or not, must be held for a period of three (3) days from the date of seizure. Each identified dog where notification to the owner has been provided personally must be held for a period of three (3) days from the date of the seizure. A day is defined as a 24 hour period from midnight to midnight. Redemption period starts after midnight following the day of seizure. If the shelter is closed on the last day of the redemption period, the redemption period is extended one more day to give the owner the opportunity to redeem their dog. The owner of a dog seized not bearing a license tag may redeem the dog by producing to the person seizing the dog a license for the dog and by paying to the Town Clerk of the Town of West Seneca fees as may be established by the Town Board of the Town of West Seneca.