

WEST SENECA COMMUNITY CENTER
1300 Union Road
West Seneca, NY 14224

TOWN BOARD PROCEEDINGS
Minutes #2019-12
June 17, 2019

Supervisor Sheila M. Meegan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with 30 seconds of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mitch Martin of Senator Gallivan’s office.

ROLL CALL: Present - Sheila M. Meegan Supervisor
Eugene P. Hart Councilman
William P. Hanley, Jr. Councilman

Absent - None

Supervisor Meegan read the Fire Prevention Code instructing the public where to exit in case of a fire or an emergency.

The meeting was dedicated to the memory of Craig Penders, Kathleen Chmura and Edward Travis IV.

12-A MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

- Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to approve minutes from the June 3, 2019 work session.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

- Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to approve Minutes #2019-11 of June 3, 2019.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

12-B PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COMMUNICATIONS - None

12-C COMMUNICATIONS

1. Supervisor Meegan re Reappointment of Town Assessor Kandace Wittmeyer

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to reappoint Kandace Wittmeyer as Town Assessor for a six year term expiring September 30, 2025 as prescribed in Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) §310 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

12-C COMMUNICATIONS

2. Highway Sup't. re Purchase of Ferris mower for Buildings & Grounds Department
- Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to authorize the purchase of a new Ferris mower for the Buildings & Grounds Department at a cost of \$10,577.00, noting this pricing is based on state contract #529-17 vendor ID# 3092 and funds are available in line 001.7110.0200.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

3. Director of Finance re Budget amendment for Records Management Grant
- Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to adopt the following resolution authorizing a budget amendment for the Records Management Grant:

WHEREAS, the town was awarded a records management grant in the amount of \$3,742 from the New York State Education Department (SED) for the purchase of shelving and two desktop scanners for the Assessor's Office; and

WHEREAS, cash received from this grant will be recognized as revenue in the General Fund as General Governmental State Aid – Records Management Grant 1.1.3060; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize a budget amendment to increase General Governmental State Aid – Records Management Grant 1.1.3060 by \$3,742 for receipt of the Records Management Grant revenue and correspondingly increase Records Management Expense – State Grants 1.1410.0442 by \$3,742 for purchase of shelving and two desktop scanners for the Assessor's Office.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

4. Town Assessor re NYS Assessor's Association Appraisal Seminar
- Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to authorize Erik Finbar to attend the NYS Assessor's Association Appraisal Seminar in Cornell, July 14 – 19, 2019, noting there will be no cost to the town due to a scholarship.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

5. Recreation Supervisor re Resignation of Bernadette Deubell-Lockwood
- Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to accept the resignation of part-time Clerk Typist Bernadette Deubell-Lockwood effective June 23, 2019 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

12-C COMMUNICATIONS

6. Recreation Supervisor re Resignation of Maxwell Peck, Nicolette Loffredo and Catlin Sion
- Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to accept the resignation of Maxwell Peck, Nicolette Loffredo and Catlin Sion effective June 17, 2019 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

7. Recreation Supervisor re Appointment of Samuel Demarco, Zachary Wier and Evan Koehler
- Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to appoint Samuel DeMarco and Zachary Wier as part-time lifeguards at a rate of \$12 per hour and Evan Koehler as part-time recreation attendant at a rate of \$12 per hour effective June 18, 2019 and change their status to part-time seasonal effective June 18 – September 1, 2019 contingent upon obtaining certifications no later than June 20, 2019 and attending all mandatory orientations and training classes, noting the recreation attendants will be paid from Salary of Other Employees – part-time Account 01714000.50149, lifeguards will be paid from Salary of Laborers – part-time Account 01718000.50149 and the Recreation Supervisor (Pool Supervisor) will be paid from Salary of Recreation Supervisor – part-time Account 01718000.50100 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

8. Recreation Supervisor re Pay rate increase for Jessica Piotrowski
- Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to change the rate of pay for Jessica Piotrowski to \$13.25 per hour effective June 30, 2019 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel, noting Ms. Piotrowski will be a head lifeguard/aquatics leader this season.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

9. Recreation Supervisor re Movie in the Park
- Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve the Movie in the Park events to be held August 16, 2019 and September 6, 2019 and acknowledge Galaxy Auto and Paula's Donuts for their donation.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

12-C COMMUNICATIONS

10. Sr. Recreation Therapist for Sr. Services re Status change for Georgiann Busse to seasonal
- Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to change the status of part-time Clerk Typist Georgiann Busse to part-time seasonal effective July 1 – 31, 2019 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

11. Code Enforcement officer re Demolition of 30 Race Street
- Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to award demolition of the house at 30 Race Street to Hannah Demolition at a cost of \$16,000.

On the question, Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Baksa stated the demolition was put out to bid, but no bids were received so they reached out to Hannah Demolition for a quote on performing the work. Councilman Hart stated this falls under a public works contract due to the cost being under \$30,000.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

12. Chief Denz re Resignation of Terrence Riehle as part-time Public Safety Dispatcher
- Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to accept the resignation of part-time Public Safety Dispatcher Terrence Riehle effective June 17, 2019 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

12-D REPORTS

- Jacqueline A Felser, Town Clerk’s report & Receiver of Taxes’ report for May 2019 received and filed.
- Jeffrey Schieber, Code Enforcement Officer’s building & plumbing reports for May 2019 received and filed.

12-E 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 - \$782,413.82; Highway Fund - \$99,860.30; Capital Project - \$45,066.99; Sewer Fund - \$760,676.72; Electric Lighting - \$13,708.20 (vouchers 4754 - 5617)

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

- A resident commented on the tax incentive plan for businesses and questioned if there is anything similar that could be made available to homeowners – Councilman Hart explained the 485-b plan requires a business to expand their building or add value to the building in order to receive a tax credit. The credit can be over a ten year period and as high as 50 percent of the added value. Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Baksa commented Erie County has a low income loan program to help homeowners with repairs and Councilman Hart noted the program falls under the Community Development Program and only portions of the town qualify.
- A resident questioned if the Burchfield Center will be repaired - Supervisor Meegan stated Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Schieber will be presenting the results of his investigation on the repairs at the July 15th work session, followed by a discussion on how to proceed. She further noted there is still outstanding litigation.
- A resident commented on the condition of Potters Road and questioned if the town could contact the county. Councilman Hanley responded he had reached out two weeks ago to Highway Sup't. Matthew English and he made the phone call right away. Crews were there filling pot holes and were also seen on Potters Road today.
- A resident commented on the following:
 - ✓ The recent vote for undocumented aliens obtaining driver's licenses and expressed appreciation of Senator Gallivan's "No" vote
 - ✓ Suggested a tax incentive for volunteer firemen to help attract members - Supervisor Meegan advised there is a tax reduction received from New York State and Councilman Hart advised fire districts also participate in the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP), a taxpayer funded retirement program for volunteer firemen. There is no local tax credit available for a Town Board to give a fireman.
 - ✓ Requested outgoing town officials leave their files for the incoming officials' use - Supervisor Meegan responded the town is paperless; files are documented electronically and always retrievable.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

SUPERVISOR MEEGAN

- Community Days is this weekend with a 5K Run on Thursday sponsored by West Seneca West and East High Schools; the parade is Saturday at 2:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried



JACQUELINE A FELSER, TOWN CLERK