

Supervisor Gary Dickson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Present - Gary Dickson Supervisor
William Bauer Councilman
Joseph Cantafio Councilman
William P. Hanley, Jr. Councilman
Jeff Piekarec Councilman

Absent - None

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

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

- Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve Minutes #2021-03 of February 8, 2021.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

- Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Piekarec, to approve minutes from bid opening for Demolition of 62 Columbia Parkway on February 10, 2021.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

- Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Bauer, to approve minutes from bid opening for Construction of a spray pad on February 11, 2021.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COMMUNICATIONS

No comments were received.

OLD BUSINESS

TABLED ITEMS

1. Union Road Improvement

Supervisor Dickson stated this was brought to the Town Board by the NYSDOT; does not feel this is the right time to pursue a median.

Councilman Piekarec stated a median is not a good idea for the following reasons: would be a hinderance to businesses, cost the town money to maintain, possibly slow response times of emergency vehicles, and there are more pressing needs to spend money on.

Councilman Hanley stated a standalone project to add a median seems a little expensive.

Councilman Bauer stated the businesses on the east side of Union Road would be negatively impacted by a median cutting off access and would not like to pursue this.

Supervisor Dickson thanked the Town Board members for their feedback and guidance as to whether he should work this into the 2022 budget; he will not include a median project.

NEW BUSINESS

4-A ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Supervisor Dickson re Speed limit change – Southwestern Boulevard received and filed.

Supervisor Dickson noted the change was executed many months ago.

- Supervisor Dickson re National League of Cities Service Line Program

Ashley Shiwarski, a representative from HomeServe gave a presentation addressing the public policy issue of aging infrastructure. While cities and towns are addressing public infrastructure, the homeowner portion of these lines is being overlooked. There is no cost to the town, and the town would receive an incremental revenue stream. The program is marketed as a "free public awareness campaign" that begins by providing educational information to all property owners. Only local plumbers are used in each town. There are three plans offered and the town must give the company approval before any letters are sent to property owners.

Supervisor Dickson reiterated two products are for outside lines and one is for inside plumbing; noting homeowners insurance policies normally have deductibles. Ms. Shiwarski stated HomeServe offers broader coverage.

Councilman Piekarec questioned the typical enrollment. Ms. Shiwarski stated the first year it is 8 – 10%; at the three year mark it is 18 – 20%.

Councilman Hanley questioned if the restoration of a project is "finish grade" when completed. Ms. Shiwarski stated it would be finish grade and damage to any utilities made during a repair are covered. Further, there are emergency on call contractors. Councilman Hanley stated feedback from the City of Buffalo was extremely positive.

Councilman Bauer requested clarification on the vested time. Ms. Shiwarski stated it is thirty days and plans can be cancelled at any time.

Councilman Piekarec questioned if pre-existing conditions are excluded. Ms. Shiwarski stated after the thirty day period for new applicants any claim can be made.

Supervisor Dickson stated the item will be placed on the next meeting agenda for a vote.

5. Highway Sup't. re Termination of John Norman as Highway Laborer

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Bauer, to terminate John Norman as Highway Laborer effective October 31, 2020 and authorize the Supervisor to compete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

6. Highway Sup't. re Appointment of Jonathan Kent as Highway Motor Equipment Operator

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to terminate Jonathan Kent as Highway Laborer and appoint him as Highway Motor Equipment Operator Group 2, Step 5 at a rate of \$31.17 per hour effective February 23, 2021 as per the Blue Collar Contract and authorize the Supervisor to compete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

7. Highway Sup't. re Appointment of Steve Amoia, Jr. as Highway Laborer

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to terminate Steve Amoia, Jr. as Sanitation Motor Equipment Operator and appoint him as Highway Laborer Group 1, Step 3 at a rate of \$24.91 per hour effective February 23, 2021 and authorize the Supervisor to compete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

8. Highway Sup't. re Vehicle purchase – Engineering Department

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Cantafio, to authorize Highway Superintendent Adams to complete a mini-bid via NYS Office of General Services contract award No. 23166 for the purchase of a new pickup truck in the Engineering Department, noting funds are available in equipment line 1.1440.0200.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

9. Highway Sup't. re Vehicle purchase – Code Enforcement

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to authorize Highway Superintendent Adams to complete a mini-bid via NYS Office of General Services contract award No. 23166 for the purchase of a new pickup truck in the Code Enforcement Department, noting funds are available in equipment line 1.3620.0200.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

10. Director of Finance re Public Hearing – Increase and Improvement of Water District No. 1 Facilities

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Piekarec, to adopt the following resolution calling for a public hearing for the Increase and Improvement of Water District No. 1 Facilities to be held on March 22, 2021:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of West Seneca (herein called the "Town"), in the County of Erie, New York, on behalf of the Water District No. 1, in the Town (herein referred to as the "District") has caused CPL engineers, duly licensed by the State of New York (the "Engineer") to prepare a map, plan and report dated January 2021 for the increase and improvement of facilities of the District, consisting of water main replacements along Seneca Creek Road, Transit Road and Lien Road; including fire hydrants, gate valves and service connections, design and any ancillary or related work required in connection therewith as described in said report and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the direction of the Town, the Engineer has completed and filed with the Town Board such preliminary map, plan and report for said increase and improvement of facilities of the District and has estimated the total cost thereof to be \$1,575,500; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, as lead agency, has given due consideration to the impact that the project described herein may have on the environment and has determined that each of the projects are Type II actions pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), constituting Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, and 6 N.Y.C.R.R., Regulations Part 617.5;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that a meeting of the Town Board be held at Town Hall, 1250 Union Road, West Seneca, New York, on the 22nd day of March, 2021 at 6 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) to consider said increase and improvement of facilities of the District and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same;

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Clerk publish at least once in the "*West Seneca Bee*," hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication, and post on the Town's website at www.westseneca.net, on the front entrance door and rear doors of Town Hall and on the sign board of the Town maintained pursuant to subdivision 6 of Section 30 of the Town Law, a Notice of such public hearing, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, the first publication thereof and said posting to be not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of such public hearing.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

11. Recreation Supervisor re Retirement of Margaret Pomana (revised)

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to accept the revised retirement date of January 15, 2021 for Margaret Pomana as part-time Clerk Typist and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

A resident questioned if savings from unused recreation staff salaries can be placed in the Recreation Funds account. Recreation Supervisor Masset stated she would prefer to wait until the season is over before transferring funds and would need direction from Finance Director Wnek if that was even an option. Supervisor Dickson stated unused funds are returned to the General Fund. Councilman Piekarec stated the Recreation Fund fees are received from developers.

A resident questioned what the pickup truck will be used for in the Code Enforcement Office. Highway Superintendent Adams stated a pickup truck will offer better resale value and will be used for normal daily duties.

COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Recreation Supervisor Masset

- Now hiring for positions, please visit the town website
- Program information available online

Supervisor Dickson

- Program being formulated for the sponsoring of benches in the soccer park at no cost to the town
- Additional electric car charging station to be installed in the parking lot of Town Hall at virtually no cost
- West Seneca Art Society will host an art show in the Community Center
- Attended meeting with the bike club to discuss developing more cycling opportunities in town
- Chamber of Commerce annual membership drive in March – open to individuals and businesses

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Bauer, to enter into executive session to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of a particular piece of real estate.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried


ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Cantafio, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried



AMY M. KOBLER, TOWN CLERK