

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

TOWN BOARD PROCEEDINGS
Work Session
February 11, 2019

Supervisor Sheila M. Meegan called the work session to order at 3:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Senior Recreation Therapist of Senior Services Mary Josefiak.

ROLL CALL:	Present	-	Sheila M. Meegan	Supervisor
			William P. Hanley, Jr.	Councilman
			Tina Hawthorne	Town Attorney
			Jacqueline A. Felser	Town Clerk
			Daniel Denz	Chief of Police
			Matthew English	Highway Supt.
			Jeffrey Baksa	Code Enforcement Officer
			David Johnson	Town Engineer
			Megan Wnek	Director of Finance
			Lauren Masset	Recreation Supervisor
			Mary Josefiak	Senior Recreation Therapist of Senior Services
			Laura Devine	Director of Human Resources
			Emily Melski	Secretary to Supervisor
	Absent		Eugene P. Hart	Councilman

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

Supervisor Meegan dedicated the work session to the families of the passengers and crew of Flight 3407, noting it is the 10th anniversary of the plane crash.

JOSEPH HICKMAN – MODERN RECYCLING

- Converting town recycling program to bi-weekly; only three communities in WNY serviced by Modern do not have bi-weekly collection
- Residents will be receiving printed information regarding the program – the do’s and don’ts; will also hold public information sessions; Modern will be taking calls from residents
- Will have full sized maps of each route indicating collection cycle; will mail map to residents and also post on town’s website
- Recycling guides will be provided to residents – there has recently been several recycling changes as to what is recyclable along with quality standards
- Commented on change in recycling market and the need to re-educate the public on what recyclables are marketable
- Will be auditing routes and checking for tote capacity in the upcoming weeks
- Councilman Hanley questioned if Modern would consider allowing residents to drop off recyclables at their facility – Mr. Hickman responded this would not be an option
- Highway Supt. Matthew English questioned if ridged plastics (i.e. children’s toys) are recyclable – Mr. Hickman responded these are not recyclable
- Top items that are no longer taken are ridged plastics, wide mouth plastic containers and plastic deli containers

- Targeted start date is May 1st
- Councilman Hanley questioned how a snow day would affect service – Mr. Hickman responded only once in 55 years did they shut down, but they would cover the routes.
- Supervisor Meegan suggested the calendar be on a sticker to place inside the recycling tote and also the do's and don'ts – Mr. Hickman responded they could not do that due to the calendar changing each year and the recycling menu could also change.

FINANCE DIRECTOR MEGAN WNEK

- Explained calculation of tax increase; the percent of the change seen on the tax bill is the change on the total tax levy, not on the tax rate

RECREATION SUPERVISOR LAUREN MASSET

- Summer employment applications are being accepted for recreation attendants, camp counselors and lifeguards.
- Saturday summer program registration will be held February 16th from 10:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.; resident ID cards will be available for issuance.

TOWN ENGINEER DAVID JOHNSON

- 36 inch sewer line behind golf course was washed out of Cazenovia Creek behind North Covington Drive; took 20' to 30' of the bank out; Union Concrete helped out
- Plant 5 had an ice jam which brought the water level up and into pump systems; the electronic control levels were damaged and the pumps stopped; emergency pumps were brought in
- Cost of storm damages were not budgeted for and will be a huge hit

CHIEF DENZ

- Requested an executive session on a contractual matter

HIGHWAY SUPT. MATTHEW ENGLISH

- Unable to attend tonight's meeting as he has another meeting in Amherst

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER JEFFREY BAKSA

- Commented on homes on School Street that were affected by flood and four houses have extensive damage; Councilman Hanley stated gas service will not be turned on until a pressure test is completed and the basements are declared safe.

COUNCILMAN HANLEY

- Thanked all the government officials who came into town to help with the flooding and commended Supervisor Meegan on the relationships she has formed with them
- There was extensive damage to the pump station and the pipe in Cazenovia Park; these damages were not planned for in the budget; to plan for such repairs would be overtaxing the residents

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SUPERVISOR MEEGAN

- Accepting letters of interest and resumes from residents interested in serving on a Budget Advisory Committee; please submit by March 15th
- Meeting to discuss repairs at Burchfield Center is scheduled for March 5th at 6 P.M. in the Community Room
- Requesting funding for Arbor Day re-tree event

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to recess to executive session at 3:55 P.M. to discuss certain legal matters regarding East & West Road Rehabilitation Project and Ebenezer Greenhouse and a contractual matter with Chief Denz.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

The board members returned from executive session at 5:15 P.M. and the work session concluded.

JACQUELINE A FELSER, TOWN CLERK