

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

TOWN BOARD PROCEEDINGS
Minutes #2019-06
March 25, 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 Chief Denz.

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 Carol Miller.

6-A MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

- Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve minutes from the March 11, 2019 work session.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

- Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve Minutes #2019-05 of March 11, 2019.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

6-B LEGAL NOTICES

1. Proofs of publication and posting of legal notice: "OF THE ADOPTED RESOLUTION, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH VERIZON WIRELESS TO ALLOW VERIZON WIRELESS TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY ON TOWN PROPERTY AT AN ANNUAL RENT OF \$2400" in the Town of West Seneca, received and filed.

6-C PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COMMUNICATIONS

- A resident questioned/commented on the following:
 - ✓ Item No. 3 - Hourly rate for bus drivers and who is responsible for paying workers compensation – Recreation Supervisor Lauren Masset stated the hourly rate was \$15.25 per hour last year and will be similar this year. Town Attorney Tina Hawthorne advised the school district is responsible for paying workers compensation.
 - ✓ Item No. 11 – What park will be used for the Kanga Cup Tournament – Miss Masset responded the tournament will be held at Firemen's Park in the open field.
 - ✓ Item No. 12 – Is charging a fee optional for use of facilities – Supervisor Meegan responded the language is standard in the agreements, but there is no charge for West Seneca Central School District as it is shared services.

6-D COMMUNICATIONS

1. Supervisor Meegan re Rate increase for Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Schieber

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to increase Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Schieber's hourly rate of pay by \$2.50 per hour effective March 25, 2019 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel, noting this increase is to compensate Mr. Schieber for the performance of particular Senior Code Enforcement Officer duties as assigned by the Town Board.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

2. Councilman Hanley re Appointment of Amelia Greenan as Secretary to the Ethics Board

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to accept the resignation of Amy Kobler as Secretary to the Ethics Board effective April 1, 2019 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to appoint Amelia Greenan as part-time clerk to serve as Secretary to the Ethics Board at a rate of \$18 per hour effective March 25, 2019 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

3. Town Attorney re Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement with WSCSD

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement with West Seneca Central School District for the Recreation Department's use of school buses for the summer youth program:

WHEREAS, the West Seneca Central School District maintains a fleet of school buses; and

WHEREAS, the town operates activities devoted to the welfare of youth therein and provides leisure-time activities for youth as authorized in General Municipal Law §95; and

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3. (continued)

WHEREAS, the school district has determined that it has school buses not used for the transportation of district students during certain periods, including when school is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the school district and the town jointly desire to enter into an agreement whereby the school district would temporarily loan school buses to the town for transportation of youth to town activities during the 2019-2020 school year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of West Seneca authorizes the Supervisor to execute the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement with West Seneca Central School District for the loaning of school buses for transportation of youth to town activities during the 2019-2020 school year.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

4. Town Attorney re Step 3
Grievance Officer

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to remove John Fenz as Step 3 Grievance Officer and appoint Tina M. Hawthorne or her designee as Step 3 Grievance Officer without remuneration.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

5. Town Engineer re Bid date
for 2019 Sanitary Sewer
Repair Contract

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to set a bid date of April 16, 2019 at 10 A.M. for receipt of bids on the 2019 Sanitary Sewer Repair Contract, noting drawings and specifications will be available in the Town Clerk's office March 26, 2019.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

6. Town Clerk re Resignation of
Anna Cedri

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to accept the resignation of Anna Cedri effective February 23, 2019 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

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7. Town Clerk re Extension of tax collection

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, pursuant to §6-14.0 of the Erie County Tax Act, Laws of 1942, to approve an extension of the time for collection of 2019 town/county taxes to July 1, 2019 which will allow the town to keep the penalties rather than the county receiving them.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

8. Sr. Recreation Therapist of Sr. Services re Status change for Marirose Bless to seasonal

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to change the status of part-time food service worker Marirose Bless to part-time seasonal effective April 1 – 30, 2019 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

9. Recreation Supervisor re West Seneca Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with West Seneca Kiwanis Club for use of the Lions Bandshell & Kiwanis shelter located inside Veterans Park on April 20, 2019 for their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

10. Recreation Supervisor re West Seneca Kiwanis Craft Show

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to authorize the Supervisor to execute the necessary documents to enter into an agreement with West Seneca Kiwanis Club for use of Veterans Park for their annual craft show.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

11. Recreation Supervisor re Kanga Cup Annual 15s Rugby Tournament

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to authorize the Supervisor to execute the necessary documents to enter into an agreement with the insured United States of America Rugby Football Union (USA Rugby) for the SUNY Buffalo State (USG) Kanga Cup Tournament on April 20, 2019 at Fireman's Park.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

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12. Recreation Supervisor re
WSCSD use of facilities
spring 2019 – revised
agreement

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to authorize the Supervisor to execute the necessary documents to enter into an agreement with West Seneca Central School District for use of Town of West Seneca owned athletic facilities for the spring 2019 season, noting this agreement was originally approved at the March 11, 2019 Town Board meeting and revisions can be found under Exhibit C of the contract.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

13. Highway Supt. re
Termination of Baird
Hageman

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to terminate Baird Hageman as Sewer Maintenance Worker effective March 12, 2019 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

6-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 - \$243,374.41; Highway Fund - \$95,025.13; Sewer Fund - \$61,985.23; Electric Lighting \$434.30; Capital Fund - \$36,252.49 (vouchers 2194 - 3651)

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

- A resident questioned the members of the Budget Advisory Committee - Supervisor Meegan responded she did not have the list available, but the members will be notified.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

SUPERVISOR MEEGAN

- A community outreach presentation on the new recycling guidelines will be held Saturday, March 30, 2019; representatives from Modern Disposal will be in attendance
- The Budget Advisory Committee will meet April 2nd at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Center conference room. Twelve residents expressed an interest and will be notified and Councilman Hart will chair the meetings. Councilman Hart expressed his disappointment on the handling of the Budget Advisory Committee and requested an extension until the next meeting as he has other residents who are interested.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

RECREATION SUPERVISOR LAUREN MASSET

- Open interviews for summer employment will be held Wednesday, March 27th, 1:30 – 3:30 P.M.
- Sunday, March 31st is the final open skate of the season; skaters with a valid resident ID card will be admitted at no charge
- Councilman Hanley encouraged students who may be interested in working in the Recreation Department to submit an application.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to recess to executive session at 7:20 P.M. to discuss a matter of litigation involving Smith/Raiser v. Town of West Seneca and a disciplinary issue with a particular employee.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

The board members returned from executive session at 8:10 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

JACQUELINE A FELSER, TOWN CLERK