

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.

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**MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

- Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Cantafio, to approve Minutes #2020-23 of November 9, 2020.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COMMUNICATIONS**

No comments were received.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**24-A COMMUNICATIONS TO BE VOTED ON**

1. Supervisor Dickson re Appointment of Michael Casciano and Robin Stolinski to the Audit Committee

Motion by Councilman Hanley, seconded by Councilman Piekarec, to appoint Michael Casciano and Robin Stolinski to the Audit Committee.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Abstained: Supervisor Dickson

Councilman Piekarec and Councilman Bauer volunteered to serve on the Audit Committee.

2. Chief Denz re Status change of part-time Public Safety Dispatcher Justin Zielinski to seasonal

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to change the status of part-time Public Safety Dispatcher Justin Zielinski to seasonal effective November 1 – 30, 2020 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

3. Code Enforcement Officer re Rezoning request – 295 Main St.

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Bauer, to refer the rezoning request for 295 Main Street from R-65 to C-1 to the Planning Board.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

4. Finance Director re Budget transfer – Highway Department

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Piekarec, to authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$10,000 from Buildings and Grounds - Pool Repair and Maintenance line 01718100.50445 to Buildings and Grounds – Ice Rink Repair and Maintenance line 01714200.50445 for the purchase of a compressor.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

5. Town Justices re Extension of parental leave for Katie Almeida

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to accept and approve parental leave for Katie Almeida on a part-time basis from January 2021 through March 2021 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

6. Town Attorney re Erie County 2018 STOP-DWI Contract

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Cantafio, to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Supervisor to execute the 2018 STOP-DWI Contract:

WHEREAS, the County of Erie, pursuant to the authority granted to it by Article 31 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, has established a special traffic options program for driving while intoxicated (STOP-DWI) and has formulated a plan thereunder for the coordination of county, town, city and village efforts to reduce alcohol-related traffic injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Seneca, through its police agency, has made formal application to the Erie County STOP-DWI Coordinator for the funding of certain alcohol traffic safety law enforcement activities in Erie County during the period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a Justice Court has been established in and for the Town with jurisdiction to hear and determine cases involving alleged violations of Section 1192, Section 511(2)(a)(ii) and (iii) and Section 511(3)(i) of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie has provided the Town with a proposed contract laying out the terms of the plan and terms of funding of certain alcohol traffic safety law enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined it is in the best interest of the residents of the Town of West Seneca to enter into the proposed contract with Erie County for the 2018 STOP-DWI program; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of West Seneca authorizes the Supervisor to execute the attached 2018 STOP-DWI Contract.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

7. Recreation Supervisor re Holiday Play Packs event

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve the Holiday Play Packs drive-thru event to be held on December 10, 2020.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

**24-B COMMUNICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Supervisor Dickson re Recreation fees

Supervisor Dickson stated the Recreational fees have not seen an increase in over ten years, yet the Recreation costs have increased. Supervisor Dickson stated he would like to propose to raise the fees. The fees are paid by developers when a new residence is built.

**24-C APPROVAL OF WARRANT**

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve the vouchers submitted for audit, chargeable to the respective funds as follows: General Fund - \$2,622,004.47; Highway Fund - \$419,388.34; Sewer Fund - \$111,332.76; Gas Lighting - \$34,996.38; Electric Lighting - \$940.82 (vouchers 14850 - 15310)

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

**ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC**

A Larsen Lane resident stated the following concerns with a nursery operating behind his home:

- ✓ Manure stockpiled – offensive odors and flies prohibiting the opening of windows and use of back yard
- ✓ Noise from heavy equipment – all week long starting early in the morning until evening
- ✓ The problem is also felt by neighbors
- ✓ Would like the Town Board to intercede and meet with the nursery
- ✓ Expressed concerns with adverse effects of the dust, chemicals, and air quality

Councilman Hanley replied he had met with the Larsen Lane residents in the past and has visited the Nursery with Code Enforcement staff. The residents are correct; although he has not seen manure there is mulch on site. The mulch will overheat if not turned over and that is what causes the odor. Mr. Hanley is willing to go to the nursery with Code Enforcement and meet with the property owner. In the past, the nursery owner was receptive to the neighbors' concerns.

**COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Councilman Piekarec**

- Due to covid restrictions the West Seneca Library is offering curbside pickup and many online programs
- Please remember to support our local bars and restaurants while covid restrictions are in place

**Supervisor Dickson**

- Will advertise for residents who would like to become members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals; current member whose terms are expiring should reapply
- Leaf pickup is currently in Zone 4
- As per Chief Denz:
  - ✓ Reminder that the Winter Parking Ban is in effect and is being enforced.
  - ✓ Police will be on patrol through the holiday weekend. Under our Orange designation, we will continue to respond to calls for service as normal, however we are not taking any walk-in complaints at the front desk; requests for records must be done over the telephone.
  - ✓ Rapidly moving forward with establishing a working group made up of local citizens, community groups, educators and business people to assist us with our compliance to the NY State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative.

**Councilman Bauer**

- Woodward Avenue sanitary sewer replacement project underground portion is almost complete with the final restoration happening in early spring
- A meeting was held regarding the regional bike plan; it was determined the main backbone was to run down Seneca Street to connect into South Buffalo and Elma. Unfortunately, Seneca Street is a county owned highway. Will be meeting with the DPW Commissioner with Erie County to piggyback on a plan for a grant application for the beginning phase of the bike plan. There may be an issue of financing and matching funds and would like the Town Board to meet with Erie County Officials.

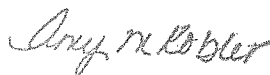
**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 P.M.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried



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**AMY M. KOBLER, TOWN CLERK**