

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to open the public hearing.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Julius Aebly, owner of the insurance firm Aebly & Associates, gave a brief summary of the company's history in West Seneca and explained the company has outgrown the current location on Seneca Street.

Attorney Sean Hopkins of Hopkins Sorgi and McCarthy, LLC, and Civil Engineer Anthony Pandolfi of Carmina Wood Morris presented the following:

- ✓ The site consists of four parcels: 1465 Union Road, 1471 Union Road, 798 Center Road, and 150 Fremont Avenue for a total of approximately 1.2 acres with the most prominent feature being the former Mobil on the Run gas station and convenience store.
- ✓ Requesting rezoning of .99 acres of the site from C-1 to C-2(S)
- ✓ Referred to a full-size copy of the plan which includes a 2-story office building for the insurance business that will be approximately 3,080-sf and a future restaurant with a drive-through, noting Mr. Aebly has had discussions with perspective users but cannot advance until the property is properly rezoned with a special use permit.
- ✓ The Planning Board held a public hearing in October and issued a favorable recommendation to the Town Board for the rezoning and special use permit.
- ✓ Referenced pages of the handout pointing out the conceptual renderings of the office building and potential future restaurant from the different focal points of the property, noting the many features which are attractive and conform to the Union Road design standards as set forth in §120-70 of the zoning code as well as consideration that Fremont Avenue is more residential and includes greenspace, screening, and landscaping.
- ✓ The second request is for a required special use permit pursuant to §120-70 A (d) of the zoning code for an eating and drinking establishment in the C-2 zoning
- ✓ The project meets the four criteria for such a permit including:
 - The location and size of use and is in harmony with the orderly development of the district
 - Providing screening and protective measures to adjacent properties
 - Adequacy of parking – zoning requires 74 spaces (1 space per 100-sf), currently have 47 parking spaces; a zoning variance will be applied for
 - The authority of the town to impose reasonable conditions on the project

Mr. Hopkins stated the applicant is requesting the following from the Town Board: issuance of a negative declaration pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, noting they did prepare and file the Short Environmental Assessment Form, and the rezoning of .99 acres from C-1 to C-2 with the Special Use Permit.

Supervisor Dickson questioned if the restaurant with the drive-through is definitely part of the project. Mr. Hopkins stated the plans are presented with a drive-through up front as Covid-19 has made drive-throughs a necessity; however, if a restaurant is chosen that does not require one it will not be included.

Code Enforcement Officer Schieber stated the project was in front of the Planning Board and comments from adjacent property owners regarding landscaping, fencing, lighting, and dumpsters will be addressed at future Planning Board meetings. The NYS and Erie County DOT agencies are requiring a traffic study and the Fire Department had general comments about sprinklers and access. The Planning Board was unanimously in favor of the project and proposed suggestions about the dumpster location and the retention pond – possibly underground.

Councilman Piekarec stated there was a condition that there would be no vehicle access to Fremont Avenue. Mr. Hopkins agreed and stated that condition would be adhered to with a deed restriction.

Councilman Hanley questioned who would be responsible for the retention pond and would it be transferred to the town. Mr. Hopkins stated his client would be responsible for the maintenance of this.

Councilman Hanley stated Door Dash drivers use the drive-through lanes and asked if there would be a shared driveway for the coffee shop on the adjacent property. Mr. Hopkins stated he does not believe there will be.

Councilman Bauer asked if there will be phased construction of the building and restaurants. Mr. Hopkins stated the applicant envisions seeking site plan approval for phase 1, being the construction of the 2-story insurance building with the installation of the entire drainage system and then return to the Planning Board a second time for an amended site plan for the restaurant and related improvements; at all times the project will be in compliance with technical standards including drainage.

Councilman Piekarec questioned if the buildings will be demolished at once or in phases. Mr. Hopkins stated demolition would be done in one phase.

Councilman Piekarec questioned if this would be a 24-hour restaurant or closed from 11 P.M. to 7 A.M. Mr. Hopkins stated the applicant does not know yet; the trend is that not many establishments are open 24 hours anymore.

Town Attorney Hawthorne concurred the condition of no access to Fremont Avenue would be a deed restriction.

No public comments were received.

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to close the public hearing.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve the rezoning and grant a special use permit for property located at 1465 & 1471 Union Road, 798 Center Road, and 150 Fremont Avenue, being part of Lot No. 192, changing its classification from C-1 & C-2(S) to C-2(S), for construction of a 2-story office building, restaurant with drive-through facility, and all related site improvements with the following condition: no vehicular access from the site on to Fremont Avenue.

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to amend the prior motion to include the adoption of the following resolution issuing a negative declaration pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act "SEQRA" for the proposed project:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of West Seneca, as lead agency acting pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, has reviewed Part I of the Short Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") prepared by the applicant for property located at 1465 and 1471 Union Road, 798 Center Road, and 150 Fremont Avenue (SBLs 134.68-1-1, 134.59-4-28.1, 134.68-1-2.1, and 134.59-4-1.1) ("Subject Property"), for construction of a 2-story office building and restaurant with drive-through facility (the "Project"), and reviewed the draft completed Part II of the EAF analyzing the potential for the Project to result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and has otherwise taken a hard look at the identified potential environmental impacts utilizing the criteria specified in 6

NYCRR 617.7(c); and

WHEREAS, upon review of Parts I and II of the EAF and documentation and plans submitted by the applicant in connection with the review of the Project, the Town Board has not identified any potentially significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed use of the Subject Property, has determined that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary and that the issuance of a Negative Declaration is therefore appropriate; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.7(a) the Town Board does hereby adopt a Negative Declaration with respect to the Project based on its determination that the Project will not result in any potentially significant adverse environmental impacts.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

2. Proofs of publication and posting of legal notice: "OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN A REQUEST FOR A REZONING & SPECIAL PERMIT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2970 TRANSIT ROAD CHANGING ITS CLASSIFICATION OF C-1 TO C-2(S) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SELF-STORAGE, U-HAUL TRUCK AND TRAILER STORE, AND ALL RELATED RETAIL SALES AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS" in the Town of West Seneca received and filed.

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to open the public hearing.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Todd Schnitzer, Company President for U-Haul of WNY, stated the application is to repurpose the existing building at 2970 Transit Road, the former Bank of America call center building and requires rezoning from a C-1 to C-2(S) and presented the following regarding the project:

- ✓ Climate controlled, indoor self-storage facility
- ✓ Truck and trailer use outside
- ✓ Retail space for box and hitch components sales
- ✓ Drive up storage to be added
- ✓ Future expansion of a building near Transit Road for portable storage facilities, for example global shipping

Code Enforcement Officer Schieber stated concerns were heard from neighbors regarding fencing, landscaping, vehicle access, and the appearance of the 3-story building. Concerns will be addressed at future Planning Board meetings. The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of the project.

Supervisor Dickson questioned the hours of operation. Mr. Schnitzer stated the standard business hours are Monday - Saturday from 7 A.M. – 7 P.M., Fridays until 8 P.M., Sundays 9 A.M. – 5 P.M., and there would be swipe card access available for the indoor storage customers.

Supervisor Dickson questioned what kind of access control for the property itself, for example fencing. Mr. Schnitzer stated there is currently a guardrail at the back of the property, residents have suggested fencing be added, access to the building would be an interior bay and exterior access in the front during regular business hours.

Councilman Hanley asked what controls are in place with regards to what can be stored. Mr. Schnitzer stated there are rental agreements with restrictions including no hazardous or flammable materials, no food, no animal hides, nothing that will attract pests, and cannot conduct business out of the storage unit, it is for household

NEW BUSINESS

23-A ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Dickson re 60th Anniversary of Multisorb Filtration Group

23-B COMMUNICATIONS TO BE VOTED ON

1. Councilman Bauer re Amendments to the budget

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Piekarec, to adopt the 2022 preliminary budget to be the Adopted Budget for the Town of West Seneca for 2022.

On the question, Councilman Bauer offered the following budget amendments:

Motion by Councilman Bauer, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to adopt the proposed Amendment A, the elimination of the stipend of \$2,500 for the Deputy Supervisor from line 01.1220.0101.

Ayes: (4) Councilman Bauer Councilman Cantafio Councilman Hanley Councilman Piekarec	Noes: (1) Supervisor Dickson	Motion Carried
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Motion by Councilman Bauer, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to adopt the proposed Amendment B, the addition of \$10,000 to Buildings & Grounds Repair & Maintenance line 01.7110.0445 for the purchase of park benches and picnic tables for the splashpad and the addition of \$13,380 to Culture Center Repair & Maintenance line 1.7420.0445 for routine maintenance of the Burchfield Nature & Art Center.

On the question, Supervisor Dickson stated he would rather use American Rescue Plan money for this and not roads fund money.

Councilman Cantafio questioned if there is money for the two proposals and if the proposal does not need to be a part of this budget. Supervisor Dickson stated there is American Rescue Plan money including lost revenue money that can be used on almost anything, as well as several hundred thousand dollars that has not yet been committed by the Town Board.

Ayes: (1) Councilman Bauer	Noes: (4) Supervisor Dickson Councilman Cantafio Councilman Hanley Councilman Piekarec	Motion Denied
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Motion by Councilman Bauer, seconded by Councilman Cantafio, to adopt the proposed Amendment C, the addition of \$2,600 to Salary of Supervisor line 1.220.0100, the addition of \$2,320 to Town Clerk Salary line 1.1410.0100, and the addition of \$3,200 to Salary of Superintendent line 1.5010.0100, to provide the elected officials a 2% raise for last year and this year, noting the salaries were severely cut prior to them taking office; and the addition of \$500 to Zoning Board Secretary – PT line 1.8010.0138 and the addition of \$500 to Planning Board Secretary – PT line 1.8020.0138.

On the question, Supervisor Dickson stated he does not agree with elected positions receiving an increase including the stipends when an elected official holds that position when there is not an intervening election.

Councilman Piekarec stated he would rather spend money on the roads while conceding the salaries were cut before the elected officials took office.

Councilman Hanley stated he would vote against the increase for the Supervisor, but he would vote in favor of the increase for the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent.

Councilman Cantafio stated he respects the opinions brought up about increasing salaries during an election year, but a 2% raise in a year versus a 10% raise in an election year, which would be perceived negatively, is easier for taxpayers to accept. Councilman Cantafio referred to Supervisor Dickson's statements during the budget presentation about getting things to where they were before and stated he does not think it was right those salaries were cut prior to the elected officials entering. This year the town has the money to do this.

Councilman Bauer stated all but ten employees of the town are represented by collective bargaining agreements and seven of the ten are nonelected and will receive raises of approximately 2%; this proposal addresses the three remaining people.

Councilman Hanley stated he does not think it is fair to go two years without a raise.

Supervisor Dickson stated the PBA accepted a 0% tax increase for last year and does not know why these people should get 2% and we have yet to see what will come from the Blue-Collar and White Collar.

Ayes: (3) Councilman Bauer Councilman Cantafio Councilman Hanley	Noes: (2) Supervisor Dickson Councilman Piekarec	Motion Carried
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Motion by Councilman Bauer, seconded by Councilman Cantafio, to adopt the proposed Amendment D, the reduction of \$130,000 from the Estimated Revenues Non Property Tax Distribution by County line 1.1120 and the addition of the following to the Highway Fund as the lines are not currently funded, and no retirements have been announced:

\$103,665	General Repairs	Regular Labor (42)	line 2.5110.0144
\$009,947	Employee Benefits	State Retirement	line 2.9010.0801
\$007,927	Employee Benefits	Social Security	line 2.9030.0802
\$015,068	Employee Benefits	Hospital & Medical Insur.	line 2.9060.0807
\$002,931	Employee Benefits	Health & Welfare Insur.	line 2.9080.0804
\$000,350	Employee Benefits	Boots & Clothing Safety All.	line 2.9089.0820

On the question, Councilman Piekarec stated this proposal adds \$130,000 to the expected sales tax revenue and is concerned about the economy supporting this, and the town has done ok with the reduction in labor in Highway this past year. Councilman Bauer stated the County Comptroller's report from July there will be an increase over 20% in sales tax through the year.

Councilman Cantafio stated he will support the motion with the caveat that the Finance Department, Highway Department, and a member of the Town Board look at how to break things down and identify where cuts can

be made. This amount represents a 10% increase and the Comptroller's report anticipates a 20% increase in sales tax revenue.

Ayes: (3) Councilman Bauer
 Councilman Cantafio
 Councilman Hanley
 Noes: (2) Supervisor Dickson
 Councilman Piekarec
 Motion Carried

13. Director of Finance re Adoption of the 2022 Benefit Basis Budget

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Piekarec, to adopt the 2022 Benefit Basis Budget as previously filed by the Town Supervisor and known as the "Tentative 2022 Benefit Basis Budget."

Ayes: All
 Noes: None
 Motion Carried

14. Director of Finance re Adoption of 2022 Ad Valorem Budget

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Piekarec, to adopt the 2022 Ad Valorem Budget, which includes the General and Highway Funds, as previously filed by the Town Supervisor and known as the "Preliminary 2022 Ad Valorem Budget" with Amendments A, C, and D.

Ayes: All
 Noes: None
 Motion Carried
 APPENDICES

2. Councilman Bauer re Resignation from the Internal Audit Committee

Councilman Bauer announced his resignation from the Internal Audit Committee effective December 31, 2021.

3. Highway Sup't. re Title change for John C. Kelly to Highway Heavy Motor Equipment Operator

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Bauer, to terminate John C. Kelly as a Highway Mechanic and appoint him as a Highway Heavy Motor Equipment Operator Group 5, Step 5 at a rate of \$23.03 per hour effective November 15, 2021, as per the Blue-Collar Contract and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All
 Noes: None
 Motion Carried

4. Highway Sup't. re Appointment of Charles Volkenner as part-time Laborer in Buildings & Grounds

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to appoint Charles Volkenner as a part-time Laborer in the Buildings and Grounds Department at a rate of \$12.50 per hour effective November 16, 2021, contingent upon completion of paperwork and passing of drug and alcohol testing, and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All
 Noes: None
 Motion Carried

5. Highway Sup't. re Purchase of Highway Department dump truck

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Bauer, to authorize Highway Superintendent Adams to purchase a new tandem axel dump truck for the Highway Department from Beam Mack Sales Service (Buffalo Truck) referencing the Onondaga County Heavy Truck Statewide Contract No. 8996 in the amount of \$160,989.42 for a new tandem axle dump truck for the Highway Department with funds in the equipment capital reserve line for 2021 or the equipment line as allocated in the 2022 preliminary budget.

On the question, Supervisor Dickson questioned why this purchase was not part of the \$790,000 Capital Funds allocated in April. Mr. Adams stated he has committed to two double axel dump trucks but the truck in this request unexpectedly became available and due to equipment shortages, he would like to take advantage of this opportunity. Currently, it is uncertain if the town will be able to take delivery of the other two trucks, the woodchipper, or the tow behind lift by the end of 2022.

Supervisor Dickson asked Director of Finance Straus if the funding could be allocated from the \$790,000. Ms. Straus stated this would be acceptable.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

6. Highway Sup't. re Status change for part-time Sanitation laborers

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Bauer, to change the status of the following Sanitation Department employees from seasonal part-time Laborers to part-time Laborers at a rate of \$13.75 per hour effective November 20, 2021:

Jason Celli
Kenneth Hiam
Anthony Paolini
Joseph Sitarek

Andrew Comerford
John Janiga
Kyle Porteus
Peter Walsh

Ryan Haettich
Jesse Ladowski
Andrew Sandel

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

7. Highway Sup't. re Status change for part-time Buildings & Grounds laborers

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Cantafio, to change the status of the following Buildings and Grounds Department employees from seasonal part-time Laborers to part-time Laborers at a rate of \$12.50 per hour effective November 20, 2021, and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel:

Justin Alley
Michael Baker
Daniel Dollard
Quinn Finnegan
Anthony Holakowski
Wayne Kelm

Michael Kempf
Jason Lehsten
Matthew Northern
Nicholas Pitiss
Mason Smith
Samuel Vona

Matthew Amoia
Dylan Blanchard
Samuel Feneziani
Joseph Gorman
Connor Houlihan

Andrew Kocieniewski
Richard Mingle
Paul Olszewski
James Schafer
Richard Szymanski

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

8. Chief Baker re Status change for part-time PSD Anthony Patronaggio to part-time seasonal

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to change the status of part-time Public Safety Dispatcher Anthony Patronaggio to part-time seasonal effective November 1 – November 30, 2021, and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

9. Code Enforcement Officer re Bid award for demolition at 790 Harlem Road

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Piekarec, to accept the bid amount of \$15,492.00 from Pirritano Excavating for the removal of the free-standing gas canopy located at 790 Harlem Road.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

10. Code Enforcement Officer re Rezoning request – 2602 Clinton Street

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Bauer, to refer the rezoning request from Clinton Street Realty Holdings LLC. for a portion of 2602 Clinton Street from R-100A to M-1 to allow for the redevelopment of the site into a school bus operation to the Planning Board for recommendation.

On the question, Town Attorney Hawthorne stated the Town Board received a letter from Dan Warren stating he believes the town needs a SEQR before the project is referred to the Planning Board, but Mr. Warren is incorrect. According to the Town of West Seneca's process, which is in compliance with the law, is to refer the project to the Planning Board and then the Code Enforcement Office starts the SEQRA process with the Planning Board as the lead agency.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

11. Director of Finance re Letter of Authorization

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Piekarec, to adopt the special assessments indicated on the attached Letter of Authorization as part of the 2022 Town of West Seneca Budget.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried
APPENDICES

15. Director of Finance re Budget transfer – Town Clerk

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$800.00 from General Fund- Contingent Account 01.1990.50480 to Town Clerk – Print, Literature and Other 01.1410.50448 for expenses related to the Town Clerk Department.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

16. Director of Finance re Budget transfer – Zoning Board and Planning Board

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$420.00 for expenses related to the Zoning and Planning Boards as follows:

Increase

\$175.00 01.8010.50414 – Zoning Board – Continuing Education and Training
\$245.00 01.8020.50414 – Planning Board – Continuing Education and Training

Decrease

\$420.00 01.1990.50480 – General Fund – Contingent Account

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

17. Director of Finance re Budget transfer – Code Enforcement

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$850.00 from Code Enforcement – Programmed Maintenance 01.3620.50444 to Code Enforcement – Continuing Education and Training 01.3620.50414 for expenses related to the Code Enforcement Department.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

18. Director of Finance re Budget transfer – Police Department

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Bauer, to authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$30,000.00 for expenses related to the Police Department as follows:

Increase

\$20,000.00 01.3120.50415 – Police – Other Contractual Expenses
\$ 4,000.00 01.3120.50459 – Police - Police Training Course
\$ 4,000.00 01.3120.50409 – Police – Ammunition
\$ 2,000.00 01.3120.50454 – Police – Professional Services Legal
\$30,000.00 Total Increases

Decrease

\$18,000.00 01.3120.50164 – Police – Salaries of Community Police program
\$ 7,900.00 01.3120.50209 – Police - Rifles and Body Bunker
\$ 1,200.00 01.3120.50211 – Police – Dispatch Equipment
\$ 2,900.00 01.3120.50443 – Police – Equipment Repair & Maintenance
\$30,000.00 Total Decreases

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

19. Recreation Supervisor re WS Civic and Patriotic Commission – Community Christmas Event

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to authorize the Supervisor to execute the necessary documents to enter into an agreement with the West Seneca Civic and Patriotic Commission for a community Christmas event on December 11, 2021.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

23-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 - \$144,580.61 and \$13,601.71; Highway Fund - \$306,942.38; Trust & Agency Fund - \$3,692.50; Sewer District - \$51,429.09 and \$282.02; Electric Lighting Districts - \$3,719.90 and \$38.51; Capital - \$ 96,611.20 (vouchers 21391- 21514 and 20281 - 21608)

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

23-D REPORTS FOR FILING

Amy M. Kobler, Town Clerk's report for October 2021 & Receiver of Taxes & Collection Summary October 2021 received and filed.

Jeffrey Schieber, Code Enforcement Officer, building & plumbing reports for October 2021 received and filed.

23-E DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department October 2021 updates received and filed.

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

The following comments and questions were received regarding repairs for the Burchfield Nature & Arts Center:

- ✓ Was the contract for the DASNY grant received – Supervisor Dickson confirmed it has been received, he has signed it and it is with Town Attorney Hawthorne for her signature.
- ✓ Has anyone started a written plan for the funds – Councilman Bauer stated he has the initial plan and will make copies available.
- ✓ What is the time frame to allocate money from the American Rescue Plan – Supervisor Dickson stated the town has received half and will receive the balance next year, but there are limited things most of the money can be used for.
- ✓ Will the overlooked maintenance qualify – Supervisor Dickson stated the category of lost revenue can be used on almost anything, an amount of approximately \$1M. Councilman Hanley stated the town cannot use the ARP funds for lumber, roofing materials, or windows, but it can be used for an air conditioner or furnace.

The following comments and questions were received about the Senior Center:

- ✓ Concerned about the smaller room penguin players have been moved to, stating it is a safety hazard and many groups had to be turned away due to the limited space – Supervisor Dickson asked if the larger area is being used for something else. The resident stated pickle ball is held three times per week and questioned if it could be reduced to two times per week. Councilman Piekarec offered to contact

Director of Senior Services Stanek to discuss.

- ✓ Other cards games have also been discontinued and brought a previous report for the Town Board's review – Supervisor Dickson stated a grant request for next year is for an outdoor pickle ball court and hopes this will allow the large room to be utilized for other activities
- ✓ Does not want minimum attendance and activity requirements for membership – Councilman Piekarec stated the next Advisory Board meeting will be December 8, 2021 and invited the residents to attend.

Beverly Leising gave an update of the West Seneca Cares Project stating donations are still being accepted.

The following comments and questions were received regarding the West Seneca Deer Task Force:

- ✓ A former member of the Deer Task Force asked Supervisor Dickson why she was removed – Supervisor Dickson stated he received complaints from the public and task force members
- ✓ A Lackawanna resident stated the task force has internal power struggle, has no legislative authority and no ideas; the Town Council should enact strong police enforcement of rules against feeding wildlife, sloppy trash can storage and management – Supervisor Dickson asked Town Attorney Hawthorne if the town may enact its own law. Ms. Hawthorne stated she would need to research this. Supervisor Dickson asked Chief Baker if he is aware of any other police departments enforcing the deer feeding ban. Chief Baker stated he is not aware of any; it does not seem like a police enforcement action but will need to consult with Ms. Hawthorne. Supervisor Dickson asked Code Enforcement Officer Schieber if he is aware of any issues with garbage cans. Mr. Schieber stated he is not relative to deer.
- ✓ Resident for 26 years and never had a deer vehicle accident, what is the real reason the Town Board feels the need to kill the deer, why is there only one expert left – Supervisor Dickson stated no one feels the need to kill deer and volunteers leave committees for many reasons. Councilman Cantafio stated some people came to the committee without realizing the long term nature of their service. The Task Force's purpose is to gather information to provide to the Town Board; the Town Board as the governing body will ultimately decide what will be done and is not bound by the Task Force's recommendations. Councilman Piekarec stated the board will also seek public input before deciding. Town Attorney Hawthorne stated there was a well thought out plan when the Task Force was created and there was a wide range of qualifications indicated, how vacancies would be filled, and the removal of members. Supervisor Dickson stated there are people on both sides of the issue and the Task Force is seeking as much information as possible to allow the Town Board to make the appropriate decision. The Task Force has a meeting for public comments scheduled for January 18, 2022, with the location to be confirmed.
- ✓ Feels that most of the remaining Task Force members are hunters and pro-culling – Supervisor Dickson reiterated the Town Board will be making the final decision and people must realize there will always be deer in the community. Councilman Cantafio stated many of the volunteers left because it was not a short term commitment with the simple solution of shooting deer and the true costs involved; he disagrees there is an ulterior motive.

A resident asked when Dwyer Street will be done – Highway Superintendent Adams stated this is one of the first projects for 2022.

A resident asked when work will be done on house at 111 Duerstein Street – Code Enforcement Officer Schieber stated his office has sent a letter to the new owner requesting their plans. Councilman Piekarec asked if there were any open code violations. Mr. Schieber believes there are some on the outside.

COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Recreation Supervisor Masset

Open skate is underway and are hiring for several part-time positions.

Highway Superintendent Adams

Leaf pickup is still underway in zone 3 and will be moving to zone 4; containers are emptied on regular garbage days.

Supervisor Dickson

Three of the recommendations of the Police Reinvention Task Force have been fulfilled with the promotion of Captain Urbanski; they included the creation of this position, the hiring of a social worker, and the purchase of body cameras.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Dickson, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

AMY M. KOBLER, TOWN CLERK

Letter of Authorization

To: Erie County Real Property Tax Department

From: Town of *West Seneca*

Subject: Unpaid items to be included in tax warrant

Date: *10/27/21*

In accordance with New York State Town Law, section 198, the town board has opted to enforce various unpaid accounts for water, sewer, refuse and other unpaid town services as indicated below, by placing a lien upon the real property for which such services were provided. **Be sure to include a copy of the resolution(s) adopting all special town charges.**

In light of the aforementioned, the Erie County Legislature shall levy in such sums as indicated below and against the applicable properties as provided for on the town assessor's master computer assessment roll file, which is also hereby being delivered by the assessor with this letter of authorization.

- Total Unpaid Water \$ —
- Total Unpaid Sewer \$ 36,198.52
- Total Unpaid Refuse \$ —
- Total Ag Penalty \$ —
- Total Omitted Taxes \$ —
- Total Other Charges \$ 35,470

Total of Items Above \$

Certification Town of *West Seneca*

Date: *10/28/21*

[Signature]
Town Supervisor

[Signature]
Town Clerk

Assessors Use Only

Date RPS file submitted to County RPTS *11/1/21*

I hereby certify that the entries on the master assessment roll file delivered herewith equal the amounts as required by the town board as provided for above.

[Signature]
Assessor

10/28/21
Date

County RPTS Use Only

Date filed received _____ By: _____

File in balance Yes _____ No _____

		Preliminary Budget Proposed Amendments - BAUER				
		TOTAL	A	B	C	D
GENERAL FUND						
Supervisor						
1.1220.0100	Salary of Supervisor	2,600.00			2,600.00	
1.1220.0101	Salary of Deputy Supervisor	(2,500.00)	(2,500.00)			
Town Clerk						
1.1410.0100	Salary of Town Clerk	2,320.00			2,320.00	
Superintendent of Highways						
1.5010.0100	Salary of Superintendent	3,200.00			3,200.00	
Buildings & Grounds						
1.7110.0445	Repair & Maintenance	10,000.00		10,000.00		
Culture Center						
1.7420.0445	Repair & Maintenance	13,380.00		13,380.00		
Zoning Board						
1.8010.0138	Secretary - PT	500.00			500.00	
Planning Board						
1.8020.0138	Secretary - PT	500.00			500.00	
Estimated Revenues						
1.1120	Non Property Tax Distribution by County	(130,000.00)				(130,000.00)
HIGHWAY FUND						
General Repairs						
2.5110.0144	Regular Labor (42)	103,665.00				103,665.00
Employee Benefits						
2.9010.0801	State Retirement	9,947.00				9,947.00
2.9030.0802	Social Security	7,927.00				7,927.00
2.9060.0807	Hospital & Medical Insurance	15,068.00				15,068.00
2.9080.0804	Health & Welfare Insurance	2,931.00				2,931.00
2.9089.0820	Boots and Clothing Safety Allowance	350.00				350.00
Transfers						
2.9950.975.2	Transfer to Capital Fund - Roads	(39,888.00)	2,500.00	(23,380.00)	(9,120.00)	(9,888.00)
NET EFFECT ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00