

MINUTES  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MAY 21, 2018

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor Don Trout, Councilman Mike Pfeiffer, Bob Rodger, and Howard Strader.

**ABSENT:**

Councilman Thomas

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Highway Superintendent, Joe Mull, Assessor, Jim Cleere, MRB Engineer, Mr. Pat Nicoletta, Leland Henry, George Poorman, Michael Smith, Ed Lerkins, John Morabito, Mike Reese, Walter Mumford, Theodore Raybal, Dimitrus Sumara, John Sheppard, and Julia Rodger.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Supervisor Trout led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FIRE EXITS:**

Supervisor Trout indicated where the fire exits were located.

Supervisor Trout introduced, Seneca County Manager, Mr. John Sheppard and asked him to speak on the sudden closure of Feher Rubbish Removal Company.

Mr. Sheppard said since Feher Rubbish suddenly closed, its been very confusing for everyone. He said garbage is still in their trucks, in dumpsters and in roll-offs and has yet to be removed. Now people are bringing trash and leaving it at their Geneva location and the odor is terrible. Mr. Sheppard said a bank has put the business and property into receivership and hired Mr. Dale Pemberton, who until the closure of Feher Rubbish was previously operation manager for them.

Mr. Sheppard said that Mr. Pemberton is very knowledgeable on how the system works and his knowledge will be invaluable.

Supervisor Trout said the county and town have put concrete barriers and yellow warning tape to keep people from dumping garbage.

Code Enforcement, Jim Cleere, is sending a letter, dated tomorrow, May 22, to the Feher Rubbish Remover, Inc., owner, Mr. Larry Feher, citing multiple violations by his company .(copy of Mr. Cleere's letter appended to the minutes).

Jim said these violations must be remedied within 15 days from the date of the May 22<sup>nd</sup> letter. If this work is not performed and said violations are not remedied on or before the expiration of these 15 days, Feher Rubbish owner, Mr. Larry Feher will be summoned to appear before the Town Court of the Town of Waterloo.

**PRIVELEDGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Mr. John Morabito, Fire Chief of the Border City Fire District, addressed the board and thanked Councilman Strader and Councilman Thomas for keeping them informed of issues on water and hydrant issues. Chief Morabito said that Councilman Strader asked him to attend tonight's meeting to address adapters for the water hydrants and to give a demonstration to the Board as to how they work. Chief Morabito said the fire department would like to buy 45 of these at a unit cost of \$85.50, totaling \$3,847.50.

He stressed that by having these adapters; it allows the firefighters the ability to connect the hoses to hydrants in seconds which can prove lifesaving when seconds count.

Supervisor Trout said after tonight's meeting, they could give the board a demonstration as to how they work.

Mr. George Poorman addressed the board concerned about the water and sewer rate increases. First of all he commented that a letter should have been sent out with the water bills instead of just putting public notices in the paper to let people know about the increases.

Supervisor Trout told Mr. Poorman that the notification was done according to Town Law.

Mr. Poorman asked how the water rates were calculated and brought a copy of his bill and said he was confused as to the calculations.

Supervisor Trout told Mr. Poorman said he would meet anytime with him to go over his water bill but not on a board meeting night.

Mr. Theodore Roybal from the State of New Mexico, addressed the board, and said they are Vietnam Veterans who have come to honor Waterloo as Waterloo is the Birth Place of Memorial Day. Mr. Roybal also said that they are honoring the creator Yahveh, the true Hebrew name for God. Mr. Roybal also presented the Board with two plaques which said that they wish to declare, decree, and proclaim to this nation that as of this day they will Honor the Creator and Sustainer of the universe with his true, proper and abiding name which is Yhvh.

Supervisor Trout accepted the plaques and thanked Mr. Roybal for the presentation.

#### **2018-048**

Councilman Pfeiffer made the motion to approve the consent agenda as follows: Councilman Rodger seconded the motion.

Approval of Minutes – April 30, 2018

Approval of the Town Clerk's Monthly Report

Approval of the Canine Report

Approval of the Bills:

GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE	\$39,122.24
GENERAL – PART TOWN	909.69
HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	3,612.83
HIGHWAY – PART TOWN	2,130.16
WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT #1	12,831.08
BORDER CITY LIGHT DISTRICT	2,004.97

WATERLOO SEWER DISTRICT #1	1,141.84
5 AND 20 SEWER DISTRICT	4,393.90
BURGESS ROAD WATER DISTRICT	13,631.32
BORDER CITY WATER DISTRICT	11,739.78
BREWER ROAD SOUTH	1,289.22
RTE. 96, REED, HECKER, MILLS, KINGS WD 5	240.00
TOTAL	93,047.03
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND	32,058.75
TOTAL	125,105.78

**AYE**

**NAE**

Supervisor Trout  
 Councilman Pfeiffer  
 Councilman Rodger  
 Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Trout asked the board members if they had looked at the bid from MRB on the Town's Zoning Codes. No response was made by any board members, so Supervisor Trout moved on to New Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2018-049**

Councilman Strader made the motion to approve one application for the Community Development Homeowners Grant. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

**AYE**

**NAE**

Supervisor Trout  
 Councilman Pfeiffer  
 Councilman Rodger  
 Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

**2018-050**

Councilman Rodger made the motion to approve an increase for Sewer District #1 from \$45.00 to a new minimum charge of \$92.30, effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. This is an increase of \$47.30. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

**AYE**

**NAE**

Supervisor Trout  
 Councilman Pfeiffer  
 Councilman Rodger  
 Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

**2018-051**

Councilman Pfeiffer made the motion to approve an increase for Sewer District #2 to \$110.00, effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

**AYE**

**NAE**

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Rodger  
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

**2018-052**

Councilman Rodger made the motion to approve an overall increase of 36 percent to all water districts in the town, also effective September 1, 2018. Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

**AYE**

**NAE**

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Rodger  
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

**2018-053**

Councilman Rodger made the motion to approve Mr. Carl Altemari to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Alex Barberi, to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

**AYE**

**NAE**

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Rodger  
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

**2018-054**

Councilman Rodger made the motion to appropriate \$2000.00 to the Waterloo Youth Baseball League for the years 2017 and 2018. Councilman Strader seconded the motion.

**AYE**

**NAE**

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Rodger  
Councilman Strader

The motion was carried.

**2018-055**

Councilman Pfeiffer made the motion to appropriate \$1200.00 each to the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars and \$1200.00 to the Waterloo American Legion for the years 2017 and 2018 for a total of \$2400.00. Councilman Rodger seconded the motion.

**AYE**

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Rodger  
Councilman Strader

**NAE**

The motion was carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Strader asked Highway Superintendent, Joe Mull, what the time frame for the Route 96 Restoration Project. Joe said as soon as they can finish up the hydrant work on Route 96, Mr. Thurston can begin the restoration project.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Assessor, Jim Cleere** said tomorrow night is Grievance Night for the Town of Waterloo Homeowners from 4 to 8 PM. This gives homeowners a last chance to grieve their latest assessment.

Jim also gave a handout from McCormick Engineering, on an evaluation he performed on the Town Hall Roof on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and why he felt it was an emergency to have the roof replaced as soon as possible. He said there were several large leaks, signs of water damage and structural elements of the roof were damp but appeared to be in fair condition. Mr. McCormick said in his opinion the roof should be fixed immediately to prevent further damage to the building and eliminate the resulting risks to the building occupants.

Jim said Mr. McCormick suggested Zeiset's Construction. Jim said for several years he had previously tried to get several other contractors to bid on the roof, however, they weren't interested in doing a municipal job.

**Highway Superintendent, Joe Mull** said that our Town and the City of Geneva will be blacktopping Pre-Emption Street and our share of that cost is about \$22,000.00. Joe said Geneva would like to do this in June.

Joe gave an update on the Seneca-Cayuga Trail and said they are still waiting for Finger Lakes Rail to finish the crossing. Joe also said he is waiting for the drawing on the signs that have to be done and he said there are many signs that have to be installed.

Mr. Pat Nicoletta, MRB Project Engineer for the trail said he brought the sketches for the signs and will give to Joe. He also said he spoke with representatives from Finger Lakes Rail last week and they indicated to him that they will try to get out to the trail this week and are planning on doing a concrete plank crossing instead of a wood crossing. Mr. Nicoletta said he would try to get a firm date from the railroad as to when they will be finished.

Pat also said he tried to get in touch with Mr. Marcus Reale, who is the State Engineer for State Parks, regarding the fencing for the trail. Pat said he was unavailable but he talked to Mr. Reale's supervisor and he said they would be on site in a day or two to find out what kind of fencing they want. Joe said originally they wanted a split rail but they are considering something different. The State Park They will purchase the fencing and the town will do the installation.

Mr. Nicoletta said they will do a walk-thru soon with the contractor and County Manager, Mr. John Shepherd also expressed an interest in also doing the walk-thru and he had a few concerns.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:**

Supervisor Trout said at the June 25<sup>th</sup>, meeting a resolution will be presented to re-establish the standard work day for reporting purposes to the New York State Retirement System. This action has to be announced 30 days prior to the resolution.

Supervisor Trout also reminded everyone about the upcoming Memorial Day Parades on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**2018-056**

Councilman Rodger made the motion to enter in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Councilman Pfeiffer seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Rodger  
Councilman Strader

NAE

The motion was carried.

The Town Board entered into Executive Session at 8:15 PM.

The Town Board came out of Executive Session at 8:50 PM and no action was taken.

**2018-057**

Councilman Pfeiffer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM. Councilman Rodger seconded the motion.

AYE

Supervisor Trout  
Councilman Pfeiffer  
Councilman Rodger  
Councilman Strader

NAE

The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra L. Ridley  
Town Clerk