

**Town of Sennett  
Board Meeting  
July 12, 2011**

Minutes of the Town of Sennett Town Board meeting held on Tuesday July 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Sennett Town Office Building, 6931 Cherry Street Road.

Members Present: Jeffrey Herrick, Supervisor

Marion Cool, Councilwoman

Jeffrey Gage, Councilman

John O'Connell, Councilman

Also Present: Kris LaPointe, Highway Superintendent

Ronald Schalck, W&S Maintenance Mechanic

Riccardo Galbato, Esq.

Absent: Jerrold Eades, Councilman

Recording Secretary: Penelope Dennis, Town Clerk

The meeting is opened by the Supervisor with the pledge to the flag.

Communications: 1) From NYS Office of Children & Family Services – Advising the Town that the Harriet Tubman Residential Center, located at 6706 Pine Ridge Road, will permanently close on or before August 31, 2011. The town will make contact to discuss the water tower that is located on that property. 2) From the Town of Brutus – A copy of the changes approved to the Brutus Recreation Commission By-Laws, requesting the Supervisor's signature. A motion is made by Councilman Gage to approve this request and authorize the Supervisor to sign the By-Laws, seconded by Councilman O'Connell, 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, carried.

Public Forum: opened on a motion by Councilman O'Connell, seconded by Councilman Gage, 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, carried. Jerry Patience, John Smith Avenue - questions if there is a way to notify residents when there is a water main break, with the water shut off. Doesn't think the town was aware that his area was without water. There is discussion on this, various options were also discussed. Frank Graham, Franklin Street Road – still is not in support of the water district users to be charged for the new meters. Feels there are other ways to gather information. Jim Jeffers, Weedsport-Sennett Road – questions if the districts will be charged, yes. Will the charge be a separate line item, and who pays for the large meters? Councilman O'Connell, explains that all the districts are losing money, borrow to pay for the meters. Up to two inch meters will be replaced, larger meters – only replacing the heads. Jim Jeffers – each district pays for each district's meters or will it be 750 meters cost ÷ 750 meters used. Bigger meters have a bigger lose. Large meters will be tested. The cemetery usage is discussed. Jerry Patience questions how we know if the city's meters are accurate? The town's meters are calibrated annually. Motion is made by Councilman O'Connell to close the Public Forum, seconded by Councilwoman Cool, 4 ayes 0 nays and 1 absent, carried.

Water Meters: The following bids were received:

| Company   | BID           |
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| Master Meter Inc<br>101 Regency Parkway<br>Mansfield TX 76063<br>817.842.8000   | \$ 169,133.30 |
| Exter Supply Co, Inc<br>117 Prospect Street<br>Reading PA 19606<br>610.779.4230 | \$ 174,776.00 |
| Belair Road Supply<br>PO Box 379<br>Frankford DE 19945<br>302.732.9200          | \$ 173,153.35 |

Resolution 2011-071211a is made by Councilman O'Connell to accept the lowest bid, \$169,133.30 from MasterMeter Inc. Councilwoman Cool asks for an explanation of the difference. Discussed. Resolution seconded by Councilman Gage, roll call vote: Councilman Eades absent, Councilman O'Connell yes, Councilwoman Cool yes, Councilman Gage yes and Supervisor Herrick yes, carried.

Richard Ward, Cuddy & Ward, is present to go over the recent audit that his company performed. Internal controls are effective; the town is working on bringing down their excess fund balance. There is discussion on this; the recommendation is for 25% in a fund balance. The fund balance can be used to pay for the new water meters as a loan to the water districts, with a fair market interest rate for a length of time not greater than the useful life of the meters. There is discussion on the fund balance – depending on the future of the sales tax; there are different options for its use.

New Business: Panera Bread hopes to open the second week in August. Also, Olive Garden is considering locations on Grant Avenue.

A town employee picnic is discussed. Motion by Councilman Gage, seconded by Councilwoman Cool to approve this with a \$250.00 budget, 4 ayes 0 nays and 1 absent, carried.

Department Reports: Judge Timian reports \$3,760.00 for June 2011. Judge Riley reports \$5,065.00 for June 2011. Town Clerk reports \$1,305.70 for June 2011. Highway Superintendent

LaPointe reports the following: shoulder repair, oil and stoning, brush pickup, mowing, repairing bad spots, speed signs have been out and about, new F-450 is in, Town of Brutus purchased the 2001 International, and a very special thank you to Dan Short for the repair to the clutch on the Koering with a savings of \$\$\$\$ to the town. The old 450 – possibly to an International auction with the purchaser paying the premium. Two new street lights are discussed. Resolution 2011-71211b is made by Councilman John O’Connell to have the below mentioned street lights installed, seconded by Councilman Jeffrey Gage. Roll call vote: Councilwoman Cool yes; Councilman Gage yes; Councilman O’Connell yes, Supervisor Herrick yes and Councilman Eades absent. Carried. 1) Intersection of Quincy Hill Road and US Rte 20: 1-250w HPS Cobra Head Light at an annual cost of \$78.12; with a 12 foot bracket, and using 214 ft of duplex wire at a cost of \$605.35 to be paid upon installation. 2) Intersection of Potter Road and NYS Rte 34: 1-250w HPS Cobra Head Light at an annual cost of \$78.12; with a 12 foot bracket.

W&S Maintenance Mechanic Schalck reports the following: there was a wiring problem at the Quincy Hill pump station; locating, Soil & Water used 1.5 million gallons to fill a tank, doing leak detection, read meters, lubricating hydrants, inspect the water tank as per the DOH, a waiver needs to be signed to do smoke testing on Rte. 5. The possibility of extending the water down Healy Road is discussed. There is one property owner that wants the water to their property, is it feasible to extend to the remaining properties at this time? There are four lots total, 650' ±, includes 4 curb stops, \$8000.00 for materials. There will be continued discussion on this. Attorney Galbato offers some suggestions for notifying residents of water breaks. These will be checked into.

The abstract in the following amounts is approved on a motion made by Councilman Gage, seconded by Councilwoman Cool, 4 ayes 0 nays and 1 absent, carried.

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| A:  | \$ 25,400.10 | W1: | \$ 26,724.61 |
| DA: | 100,703.48   | W2: | 13,938.66    |
| S1: | 13,445.53    | W3: | 21,971.74    |
| S2: | 22,166.17    | W5: | 139.47       |
| L1: | 190.06       | W6: | 7,647.52     |
| L2: | 55.56        | W7: | 145.89       |

Minutes of the previous meetings are approved on a motion made by Councilman Gage, seconded by Councilwoman Cool, 4 ayes 0 nays and 1 absent, carried.

Supervisor Herrick calls for an Executive Session, reading the following reasons: a. matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed; b. any matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer; c. information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed; d.

discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation; e. collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law;

f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;

g. the preparation, grading or administration of examinations; and h. the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof. Motion made by Councilman O'Connell, seconded by Councilman Gage to enter into Executive Session, 4 ayes 0 nays and 1 absent, carried.

Motion made by Councilman O'Connell, seconded by Councilman Gage to come out of Executive Session, 4 ayes 0 nays and 1 absent, carried.

Motion made by Councilman O'Connell to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Gage, 4 ayes 0 nays and 1 absent, carried.

Next meeting will be August 9, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Penelope Dennis*, Town Clerk  
Town of Sennett