

Town of Sennett  
Board Meeting  
September 20, 2011

Minutes of the Town of Sennett Town Board meeting held on Tuesday September 20, 2011 at the Sennett Town Office Building, 6931 Cherry Street Road.

Members Present: Jeffrey Herrick, Supervisor  
                          Jerrold Eades, Councilman  
                          Marion Cool, Councilwoman  
                          Jeffrey Gage, Councilman  
                          John O'Connell, Councilman

Also Present:       Ronald Schalck, W&S Maintenance Mechanic  
Recording Secretary: Penelope Dennis, Town Clerk

Meeting is opened by the Supervisor with the pledge to the flag.

Communications: From the Town of Brutus requesting funding for the Recreation Committee. Tricia Cady briefly explains the program. It runs from 9 AM to Noon, with swimming, indoor and outdoor activities and special days. This will be further discussed at Budget meetings.

A motion is made to open the Public Forum by Councilman Eades, seconded by Councilman O'Connell, 5 ayes and 0 nays, carried. Terry Lattimore, Town of Owasco; interested in the new meter system that the town is installing, with the possibility of integrating with the town. Mr. Lattimore will discuss this further with Ron Schalck, Engineer Doug Miller and Councilman O'Connell. Willing to work together. The public Forum is closed on a motion made by Councilman Eades, seconded by Councilman O'Connell, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

Old Business: On September 28<sup>th</sup> representatives from the state are coming for an initial walk through of the Harriet Tubman Residential Center. Most board members will be available to meet there. Snow plowing and fire protection are two areas of concern. Supervisor Herrick states that he was contacted by Harriet Tubman's grandniece requesting the sign. Supervisor Herrick will check on this.

New Business: Speed control on Turnpike Road: Tricia Cady has a petition requesting this reduction. There are eight bus stops on Turnpike Road between Rte. 34 and Potter Road. Now with a new business on the corner, younger children in the area, more traffic, there is more of a chance of an accident occurring. Ms. Cady feels that this is the next step that is needed. Supervisor Herrick reads the following resolution: The Town Board of the Town of Sennett and the County Superintendent of Highways of the

County of Cayuga, hereby request the Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on Turnpike Road, between Rte. 34, (North Street Road) and Rte. 38, (State Street Road). The Resolution was made by Councilman Eades, seconded by Councilman Gage. Roll Call Vote: Councilman Eades voting yes, Councilwoman Cool voting yes, Councilman Gage voting yes, Councilman O'Connell voting yes and Supervisor Herrick voting yes, unanimously carried. Mark Miller suggests that the "Speed Monitoring" signs be put in that area for awhile.

Councilman O'Connell discusses the consolidation meeting. There are three items of interest. 1) Verbal commitment to proceed with the grant = \$800,000.00; 2) Bulk customer or 3) Lease Management – can walk away at any time. Councilman Eades questions if consolidation questions need to be part of a referendum – not at this time. Bulk user has no say in any issues or decisions. Discussion on this continues.

Reports: Judge Timian reports \$4,740.00 for August 2011. Judge Riley reports \$4,080.00 for August 2011. The Town Clerk reports \$4,378.32 for August 2011. Highway Superintendent LaPointe reports they have repaired a cross culvert, two trucks to assist Weedsport, Spafford and Owasco; road repair on Taylor Road; cut trees; cemetery and roadside mowing; paved Miller Road, oil and chipped Old Parcell Road and Taylor Road with assistance from Owasco, Brutus, Aurelius, Niles and Spafford. The 2005 F-450 was put on Auctions International on September 19<sup>th</sup>. W&S Maintenance Mechanic Schalck reports that the water samples for WD#3 and WD#6 have come back within normal ranges. This may result in not needing to do these tests quarterly. He has been flushing WD#7 weekly, hopefully cooler weather will but an end to this need. Repaired a leak in a service line on Rte. 5. Two day training for the new meter system. And they continue to install new meters – approximately 200 ± installed to date. Supervisor Herrick states that he has talked to a metal/scrap dealer interested in buying the old meters. Councilman Gage has information from the Public Service Commission concerning NYS Lifeline – Discounted Telephone Service. Councilman Gage also reminds the board of the needed transfers for the Highway Department.

The abstract in the following amounts is approved for payment on a motion made by Councilman O'Connell, seconded by Councilman Gage, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

A:	\$ 56,069.26	WD#1:	\$ 9,971.03
DA:	16,512.80	WD#2:	9,199.90
S1:	6,998.88	WD#3:	25,146.73
S2:	3,479.95	WD#5:	65.10

L1:	201.95	WD#6;	4,431.30
L2:	59.59	WD#7:	1,551.31

The Assessor position was discussed. Councilman Eades questions the necessary procedure. A local law will be written for next month. Is a referendum needed to eliminate the position?

Supervisor Herrick reads the requirements to enter into Executive Session; a motion is made to enter into Executive Session by Councilman Eades, seconded by Councilman Gage, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried. Motion is made by Councilman Eades to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Gage, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried. A motion is made by Councilman Eades, seconded by Councilman Gage to appoint Howard Tanner, as Code Enforcement Officer until January 31, 2012 at \$20.00 per hour and mileage at \$.51 per mile. Mr. Tanner will need to submit his resignation from the Planning Board, a Certificate of Insurance and a copy of his DBA, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

Supervisor Herrick requests permission to attend the Planning Federation Conference October 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> with reimbursement for conference expenses. While there he will meet with an attorney that will advise the town on their telecommunication agreements. A motion is made by Councilman O'Connell, seconded by Councilman Eades to approve Supervisor Herrick's conference attendance, 4 ayes 0 nays Councilman Gage abstains. A motion is made by Councilman Eades for the meeting with the attorney, (with his fees not exceeding \$3,000.00), seconded by Councilwoman Cool, 4 ayes 0 nays, Councilman Gage abstains, carried.

Meeting adjourned on a motion made by Councilman O'Connell, seconded by Councilwoman Cool, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Penelope Dennis*, Town Clerk

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