

**Sennett Town Board Meeting**  
**October 18, 2011**

Minutes of the Town of Sennett Town Board meeting held on Tuesday October 18, 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

Kristopher LaPointe, Highway Superintendent

Riccardo Galbato, Esq.

Recording Secretary: Penelope Dennis, Town Clerk

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

Communications: 1) From the Town of Brutus, Public Hearing on a proposed zone change to be held on November 5, 2011. 2) From the Sennett Fire Department: re: the water tank on Rte 5. They would like it to be put back on line. 3) From the NYS DEC: Mining permit information regarding the mining application received from Cementco.

Public Forum: Opened on a motion made by Councilman Eades, seconded by Councilman O'Connell, 5 ayes 0 nays, carries. Sylvia Wilson questions the delay in posting of minutes on the website. Motion to close public forum is made by Councilman O'Connell, seconded by Councilman Eades, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

Highway Superintendent LaPointe reports that the 2005 F450 was sold for \$22,600.00. Superintendent LaPointe has received a bid of \$2,225.00 to replace the gutters on the east end of the office building. Speed signs were set up on Turnpike Road; trees were cut down on Center Street and Walker Road by Cranebrook Tree Service; mowed roadsides and cemeteries; fall clean up was a success, (no final totals yet); continuing brush pick-up. The County snow plowing contract was discussed. It is proposed at 2% increase plus a salt and fuel surcharge payment. Zero on the consolidation – no grant was received – no need at the present. A motion is made by Councilman O'Connell for the Highway Superintendent to proceed with the lowest quote for the gutter repairs, after obtaining two more quotes, and have them installed, seconded by Councilman Eades, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

New Business: The following resolution is made by Councilman O'Connell: To schedule a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2011 for the Conversion from Three Elected Assessors to One Appointed Assessor on November 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Sennett, 6931 Cherry

Street Road, Auburn, New York. Seconded by Councilman Gage, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried. There will be a budget workshop on October 26, 2011. The Public Hearing for the 2012 Budget will be held on Tuesday November 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Sennett Town Office Building. The ZBA has requested that an attorney be appointed to assist with request they have before the board for a use variance for property located on the corner of Kenwood Road and East Genesee Street Road. Attorney Galbato explains the requirements that need to be met for the issuance of a use variance. Councilman O'Connell questions with the number of churches in Sennett, what will happen to these buildings if they cannot be sold as an allowable use? Tom Ambrose states that the neighbors don't own these buildings, times change, look at the possible hazards, look into the future, changes are needed. Mark Miller asks what can be done; abandoned buildings can turn into a hazard. There is discussion on this issue. Jim Jeffers states the zoning needs to be changed, if the sale falls through, then what, consider taxes. More discussion. A motion is made by Councilman Eades, seconded by Councilwoman Cool to appoint Riccardo Galbato as the attorney for the Town of Sennett Zoning Board of Appeals, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried. A letter has been received from Howard Tanner stating his resignation from the Sennett Planning Board due to his appointment as the Code Enforcement Officer. A motion is made by Councilman O'Connell to accept Mr. Tanner's resignation, seconded by Councilman Eades, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried. A motion is made by Councilman O'Connell to appoint Richard Phillips to the vacant position on the planning board, seconded by Councilman Eades, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried. A motion is made by Councilman Gage, seconded by Councilman O'Connell that the town run an ad requesting town residents that are interested in being on the ZBA and/or Planning Board to send a letter on interest, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

Department Reports: Judge Timian reports \$3,845.00 for October 2011. Judge Riley reports \$3,020.00 for October 2011. The Town Clerk reports \$1,103.96 for October 2011. There have been accidents in front of the plaza on Grant Avenue, what can be done? A letter from the Supervisor to the NYS DOT requesting a stop light be installed and referencing the numerous accidents etc. was recommended. Water & Sewer Maintenance Mechanic Schalck reports: 1 leak repaired, hydrants repaired. Pit at 84 Lumber to service the new Church being built was started. THE responsibility for the 6" service line was discussed. After meter installation, the church will be responsible. Water samples have been taken, continuing to flush the WD#7 line, meters were read, and approximately 300 of the new meters have been installed. The replacement of the pressure reducing valve located near 84 Lumber was discussed. Should the size be increased to an 8" valve? W&S Maintenance Mechanic Schalck will get quotes for this. Water issues remaining at the new Panera bread were discussed in length. This will be reviewed by Attorney Galbato. Willie Quigley, Auburn Truck Repair, is present with questions on his property that he rents on Mutton Hill Road. RJL washes trucks at this location; the water does not go into the sewer. He would like a break on his sewer bill. There is discussion on this and the various options available. Councilman O'Connell volunteers to meet Mr. Quigley on site to discuss various options. SAVES is requesting a donation from the town. This will be discussed at the budget workshop. Attorney Galbato requests that an appraisal be done on the Buckeye property; he recommends Klauk, Lloyd and Wilhelm Inc., Real Estate Appraisers and Consultants, for an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00. There is discussion on this matter. Is it only the tanks that will be appraised? The Appraisal needs to be completed by November 15, 2011. Costs are discussed – approximately \$2000.00 ± up \$4,000.00 to represent the town. General fund cost, there is more discussion and explanations of this. By law the appraisal is needed. Jerry Sankey – protect the taxpayers. Terry Lattimore - states that Owasco deals with the same issues. The towns should meet with the County and the school districts for joint challenges. A motion is made by Councilwoman Cool to contract with K LW for an appraisal of the Buckeye property, seconded by Councilman Gage. Roll Call vote: Councilman Eades yes, Councilwoman Cool yes, Councilman Gage

yes, Councilman O'Connell no and Supervisor Herrick yes, carried. The Zoning revision committee is nearing the end stage of their process. There will be a hydro-fracturing informational meeting on October 25, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Sennett Fire House on Franklin Street Road.

A motion is made by Councilman Eades to pay the abstract in the following amounts, seconded by Councilman O'Connell, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

A:	\$ 21,560.56	W1:	2,053.31
DA:	110,856.64	W2:	5,080.42
L1:	209.71	W3:	24,916.38
L2:	61.59	W5:	64.52
S1:	7,835.56	W6:	3,567.36
S2:	1,806.17	W7:	334.39

Minutes of the October meeting are approved on a motion made by Councilman Eades, seconded by Councilman O'Connell, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman O'Connell, seconded by Councilman Gage, 5 ayes 0 nays, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Penelope Dennis*, Town Clerk

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