

WEST SENECA TOWN OFFICES
1250 Union Road
West Seneca, NY 14224

TOWN BOARD PROCEEDINGS
Work Session
December 16, 2013

Supervisor Meegan called the work session to order at 3:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Chief Denz.

ROLL CALL: Present - Sheila M. Meegan Supervisor
Eugene P. Hart Councilman
John F. Rusinski Councilman
Shawn P. Martin Town Attorney
Jacqueline A. Felser Town Clerk
John Gullo Code Enforcement Officer
Matthew D. English Highway Supt.
Daniel Denz Police Chief
Patrick Clancy Finance Director
Jason Foote Town Engineer
Craig Kroll Recreation Director
Matthew Melski YES Director

Supervisor Meegan read the Fire Prevention Code instructing the public where to exit in case of a fire or an emergency.

I-EVOLVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

- Kevin Kelly of I-Evolve Technology referred to a previous work session where he presented an overview of services I-Evolve provides to the town and stated the citrix server currently used by the town is antiquated, out of hard drive space and causing issues. He proposed migrating the 24 users on the server to a cloud environment that already exists. The cost for this transition is a one-time charge of \$11,745 for hardware and software, an ongoing monthly charge of \$816 and annual Microsoft fees of \$2,592. Benefits include an increase in productivity and the ability of users to move from building to building. Mr. Kelly noted the purchase is under NYS contract pricing.

Councilman Hart requested a total net cost for everything and questioned if it was necessary to bid this out.

Mr. Kelly stated he will provide a net cost for everything and noted that operational costs are included in the price but user costs are part of the maintenance contract.

Town Attorney Shawn Martin stated the equipment cost is under NYS contract pricing so it is not necessary to bid this out. The cost for services is separate, but the town is under contract with I-Evolve and he did not know when that contract expired.

Councilman Rusinski questioned if the Police Department uses the same server and Chief Denz responded the Police Department is on a separate system as required by state and federal agencies.

YES DIRECTOR MATTHEW MELSKI

- Matthew Melski gave an overview of the YES Program, a volunteer program designed for youth between the ages of 12 and 18, and stated his goal was to analyze the value of the program and create a strategic plan for its longevity. Mr. Melski stated the program provides a variety of services by hosting community events as well as assisting local organizations with activities. It receives strong community support and is valued by the agencies it assists. Current membership is on the rise and more than 20 volunteers are active on a regular basis. In addition to monthly activities, Mr. Melski recommended the YES Program continue to focus on hosting large scale seasonal events (i.e. Breakfast with Santa), establish an advisory board and create a membership guide.

Supervisor Meegan thanked Mr. Melski and complimented him on the outstanding success of the Breakfast with Santa event that took place December 15th.

Councilman Rusinski commended Mr. Melski for the work he has done with the YES Program. Councilman Hart also commended Mr. Melski for a fine job and apologized for his initial reservations when the appointment of YES Director was made.

Recreation Director Craig Kroll commented on Mr. Melski's previous experience with the YES program and complimented his work, noting he welcomed the opportunity of combining the YES Program with the Recreation Department. Mr. Kroll thought that eliminating the program would be a loss to the community and stated many of the volunteers use the YES program for required service hours.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER JOHN GULLO

- Reminded residents and business owners to shovel their sidewalks, noting that if sidewalks are not cleared within 24 hours after a storm a violation letter is sent.

Highway Supt. Matthew English stated the Buildings and Grounds Department clears all town sidewalks and assists on state and county bridges when possible.

Supervisor Meegan commented on a portable hand held ticket issuance device that is affordable and available on state bid, noting the device received mixed comments after being purchased by the City of Lackawanna.

CHIEF DENZ

- Requested an executive session with board members to discuss personnel matters
- Follow up on speed adjustments around local schools - NYSDOT is conducting a traffic study; Chief Denz will be meeting with Assemblyman Kearns and West Seneca School Sup't. Dr. Crawford some time in the near future to discuss their findings.

TOWN ATTORNEY SHAWN MARTIN

- Requested executive session for a real estate matter.
- Issues with old phone lines at Town Hall that are tied to alarms. Equipment is no longer available for these lines and he suggested eliminating or updating alarms so they can be properly maintained. Chief Denz commented the system is archaic and instituted around 1993 when individuals were allowed to have a direct alarm line into the police station. The town will need to notify the dozen or so entities still receiving this service if it is to be discontinued. Code Enforcement Officer John Gullo stated he worked on this issue with former Chief Gehen last year and letters were sent out.

RECREATION DIRECTOR CRAIG KROLL

- Day Camp planning is continuing to move forward. A safety plan application was sent to the Health Department for approval. He anticipates presenting a final plan to the Town Board for approval by the first week of February.

TOWN ENGINEER JASON FOOTE

- Dedication of Princeton Estates; street lighting is only item outstanding.
- Michael Road drainage issue - Engineering Department surveyed and came up with a design for a drainage swale that was supposed to be installed as part of the site plan for 236 Michael Road. Cost is more than \$10,000 for time and material and money is not available in Engineering or Highway budgets. The problem is really a neighbor issue and neighbors should share the cost.

COUNCILMAN HART

- Farmer's market planning is going well; more than twenty vendors are interested; he will discuss setting dates with Town Attorney Shawn Martin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to recess to Executive Session at 3:50 P.M. to discuss six labor issues and a real estate matter.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Board members returned from Executive Session at 4:15 P.M.

The work session concluded at 4:15 P.M.



JACQUELINE A FELSER, TOWN CLERK