

Supervisor Sheila M. Meegan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with 30 seconds of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Amy Kobler.

ROLL CALL: Present - Sheila M. Meegan Supervisor
Eugene P. Hart Councilman
William P. Hanley, Jr. Councilman
Absent - None

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

The meeting was dedicated to the memory of Leonard Norelli, Peter I. Certo, Kelly Africano, Michael McGuire and NYS Trooper Joel Davis.

13-A MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

- Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to approve Minutes #2017-12 of June 26, 2017.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

13-B LEGAL NOTICES

1. Proofs of publication and posting of legal notice: "OF THE ADOPTED BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WEST SENECA, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "TOWN"), AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF INTEGRATED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTING SYSTEM SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE; ESTIMATING THAT THE TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$300,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION" in the Town of West Seneca, received and filed.
2. Proofs of publication and posting of legal notice: "OF RECEIPT OF THE NEW YORK STATE ANNUAL UPDATE DOCUMENT OF THE TOWN OF WEST SENECA FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2016 AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2016 WHICH WAS COMPILED BY R.A. MERCER & CO., P.C." in the Town of West Seneca, received and filed.

13-C TABLED ITEMS

1. Town Attorney re Restricted use permit for Jim Collins Heating & Cooling, Inc. Remained on the table.
2. Recreation Supervisor re Agreement with South Buffalo Rugby Remained on the table.

13-D COMMUNICATIONS

1. Supervisor Meegan re Sound barriers request

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to adopt the attached resolution supporting a request for sound barriers for the Town of West Seneca.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried
APPENDICES

2. Supervisor Meegan re Appointment of Samantha Gawronski, Jacob Kobler and Emily Baker to the Youth Board

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to appoint Samantha Gawronski, Jacob Kobler and Emily Baker to the West Seneca Youth Board effective immediately.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

3. Town Engineer re Mechanical System Controls at West Seneca Community Center & Library

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the necessary documents to enter into a contract with U & S Services in the amount of \$110,695.08 for the mechanical systems controls hookup and programming at the West Seneca Community Center & Library.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

4. Highway Sup't. re Termination of Cody Schmidt as part-time seasonal laborer

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to terminate Cody Schmidt as part-time seasonal laborer in the Highway Department effective May 29, 2017 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

5. Highway Sup't. re Termination of Nathaniel Stupak as part-time seasonal laborer

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to terminate Nathaniel Stupak as part-time seasonal laborer in Buildings & Grounds effective June 28, 2017 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

13-D COMMUNICATIONS

6. Chief Denz re Retirement of Detective Kenneth Morano

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to accept the retirement of Detective Kenneth Morano effective July 28, 2017 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel, noting Detective Morano has served the Town of West Seneca for the past 30 years and will be missed.

On the question, Chief Denz noted Detective Morano was one of the original D.A.R.E Officers and also initiated the school resource officer program.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

7. Chief Denz re Appointment of James Kocieniewski as Detective

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to appoint Officer James Kocieniewski to the rank of Detective effective July 11, 2017 at an annual salary of \$87,930.24 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

8. Chief Denz re Leave of absence for Christopher Bednasz

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve a leave of absence for Christopher Bednasz from his position of Police Officer from July 16, 2017 – July 15, 2018 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

On the question, Chief Denz stated Officer Bednasz will be entering the NYS Trooper Academy.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

9. Chief Denz re Resignation of Maria Ferucci part-time public safety dispatcher

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to accept the resignation of Maria Ferucci as part-time public safety dispatcher effective July 10, 2017 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

13-D COMMUNICATIONS

10. Town Attorney re Local Law
No. 4 – Sign Ordinance

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to schedule a public hearing on July 24, 2017 at 3:00 P.M. to hear all persons interested in Local Law No. 4 – Sign Ordinance amendments.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

13-E REPORTS

- Jacqueline A Felser, Town Clerk's report for June 2017 received and filed.

13-F APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve the vouchers submitted for audit, chargeable to the respective funds as follows: General Fund - \$202,674.76; Highway Fund - \$165,327.91; Special Districts - \$59,765.35; Capital Fund - \$30,949.65(vouchers 100282 - 100657) Trust - \$290,485.20 (vouchers 100267 - 100731)

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Andrew Ciepiela questioned if the number of traffic signals in town could be reduced or suggested they be changed to blinking yellow after 9 P.M. in order to help the flow of traffic and promote a cleaner environment. Supervisor Meegan stated she will share these ideas with NYSDOT, the county and the town's Traffic Committee.

SOUND BARRIERS

Linda Toy questioned if the sound barriers project will include Klas Avenue and the area off Indian Church Road and Supervisor Meegan responded these areas will be included.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

RECREATION UPDATES

Recreation Supervisor Lauren Masset stated all summer programs are up and running well. She welcomed the new Youth Board members and stated she looks forward to working with them to create positive youth development opportunities.

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PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to recess to executive session at 7:18 P.M. to discuss a litigation matter.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

The board members returned from executive session at 8:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

JACQUELINE A FELSER, TOWN CLERK

REQUEST FOR SOUND BARRIERS FOR WEST SENECA

WHEREAS, West Seneca needs and is entitled to sound barriers along busy state highways as other municipalities have, and

WHEREAS, sound barriers are needed along the New York State Thruway as it passes through various West Seneca residential areas such as the Paxford-Fairfax Area, the Emporium-Aurora area, the Bernadette Terrace-Fisher Court area, the Covington Gardens area, and along the Aurora Expressway (Route 400) where it borders the Freemont-Warren, Robin Lane and Summit Meadows areas. Some neighborhoods not only have Route 400 in their backyard but the Norfolk Southern Railway as well; causing double the disturbance and adverse health effects, and

WHEREAS, just as the Amherst-Williamsville area and the Lancaster-Depew-Cheektowaga areas have had sound barriers erected to alleviate traffic noise, so too should the areas in West Seneca which suffers from heavy traffic noise. West Seneca residents' quality of life and health are being negatively affected by the absence of sound barriers. Studies have shown residents living in high traffic areas are more likely to have higher levels of C-reactive protein. C-reactive protein may lead to various serious age-related diseases; including heart disease, some forms of cancer and neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. A panel of expert scientists looked at over 700 studies from around the world, examining the health effects. They concluded that traffic pollution causes asthma attacks in children, and may cause a wide range of other effects including: the onset of childhood asthma, impaired lung function, premature death and death from cardiovascular diseases, and cardiovascular morbidity. The area most affected, they concluded, was roughly 0.2 to 0.3 miles (300 to 500 meters) from the highway. A Danish study found that long-term exposure to traffic air pollution may increase the risk of developing chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and

WHEREAS, a formal request should be made to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) for such sound barriers for West Seneca,

NOW , THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the West Seneca Town Board does hereby request NYS DOT Region 5 Director Francis P. Cirillo and NYS DOT Commissioner Matthew J. Driscoll to examine the need for sound barriers for West Seneca residents and to give this body a report of their findings and their recommendations regarding this problem of traffic noise pollution in West Seneca, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Body, The West Seneca Town Board, would greatly appreciate this response within 90 days of passage of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to NYS DOT Region 5 Director Cirillo, NYS DOT Commissioner Driscoll and the members of the Western New York Delegation Serving in the Congress, Senate and Assembly, Congressman Brian Higgins, Senator Patrick Gallivan and Assemblyman Michael Kearns.



Hon. Sheila M. Meegan