TOWN BOARD PROCEEDINGS Minutes #2019-19 September 23, 2019

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 Councilman Hart.

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.

19-A MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to approve minutes from the September 9, 2019 work session.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve Minutes #2019-18 of September 9, 2019.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to approve minutes from the September 17, 2019 bid opening for Sidewalk Replacement Project – Zone 3.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

19-B LEGAL NOTICES

 Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, that proofs of publication and posting of legal notice: "OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE USE OF FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS" in the Town of West Seneca, be received and filed.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to open the public hearing.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

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19-B LEGAL NOTICES

1. (continued)

Highway Supt. Matthew English suggested work on Hilldale Avenue and Hillcrest Drive that run between Main Street and Seneca Street.

Supervisor Meegan stated they had looked at repairing the steps in front of Town Hall, but that project did not qualify at this time.

Councilman Hart questioned if any streets off Main Street on the east side of Union Road qualify and Mr. English responded he did not believe they did but would have to check the map.

No comments were received from the public.

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to close the public hearing.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

19-C PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COMMUNICATIONS

19-D COMMUNICATIONS

1. Town Engineer re 2019 Sidewalk Replacement Project Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to reject the bid from Kamholz Enterprises for the 2019 Sidewalk Replacement Project, noting they were the only bidder and their bid was significantly higher than the last two years.

On the question, Councilman Hart stated they will be rebidding this project in the spring.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

 Chief Denz re Resignation of Christopher Bednasz as Police Officer Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to accept the resignation of Christopher Bednasz from his position as Police Officer effective September 19, 2019 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

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19-D COMMUNICATIONS

3. Chief Denz re Appointment of Justin Zielinski as part-time public safety dispatcher

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to terminate part-time Buildings & Grounds laborer Justin Zielinski and appoint him part-time public safety dispatcher effective September 13, 2019 at a rate of \$15 per hour and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

 Chief Denz re Appointment of Matthew Wasierski as part-time public safety dispatcher Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to appoint Matthew Wasierski as part-time public safety dispatcher effective September 24, 2019 at a rate of \$15 per hour and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

5. Sr. Recreation Therapist of Sr. Services re Status change for Georgiann Busse to seasonal Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to change the status of part-time clerk typist Georgiann Busse to part-time seasonal effective October 1 — December 31, 2019 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Sr. Recreation Therapist of Sr. Services re Status change for MaryAnn Gullo to seasonal Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to change the status of part-time ceramic instructor MaryAnn Gullo to part-time seasonal effective October 1 — December 31, 2019 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

7. Sr. Recreation Therapist of Sr. Services re Status change for Carol Kennedy to seasonal

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to change the status of part-time food service worker Carol Kennedy to part-time seasonal effective October 1 — November 29, 2019 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

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19-D COMMUNICATIONS

8. Recreation Supervisor re Ice Rink use- Learn to Skate – 2019 – 2020 Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to authorize the Supervisor to execute the necessary documents to enter into an agreement with Joan Disbrow for use of the West Seneca Ice Rink for the Learn to Skate program for 2019-2020.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

 Recreation Supervisor re Recreation programs – fall/winter Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve the following recreation programs for the fall/winter 2019-2020 season:

Adult Skate Teen ½ Court Open Basketball Enchanted Path Open Public Skate Youth Open Gym Winter Warm-ups Breakfast w/ Santa

On the question, Councilman Hanley questioned the status of hiring staff for the programs and if some programs may be at risk. Recreation Supervisor Lauren Masset responded more employees are needed and there have been no applicants for the open interviews that have been scheduled. The ice rink programs may be delayed until there is sufficient staffing.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

10. Recreation Supervisor re Fall/winter appointments

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to appoint Gary Ersing and Alexandra Marshall as part-time Recreation Attendants at a rate of \$13.25 per hour and Elaine Corey as part-time Recreation Attendant at a rate of \$12.50 per hour effective October 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020 and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel, noting the positions will be paid from Salary of Laborers – part-time account #001.7140.0149.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

11. Town Attorney re Municipal Cooperation Agreement School Crossing Guard Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Supervisor to execute the Municipal Cooperation Agreement School Crossing Guards between the Town of West Seneca and the West Seneca School District:

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19-D COMMUNICATIONS

11. (continued)

Whereas, Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law permits municipal corporations to enter into agreements for the performance among themselves or one for the other of their respective functions, powers, and duties, on a cooperative or contract basis; and

Whereas, the Town of West Seneca School District wishes to have school crossing guards in place for the protection of school children going to and from school; and

Whereas, Section 208-a of the General Municipal Law specifically authorizes town authorities to designate, authorize, appoint and set salaries for school crossing guards; and

Whereas, Section 208-a of the General Municipal Law specifically authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with the Town by which it pays for certain portions of the salaries of the school crossing guards serving students of the District; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of West Seneca authorizes the Supervisor to execute the Municipal Cooperation Agreement School Crossing Guards between the Town of West Seneca and West Seneca School District.

On the question, Councilman Hanley advised the school district will pay the full salary for eight crossing guards from September through December. For January through the end of the school year, the town and school district will split the cost.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

19-E REPORTS

Jeffrey Schieber, Code Enforcement Officer's, building & plumbing report for August 2019 received and filed.

19-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 - \$187,702.45; Highway Fund - \$74,814.04; Sewer Fund - \$4152.57; Electric Lighting - \$363.98 (vouchers 6520 - 7639)

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

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ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

- James Manley of the West Seneca Veterans Committee questioned/commented on the following:
 - ✓ Orders are being accepted for bricks in the Walkway of Freedom until February 15, 2020. Order forms are available at the West Seneca Library, West Seneca Town Clerk's Office, American Legion Post 735 and online at www.wsvets.org. A computer will be available in the veterans annex behind Spot Coffee to assist in locating individual bricks placed in the walkway.
 - ✓ Questioned the status of the World War I & World War II monuments Town Attorney Tina Hawthorne responded she spoke with cemetery officials and all that needs to be set up is the transfer. Councilman Hart expressed concern with the Howitzer cannon as well as the flag pole and possible damage with relocating.
- A resident from Union Square Senior Complex at French Road and Union Road commented on the Benderson Development project that has created a problem at their entrance and asked the town to look into the matter. Supervisor Meegan responded Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Baksa will investigate the issue and will be in touch with the resident.
- A resident of Burchfield patio homes questioned the status of garbage pickup in their development and if residents can request a small tote. Supervisor Meegan stated garbage pickup will begin in January 2020. A memorandum of agreement allowing town vehicles to go on private property must be worked out. Highway Sup't. Matthew English stated a large garbage tote will be distributed to everyone and the Highway Department will swap them out if desired.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

SUPERVISOR MEEGAN

 Governor Cuomo is requesting that municipalities pay for cameras on school buses; the cost is approximately \$450 per bus with 72 buses needing cameras.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR LAUREN MASSET

■ Open interviews will be held Wednesday, September 26th, 3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. for fall/winter hires

TOWN ATTORNEY TINA HAWTHORNE

 Requested a public hearing on October 21, 2019 at 7 P.M. for Local Law No. 4, Tax Cap Override

COUNCILMAN HANLEY

Kate Lockhart of WNY Law Center will be at the November 4th work session at 3:00 P.M. with an update on zombie homes.

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PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to recess to executive session at 7:25 P.M. to discuss two police disciplinary issues.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Board members returned from executive session at 7:55 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

JACQUELINE A FELSER, TOWN CLERK