TOWN BOARD PROCEEDINGS Minutes #2019-21 October 21, 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 Highway Supt. Matthew English.

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 Mary Lou Hicks.

21-A MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to approve minutes from the October 7, 2019 work session.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve minutes from the 2020 Tentative Benefit Basis Budget & 2020 Tentative Ad Valorem Budget Meeting of October 7, 2019.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to approve Minutes #2019-20 of October 7, 2019.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

21-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 ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 4 FOR THE YEAR 2019, TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE" in the Town of West Seneca, be received and filed.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

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

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

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21-B LEGAL NOTICES

1. (continued)

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

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to adopt Local Law No. 4 of the year 2019 - Tax Levy Limit Override, in the Town of West Seneca.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

APPENDICES

21-C HELD OVER PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Meegan advised the public hearing is being held open for receipt of further comments.

21-D PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COMMUNICATIONS

- A resident referred to Item #1 and questioned who is being appointed as Planning & Zoning Board secretary. Supervisor Meegan responded Amy Kobler will be replacing Town Clerk Jacqueline Felser as secretary for the Planning Board and Zoning Board at the same salary.
- A resident referred to Item #6 and questioned which roof is being replaced. Supervisor Meegan advised this is the roof at the sewer station on Mineral Springs Road. Highway Supt. Matthew English stated six requests for proposals were sent out and three quotes were returned \$39,000, \$34,000 & \$31,000.

21-E COMMUNICATIONS

 Supervisor Meegan re Resignation of Jacqueline Felser as Planning Board & Zoning Board Secretary Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to accept the resignation of Jacqueline Felser as Planning Board secretary and Zoning Board secretary effective October 31, 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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21-E COMMUNICATIONS

1. (continued)

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to appoint Amy Kobler as Planning Board secretary and Zoning Board secretary effective November 1, 2019 at an annual salary of \$4300 per board and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

2. Councilman Hart re Library week

Councilman Hart offered the following proclamation in recognition of Library Week:

WHEREAS, Friends of the West Seneca Public Library raise money that enables our library to move from great to EXCEPTIONAL -- providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children's summer reading and special events throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the work of the West Seneca Friends of the Library highlights on an ongoing basis the fact that our library is the cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of lifelong learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present; and

WHEREAS, the Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory and children's services; and

WHEREAS, the Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I, Supervisor Shelia Meegan, along with Councilman William Hanley and Eugene P. Hart Jr. proclaim October 20-26, 2019 as Friends of Libraries Week in the Town of West Seneca, Erie County, State of New York and urge everyone to join the Friends of the Library and thank them for all they do to make our library and community a great place to live and learn.

Patricia Wass thanked the Town Board for acknowledging all their hard work to ensure the idea that libraries are for everyone. Mrs. Wass further thanked the West Seneca Bee for allowing space to the Friends of the Library in their weekly column.

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21-E COMMUNICATIONS

3. Chief Denz re Attendance at NYS Arson Investigators seminar

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to authorize Detective Lieutenant Kevin Baranowski to attend the NYS Arson Investigators seminar to be held at the NYS Academy of Fire Science in Montour Falls, NY, November 6-9, 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$375, noting this seminar is required to maintain his certification as arson investigator.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

4. Chief Denz re Attendance at NY Women in Law Enforcement training conference

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to authorize Officers Cheri McParlane and Abigail Rave to attend the NY Women In Law Enforcement training conference to be held in Saratoga Springs, NY, November 13-15, 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$800.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

5. Grant Writer re CDBG resolution

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to adopt the following resolution for use of Erie County Community Development Block Grant funds:

WHEREAS, following the September 23, 2019 public hearing that was held at the West Seneca Community Center for suggestions by the public for Community Development Block Grant projects to be submitted for funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the West Seneca Town Board submits the following project to be considered for funding by the Erie County Community Development Block Grant Program during the 2020-2021 grant cycle, requesting \$100,000 in CDBG funds: 1st Priority - Milling & Resurfacing Project for the following roadways - Duerstein Street (from Manhassett Street to the city line); Edson Street (from Manhassett Street to the city line); and Kirkwood Drive (from Seneca Street to Indian Church Road, noting these streets are all in CDBG-eligible areas; and be it further

RESOLVED, the West Seneca Town Board authorizes Town Supervisor Sheila M. Meegan to sign, submit and execute a contract with Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) Program for the cited projects upon approval of the ECCDBG; and be it further

RESOLVED, the West Seneca Town Board provides a 26 percent match of \$56,315.63 for the 1st Priority Project using \$25,000 in force account labor from the 2.5110.1 line item and \$31,315.63 in cash from the 2.5110.4 line item.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

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21-E COMMUNICATIONS

6. Director of Finance re Budget transfer request for repairs to Sanitation Department building roof

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to approve a budget transfer for necessary repairs to the Sanitation Department building roof in the amount of \$31,575 from the Contingency Account 01.1990.0480 to the Sanitation Repair and Maintenance Account 01.8160.0445.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

7. Recreation Supervisor re Appointments for fall/winter programs Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to appoint the following individuals as part-time Recreation Attendants with the corresponding rates of pay effective October 22, 2019 – May 31, 2020:

Scott Felser - \$13.25 Connor Heer - \$12.00 Justin Hodil - \$12.00 Jeffrey Klein - \$12.00 Max Koller - \$12.00 Katie Kostelny - \$12.00 Rachel Kostelny - \$13.75 Connor Schara - \$12.00 Jack Vanderwerf - \$12.00

and authorize the Supervisor to complete and sign the necessary forms for Erie County Personnel.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

Town Attorney re Electric
Lighting District #68 – Royal
Coach Road/Deer Chase
Road

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to schedule a public hearing for November 4, 2019 at 7 P.M. to hear all persons interested in creation of Electric Lighting District #68 – Royal Coach Road/Deer Chase Road.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

 Director of Finance re Appointment of Rosalee Metzger as Account Clerk Typist Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to provisionally appoint Rosalee Metzger as Account Clerk Typist effective October 22, 2019 at an hourly rate of \$19.63, Group 3, Step 1 of the White Collar contract 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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21-F REPORTS

- Jacqueline A Felser, Receiver of Taxes' report for September 2019 received and filed.
- Jeffrey Schieber, Code Enforcement Officer's, building & plumbing reports for September 2019 received and filed.

21-G APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to approve the vouchers submitted for audit, chargeable to the respective funds as follows: General Fund - \$165,194.59; Highway Fund - \$76,824.54; Capital Fund - \$9390.18; Sewer Fund - \$8533.96; Electric Lighting - \$271.86 (vouchers 7011 - 8177)

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

Beverly Leising represented West Seneca Cares and requested donations for 12 women and four men who are residents at Seneca Manor and in need of items such as bathrobes, hygiene products, etc. Anyone that would like to contribute a monetary donation can contact Mrs. Leising.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

RECREATION SUPERVISOR LAUREN MASSET

Enchanted Path is Friday, October 25th; doors open at 6:00 P.M.; the cost is \$1 per person

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER JEFFREY BAKSA

Please remember with the time change to change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors

COUNCILMAN HART

- Would like a Walkway of Honor inside the Community Center the week of December 7th to honor all the residents who are Purple Heart Veterans
- Thanked Buildings & Grounds Department for installing a handicapped button on the north side of the Community Center & Library

COUNCILMAN HANLEY

 Commented on zombie homes in West Seneca and noted one bank is paying the town \$18,500 for neglecting one of the homes

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hart, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Motion Carried

JACQUELINE A FELSER, TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF WEST SENECA LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF THE YEAR 2019

A Local Law of the Town of West Seneca to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c, as follows:

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of West Seneca,

A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Town of West Seneca to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law Section 3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of no less than sixty (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town Board of the Town of West Seneca, County of Erie, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any, clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.