WEST SENECA COMMUNITY ROOM 1300 Union Road West Seneca, NY 14224 TOWN BOARD PROCEEDINGS Work Session November 4, 2019

Supervisor Sheila M. Meegan called the work session to order at 3:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jeffrey Baksa.

ROLL CALL: Present - Sheila M Meegan Supervisor

Eugene P Hart Councilman
William P Hanley, Jr. Councilman
Jacqueline A Felser Town Clerk
Tina Hawthorne Town Attorney
Daniel Denz Chief of Police

Jeffrey Baksa Code Enforcement Officer Lauren Masset Recreation Supervisor

Mary Josefiak Senior Recreation Therapist of

Senior Services

Kelly Keem Human Resources Director

Emily Melski Chief of Staff
Absent - Matthew English Highway Supt.
Steven Tanner Town Engineer

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

### **SENIOR RECREATION THERAPIST OF SENIOR SERVICES**

- Annual Veterans Day lunch will be held Friday, November 8, 2019
- A HEAP session sponsored by County Legislator Joseph Lorigo will be held December 6, 2019

## RECREATION SUPERVISOR LAUREN MASSET

- Breakfast with Santa is December 8<sup>th</sup>; tickets are \$10 per person and are on sale November 18<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> while supplies last
- Hiring part-time recreation attendant; must be 18 years of age or older
- Several free fall and winter programs for youth, teens and adults are available and are listed on the Youth and Recreation page of the town website as well as social media sites

#### **CHIEF DENZ**

Overnight parking ban begins Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at midnight through March 15, 2020

# **TOWN CLERK JACQUELINE FELSER**

Town Clerk elect Amy Kobler will be interviewing for a full-time cashier position; the job description will be posted on the town website

### **SUPERVISOR MEEGAN**

Veterans Day ceremony will be held November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 A.M. in the gym inside the Community Center WEST SENECA COMMUNITY ROOM 1300 Union Road West Seneca, NY 14224 TOWN BOARD PROCEEDINGS Work Session November 4, 2019 Page two . . .

### KATE LOCKHART OF WNY LAW CENTER

- Update on 2016-2018 grant from the Attorney General's office
  - ✓ zombie homes have been reduced from approximately 100 to 25
  - ✓ outreach events were held to promote foreclosure prevention
  - √ mailers were sent to families facing foreclosure
  - ✓ worked with individual homeowners to negotiate the best outcome for them
  - √ quarterly round tables were held for code enforcement officers from around Erie County to share ideas and current information
  - ✓ outreach flyers were distributed in the community
  - ✓ drafted the town's Point of Sale Ordinance for properties being sold that have been vacant for more than six months, allowing access for code enforcement to inspect them prior to the sale
  - ✓ working with Erie County to expedite the tax foreclosure process for vacant and abandoned properties, reducing the wait time from two years to one
  - ✓ West Seneca has received a second round of grant funding.
- Councilman Hart commented on the timing of intervention for families receiving foreclosure notices - Ms. Lockhart noted the free foreclosure prevention services available for people facing all types of credit delinquencies
- Councilman Hanley questioned if bank issued delinquency notice letters contain support resource information for home owners Ms. Lockhart stated a list of HUD certified counseling agencies is typically included with a bank's 90 day notice letter and there is a Homeowner Protection Program hotline run by the Attorney General's office that will advise them of free legal services in their area. The WNY Law Center also sends letters and is working with the code enforcement office to have support packets available.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Supervisor Meegan, seconded by Councilman Hanley, to recess to executive session at 3:25 P.M. to discuss an Ethics Board recommendation and two employee workers compensation claims.

Ayes: All Noes: None Motion Carried

Board members returned from executive session at 4:45 P.M. and the work session concluded.

JACQUELINE A FELSER, TOWN CLERK