

Mrs. Loncosky stated she will be using \$15,000.00 of the fund balance. Under Revenues, she will be using \$1,200.00 in interest (JA2401), \$3,000.00 STAR Aid, Seneca Falls (JA3040B), \$1,000.00 STAR Aid, Fayette (JA3040C). Mr. Same noted the projected Fund Balance as of January 2009 is \$160.92. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Warfel gave the Board a list of monies paid to Barton & Loguidice throughout 2007; the Board reviewed the same. She noted the Indebtedness and Bonds for Bridgeport Sewer District. In 1999, the debt was \$770,000.00; at the end of this year, the amount owed will be \$420,000.00. Next year's principal payment will be \$40,000.00, and the interest rate will be 5.20%; the debt will be paid in full in 2019.

Mrs. Warfel gave the Board charts that listed a 2% matrix for cost of living, and 3% merit increase percentages. She noted most employees fall within the 4.1 to 4.5 rating which gives them a 2.50% increase.

A motion was made to approve the salary matrix with 2% cost of living increase by Stephen Dougherty and seconded by Lucille Cook. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to approve the 3% merit increase schedule as presented, by Lucille Cook and seconded by Jim Terryberry. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

At 6:40 P.M., a motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss salaries of specific Individuals and to discuss real property where publicity could affect the value thereof, by Jim Terryberry and seconded by Lucille Cook. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

A motion was made to reopen the Budget Workshop at 7:10 P.M. by Stephen Dougherty and seconded by Jim Terryberry. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

The salaries of elected Officials for 2008 will be as follows:

Town Supervisor - \$7,650.00

Town Council - \$6,100.00 each

Town Clerk - \$49,240.00

Registrar/Asst. Zoning Officer/Records Manager - \$4,100.00

Tax Collector - \$4,950.00

Highway Superintendent - \$47,500.00

Water & Sewer Administrator - \$7,500.00

Water & Sewer Construction Manager - \$15,000.00

A motion was made to approve the elected Officials' salaries as stated above by Lucille Cook and seconded by Jim Terryberry. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

The Zoning Officer's salary (B8010.1) was increased to \$8,800.00. Clerk to Tax Collector's salary (A1330.11) will be \$1,200.00. Brief discussion followed.

The Town Board (A1010) Fund was reviewed. Mrs. Cook mentioned that the Board may want to put in for a computer for elected Officials. Under Equipment, Computer/Software (A1010.2) was increased from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00, and Equipment (A1010.22) was set at \$3,500.00.

Under Contractual Expenses, Postage Meter Rental (A1010.411) decreased to \$1,500.00. Mr. David mentioned doing a newsletter next year, and recommended that the Line Item for Newsletter (A1010.431) be increased from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00.

Town Justice: The Town Justice's salary (A1110.1) was discussed. It was decided that the salary should be \$48,850.00. Equipment (A1110.2) remains the same as this year - \$5,000.00. Judge Mahoney was reached by phone and said the equipment needed is more file cabinets; also, not knowing where she will be going, she doesn't know what she will need. Cell Phone (A1110.491) was discussed. Mr. David mentioned there is a 19% discount for government employees. After brief discussion it was decided to decrease the line item for cell phone to \$700.00. Under Drug Court - Personal Services Judge (A1111.1), the salary was increased to \$9,200.00. Brief discussion followed.

Mrs. Cook requested that the line item for Cell Phone Councilpersons be increased to \$2,800.00, so that it will be the same as the Town Justice (\$700.00 per Councilperson per year). This would mean that each Councilperson would be allotted up to \$58.33 a month for reimbursement. Line Item for Cell Phone Councilpersons (A1010.444) was increased to \$2,800.00.

Supervisor's Budget was discussed. Equipment (A1220.2) remains the same. Contractual Expenses line items basically remain the same as this year. Auditor Contractual Expenses remain the same.

Tax Collection: Under Equipment, Line Item A1330.2 was reduced to \$1,000.00. Under Contractual Expenses, Postage (A1330.41) was increased to \$3,500.00. All other line items remain the same.

Town Clerk: The Town Clerk stated most line items remain the same. The only changes are Ads & Legal Notices (A1410.43) was increased by \$100.00, and Maintenance Contracts (A1410.46) increased by \$100.00.

Law: Line Item for Environmental Fees (A1420.41) decreased from \$8,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Negotiations (A1410.413) decreased from \$5,000.00 to \$1,000.00. Under Engineer, Contractual Expenses (A1440.4) decreased to \$60,000.00, and Engineer IESI/SMI (A1440.41) decreased from \$20,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Elections, County Reimbursement (A1450.45) - \$18,000.00 is what the Town pays the County for the services they provide. Brief discussion followed.

Buildings: Most of the line items under Buildings remain the same. Exceptions are Buildings & Grounds (A1620.492) increased from \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00; \$5,000.00 was put into Line Item A1620.493 – Relocate Offices; and Financial Advisor (A1620.496) was zeroed out.

Data Processing: Equipment (A1680.2) remains the same. Agreement (A1680.4) decreased to \$10,000.00, and Service (A1680.41) decreased to \$7,500.00. Unallocated Insurance (A1910.4) remains the same, and Contingent Account (A1990.4) is \$100,000.00.

Dog Control: Dog Control Officer's salary (A3510.1) will be \$12,610.00. Equipment (A3510.2) increases to \$150.00. Dog Kennel Fees (A3510.48) is \$5,000.00, moved from A3510.43. All other items remain the same.

Street Lighting (A5182.4) remains the same. Economic Development was reviewed. Mr. Same asked if the Board was in agreement to contribute another \$70,000.00 to the LDC. After discussion, it was agreed to increase the contribution to \$72,000.00. Under Special Recreational Facility, \$200,000.00 is in the Budget for Vince's Park (A7180.42) improvements, and the Boaters Facility (A7180.44) is the grant plus the Town's match – total amount is \$556,000.00.

Contributions: Seneca Falls Community Band (A7270.4) remains at \$1,500.00, and the Pageant of Bands (A7270.41) remains at \$250.00. Mr. Same stated the Seneca Falls Library (A7410.4) is requesting the same amount as contributed this year - \$62,500.00. Mr. Same, Mr. Terryberry and Mrs. Cook was in favor of keeping it the same. Mr. Dougherty was hoping it would go down to \$60,000.00. Mr. David stated as minimal as \$62,500.00 to \$60,000.00 is, he thinks it's an indication that they should start taking the lead. Mrs. Cook thinks they are trying really hard, and she knows they are having a hard time. After further discussion, Mr. Same stated the consensus of the Board is to allow the \$62,500.00 to remain in the Budget. Historian (A7510.1) is increased to \$500.00. Seneca Falls Historical Society (A7520.4) was discussed. Their contribution will remain at \$7,000.00.

Convention Days (A7550.4) contribution last year was \$6,000.00. Mrs. Cook stated last year, they requested more than was what was budgeted. She said the Board has to make it known that once something is approved, the amount will not be changed. Mr. David mentioned the poor attendance at this Event, and asked if it was realistically worth the Board contributing to. After brief discussion, it was decided to put \$2,500.00 in this line item. St. Anthony's Festival (A7550.41) was decreased from \$7,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

Miscellaneous Contributions (A7550.43) was discussed. Mr. Same stated the Science Department at the School is developing a Nature Trail behind the School. They have made a request for a contribution which he gave to Mr. Morrell to see if this is something the Board can consider. The question is – is it open to the Community or open to just the School and the Students; if it's just for the School, then the Board cannot make a contribution. Mr. David suggested that \$2,500.00 be put in this line item plus \$2,500.00 for Rachael's Challenge which benefits the Community. Mr. Same noted that it is a great program. Mr. Dougherty stated it's a private foundation that is not-for-profit; Seneca Falls Middle School is quite active with the program. He believes it is a benefit. Mrs. Cook favored Mr. Terryberry's suggestion of lowering the \$10,000.00 to \$5,000.00, and if the Board has the opportunity to find out more about this, it might be a way to use some of this money to do that. It was agreed to put \$5,000.00 in this line item. It's a Wonderful Life (A7550.44) remains at \$5,000.00.

Environmental Control (A8090.4) remains at \$20,000.00. Sewer Improvements, Contractual (A8110.4) was discussed. Mrs. Warfel stated the Board requested that she ask Mr. Morrell a question – It's not that the law changed with regard to the water, it's because the Town formed a Townwide Water District so it was allowed to put in waterlines anywhere in the Town; with the sewer, you would have to have a Townwide Sewer District in order to be allowed to do sewers. Mrs. Cook said he is wrong - Mr. Getman was on at that time; she would check into that. After further discussion, a motion was made to put \$100,000.00 in Line Item A8110.4 for Sewer Improvements, Contractual, by Lucille Cook and seconded by Tom David. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Home & Community Services was discussed. Garden Club (A8989.4) remains at \$300.00. Beautification - Gateway Signs (A8989.43) – Mr. David indicated the Village is talking about doing signs; does the Board want to go back to \$20,000.00. Mr. Same said he didn't have a problem with that; any signs the Town puts up should probably be uniform with what the Village does. He added the Board can raise it to \$20,000.00, but it's not for one sign. The Board agreed to increase the line item to \$20,000.00.

The Ludovico Sculpture Trail (A8989.44) remains at \$10,000.00, and the Women's Hall of Fame (A8989.45) remains at \$25,000.00. Seneca Museum (A8989.47) was discussed. The Board agreed to keep the amount at \$20,000.00. North Seneca Ambulance (A8989.48) contribution was discussed. Mr. David suggested that the Board give them \$20,000.00 this year to be used for furniture and recreational equipment for the base for the moral and development of Staff, and they would not need any additional funds. After further discussion, Mr. Same stated before the Board does that, it has to find out if it can do this. Mr. David noted it is a 501C3 corporation and it's for the benefit of the Community. Mr. Same said an official request should be made, and the Board will determine if it can do this. The line item for North Seneca Ambulance was zeroed out.

Mr. Same stated the Tax Stabilization Reserve (A9950.91) is currently at \$1,583,351.75. Discussion followed. It was agreed to put \$750,000.00 in this line item to increase the fund.

The Board agreed to add \$10,000.00 to Line Item A7180.42, Vince's Park, for Shelter roofs. Mrs. Warfel said there was discussion about putting money away into a Capital Improvements Reserve for Vince's Park. The Board decided to put \$25,000.00 into a Capital Improvement Reserve Fund for Vince's Park.

Mrs. Cook mentioned that there was a discussion at the previous Budget Workshop regarding paying someone for equipment and services to tape meetings. Discussion followed. It was agreed to put \$3,500.00 in the Town Board Fund for services and equipment.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Lucille Cook and seconded by Stephen Dougherty. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk

SENECA FALLS TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2007

The Seneca Falls Town Board held two Public Hearings and a regular monthly Meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at the Seneca Falls Community Center, 35 Water Street.

Present were Supervisor Peter Same; Councilpersons James Terryberry, Lucille Cook, Stephen Dougherty and Thomas David. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; James Spina, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation; Donald Wood, Highway Superintendent; Steven Turkett, Zoning Officer; Cynthia Loncosky, Assessor and Jeff Rowe, Town Engineer.

Public Hearing – Local Law #2 – 2007: Supervisor Same opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. relative to Local Law #2 – 2007, a Local Law providing for restrictions on entry upon Town Parks and Town Recreation Facilities of the Town of Seneca Falls. He asked if there were any comments pertaining to the Local Law. Since there were no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:02 P.M.

Public Hearing – 2008 Preliminary Budget – Supervisor Same opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 P.M. relative to the Preliminary Budget for the year 2008. Mrs. Cook stated the Bridgeport Sewer District Committee met on October 29th, and would like to make recommendations to the Board. They are recommending that the tax rate be left as stated in the 2008 Preliminary Budget. The Committee is recommending that a 3-year revolving preventative maintenance plan for the District be prepared. The plan would be set up so that things like transfer switches, generators, basin covers, pumps, etc. could be replaced on an ongoing basis so that everything is always up-to-date, and the money in contingency and the fund balance would be safe to have in case of a real catastrophe.

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