

Mr. Same noted the cost to the Town would be \$125,000.00 with the specific use of those funds to be used for the cleanup of the Trinity Church/Westcott Ruler property. He said it's a win for the Community because it will develop a piece of land that is in desperate need of development, and it will provide one location for services for all the residents.

Nancy Mangano, Director of the Seneca Knit Development Corporation, stated in 2005, the Corporation subdivided the Canal front property and sold a parcel to the National Women's Hall of Fame for development. They actually had two successful contracts for the other parcel, but it's been very difficult to keep a developer because of the economy. Ms. Mangano pointed out the location of the property on a diagram of the property, and discussion of the parcel ensued.

Mr. Same indicated the process is going to take several months to complete. Mayor Smith requested that the referendum process be explained. Mr. Morrell stated building a Town Hall project would require a permissive referendum. He said the idea would be to get a plan that the Boards can agree on as to how this property is going to be used which would include the cost; the overall cost would include the cost of the property. This whole thing would then be put in a resolution which would have to be advertised. During the 30-day period, if the residents want to put that to a vote, they would have to submit a petition; if there were enough signatures on the petition, this would be subject to a vote.

Mr. Same indicated that part of the agreement with the Seneca Knit Development Corporation is that this parcel can only be used for a joint municipal facility.

Mayor Smith thinks this is a tremendous opportunity. She commended the Town Board for demonstrating a level of sensitivity in hearing the concerns of residents who expressed dissatisfaction with the idea of a municipal facility being located so far from downtown. She sees this as serving as a catalyze for future development of canalfront property and the downtown business district. Mayor Smith thinks this supports the Comprehensive Plan, and it's a great opportunity.

T.J. Ikewood stated this has been discussed over a long period of time – the Town Board's contention about all this is property and tax rolls. The Town Board's argument has been it values the piece of property in the old Building going back on the tax rolls. Now, we are taking one of the finest pieces of real estate in the Community off the tax rolls forever. He said if the Boards are going to build a new building, isn't it probably \$1 million less to redo the old Town Hall instead of building a new building. He asked Charles Zettek from the Center for Government Research for his opinion on this. Mr. Zettek stated the study that has been conducted so far has been looking at the operations of the two entities. They have not gotten into the study of individual sites other than finding out from interviews what would be potential sites that might be of interest. He doesn't have an opinion as far as the size of the scope, or the size of the property or the tax implications. Mr. Zettek stated the proposal they responded to was to help do a study to assess the opportunities between the Town and Village and look at the operations to see if there are opportunities to consolidate for shared services. He added a portion of the proposal they responded to asked them to look at different facilities option, and they responded to the fact that that's what they would do. Mr. Zettek stated the Village and Town could proceed to make a general decision about the size of a facility which would not affect the site location nor the size of the operations. Further discussion followed.

Mrs. Cook mentioned that Mr. Ikewood talked about taking a prime piece of property off the tax rolls. Ms. Mangano stated it is off the tax rolls. Mrs. Cook stated if the Seneca Knit Development Corporation put a park there, it will remain off the tax rolls, so if the Town was to purchase it, it would not be taking anything off the tax rolls. Ms. Mangano replied that was correct. Mrs. Cook noted that part of the agreement is using a piece of property that is not on the tax rolls; the \$125,000.00 the Town would be paying for this property would be used to clean up the Trinity Church/Westcott Ruler property, which means putting this property back on the tax rolls. She also commented that what the Boards are doing will not decrease the services to the Community.

Mr. Moore stated he thought the idea was for the Center for Government Research to come in and do a study on combined services and see what the best outlook was for the Town and Village, not to say where we should locate. He doesn't want anyone from the outside to come in and tell the Town Board how to spend the money and where to spend it; those decisions are by the Board. Mr. Moore said he will take the advice of those doing the study, but he doesn't think they have anything to do with what goes where or what – that was the impression he had when they were hired – is that true. Mr. Zettek replied yes. Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Same stated the Town of Seneca Falls has looked at several sites, and this latest opportunity is a tremendous opportunity. Mr. Ikewood believes this can be done for one-fourth or one-third of the price. He mentioned that there are so many different properties that are available. He is personally going to see what other deals are available and present them to the Town Board.

Mr. Petroccia asked if a joint Committee by some Members of the Village and Town Boards was created to work with the Consulting Firm; Mr. Same replied yes. Mr. Petroccia said shouldn't that Committee be working directly with the Consultants – isn't this Committee the contact with the Consultants. Mr. Same replied yes. Brief discussion followed. Mr. Same stated the process that was outlined is certainly ample to supply the Community with the opportunity to participate in the process. He thinks this is a great process going forward and a great location, and plans will be presented to the Community that hopefully they will accept. He added we have a long way to go, and we will continue on that course.

David Bellomo asked if the Town Hall and Firemen's Field will go up for sale if this goes through; Mr. Same replied the Board hasn't discussed that. Mr. Bellomo said if they were sold, they would go back on the tax rolls and it would offset what you would lose. Discussion followed.

Mr. Zettek stated they basically completed and are close to finishing up the data collection phase of the study. The next step is to put together a summary of that and present it to the Study Committee. He noted from there, they will have to evaluate the different options in response to the data they put together. Mr. Zettek stated the preliminary report of the data collected will be presented within the next month to the Study Committee.

Mr. Same stated in reference to the proposal from Center for Government Research and the fact that the Town Board tasked the Town Engineers to discuss space needs, it doesn't make sense for duplication of effort. He thinks the Agreement with Center for Government Research needs to be amended in terms of what they were tasked to do initially vs. as we unfold this whole thing, how we go forward. Mayor Smith stated after consulting with the Grant Writers and the Town's last decision that was discussed, it would probably be wise to amend the actual contract that exists with Center for Government Research. Discussion followed relative to amending the contract. Mr. Zettek stated in every study they have done, during the course of the project there are shifts in expectations and needs, so what you are doing here is not out of the norm – you can't predict ahead of time what those shifts and changes are going to be. He said they will do the best they can as they go forward.

Jerry Graziano asked if meetings will be scheduled for the public to give input; Mr. Same replied at this point, there are no plans for future meetings, but there will be future meetings based on the context of what was discussed this Evening.

A motion was made by Tony Petroccia and seconded by Tim Masino to adopt the following Resolution:
In recognition of the Town Board's recently adopted decision to pursue establishment of a shared municipal facility on the south bank of the Canal in the downtown district, the Village Board wishes to amend the scope of the Shared Services Consultant's Agreement, specifically Phase 3, Part 2 Work Product on Page 8 of the contractual Agreement, eliminating analysis of location and facilities options and instead adding research on the impact of the recently adopted NYS Budget's Municipal Merger Incentives as part of the new Commission on Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, as well as exploration of revenue sharing opportunities between the Town and Village of Seneca Falls.

No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 1 nay; Trustee Ikewood with the dissenting vote.

A motion was made by Lucille Cook and seconded by Tim Snyder to adopt the following Resolution:
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No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

At this point, Town Engineers Matt Fuller and Jim Altman from Barton & Loguidice discussed the outcome of their meetings with Department Heads of the Town and Village relative to space needs. Fran Caraccilo asked that the new building design have input from historic preservation advocates as was done with the Community Center. Mr. Altman said they were not even close to that, but yes, that will be taken into consideration.

Mr. Same stated this process is going to continue with more meetings. Mayor Smith requested that the Preservation Commission be consulted in regard to the design of the building.

At this time, Trustees Masino and Ikewood left the Meeting.

Zoning/Code Enforcement Position: Mr. Same noted the Boards looked at this in the past in terms of a shared position. He said the Town is offering to the Village, if the Village is still interested, to take on the responsibility of Zoning/Code Enforcement for the Village and make it a Town function. He added this will be done at no cost to the Village. Mayor Smith asked if the Town Board would consider sharing the position

allowing the actual Codes to remain. Mr. Morrell replied that is basically how it would have to go; the Village's Code is not going to change until the Village changes the Code, so the Town would have no authority to make any changes. He added these are Village Laws and they are controlled by the Village Board. Brief discussion followed.

Mr. Petroccia asked if that Officer would have to report to the Public Safety Committee; Mr. Morrell replied however the Village would like to do it. Mr. Campese asked if this position would be advertised; Mr. Same replied the Town actually has a person who is very well qualified for the position and can go full time. Mr. Petroccia asked if the position would be advertised; Mr. Same replied it could be advertised. Mr. Snyder said the only concern he would have is to have that Individual have the power to issue appearance tickets and have arrest power. Mr. Same stated if the Boards agree to go forward with this and explore this, those options can be discussed. Chief Capozzi thinks there should be a discussion as to the criteria the Boards want the Individual to have and there should be a job description. Brief discussion followed. Mr. Same asked if the Village Board wanted to continue to pursue this; Mayor Smith replied yes, definitely. Mr. Petroccia stated in theory, it's a great idea, but there is a lot of logistics to work out.

Request for Proposal – Townwide Refuse Removal: Mr. Same noted the Town has a refuse removal contract with Appleton. He has a letter asking if the Village would allocate time in their schedule to give the Town a quote for refuse removal in the Town. He added if the Village has the time, manpower and equipment, it might be an advantage to both Town and Village to be able to come together and utilize that service and share the expense – it might give the Town and Village a great opportunity. Mr. Same requested an answer by the June Meeting, if possible. Mr. Moore commented that the Staff picking up trash in the Village is doing an excellent job.

Next Joint Meeting date was tentatively set for 7:00 P.M. on May 21, 2008, possibly at the Community Center, with an alternate date of May 28th.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Trustee Sylvester Campese and seconded by Trustee Tony Petroccia. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Councilman Tim Snyder and seconded by Councilman Steve Dougherty. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER
Town Clerk