

The Seneca Falls Town Board conducted a Bid opening at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at the Seneca Falls Town Offices, 31 Fall Street, Seneca Falls. Present were Supervisor Peter Same and Town Clerk Nicaletta Greer. Also present was Kevin Beverine from Casella Waste Services.

Mr. Same stated one bid was received. He read the bid which is as follows:

Casella Waste Services, 54 Doran Avenue, Geneva, NY 14456:

Option 1 – Sanitation services for all residential properties within the Town of Seneca Falls area only – Annual Charge - \$122,400.00 plus fuel.

Option 2 – Sanitation services for all residential properties within the Town and Village of Seneca Falls areas – No bid.

Mr. Same questioned the fuel surcharge. Kevin Beverine of Casella Waste Services stated it would fluctuate each month; currently, it is 15.9%. After brief discussion, Mr. Same indicated the Board's next Meeting is November 5, 2008 at which time this will be brought up.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER  
Town Clerk

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at the Seneca Falls Town Offices, 31 Fall Street, Seneca Falls.

Present were Supervisor Peter Same; Councilpersons Timothy Snyder, Duane Moore and Stephen Dougherty.

Supervisor Same called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. A roll call was taken of Board Members, and Councilwoman Lucille Cook was absent from the Meeting.

Mr. Same stated the purpose of the Meeting is to discuss a bid received by Casella Waste Services, which was the only bid received for sanitation services. He feels that the bid received does not meet specifications because it is an unknown amount on an annual basis – the Board cannot set a tax rate for the Special District with an unknown number. He believes to bid it with a contingent amount for fuel with an unknown number does not meet the requirements of the bid. He recommended that the bid be rejected. Mr. Same said if the Board does that, it will have time to advertise one more time; the bidder and any other prospective bidders can be contacted to notify them that the bids have been extended to November 5<sup>th</sup> at which time the bids will be opened.

A motion was made to reject the bid of Casella Waste Services as the bid did not meet the specifications by Tim Snyder and seconded by Duane Moore.

Mr. Moore asked what the Board would do if no bids were received on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Same replied if there are no bids, there will be no tax and the residents will have no options. He said the Town of Geneva sells a card for \$75.00 to residents; it has 52 punches, and every week they can take their trash to the transfer station – the Town can do something like this if that happens. He also mentioned that the residents can now go to the Landfill if they wish and bring their trash, and there are no tipping fees. Mr. Dougherty asked if a resident can get their own hauler; Mr. Same replied yes. Discussion followed.

The motion made by Tim Snyder and seconded by Duane Moore to reject the bid of Casella Waste Services as the bid did not meet the specifications was carried 4 ayes, 0 naves.

Financial Advisor: Mr. Same stated the Town needs financial advice if the Village and Town goes into this dissolution process. He contacted Charles Bastian of Bernard P. Donegan of Victor, NY who is well known in this area and has done work for the Town in the past. He received an agreement letter from Mr. Bastian which says the rate is \$127.00 per hour plus out-of-pocket expenses. He added if the Board approves this, he would like Mr. Bastian to come to the October 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting if possible.

Mr. Same stated Mr. Bastian will advise the Board on various financial issues and provide information for the study on dissolving the Village Government. He added the Board is going to need some expert help as it goes through this process, especially if it comes down to the Village dissolving and the Town taking over its

functions. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Stephen Dougherty and seconded by Duane Moore to adopt the following Resolution:  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Firm of Bernard P. Donegan, Inc. is hereby designated financial consultant to the Town of Seneca Falls.
2. Said Firm shall be compensated for its services to be rendered in connection with the Town's Long Range Planning as well as other Town matters as needed in accordance with its proposal letter dated October 21, 2008.
3. The Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver said proposal letter.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Snyder asked if the Town hires this Firm, can the Village also say they are going to hire them also. He doesn't feel the Village should have the same Firm that the Town has. Mr. Moore mentioned that a clause could be put in the proposal. Mr. Same will contact Mr. Bastian tomorrow relative to this issue.

A motion was made by Stephen Dougherty and seconded by Duane Moore to amend the above Resolution by adding that the Firm will work solely with the Town of Seneca Falls as the dissolution process unfolds and until its completion. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Stephen Dougherty and seconded by Duane Moore. No questions. Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER  
Town Clerk

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Joint Meeting with the Seneca Falls Village Board on Monday, October 27, 2008 at Village Hall, 60 State Street, Seneca Falls.

Present from the Town Board was Supervisor Peter Same; Councilpersons Timothy Snyder, Stephen Dougherty and Duane Moore. Also present was Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town. Absent was Councilwoman Lucille Cook.

Present from the Village Board was Mayor Diana Smith; Trustees Anthony Petroccia, Sylvester Campese, T.J. Ikewood and Timothy Masino. Also present was David Ettman, Attorney for the Village.

Supervisor Same introduced Charles Bastian of Bernard & Donegan, Financial Consultant for the Town. He added the Town needs to do some financial long range planning, and it wants to have that resource available for the Committee as the dissolution plan goes forward. He wants to let the Community know that the Town understands the seriousness of what is going on, and wants to make sure that all of the Residents have the opportunity to understand financially where we are.

Zoning/Code Enforcement: Mr. Ikewood received a copy of an email from a resident that talked about the difficulties the Boards have had in moving forward with this position. He said the Village has not had a Code Enforcement Officer in six months. The Town has an offer on the table for Code Enforcement Officer, and the Boards have disagreed about some things. Mr. Ikewood would like to know what the Boards have to do to move forward with this.

Mr. Same stated the Town prepared an Inter-Municipal Agreement about three months ago, and forwarded it on to the Village Board for approval; the Village Board returned it with mark-ups. He said the Town Board reviewed those mark-ups and is not in favor of proceeding with those mark-ups; they were basically asking the Town to take on the responsibilities, pay the person's salary, but they still want to have full control over the Individual. Mr. Same said the Board thought that was inappropriate; the employees are able to do their work accordingly, and the Town would certainly not slight the Village Residents for Code Enforcement. He added the Board is interested in proceeding if the Village wants to proceed with the Agreement that was put in place.

