

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on December 14, 2021 in the Town of Moreau Municipal building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York.

The meeting was held in person as well as broadcast via Zoom.

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The Town Clerk called the roll.

Town Board Members Present

John Hogan	Councilmember
Kyle Noonan	Councilmember
Alan VanTassel	Councilmember
Theodore T. Kusnierz, Jr.	Supervisor

Town Board Members Absent

John Donohue, Jr.	Councilmember
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Also present: Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk; Karla Buettner, Attorney for the Town [arrived at 7:12 p.m.]; Barbara Bartlett, Deputy Town Clerk; Brigid Martin, Town Historian

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from November 23, 2021 (2 sets) and December 1, 2021, were presented to the Town Board prior to the meeting for their review, comment, correction and approval.

Resolution #2021-367

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, to approve the minutes from November 23, 2021 (2 sets) and December 1, 2021 as prepared.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Absent
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Supervisor first reported on the Health Commissioner's determination requiring individuals to wear masks in enclosed spaces or having a program in place, verifying that everyone has been vaccinated. He stated that penalties have been established at \$1,000.00 per occurrence, which requires enforcement by the localities. He stated that the directive came out last Friday, and after review of the mandate from New York State, he had consultation with his colleagues, the Commissioner of Public Health from Saratoga County, Sheriff Zurlo, and other key department heads. He stated that they will not adhere to this mandate. He stated, that the primary reason is because Saratoga County has been working diligently for this entire year. He stated that when he was sworn in as Chairman of the Board, he committed to making COVID-19 his top priority. He stated that they've done that and provided the necessary resources to the Health Department and other departments, to make sure the residents of Saratoga County were able to be vaccinated, if they chose to. He stated that this mandate takes valuable time and resources away from the County's efforts to provide those vaccinations. He stated, from the County's perspective, this is a misguided mandate and that the County doesn't have the staff nor the resources to enforce it. He stated that this is not an anti-mask standpoint on the part of the County. He stated that the County continues to

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recommend that everyone follow the CDC guidelines. He stated that they continue to do that, but they won't be enforcing the mandate. He stated that they know small business is already struggling because of supply chain issues, or they can't find the necessary help within ten days of Christmas. He stated that the timing couldn't be more detrimental to the County's small businesses, which are the backbone of the local economy. The Supervisor stated that he issued a press release yesterday and that it's on the County's website. He went on to say that they won't enforce harmful provisions that bars school children from taking mask breaks, which the County believes is important to the children. He stated that they are continuing to move forward with all the vaccination efforts.

The Supervisor provided the following statistics:

The 7-day rolling average testing positivity rate is at 6.7%.

The percentage of population that have received at least one dose is at 82.4%.

The percentage of population that have completed the vaccine series is at 74.5%.

The percentage of population ages 12 and older that have received one vaccine dose is at 91%.

The percentage of population ages 18 and older that have received one vaccine dose is at 92%.

He stated that these are good numbers and are the result of the hard work of the County's Public Health staff. He stated that the County has been a leader across the State in fighting to slow the spread of COVID. Under the leadership of Dr. Kuhles, the Saratoga County Public Health Commissioner, they've established many initiatives first in the State. He stated that Saratoga County was the first to establish a high-risk sports program. They were the first county in the State to vaccinate 90% of the teachers. They were the first county in the State to offer in-home vaccinations for those who are homebound. They were the first county in the State to establish a test to stay program, which is now used across New York State. He stated that the program was developed in conjunction with the CDC to keep healthy children in school and learning, where they should be.

The percentage of individuals age 12 and older who have received all of their doses is at 83.5%.

The percentage of individuals age 18 and older who have received all of their doses is at 84.1%.

The percentage of individuals age 65 and older who are fully vaccinated is at 93.5%.

The Supervisor stated that Saratoga County continues to lead in New York State as well as the United States in those receiving booster shots.

The percentage of individuals who have received a booster shot is at 34.5%.

In New York State, the average is 27.1%

In the Nation, the average is 29.2%

The percentage of individuals age 50 and older who have received a booster in Saratoga County is 62.3%.

In New York State, the average is 38.9%.

In the Nation, the average is 40.7%.

The percentage of individuals age 65 and older who have received a booster in Saratoga County is 66%.

In New York State, the average is 50.6%.

In the Nation, the average is 51.6%.

The percentage of individuals ages 5 to 11 who have received at least one dose is 35.8%, which is the second highest rate in New York State.

The percentage of individuals ages 12 to 17 who have received at least one dose is 74%, which is the highest in New York State.

TOWN LEGAL SERVICES

The Supervisor stated that they wouldn't be taking action on this agenda item this evening. He stated that the Board members should all have proposals from both Special Legal services and from the Town's Legal Counsel. He stated, that in relation to in-house counsel, the Town is serviced by Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart

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and Rhodes, under the leadership of Karla Buettner. He stated that they had kept their rates the same from 2017-2021.

For the year 2022, the flat monthly fee will increase from \$3,500.00 to \$4,000.00, and the hourly rates will increase as follows:

Principals – from \$170.00 to \$200.00

Associates – from \$150.00 to \$180.00

Paralegals – from \$80.00 to \$100.00

Attorney Buettner stated that everything else stayed the same.

The Supervisor asked the Town Board members to review the information and if they have any questions or comments to reach out to him. He stated that it would be taken up in 2022.

He stated that the proposed fees for Special Counsel, with Tabner, Ryan & Keniry, LLP are as follows:

Partners - \$235.00 per hour

Associates - \$170.00 per hour

Paralegals - \$95.00 per hour

The Supervisor commented that he didn't have last year's contract in front of him but stated that the rates were a slight increase. He again stated, that if the Board members had any questions to let him know.

BINGO LICENSE

The Supervisor stated that a Bingo License application had been received from the Moreau Community Center. He stated that a background check had been performed by Identico for those individuals who are involved in the conduct of the games. The review on those individuals came back satisfactory. He stated that he's willing to sign if the Board wishes him to. He stated that there were ten questions that needed to be answered. The Supervisor read questions #2 through #10 and all were answered as "No".

Resolution #2021-368

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Division of Charitable Gaming BC-4 Findings and Determinations for a Bingo License, relevant to the Moreau Community Center Bingo License application.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Absent
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

ANNEX BUILDING LEASE

The Supervisor stated that the lease agreement expires at the end of this year. He stated that he had asked Counsel to review the renewal lease agreement. He explained that there was an escalator clause in the previous agreement. Attorney Buettner stated that the current agreement started at \$1,250.00 per month plus an increase of \$1,200.00 per year. The Supervisor stated that with the current proposal they're looking for a flat rate for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024, of \$1,450.00. He stated that it was \$200.00 less than where they are right now. He stated that it didn't need to be acted on at this meeting and that it could be taken up at the next Town Board meeting. He stated that he didn't know what the Board's thoughts were, and if there was anything he should relay to the organization (LifeWorks Action Community Action, Inc. Head Start). Councilmember Noonan asked if there were any

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structural issues that need to be taken care of. The Supervisor stated that he wasn't aware of any. Councilmember Noonan asked if it was customary to have an agreement that's for a lesser amount than the previous. The Supervisor stated that he hadn't had a conversation with the organization yet regarding the proposed fee. Councilmember Noonan asked Attorney Buettner if this was common. She stated that it wasn't entirely uncommon but that someone should speak with them and ask why they're looking for a decrease. The Supervisor stated that there's language in the proposed agreement that states "Six months after the commencement of the Lease Term the Lessor and LifeWorks shall determine if the monthly payment above is sufficient to cover actual cost. In the event that the payment is insufficient the parties agree to re-negotiate the monthly payment". Councilmember VanTassel stated that he would like to have an understanding as to why they lowered the monthly fee. The Supervisor stated that he would reach out to them and report back to the Board. He hoped that they would have a plan of action for the next Town Board meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Superintendent submitted a request for a parking brake assembly for the 2016 John Deere Loader. His request reflected the fact that this is a dealer item only and provided a quote from United Ag & Turf in the amount of \$3,500.00.

Resolution #2021-369

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember Hogan and carried, authorizing the purchase of a parking brake assembly for the 2016 John Deere Loader in the amount of \$3,500.00. The expense will be paid from account DB5130.405.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Absent
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Recreation Leader submitted a request to purchase a spring rocker for the Park's playground. The request stated that the piece they have broke in 2021 and is not repairable. He also stated that it isn't budgeted for in 2022, but that at a budget workshop the Board indicated that the item could be purchased this year if the funds were available. The estimated cost including shipping would be \$800 from AAA State of Play. He also requested to purchase the 9 remaining disc golf baskets required to complete the 18-hole course. The estimated cost including shipping would be \$4,000 from DisCap. He stated that the baskets are budgeted for in 2022, but purchasing now may secure a better price. He stated that there are funds available if they can move some money around.

Resolution #2021-370

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember VanTassel and carried, to transfer \$5,000.00 from account A7140.1 to account A7140.2.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Absent
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

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Resolution #2021-371

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember VanTassel and carried, approving the purchase of a replacement spring rocker for the playground at the Park, at an estimated cost of \$800.00 from AAA State of Play and to purchase nine remaining disc golf baskets at an estimated cost of \$4,000.00 from DisCap.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Absent
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

The Recreation Leader also submitted a request for final approval of the winter Rec Basketball program. Councilmember Noonan stated that the Town's Recreation Leader had a meeting with the school's Athletic Director to get the program running. He stated that the schools have a certain number of employees working when there's an event being held at the school. He stated that they don't have the coverage right now, which is the reason they can't allow parents and other family members to be in the schools. He stated that there may be some parents that aren't happy, but this is the way it has to be. Councilmember Noonan stated that he understands it has to be this way and is supportive of moving the program forward. Councilmember VanTassel stated that he was supportive as well, as long as there's complete transparency with the parents before they register their children. He stated that there may be some parents that won't be comfortable having their children in the program. Councilmember Noonan agreed and stated that the program might not be for everyone this year but it's the best way to get the program off the ground. It was the consensus of the Town Board to move forward with the program.

The Recreation Leader submitted a new fee schedule, which would start in 2022. This was referred to the Recreation Committee for a recommendation, which can be taken up at the next Town Board meeting.

WATER DEPARTMENT

The Town Board had previously authorized a trailer, which would be used to transport a lawn mower for the purpose of mowing around fire hydrants. The Supervisor stated that the contracted Water Superintendent didn't believe they should spend the funds for that purpose. He stated that he wanted to make the Town Board members aware so they could decide what they wanted to do. He stated that the trailer they approved is no longer available at that cost. He suggested, that if the Board wanted to act on the purchase, they should get three new quotes. Councilmember VanTassel stated that the Recreation Committee can look into this. Councilmember Hogan stated that the mower is needed for more than just the hydrants. They mow the grounds around the water towers. Councilmember VanTassel stated that they would look into it.

The Supervisor stated that they've had another request for the refund of a water tap. The fee had been paid in full by Michael Beshara of Beshara Enterprises. He's looking for the same refund that the Town has provided to another individual due to the new policy.

Resolution #2021-372

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, authorizing a refund for a water tap in the amount of \$1,175.00 to Beshara Enterprises, LLC.

Councilmember VanTassel asked, to be clear, that he is going to take care of the tap on his own. The Supervisor stated that the Town would provide the oversight.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

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Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Absent
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

The Supervisor stated that he had a question for Counsel. He asked, that if a prospective employee who shows up for the required physical but then doesn't report to work, if the Town has any recourse as to the costs associated with the physical. Attorney Buettner thought that this had been dealt with before. The Supervisor stated that if they work for the Town and then leave employment within a certain period of time, they have to reimburse the Town for the cost of the physical. Attorney Buettner thought there was a policy that had to do with training reimbursement. The Supervisor read a portion of resolution #52 from last year's organizational meeting, which stated "a prospective Town employee fails to appear at a pre-employment physical, shall be subject to a deduction of such costs associated with the exam from their compensation as a Town employee". The Supervisor stated that the cost of the exam was \$120.00. Attorney Buettner stated that she would look but didn't think the Town could charge for that.

The Supervisor stated that he had received correspondence from the Town of Queensbury Water Department dated November 26, 2021. The correspondence included the calculations for budgeted water production costs for the year 2022. This year's rate is \$1.27 per 1,000 gallons, which equates to \$1.22 per 1,000 gallons plus \$0.05 for transmission costs. Last year's cost was a total of \$1.17 per 1,000 gallons. The cause of the increase, in addition to normal increases of payroll costs, was due to anticipated costs in chemical and electrical costs and to carry an additional employee for the position of Instrument Technician. Two additional turbine motors were purchased as back-ups through the 2021 operations maintenance budget and are reflected in the 2022 budget. The Supervisor stated that those costs are being passed on to the Town and that we'll need to provide this information to the Town engineers to make sure we're taking into consideration our increased costs in the rates we're working to establish.

TRANSFER STATION

There was a request from the Transfer Station staff asking if they will be opened or closed on Christmas eve. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that they should be open.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Supervisor reported receiving correspondence from the Town engineer, Laberge Group, stating that they understand the Town had received a petition and a Map, Plan & Report to create a new water district for Jacobie Farms subdivision. They estimate an escrow of \$2,500.00 be required for their office to review the Map, Plan & Report, as well as plans and specifications for any drinking water distribution elements that may be conveyed to the Town.

Resolution #2021-373

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember Hogan and carried, to establish an escrow account in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the engineering.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Absent
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

The Supervisor stated that the project will also require legal review. He stated that they received an estimate for a maximum amount of \$15,000.00 from Special Counsel, Tabner, Ryan, Keniry, LLP for the Jacobie Farms project.

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Resolution #2021-374

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember VanTassel and carried, to establish an escrow account for legal fees in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the Jacobie Farms project.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Absent
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

The Supervisor stated that his office had received a request from a property owner, who has a dispute with relatives of neighboring properties and are looking for the Town to sell a paper highway in a development off Macory Way. He stated that he had asked the Zoning Administrator to review the background. The Supervisor showed the Board members on a map, the 50 acres that the owner has and then showed the portion that the relatives have. He stated that the relatives don't get along and are asking the Town to sell the paper highway so it can be made a part of their property. He stated that he had received Planning Board minutes from October 20, 2003 and that he would need to review them. He stated that the minutes talked about the creation of the paper road. At the time the developer was trying to create access to Route 9, however, there was no land available. The paper road would become a roadway, should access ever be available. The Supervisor suggested that he get more information from the Zoning Administrator and check back with the Town Board members. Attorney Buettner asked for copies of what the Supervisor had before him as she didn't know anything about the matter. She stated that if the Town owns a paper street, there may be different procedures in place to abandon the property before they can sell it. She stated that it's not as easy as just a Board resolution to sell it. The Supervisor stated that they also need to make sure that the Town actually owns it. He stated that the note states they wish to purchase the Town owned property so they can gain access to family property and build a home. He stated that he would report back when he has more information.

CANNABIS REGULATION

The Supervisor stated that there is a deadline of December 31, 2021 if the Town wishes to opt out. If the Town does want to opt out, they would have to do a Local Law, which would require a public hearing. The Supervisor stated that he was concerned, because the agency that's in charge of overseeing cannabis in New York State has not been established, nor have the rules and regulations. He stated that the Town doesn't have a lot of direction and one of the ways they can preserve their abilities for any kind of regulation is to not act until they have more information. Attorney Buettner stated that the Town Board would need to create a Local Law in order to opt out. She stated that it doesn't opt out of allowing marijuana in the Town of Moreau, it opts out of allowing retail dispensaries and/or on-site consumption. She stated that they can opt out of one or the other or both. She stated that there were three different resolutions before them. She stated that the Board could hold a public hearing next week. She had hoped that they could have it the same night as with the moratorium on subdivisions, however, there wouldn't be enough time for the Post Star to get the notice published. She stated that the earliest they could have the public hearing would be Wednesday. She stated that it would have to be adopted by December 31, 2021. She stated that it would be subject to a permissive referendum, which would require a petition within 45 days. Attorney Buettner stated that if they opt out, they can always opt back in, however, if they don't opt out by December 31, 2021, they don't have the right to opt out in the future. She also stated, if the Town opts out, they don't have the right to any tax dollars until they opt back in. She stated, that while the Cannabis Control Board hasn't been formed yet, there are people on it. She stated that there are no regulations as of right now. She stated that many municipalities are opting out for the same reasons that the Supervisor stated. The Supervisor stated that opting out would give the Town the greatest flexibility. Attorney Buettner stated, that once the Town opts out, they would look at their zoning to see where they would want it regulated, should they decide to opt back in. Councilmember Noonan stated that he has supported dispensaries and on-site consumption in the Town, however, without having as much

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information as he thought they had, he thought they should be as flexible as they can to keep their options open for the future. At the current time, he suggested they opt out of both. Councilmember VanTassel had the same position as Councilmember Noonan.

There was a brief discussion on setting the public hearing for the Local Law as well as for the Moreau Emergency Squad contract and the South Glens Falls Fire Company contract.

Resolution #2021-375

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember VanTassel and carried, setting a public hearing for the Moreau Emergency Squad 2022 contract on December 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.; setting a public hearing for the South Glens Falls Fire Company 2022 contract on December 22, 2021 at 5:35 p.m.; and setting a public hearing for Local Law 8 of 2021 for 5:45 p.m.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Absent
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

The Town Clerk asked if they would be acting on the Local Law that evening after the public hearing. Attorney Buettner stated yes, and that they would need to schedule a special meeting.

Resolution #2021-376

A motion was made by Councilmember Noonan, seconded by Councilmember Hogan and carried, to schedule a special meeting for December 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for the review and potential adoption of Local Law 8 of 2021.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Absent
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

SUPERVISOR ITEMS

The Supervisor stated that he had received correspondence from New York State Agriculture and Markets regarding the Dog Control Officer's inspection report, which was completed November 30, 2021. He stated that the Dog Control Officer's services were rated as satisfactory. He stated that he had a copy of the report if anyone would like to review it.

The Supervisor received confirmation from the New York State Department of State, that Local Law #5 had been filed on November 18, 2021, so it's in full force and effect.

The Supervisor stated that he had received correspondence from State Assembly member Woerner. He read the letter as follows:

Dear Todd,

I am writing to let you know about a new State program announced by Governor Hochul last week that will make grants to municipal applicants to upgrade housing for farmworkers in order to prevent, prepare for or respond to the Coronavirus. Municipalities may request up to \$1,000,000.00 to support

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rehabilitation of existing housing to improve farmworker safety. The funds can be applied to more than one farm, and the factors that connect the expenditure of funds to the coronavirus appear to be broad (see page 6/item 4 of the application).

I enclose a FAQ sheet produced by New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), the agency that will be administering this distribution of federal funding. The Application is available on their website at <https://hcr.ny.gov/cdbg-cares>.

You may also be aware of a loan program permitting “agricultural producers” (a/k/a farmers) to apply for a low-cost loan to improve existing housing or construct new housing for farmworkers (whether seasonal or year-round). This program is also administered by HCR and can provide loans of up to \$200,000 per year.

I urge you to take advantage of this grant opportunity which will obviously benefit their workers who keep farms running and will also lift some of the burden from farmers. My office is happy to assist with this process, including providing a letter of support.

Sincerely yours,

Carrie

The Supervisor received notification from Carly Cahill, Saratoga County Office of the Aging, that they are in desperate need of drivers for home delivered meals in the Wilton/Moreau area. Those interested in delivering would receive mileage reimbursement. Meals are picked up at 11:00 a.m. at the Moreau Community Center and are delivered between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Anyone interested in volunteering can call 518-363-4020 and ask for Carly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Hogan stated that the generator still isn’t working. He stated that CAT had provided more information to the mechanic at the highway garage, but he isn’t sure where they’re at. He stated that he didn’t know if Pete Olesheski has been in contact with the Highway Superintendent but with the cold weather here, it needs to be up and running. The Supervisor thought that they needed to get an accurate diagnosis from CAT first. He stated that he would have his office follow up on this.

Councilmember Hogan stated that the fire alarm is back up and running.

Councilmember Noonan stated that they have to hammer out the Water Department Laborer position.

Councilmember Noonan stated that he had a question for Highway. He’s had someone contact him that lives down near the river on Iris Avenue, who is asking about the amount of salt put down during bad weather and if there’s a way to cut back. He stated that the drainage goes right into the river. His assumption was that the Town is within the limits of what they’re putting down but questioned if it was necessary to dump as much salt on some of these roads. The resident seemed to think the amount of salt they put down was a bit excessive, just because of how close they are to the river. The Supervisor stated that salt is way more expensive than sand and so they mix it. He stated that it would be up to the Highway Superintendent. Councilmember Noonan stated that he would reach out to Paul Joseph.

Councilmember Noonan stated that there was a resident on Tanglewood Drive who is looking for another crosswalk at the end of Tanglewood, where there is a crossing guard. They thought it would be safer for the families to have a crosswalk, for the times that there is no crossing guard. The Supervisor stated, that with requests on County roads, the County has been very responsive. Councilmember Noonan stated that the Town has been good too. He stated that a crosswalk was put in last year at Feeder Dam and Merritt Roads. He stated they also did another one at the School’s request on the corner of Tanglewood. He stated that he would speak with the School.

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The Supervisor stated that they had their first meeting for CSEA negotiations and will be meeting again on December 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. He stated that they exchanged their positions. He stated that he would report back to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an executive session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Attorney Buettner asked if there was a special meeting set after the public hearing for Local Law 7. Councilmember Noonan stated that there was.

PRIVELEGE OF THE FLOOR

Brigid Martin, Village of South Glens Falls, addressed the Town Board. She stated that she was a little disappointed that the Town Board waited so long to hold a meeting and for doing a Local Law so late in the year. She stated that she had come to the Board last year or the year before and asked that they hold hearings about this. She stated that they were now blaming it on the State. She stated that they were scheduling a public hearing just a few days before Christmas. She stated that there are people who have money tied up in starting businesses. She stated that it was short notice and not cool to do. She did understand their point of view, that the State hadn't given enough regulation, but the Board has had no discussion, and to leave it to the last two weeks to decide to opt out is not cool. She thanked the Board members and wished them a Merry Christmas.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Noonan and carried, to close the meeting for the evening at 8:22 p.m.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilmember Hogan	Aye
Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember VanTassel	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Absent
Supervisor Kusnierz	Aye

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Leeann McCabe
Town Clerk