Supervisor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Town Clerk called the roll.

### **Town Board Members Present**

Robert J. Vittengl, Jr. Councilman
Gina LeClair Councilwoman
Todd Kusnierz Councilman
Preston L. Jenkins, Jr. Supervisor

# **Town Board Members Absent**

Bob Prendergast Councilman

**Also Present:** Jeanne Fleury, Town Clerk; Karla Buettner, Attorney for the Town; Jesse Fish, Water Superintendent; Amanda Metzger, Post Star Reporter; Jim Martin from the LA Group; Reed Antis, Town Resident and Planning Board Member; Bobby Dick, Town Resident; Jim Stevens, Town Resident; James D. Graul, II, Town Resident; Rich Morris, Town Resident entered meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Supervisor Jenkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Jenkins welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to turn off or silence all electronic devices.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of February 11<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup> (2 Sets) were prepared and distributed to the Town Board Members in advance of the meeting for their review, comment, correction and approval.

# MINUTES - FEBRUARY 11, 2014 - REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

No comments or corrections.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Vittengl to approve the minutes of February 11<sup>th</sup> as prepared.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilwoman LeClair Yes
Councilman Vittengl Yes
Councilman Kusnierz Abstain
Councilman Prendergast Absent
Supervisor Jenkins Yes

# MINUTES - FEBRUARY 25, 2014 - MONTH-END AUDIT MEETING

Correction: Page 81 – Audited Claims – General Fund Claims Amount – Change to \$82,195.14 from \$90,195.14

### MINUTES - FEBRUARY 25, 2014 - REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

No comments or corrections.

Approval was tabled of both sets of minutes dated February 25th.

## **SET FUTURE MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS**

A special meeting of the Town Board was scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 p.m. to interview applicants for the position of Recreation Department Laborer.

### 15 MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reed Antis stated that at the February 11<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting two employees of the Town were let go and the minutes didn't state what department(s) they worked in. He asked what departments they worked in.

Supervisor Jenkins replied one worked full-time in the Recreation Department and one worked part-time at the Transfer Station.

Reed Antis asked if they were long-time employees and Supervisor Jenkins asked him what he defined as long-time.

Reed Antis stated over two years and Supervisor Jenkins replied yes.

Reed Antis asked if they were replaced and Supervisor Jenkins said that is what the interviews are for on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Reed Antis asked if the records at the Moreau Emergency Squad have been reviewed yet or not.

Supervisor Jenkins replied that a meeting has been scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> to review their records at their site. The accountant for the Moreau Emergency Squad will be there along with Rudy Klick the Town's Special Projects Aide, Fran Thibodeau the Town's Principal Account Clerk, Councilwoman LeClair and Councilman Kusnierz. Supervisor Jenkins said he was going to the County Offices to review their year-end work papers for 2012.

Reed Antis asked if he was correct by saying that starting in July 2014 the Moreau Emergency Squad being a not-for-profit organization will have to disclose everything. Are the state laws changing July 1st for not-for-profits?

Attorney Buettner replied that she has not seen any cases that talk about this. Nothing has come through the Open Meetings Committee either, but she is looking into it.

Reed Antis said that Supervisor Jenkins was going to look into video streaming the Town Board Meetings and he asked Supervisor Jenkins if he has gotten any information on that.

Supervisor Jenkins replied that he hasn't gotten any final answers back from anyone.

Reed Antis shared what he has found out as follows: We can set up a You Tube website account for under \$600.00 and then video tape the meetings and post them on You Tube. If we want to store the videos we can purchase an external hard drive to store them on, but we shouldn't have to keep them since we have audio recordings of the meetings and minutes that we keep.

Reed Antis asked for an update on the Sandbar Beach.

Councilman Vittengl said they are making "great progress" and this is due to Councilwoman LeClairs' efforts. She met with the Mayor last week. Money was left to the Village of South Glens Falls as a memorial to be used to fix up the area outside the fence.

Councilwoman LeClair said she met with Village Trustee Ed LaFave and Mayor Joe Orlow and Tim Johnston the Town's Recreation Department Maintenance Director. They have a lot of plans as follows:

Improve the dock area; build a gazebo, new picnic tables, fire pits, a floating dock, landscaping and a memorial for the gentleman who left the funds to do all of this with. They thought perhaps the Town could fix up the pump house building. The strength of the pump house walls has to be determined and perhaps a new metal roof on the building. Tim is checking into getting someone to inspect the strength of the walls.

Attorney Buettner said she spoke with the attorney for the Village of South Glens Falls about one hour ago. He said if the Town came up with a proposed inter-municipal agreement he would forward it to the Village Mayor. The Village is ready to do whatever we want to do. All we have to do is put the terms together. She needs to know what the Town Board wants in the agreement.

Supervisor Jenkins said a long-term lease agreement would be needed in order for the Town to spend a significant amount of money on the property.

Attorney Buettner said it wouldn't be a lease agreement it would be an inter-municipal agreement.

Supervisor Jenkins said it would have to be a long-term inter-municipal agreement.

Attorney Buettner replied that she told the attorney for the Village that the Town would want a term of at least 10 years for the inter-municipal agreement.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that she thought they were looking for a 15 or 20 year term.

Attorney Buettner said that is up to the Town Board.

Reed Antis stated that it has been five years since the re-zoning was started and he wanted to know why it has taken five years. It is ridiculous that it has taken the Town Board five years to "react or act".

Supervisor Jenkins stated that the Town had a contract with a Firm that really didn't respond or give us what we needed and the process didn't work. Jim Martin from the LA Group is present to tell us what he thinks we need to do.

Bobby Dick commented on the temporary audio system that he set up for the meeting as a test and he said it sounded good from where he was sitting. He stated that he only had two microphones for the test, but when a permanent system is in place each member of the Board would have a microphone. He also noted that the Town Clerk forwarded to the Town Board some information he provided on acoustic sound panels that could be mounted on the wall. The Town Board could purchase the acoustic panels direct from a company. Then the Town Board could reach out to the South Glens Falls School System and have the students take pictures of areas in the Town, the municipal building, or whatever and the pictures could be put on the acoustic panels by the company they are purchased from and it would become a school project and at the same time help with the acoustics in the meeting room.

# JIM MARTIN PROPOSAL RE: RE-ZONING

Jim Martin from the LA Group who prepared the Town's Comprehensive Plan was present to explain his proposed services and his idea of what needs to be done to finalize the re-zoning in the Town. He reviewed the re-zoning efforts started a few years ago. He met with Joe Patricke and Supervisor Jenkins to get their opinions on this. It appears a lot of work was done on the re-zoning project. The following components are in the proposed zoning amendments: Definitions, districts, a map, and the procedural items relating to site plan review, district descriptions, bulk and height requirements and the administrative provisions. He said it appears to be a fairly good effort, but he said the devil is always in the details of the districting. He had with him a binder that he got from Joe Patricke with all the information that Joe has collected on this project. In reviewing the information in the binder he found that it appears there was some concern over the definitions. The definitions are a very important part of a

zoning code and they need to be clear to the zoning administrator and the public that is going to use it. He prefers to define more than less. There are some structural items in the proposed code that he would like to go over with Joe Patricke. Such as, the definitions should be in the back of the code rather than in the front and present the code in a clearer more concise manner. He said that in terms of the actual content it may have to be updated. Over the years since this process was started there has been an evolutionary change in land use and in particular in the Route 9 corridor. He said there was a study just completed of the Route 9 corridor. He proposes to get the document up-to-date. Perhaps include how to handle PUD's and associated mapping, which would be done electronically. He has scheduled in his proposal three meetings with Joe Patricke. Then he would prepare the document for final draft. He said a public meeting could be held at some point to allow public input. It would be reviewed by the attorney for the Town for legality. He projected that it could be completed by September or October 2014.

Councilman Kusnierz asked when the Town Board directed the Building Inspector to seek out a proposal from the LA Group.

Supervisor Jenkins replied that the Town Board didn't, but the Town Board made a decision to look into this as a Town Board.

Councilman Kusnierz said that usually we send out RFP's to give other entities an opportunity to submit a proposal and he doesn't see where any other entity responded.

Supervisor Jenkins said at this point they aren't prepared to talk about any of the numbers on the sheet.

Councilman Kusnierz said it is public information. The LA Group did our Comprehensive Plan and they know our Town and their rates are comparable. He is prepared to move forward.

Councilman Kusnierz said he wasn't disputing their rates or anything else. He is concerned about the methodology used to get to where we are tonight. The elected officials direct the department heads to move forward and he doesn't recall that happening. Rather, they talked informally about this.

Supervisor Jenkins said it was his decision not the Building Inspectors.

Councilman Kusnierz said it was unilateral then.

Supervisor Jenkins said he asked Joe Patricke to contact Jim Martin to see if he would be interested in meeting with us to discuss the issue. He said he is very comfortable with the work that Jim Martin did on the Comprehensive Plan and the River Front Park Project.

Councilman Kusnierz said again he wasn't saying anything disparaging about the LA Group. There are many firms out there that do this kind of work. We owe it to the taxpayers to make sure that we provide those in this business an equal opportunity to be employed by the Town under professional services and that has not happened here.

Supervisor Jenkins said he didn't have a problem doing this, because we have three engineering firms that we have worked with comparably on projects. He said they could put this on hold until the next meeting.

Councilwoman LeClair asked if they could move forward on this without finalizing the Farmland Protection Project. She said we are trying to establish an Ag Advisory Committee who will have to meet to come up with what they feel would be best for the Ag District.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that once the Board has made a decision on how they are going to move forward with the Agricultural Protection Program then we can use that information to move forward with whatever entity we hire and they can build it into our code.

Councilwoman LeClair said there was a lot discussed within that, like breaking up the lots within the Ag District and several other things that the Town Board will have to decide on and she asked if won't they have to comply with zoning.

Jim Martin said that they would want to work that input into the zoning. He said there are considerations with Ag Districts and Ag as a land use activity has been studied and you want to have the benefit of that work incorporated into the zoning.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that she has been in contact with five farmers who are interested in serving on the Ag Advisory Committee and the Sign Law.

The proposal from LA Group was tabled.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REQUESTS**

The following quotes were submitted by the Highway Superintendent for the purchase of five (5) main brooms and six (6) gutter brooms for the Johnston Sweeper:

Cyncon Equipment	\$1,867.00 plus freight
ODB Company	\$1,672.00
United Rotary Brush Corp.	\$1,410.67

The purchase would be made out of account DB5130.492 that had a balance of \$35,485.40 as of 3/3/14.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Vittengl authorizing the purchase of five (5) main brooms and six (6) gutter brooms for the Johnston Sweeper from United Rotary Brush Corp. at a cost not to exceed \$1,410.67.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl Yes
Councilwoman LeClair Yes
Councilman Kusnierz Yes
Councilman Prendergast Absent
Supervisor Jenkins Yes

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair authorizing the purchase of up to \$20,000.00 worth of diesel fuel from Global Montello Group under State Contract #PS66158 out of account DB5142.460 that had a balance of \$82,405.88 as of 2/3/14.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Kusnierz Yes
Councilwoman LeClair Yes
Councilman Vittengl Yes
Councilman Prendergast Absent
Supervisor Jenkins Yes

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

Councilman Vittengl stated that Amy picked out playground equipment to purchase for the Rec. Park and presented it at the last meeting. She has since found on-line a similar layout through Miracle. It is a combination climber/climbing wall activity group designed for use by younger children.

Amy Alfonso obtained the following quotes:

GameTime	\$12,086.00 plus shipping
Landscape Structures	\$12,635.00 plus shipping
Miracle	\$11,530.00 plus \$2,157.84 shipping

Councilman Vittengl asked for approval to purchase the playground equipment at a not to exceed amount of \$13,800.00. That amount will leave some leeway in case the shipping charges were miscalculated. He said the equipment would go in by the area of the Girl's softball field. This purchase would be made out of the HP Recreation Capital Reserve Fund.

Councilwoman LeClair said that earlier today she asked Fran for a breakdown on the funds.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that it is a capital reserve fund and the project isn't budgeted until this board passes a resolution to establish a capital project. So what we have listed for budgeting doesn't mean very much. He said that what Councilwoman LeClair really wants to know is that there is \$110,000 in the HP fund and \$100,000 in the Town-Wide Recreation Capital Project Reserve Fund.

Councilwoman LeClair said there is \$98,600.00 in the fund, because we owe R.J. Kerr. There is \$141,693.34 and then there is \$18,800.00 and then there is the scoreboards and she said that she is confused because it reads "grant" on the purchase request sheet and the grant money has been used up.

Supervisor Jenkins said it is actually \$98,600.00.

Councilwoman LeClair asked if they had to transfer funds.

Supervisor Jenkins replied no, establishing the capital reserve by resolution establishes the fund. It would come from "that reserve in that amount".

Councilman Kusnierz asked if the money from the PEP Grant is involved in this.

Supervisor Jenkins replied no, that money has already been spent.

Councilman Vittengl said it was used on the purchase of kayaks and all.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if this equipment is in place of the equipment that he and Councilman Vittengl talked about last fall.

Councilman Vittengl replied that this is for use by younger children and it will go down by the softball field. The equipment is for climbing on and will be challenging for the younger kids.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if the Town Board was backing away from the more extensive equipment.

Councilman Vittengl replied that the Vo-Tech Students will be building natural landscape play equipment around this also and at no cost to the Town. We will keep adding pieces to it when we find out how popular it is and how it fits into the area.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if this purchase would be made out of the HP Account.

Supervisor Jenkins replied that it would come out of account HP7180.2.

Supervisor Jenkins asked for a resolution "establishing the capital project for youth softball rec. equipment".

A motion to this effect was made by Councilman Vittengl.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that she has seen this type of equipment used out in the Syracuse area and the younger children are very interactive on it.

Councilwoman LeClair seconded the motion.

Councilwoman LeClair asked if a transfer of funds is needed or not.

Supervisor Jenkins said it will come out of the capital project fund. Technically there is no budget until you establish a capital project and you don't do that unless you have funds.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if they knew where it was going to be put in the Rec. Park.

Councilman Vittengl said Amy is concerned about foul balls so she wants to do a little testing first to see where the best place is to put it. She is looking into possibly getting some shade screens to shade the area. There is a grant for shade screens that we can apply for up to \$10,000, if we can get a dermatologist to sign off on it so it will provide shade for the rec. area.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if the parents will be able to see their kids in that location.

Councilman Vittengl replied yes, it will be up high.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilwoman LeClairYesCouncilman VittenglYesCouncilman KusnierzYesCouncilman PrendergastAbsentSupervisor JenkinsYes

The engineering proposals for the proposed bikeway were discussed next.

Councilman Vittengl stated that the engineering prices came in for the bikeway. It is just the planning phase for a bikeway that would run from the Nolan Road boat launch, along Old Dyke Road, under the Northway overpass and hook up to Old Bend Road. There are no wetlands issues since it was an existing road. He said we need firm costs to go ahead with our private partners so they can decide how much they can help us with the costs for this project. They won't pay for the whole project, but they have said they will help us out substantially.

The three quotes were as follows:

C.T. Male	\$7,400.00
LA Group	\$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00
Alta Planning & Design Utilizing Garry Robinson & Jim Mitchell	\$7,120.00

Councilman Vittengl said it was his recommendation to accept the quote from Alta Planning & Design at \$7,120.00.

Councilwoman LeClair said she spoke with Councilman Vittengl today, but she was having a hard time getting her mind around all the projects that are planned. She asked if Councilman Vittengl would meet with her and go over all the projects to figure out what there is funding for and then it could be put on the agenda for the next meeting for finalization.

Councilman Vittengl said they could wait, but it is a \$7,000.00 investment and quite a bit of money and sometimes you can "lose the tempo of the people willing to work with you, you miss the window". The bikeway will have a lot of visibility from the Northway and everybody getting involved with this is getting very excited. He said he thinks they will find out that there is funding available for this and while funding is there the quicker we act the better. We could lose the "window".

Councilman Kusnierz stated that Councilwoman LeClair brings up a good point about projects going on in our Rec. Park. While they will improve our park for the better, we have a finite amount of money to work with for capital projects. He said they have discussed before how we should establish a plan for capital projects and where we want to be in one year and five years and where we want to see development so we have a structured plan to move forward with. We know we are going to spend money, but we would be able to make decisions like this one easier to make.

Councilman Vittengl stated that the amount of money they would be spending on this project would be way more than what we have spent in quite a while. We are looking at 2 ½ miles of bikeway. We can wait two weeks, but until we know what the cost is we can't move forward. Is it going to cost \$200,000.00 or \$1 million? We don't know yet. There is a bridge involved and possibly some land acquisition.

Councilman Kusnierz said the point he was trying to make is that we are talking about a cold storage building, equipment upgrades and now playground upgrades and he saw a proposal for a second bowl in the Rec. Park. We have to be moving forward as a Board in making decisions. He said he appreciates Councilman Vittengl's enthusiasm. A lot is happening down at the Rec. Park.

Councilman Vittengl said the ultimate goal is to link the bikeway from Moreau Lake State Park to the Betar Byway and then to Lake George Village. Then the bikeway would go from Moreau Lake State Park to Wilton and Saratoga. That is the master plan for 10 to 20 years down the road. We are the middle link of this big bikeway.

Supervisor Jenkins asked when the forestry work will be done.

Councilman Vittengl replied this summer for fall.

Supervisor Jenkins said that the cost would come out of the general fund and he doesn't know if they could restrict it to recreation or not. He asked Attorney Buettner to look into that. If we rolled it into fund balance we could budget it back into recreation as an individual item, but that is the only way we could do it directly.

Councilman Kusnierz asked how the recreation fees that we are receiving now are allocated. Are they going into the General Fund or the Capital Project Fund?

Supervisor Jenkins said that right now they are going into the Town-Wide Recreation Capital Project Fund and he thinks the Board may need to revisit that. The funds in that account are restricted to permissive referendum. He said the Town Board may want to consider changing the policy so that the Board decides what fund the money is going to go into as the money comes in from each project. We don't want to be in the position where we need some of the money in that account and it is subject to permissive referendum.

Councilwoman LeClair said it would be tough to do without a strong master plan. If there was \$100,000.00 coming in and we have several projects we are spending money on then we could allocate say \$70,000.00 towards one project and \$27,000.00 towards another project, etc. What happens if we have nothing to allocate it towards? What if we don't have a project to spend it on? Do we put it in savings until a project comes along?

Supervisor Jenkins said that is what they have to talk about.

Action on the engineering proposals for the bikeway was tabled.

Councilwoman LeClair asked Councilman Vittengl if he could meet with her next Wednesday and Councilman Vittengl replied yes.

Councilman Vittengl said he assumed that the request for new flooring in the annex building was on hold also then and the answer was yes.

### WATER DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

None

Supervisor Jenkins asked Jesse Fish if he got quotes for fire hydrants along Bluebird Road.

Jesse Fish said he had the quotes on the fire hydrants and the quotes range from \$22,000.00 to \$23,000.00 for just the fire hydrants and materials. He is waiting on prices to tap into the water line.

Supervisor Jenkins asked if he would be ready for the next meeting and Jesse Fish replied he hoped so.

### TOWN CLERK'S REQUEST

The Town Clerk requested authorization to purchase six units of shelving for the records storage area in the basement of the Municipal Building. The following quotes were obtained by the Town Clerk:

Acme Business Systems	\$3,564.65
Just the Right Stuff	\$3,600.00
Inner Space Systems	\$3,819.00

The recommendation was to purchase the shelving from Acme Business Systems.

The amount budgeted in account A6989.2 for this purchase was \$3,762.00.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair authorizing the purchase of shelving for the records storage from Acme Business Systems at a cost not to exceed \$3,564.65.

Councilman Kusnierz asked why the shelving couldn't be purchased with funds from the HP Capital Projects Fund. He asked if isn't this the result of the new building being built.

Supervisor Jenkins said there is about \$14,000.00 that we never received in effect, in other words, we didn't have \$2.6 million. We had some interest income. If we had that we would have about \$23,000.00. The cash balance is a little over \$9,000.00.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if we could use that money.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that money was budgeted for this purpose in the Records Management Account so he didn't see any reason not to use that money. He doesn't know where they would get the \$14,000.00 to bring it up to the \$2.6 million that was approved.

Councilman Vittengl seconded the motion.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilwoman LeClair Yes

Councilman Vittengl Yes
Councilman Kusnierz Yes
Councilman Prendergast Absent
Supervisor Jenkins Yes

# RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ELECTION INSPECTOR'S FOR SPECIAL ELECTION & PAY RATE

Supervisor Jenkins stated that a resolution was needed to appoint election inspectors to serve at the Special Election on April 1<sup>st</sup> and approve a pay rate of \$100.00 per inspector. Saratoga County pays election inspectors \$100.00 for Primary Elections that run from 12 Noon until 9:00 p.m. and the Special Election is going to run from 12 Noon until 8:00 p.m. The School District pays inspectors \$100.00 each to work the school budget elections from 12 Noon until 8:00 p.m.

Councilman Kusnierz asked why they were cutting the voting off at 8:00 p.m. instead of 9:00 p.m.

Attorney Buettner replied it was in the resolution.

Supervisor Jenkins said it could be shorter than that, but if they changed it then it would have to be republished.

Councilman Kusnierz said the Primary Elections run 12 Noon until 9:00 p.m. and the General Elections are from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Supervisor Jenkins said that because it is a Special Election the time could have been shorter.

Supervisor Jenkins said two resolutions were needed. The first one was to approve the rate of pay.

Councilman Vittengl made a motion approving the rate of 100.00 per election inspector for the Special Election on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilwoman LeClair seconded the motion.

Councilman Vittengl Yes
Councilwoman LeClair Yes
Councilman Kusnierz Yes
Councilman Prendergast Absent
Supervisor Jenkins Yes

The next resolution was to appoint the election inspectors. The Town Clerk read the resolution out loud as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MOREAU, IN THE COUNTY OF SARATOGA, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 11, 2014 DESIGNATING THE OFFICIALS TO ACT AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD APRIL 1, 2014

RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MOREAU, IN THE COUNTY OF SARATOGA, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The following persons whose names are included on the list of election inspectors and ballot clerks previously designated for general election purposes, pursuant to the Election Law, are hereby

appointed to act as Election Inspectors and Ballot Clerks at the Special Election of the qualified voters of the proposed Extension No. 4 of Sewer District No. 1 in the Town of Moreau, in the County of Saratoga, New York, to be held at the Town Hall, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York, on April 1, 2014, from noon until 8:00 p.m., and to perform all duties and undertakings in relation thereto, as prescribed by the Town Law and the Election Law:

Kathleen Goodsell

Linda Carpenter

Joan Esposito

Diane Morency

Section 2. The Election Inspectors shall file with the Town Clerk of the Town a certificate setting forth the holding of the Special Election, the total number of votes cast upon the Proposition submitted at such Special Election, and the number of votes for and against said Proposition, together with the name and address of every person voting at such Special Election upon such Proposition.

Section 3. In the event an Election Inspector is unable to fulfill her duties and there is insufficient time to call a meeting of the Town Board to appoint a replacement, the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to choose a replacement Election Inspector of the same political party as the Inspector unable to fulfill her duties.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilman Kusnierz asked who picked the inspectors.

The Town Clerk, Jeanne Fleury, replied "I did".

Councilwoman LeClair made a motion to adopt the above resolution and the motion was seconded by Councilman Vittengl.

Supervisor Jenkins asked for a roll call vote.

Councilman Kusnierz said he had one more thing. He asked the Town Clerk if during the selection process did she receive any input.

The Town Clerk asked "input from whom" and Councilman Kusnierz replied "anybody".

The Town Clerk replied no and she didn't ask for any.

Councilman Kusnierz laughed and the Town Clerk said she believes it is the Town Clerks duty under the Town Law and Election Law to appoint the inspectors and she said maybe the attorney for the Town can tell the Board if she was correct or not. She said if anybody wanted to change the inspectors then it was fine with her.

There was no response.

Supervisor Jenkins asked for a roll call vote again.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Kusnierz No
Councilwoman LeClair Yes
Councilman Vittengl Yes
Councilman Prendergast Absent
Supervisor Jenkins Yes

### COLD STORAGE BUILDING AT REC. PARK

**Tabled** 

## DISCUSS RFP'S FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR ADDITIONAL BOWL AT REC. PARK

Councilman Vittengl stated that in talking with Tim Johnston there is a definite need for more fields for Soccer and LaCrosse. The plan is to try and come up with fields at little or no cost to the Town. If there is room and a site available in the park and we could duplicate the bowl, which is extremely popular, at little or no cost to the Town. He said he would like to send out RFP's to engineering firms to see what they submit for proposals.

Councilman Kusnierz agreed that we need more fields, but we have trouble maintaining the fields we have now down at the park. He said before we expand the amount of acreage we have to take care of for additional fields we should get some of our fields that are in poor condition into top shape first.

Councilman Vittengl stated that Soccer and LaCrosse need fields. They don't care if it is dust bowl or if they are in premier shape they just need fields to play on. The programs just keep growing. Even if we get all of the fields in tip top shape we are still short. In order for our community and kids to keep active we have to keep building. It doesn't happen overnight. If engineering plans are in place now the fields may not be played on for two or three years from now. This is a long-term project. There isn't any cost to get proposals.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if they talked about this at budget time. He didn't recall them discussing it.

Supervisor Jenkins replied no and they didn't budget money for it. The general belief is that there wouldn't be any cost, because there would be some money generated from the sand taken out of the site.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if the Board decided where the new bowl would go.

Supervisor Jenkins replied no.

Councilman Vittengl said he thinks he knows where there is space in the park for another bowl, but he would leave that to the engineers. They are the experts.

Supervisor Jenkins said he didn't think they were ready for RFP's, but he asked the Board Members to think about it.

### TRANSFERS OF FUNDS (INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS)

Supervisor Jenkins read the following increase in appropriations:

Increase appropriations by \$10,000.00 in A1620.201 – General Fund – Buildings – Equipment to reappropriate 2013 funds available in the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance that is needed to purchase flags for the Municipal Complex.

Increase appropriations by \$18,000.00 in DB5142.490 – Highway Fund – Snow Removal – Road Salt to re-appropriate 2013 funds available in the Highway Fund Unreserved Fund Balance that is needed to assist with the purchase of 2014 Road Salt.

Increase appropriations by \$2,000.00 in DB5142.491 – Highway Fund – Snow Removal – Road Sand to re-appropriate 2013 funds available in the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance that is needed to assist with the purchase of 2014 Road Sand.

Councilman Kusnierz said we are incurring the expense for a flag as a result of the construction of the new municipal complex so shouldn't it be paid for out of the capital project.

Supervisor Jenkins said yes if we put money in the account. We are short \$14,000.00 that we never got.

Councilman Kusnierz said he didn't understand.

Supervisor Jenkins stated the following: We had "x" number of dollars. We put \$1 million into the Waste Management Reserve and we put \$1.4 million into the highway building. He said it was short about \$27,000.00. We picked up about \$11,000.00 through interest. The total we put into the municipal complex fund was \$2,585,960.98. We didn't put \$2.6 million into the fund, because it didn't exist. There was also \$6,484.12 in revenue for clearing of trees. He said originally they were going to put \$850,000.00 into reserve, but we put \$1 million in. So it came up somewhat short and that was the money that was left to go in, which was actually \$2,556,896.62.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if he was saying that the public gave the Town Board authority to spend money that we didn't have.

Supervisor Jenkins said they made that decision back in December to use some transfers to reappropriate instead of it being done this way. It comes out of fund balance whichever way you do it.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Vittengl to approve the above increase in appropriations.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilwoman LeClair Yes
Councilman Kusnierz No
Councilman Vittengl Yes
Councilman Prendergast Absent
Supervisor Jenkins Yes

Councilman Kusnierz said he supports funding for additional salt and snow removal costs. However, he voted no, because the purchase of a flag is something you figure out at budget time and budget money for it isn't something that you use funds from unreserved fund balance for.

Councilwoman LeClair said they talked about it at budget time.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if they put money in the budget for it and said he didn't think so.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Vittengl authorizing the following increase in appropriations:

Increase appropriations by \$20,130.62 in HH1620.2 – Highway Garage Capital Project – Buildings – Equipment to create a Highway Garage Capital Project budget for 2014.

Increase appropriations by \$30,861.83 in HC1620.2 – Municipal Office Complex Capital Project – Buildings – Equipment to create a Municipal Office Complex Capital Project budget for 2014.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl Yes
Councilwoman LeClair Yes
Councilman Kusnierz Yes
Councilman Prendergast Absent
Supervisor Jenkins Yes

# SARATOGA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PLANTINGS – DISCUSS

Supervisor Jenkins asked Councilman Vittengl and Councilman Kusnierz to review the information from the Saratoga County Soil and Water Conservation District about seedlings they have for sale and figure out which ones would be good to purchase and be planted in the Rec. Park and around the municipal complex.

Councilman Vittengl said he would get Councilwoman LeClair's input also.

## 15 MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reed Antis asked for an update on the Town's surplus properties on Hudson Street and William Street.

Supervisor Jenkins advised that the appraisals haven't come back yet. He had one party interested possibly in the Hudson Street property, but he isn't sure how interested. He told them the property may be put out to bid or auctioned off. The Board will have to decide once the appraisals come back.

Reed Antis asked if there was a return date for the appraisals and Supervisor Jenkins replied no. He said he would ask the Assessor to check on the status of the appraisals.

Reed Antis asked Councilman Kusnierz if he wanted to get together about doing some video streaming of the Town Board Meetings and if it was something he wanted to do. He said he wanted to get it out to the public to experience the public meetings so they were more hands on through the internet. There are so many avenues they could go through. Going through the website and utilizing Mannix Marketing may be cost prohibitive, but utilizing You Tube and having some reasonably priced equipment and a decent sound system it could be feasible.

Councilman Kusnierz said it would be the most cost effective way to get audio and video out to the public. He doesn't know anything about how it is accomplished, but he knows the legislature does it with their committee meetings and they broadcast them on You Tube within the hour, but he doesn't know the mechanics on how to get it on You Tube.

Reed Antis asked Councilman Kusnierz if he could get them a contact person that the Town could get a hold of through the State. He said that Councilman Kusnierz was down in Albany on a regular basis.

Councilman Kusnierz said he was involved in other stuff and has no time for that.

Someone suggested they contact the Marathon Dance Committee. They just video streamed their dance.

Councilwoman LeClair said she would check with Ray Supply for suggestions.

Reed Antis said we would need a tripod, reasonable camcorder, external hard drive for storage and it will probably cost less than \$750.00. Then someone has to be responsible for setting it up.

Councilman Kusnierz suggested that she start with the Marathon Dance Committee.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that in the legislature the cameras and microphones are permanent and they turn a switch to activate them.

Bobby Dick suggested that perhaps Channel 8 would broadcast it and Reed Antis stated that some people don't have access to Channel 8.

Rich Morris stated that Supervisor Jenkins was quoted in the Chronicle as saying that the circulation of the petitions for the sewer district extension was a Republican Committee agenda for the Democrats not to succeed with the sewer district extension moving forward. Rich Morris said that he wanted to clarify, that it was him and a few other people in the district that thought it should go to vote. He said he wants to see democrats succeed. Some of his best friends and favorite people in the Town are Democrats. He said that if Bobby Vittengl succeeds then he succeeds and the Town succeeds. He told Supervisor Jenkins that it was nice to shake his hand at the Marathon Dance and know there wasn't any animosity, because of their political parties. He said it was clearly his decision to circulate the petition, because he thought it was in the best interest and in fairness to the people in the district. It had nothing to do with the Republican Committee.

Supervisor Jenkins said he heard this same thing from Adele Kurtz at the last meeting. He said he can accept what Rich Morris was saying in good faith, but he doesn't think it will change his personal opinion. He said that what Rich Morris was saying was important and he has respect for him and Adele and it is just the opinion that he had.

Rich Morris said he involved Adele in one thing and that was the petition. He had a concern over the validity of the petition that he was handed to circulate being that it was on two pages. So he reached out to Adele, because he isn't a lawyer. He wanted to make sure his efforts moving forward weren't null and void, because the petition wasn't correct. In the future he thinks we should have a petition that is readily available that has some legal validity to it so if people are going to circulate it, it is the right petition. That is why he involved Adele.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that the petition was different than a regular election petition and it was accurate the way it was.

Attorney Buettner said she drafted the petition and it was taken directly out of the format in the statute. She added the second page to allow for the number of signatures that would be obtained.

Rich Morris said that was their concern. He thought it had to be all on one page.

Attorney Buettner replied no not for this purpose.

Rich Morris said that is why they created a new petition. They weren't sure if it was correct or not.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilwoman LeClair asked if the Board Members wanted her to do anything now that there are people interested in serving on the Agricultural Advisory Committee. Do the Board Members want her to give them copies of the Town's Zoning Law and Sign Law?

Supervisor Jenkins said that would be fine with him.

Councilman Kusnierz agreed.

# **SUPERVISOR'S ITEMS**

Hansen Van Vleet has found asbestos in the pump house down off Nolan Road by the river. The asbestos will be required to be removed before demolition of the building. He asked for authorization to send out RFP's for the asbestos removal.

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair authorizing RFP's to the three firms who are on the DEC list of approved contractors for asbestos removal.

#### Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Kusnierz Yes
Councilwoman LeClair Yes
Councilman Vittengl Yes
Councilman Prendergast Absent
Supervisor Jenkins Yes

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair authorizing Jesse Fish and Earl Ruff to attend an Adirondack Waterworks Conference in Saratoga and for the registration fee of \$35.00 each and all necessary travel and meal expenses to be a proper town charge.

### Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl Yes
Councilman Kusnierz Yes
Councilwoman LeClair Yes
Councilman Prendergast Absent
Supervisor Jenkins Yes

A request was received from Deputy Town Clerk, Leeann McCabe, to close the municipal building the day after Christmas this year, which will be a Friday, if all employees want to use a personal day or vacation day to do so. This request was granted.

Reed Antis asked if the Transfer Station would be closed that day and the answer was no.

Supervisor Jenkins reported that a Transfer Station Clerk has been tested and found to have a small amount of carbon monoxide poisoning. He asked if he could hire someone to install a ventilation fan in the roof of the building. There was some concern that it could have come from vapors from the landfill, but that was checked out and it is not. The landfill does not produce monoxide. It produces gas. He said if the cost is going to be more than \$500.00 he would obtain verbal approval from the Town Board Members first. There were no objections voiced to this request.

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to adjourn to executive session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss the results of the interview process held for the position of Water Department Laborer.

### Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl Yes
Councilwoman LeClair Yes
Councilman Kusnierz Yes
Councilman Prendergast Absent
Supervisor Jenkins Yes

The Town Clerk did not sit in on the executive session.

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to adjourn the executive session and re-open the regular session at 8:48 p.m.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl Yes
Councilwoman LeClair Yes
Councilman Kusnierz Yes
Councilman Prendergast Absent
Supervisor Jenkins Yes

No action was taken in the executive session.

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to offer the position of Laborer for the Water Department to James Graul II at a rate of \$12.00 per hour effective April 1st, contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and subject to a six month probationary period.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl Yes
Councilwoman LeClair Yes
Councilman Kusnierz Yes
Councilman Prendergast Absent
Supervisor Jenkins Yes

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilman Kusnierz to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Vittengl Yes
Councilwoman LeClair Yes
Councilman Kusnierz Yes
Councilman Prendergast Absent
Supervisor Jenkins Yes

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Fleury Town Clerk