A. The Seneca Falls Town Board held a regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at the Seneca Falls Town Office, 130 Ovid Street Seneca Falls.
Supervisor Schmitter called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

B. A roll call was taken of board members the following members of the board were present:

TOWN OFFICER	Present	Absent
Supervisor Frank Schmitter	X	
Councilman Frank Sinicropi	X	
Councilman Jackson Puylara	X	
Councilwoman Dawn Dyson	X	
Councilwoman Kaitlyn Laskoski	X	

Also present were:

Town Manager Peter Soscia		X
Town Attorney Patrick Morell	X	
Director of Parks & Recreation Missy Jones	X	
Town Assessor Deborah VonWald	X	
Zoning Officer Peter Porcelli	X	
Highway Superintendent Jeremy Wendt	X	
Police Chief Timothy Snyder		X
Chief of Water & Sewer Joesph Tullo		X

C. The Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

D. Regular Meeting

a. Presentations/Petitioners/Privilege of the Floor –

i. Mark Pitifer – Mark spoke on behalf of Waterloo Container and Bill Lutz regarding the odor from the Seneca Meadows Landfill. Mark distributed to the board members a research report from the International Epidemiological Association regarding Environmental Exposures and Cancer titled: "Morbidity and mortality of people who live close to municipal waste landfills: a multisite cohort study" January 27, 2016. Mark spoke of the responsibility of the board to protect our environment and children. Mark noted that the 12-year study concluded a direct connection between H_2S gas and respiratory issues. Mark asked that the town adapt, and change given what we know about the landfill and the gas it is producing.

ii. Frank Capozzi – Frank commented on the purchase of the old hospital. He feels that it should be purchased as it would be an asset to the town which would bring in new businesses and new people.

iii. Greg Lazzaro – Greg spoke to the board regarding the resolution that recognized the union. Greg noted that the CSEA has a long history of organizing and recognition in public sectors. He went on to ask the board not to waste money. Having the town recognized by the CSEA will make it a safe and competent workplace and an adversarial working environment will be a thing of the past.

iv. Dan Babbitt – Dan made remarks regarding the town needing to test for H2S gas as it's heavier than normal air. Dan suggested that the town hire a company to monitor the air quality which would prove that the issue does exist. Dan referred to Seneca Meadows being the only source of data and the town needing to have data of their own to plot so that Seneca Meadows could be held responsible.

v. Pam Ferrara – Pam noted that a majority of the town workers want CSEA representation and want to organize to be well equipped to meet the town people's needs. Pam asked the board to please stop wasting time.

vi. Katherine Lasher – Katherine addressed the board regarding the resolution pertaining to the recognition of the CSEA. She was concerned about the resolution being passed and not being followed through with. She asked what the point in the process was if the resolution wasn't going to be followed. Katherine stated that the board should follow through with what was voted on.

vii. Ian Spencer – Ian stated that he represents 1,500 employees across NYS. Ian stated that he understands the process and when a resolution is passed it needs to be followed through with. Ian noted that he finds it deplorable what the board is doing, allowing two members to block recognition. PERB will allow the formation of the union per NYS Law.

viii. A letter from Domenica Catalano was read aloud by Supervisor Schmitter regarding Seneca Meadows odor and the health and safety of the community.

b. <u>Public Hearing – Creation of the Department of Public Works</u> – A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilman Sinicropi. All in Favor. Motion carried.

i. Greg Lazzaro – Greg stated that he is in support of the creation of the Department of Public Works but noted that the formation and creation should wait until after the recognition of the CSEA union.

A motion was made by Councilman Sinicropi and seconded by Councilman Puylara to close the public hearing. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Approval of Minutes – September 2, 2024 – A motion was made by Councilman Puylara and seconded by Councilman Sinicropi to approve the minutes from the September meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. Communications – A motion was made by Councilman Puylara and seconded by Councilwoman Laskoski to accept the communications i. – viii. Councilwoman Laskoski inquired what was going to be done regarding the ADA accessibility complaint that was received. Discussion regarding the issue ensued. Supervisor Schmitter will look into the issue. Councilman Sinicropi inquired about the bids related to the Generator for the Water and Sewer plant. Brief discussion ensued. All in favor of accepting the communications. Motion carried.

e. Special Events – It's a Wonderful Life Festival – December 13-15, 2024 – A motion to table the approval of the event until the November 5, 2024, was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson. All in favor. Motion carried.

f. Old Business

i. Resolution – TC-2024-34 – Seneca Museum of Waterways & Industry Repairs – A motion to approve the following resolution with a change in the total cost of repairs from $23,178.54 to $18,913.54 was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilman Puylara: **WHEREAS**, the Seneca Museum of Waterway and Industry along with the visitor's center is in need of repairs; and
WHEREAS, the needed repairs consist of new vinyl flooring in the boater's amenity lounge, public Wi-Fi throughout the canal front, new paint and systems that automatically flush the toilets.; and
WHEREAS, the cost of those repairs will cost the sum of $18,913.54 and is not included in this year's budget; and
WHEREAS, if the repairs are completed this year, the Seneca Museum of Waterways has been awarded a grant in the amount of $9,979 to re-imburse the town towards the cost.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seneca Falls agrees to pay the initial cost of said repairs in the amount of $18,913.54 and be re-imbursed by said grant when repairs are completed. All in favor. Motion carried.

g. New Business

i. Tentative Budget – The tentative 2025 budget was laid upon the desk of each board member prior to the start of the meeting by the Town Clerk.

ii. Resolution – BL-2024-07 – Authorizing the Aware of Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemical Supplier – A motion was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilman Puylara to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS,** the Town of Seneca Falls (Town) is the owner of their Town's Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants (Plants); and
WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Municipal Law, proposals for Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemical Procurement were received, publicly opened and read aloud on September 20, 2024, at the Town Hall, 130 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls, NY 13148; and
WHEREAS, the Town's Engineering Consultant, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. (B&L), tabulated and analyzed the proposals received, and by letter dated September 24, 2024, has recommend award of the Town of Seneca Falls Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemical Service Contract.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that based on the recommendation of B&L, the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board hereby awards the Town of Seneca Falls "Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemical Service Contract as follows:

- Slack Chemical Co., Inc.
- Holland Company, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

iii. Resolution – BL-2024-08 – Authorizing the Award of Chemical Bulk Storage (CBS) Tank Improvements – A motion was made by Councilman Sinicropi to modify the resolution and lower the amount of money from $30,000.00 to $20, 000. There was no second for the motion. A motion to approve the resolution as written was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson:
WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls (Town) is the owner of their Wastewater Treatment Plant (Plant); and
WHEREAS, due to concerns highlighted in the 2020 5-Year CBS Inspection Report, improvements shall be made before the 2025 inspection; and
WHEREAS, the Town's Engineering Consultant, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. (B&L) need authority to prepare the design of the necessary improvements.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board herby authorize B&L to design the necessary improvements under Task 04.04 of their existing Master Service Agreement at a cost not to exceed $30,000.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately. 4 in favor (Puylara, Dyson, Laskoski, Schmitter) 1 opposed (Sinicropi). Motion carried.

iv. Resolution – CR-2024-04 – Replace Ford F350 Truck Bed – A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilwoman Laskoski to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS,** the

Town of Seneca Falls Community Center owns a 2009 Ford F350 truck that is used to carry the Western Striker Salt Spreader; and
WHEREAS, the bed of the Ford F350 has deteriorated and requires replacement to support the salter; and
WHEREAS, Martin's Outdoor Power has provided the lowest quote for the replacement at a cost of $4,920.00; and
WHEREAS, the Ford F350 truck and **s**alter are by multiple departments within the Town of Seneca Falls, making it appropriate for the cost of repairs to be evenly distributed between account CR7140.402 and A7110.405, both of which have sufficient funds available.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board approves payment of $4,920 to Martin's Outdoor Power for the replacement of the Ford F350 truck bed, with the cost be allocated as follows:
$2,460.00 from account CR7140.402
$2,460.00 from account A7110.405
All in favor. Motion carried.

v. Resolution – CR-2024-05 – Repair Striker Salt Spreader – A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilwoman Laskoski to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS,** the Town of Seneca Falls owns a Western Striker Salt Spreader, purchased used in 2015, that has developed a significant crack; and
WHEREAS, the Salter is essential for maintaining town properties, including but not limited to the Seneca Falls Police Department, Town of Seneca Falls Municipal Building, Sewer Department laneways, the Community Center, and Vince's Park, during winter conditions; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls Community Center received a quote of $3,423.61 from *MDI Truck,* a company specializing in salter repairs; and
WHEREAS, since the Salter is shared among multiple Town of Seneca Falls departments, it is appropriate that the cost of repairs be shared accordingly.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board approves the payment to MDI Truck in the amount of $3,423.61, to be allocated as follows: $1,711.81 from account CR7140.402 and $1,711.80 from account A7110.405, for necessary repairs to Western Striker Salt Spreader. All in favor. Motion carried.

vi. Resolution – CR-2024-06 – Community Center Atrium Floor Instillation – A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilman Puylara to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the current flooring in the Community Center has experienced significant wear and tear over the 25 years since originally installed; and
WHEREAS, the installation of new epoxy flooring has been included in the approved 2024 Town of Seneca Falls Parks & Recreation Budget under code CR7140.208, with necessary funds already allocated; and
WHEREAS, of the three quotes received, Shuttleworth Enterprises provided the best value with a quote of $6,650; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Seneca Falls Town Board approves the expenditure of $6,650 from budget code CR7140.208 to pay Shuttleworth Enterprises for the removal of the existing flooring, repair of any cracks or damage, and the installation of new decorative epoxy flooring with Clear Polyaspartic topcoat. All in favor. Motion carried.

vii. Resolution – CR-2024-07 – Community Center Office Carpet Installation – A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilwoman Laskoski to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the carpet in the Town of Seneca Falls Community Center is original and has experienced significant wear and tear; and
WHEREAS, the installation of new carpet has been included in the approved 2024 Town of Seneca Falls Parks & Recreation Budget under code CR7140.208, with necessary funds already allocated; and
WHEREAS, after reviewing multiple quotes, Carpet House Flooring Center provided the best value with a quote of $2856.oo; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Seneca Falls Town Board approves the expenditure of $2856.00 from budget code CR7140.208 to pay Carpet House Flooring Center for the removal of the existing carpet and the installation of new carpet tile and baseboards. All in favor. Motion carried.

viii. Resolution – CR-2024-08 – Replacement of Memorial Bench – A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilwoman Laskoski to approve the following resolution: ***WHEREAS*****,** Greg Carnevale wishes to donate a memorial bench in honor of Sean Sturgeon, both former residents of Seneca Falls; and
WHEREAS, the bench will be placed on East Bayard Street, overlooking VanCleef Lake, between the Ripples of Change Statue and the When Anthony Met Stanton Statue; and
WHEREAS, the bench will be donated for public use and enjoyment and of no cost to the Town of Seneca Falls; and

WHEREAS, there will be no cost incurred by the Town of Seneca Falls for the installation or maintenance of the bench.

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*,** that the Town Board approves the placement of the memorial bench on East Bayard Street. All in favor. Motion carried.

ix. Resolution – DA-2024-15 – Transfer of Monies – A motion was made by Councilman Puylara and seconded by Councilman Sinicropi to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS,** the Highway Superintendent was made aware that budget line DA5142.100 is currently $-3,782.48; and **WHEREAS,** the Highway Superintendent would like to transfer monies from budget line DA5110.120 in the amount of $8,000.00 to budget line DA5142.100.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of $8,000.00 be transferred from budget line DA5110.120 to DA5142.100. Councilwoman Dyson asked that the money be moved prior to bills being taken from the accounts when the department head is not aware that things will be billed to certain accounts. All in favor. Motion carried.

x. Resolution – F-2024-08 – Water Leak and Pool Credits – A motion to approve the payment of the listed leak and credits was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilwoman Laskoski: The total amount of credits for Pool Fills and leak credits for September 2024: 3 accounts totaling $1,867.13

Comprised of the following credit amounts:
Pool Fills: $230.66
Leak credit: $1,636.47

Account	Name	CREDIT AMOUNT	CREIDT TYPE
K2507	Mary Mele	$181.67	pool credit
F1087	Carol Anne Hatch	$48.99	pool credit
F0829	Stephanie Woodard	$1,636.47	Leak credit
TOTAL		$1,867.13	

All in favor. Motion carried.

xi. Resolution – FG-2024-28 – SCADA/Systems Integration Professional Services Agreement – A motion to approve the following resolution was made by Councilman Puylara and seconded by Councilwoman Laskoski: **WHEREAS,** the Town of Seneca Falls water and sewer department has multiple PLC control systems at its treatment facilities, water towers, and pumping stations; and **WHEREAS,** an available, dedicated contractor who is familiar with these particular systems is crucial to the daily operation of said facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town published and received responses to an RFP posted on May 7th, 2024, titled SCADA/Systems Integration – Term Services, and

WHEREAS, the Town has thoroughly reviewed all responses and believes that Turner Integrated Systems LLC of Williamson, NY is the best fit for the town.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Seneca Falls Town Board authorizes entering into the attached professional services agreement with Turner Integrated Systems LLC. Councilwoman Laskoski inquired why the quotes were going to James Varricchio rather than the Department head, as it is the department heads responsibility to get the quotes and present them to the board. Supervisor Schmitter indicated that James works for the town and Joe delegated that work to James. All in favor. Motion carried.

xii. Resolution – FG-2024-29 – Water & Sewer Budget Transfers – A motion to open discussion was made by Councilman Puylara and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson. Councilman Sinicropi stated that it appears that the items listed below were overbudgeted for but without an itemized list of what is being done with the money for the project. Councilman Sinicropi suggested that the $105,000.00 be frozen so that it cannot be spent on anything else. A motion to table the following resolution was made by Councilman Sinicropi and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson: **WHEREAS,** the water and wastewater plants currently utilize a SCADA control system designed and hosted by an outside contractor offsite; and

WHEREAS, the Town has entered into a professional services agreement with a new contractor Turner Integrated Systems LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Town realizes the need to transfer funds to cover the estimated costs of a new on-site SCADA program, software, and server hardware.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board authorize the following budget transfers:

TRANSFER FROM	**TRANSFER TO**	**AMOUNT**
G8130.459 (Fence/Grounds)	G8130.403 (SCADA)	$30,000
F8330.204 (Equipment Upgrade)	G8130.403 (SCADA)	$30,000
F8330.409 (Chemicals)	G8130.403 (SCADA)	$45,000

All in favor. Motion carried. Resolution tabled.

xiii. Resolution – FG-2024-30 – Hire Crane for WTP Pump Installation – A motion was made by Councilman Sinicropi and seconded by Councilman Puylara to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a crane is required for water and sewer department staff to install pumps at its water treatment plant; and
WHEREAS, three companies provided quotes for the required services, with Klug Crane Inc. being the lowest quoted price.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board authorize hiring Klug Crane Inc. at a rate of $2,100 per day. All in favor. Motion carried.

xiv. Resolution – FG-2024-31 – Water & Wastewater Lab Professional Services Agreement – A motion was made by Councilman Sinicropi and seconded by Councilman Puylara to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS,** the Town of Seneca Falls is required by the DOH, and DEC to routinely monitor its water quality by sending out samples to a state accredited laboratory, and
WHEREAS, the lab that the Town had been using has recently lost its accreditation with the state, and is no longer able to analyze our samples, and
WHEREAS, the Town reached out to three different labs for quotes/information, with the ALS Group USA Corp. being chosen as the best fit for the town,
NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Seneca Falls sign the attached proposal, and enter into a professional services agreement with ALS Group USA Corp. All in favor. Motion carried.

xv. Resolution – FG-2024-32 – Purchase Grit Bin for Wastewater Plant – A motion to approve the following resolution was made by Councilman Puylara and seconded by Councilwoman Laskoski:
WHEREAS, the wastewater plant uses a bin to collect grit before it enters the treatment plant; and
WHEREAS, the current bin is rusted through, has been repaired multiple times, and is no longer repairable.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Seneca Falls Board authorizes the purchase of a replacement grit bin from Unit Rentals for the price of $2,825.00; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the item is on state bid per source well contract # 062320-URI. All in Favor. Motion carried.

xvi. Resolution – PD-2024-13 – Per Diem Reimbursement for Chief Snyder – A motion was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson to approve the following resolution:
WHERAS, it is requested by Chief Timothy A. Snyder GSA Per Diem for meals and incidentals associated with attending the 2024 International Association of Police Chiefs Training Conference; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board approved Chief Snyder to attend the International Association of Police Chiefs Training Conference in Boston at the February 6, 2024, board meeting; and
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board pay Chief Snyder a total of $434.50 to be paid from line item A3120.408 Education for meals & incidental expenses.
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chief Snyder receive his meals & incidental expense based on the US General Services Administration (GSA) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) prior to the start of the conference. All in favor. Motion carried.

xvii. Resolution – TC-2024-31 – Release of Funds ($5,000.00) to the It's a Wonderful Life Festival Committee – A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilman Sinicropi to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS,** the Town Board has passed the 2024 Town Budget which includes items and amounts for the benefit of the It's a Wonderful Life Festival Committee in the amount of $5,000.00; and
WHEREAS, the It's a Wonderful Life Committee has requested release of such funds for the 2024 calendar year which includes events for the general public's enjoyment.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board is authorized to release the $5,000.00 to the It's a Wonderful Life Festival Committee paid from account A7550.401. All in favor. Motion carried.

xviii. Resolution – TC-2024-32 – Appointment of Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Receiver – A motion to table the following resolution was made by Councilman Sinicropi and seconded by Supervisor Schmitter: **WHEREAS,** the office of the Town Clerk has a vacancy due to a staff member leaving for a promotion within the town to another department; and
WHEREAS, resumes were reviewed, and interviews conducted to fill the open vacancy.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of Seneca Falls appoint Jennifer Wick as Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Receiver at an hourly rate of $22.00 an hour effective October 7, 2024. 2 in support of tabling the resolution (Sinicropi, Schmitter), 3 opposed to tabling the resolution (Puylara, Laskoski, Dyson). Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Puylara and seconded by Councilwoman Laskoski. 3 in support (Puylara, Laskoski, Dyson), 2 opposed (Sinicropi, Schmitter). Motion carried.

xix. Resolution – TC-2024-33 – Remote Deposit Capture Agreement – A motion to approve the following resolution was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilman Sinicropi: **WHEREAS,** the Town Clerk collects money for a variety of services provided to the community members of the Town of Seneca Falls; and

WHEREAS, community members are able to pay by cash and check. It has been determined by the Town Clerk that the use of a check scanner would be advantageous in the office as it would allow the Tax Receiver and Deputy Tax Receiver to scan and deposit checks from the office.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Clerk enter into an agreement with Community Bank for a $50.00 fee per month. All in favor. Motion carried.

xx. Resolution – TC-2024-35 – Correction of June 2024 Minutes – A motion to approve the following resolution was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson: **WHEREAS,** it was brought to the attention of the Town Clerk that the minutes of June 4, 2024, had been recorded incorrectly; and
WHEREAS, resolution TS-2024-17 – Accept Donation of Excavator, was in fact motioned by Councilman Sinicropi it was not seconded by Councilwoman Dyson, but Councilman Puylara.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes from June 4, 2024, be corrected to reflect that Councilman Puylara seconded the motion to accept the donation of the excavator. All in favor. Motion carried.

xxi. Resolution – TC-2024-36 – First Light Contract Renewal – A motion to approve the following resolution was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson: **WHEREAS,** the Town of Seneca Falls has contracted in the past with First Light for its telephone repair (technical set up, instillation, and repair) and service contract; and
WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Town Clerk that First Light has not provided the service that the Town of Seneca Falls has been paying for.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Seneca Falls will not renew its contract with First Light.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Seneca Falls will explore alternative service providers including but not limited to Integrated Systems and Community Broadband. All in favor. Motion carried.

xxii. Resolution – TS-2024-40 – Accept Proposal for Landfill Consulting Services – A motion was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilman Puylara to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, with the proposed expansion of Seneca Meadows (SMI), it has been determined that there is a need for the Town to contract for consulting services specific to landfill operations, environmental compliance and economic planning for the community; and
WHEREAS, the proposed service would include a detailed Permitting Schedule, identifying important landfill issues associated with costs and revenues, assisting with SMI agreements, advising on monitoring odor compliance requirements, and assisting with managing disposal of leachate generated by the landfill; and
WHEREAS, the consulting rate of $14,000.00 has been used. Travel would be paid at $.50 per mile and expenses for equipment and supplies would be reimbursed separately.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves further contracting with William Jones and Michael Coia for consulting services as stated above and as itemized in their proposal letter of June 7, 2024 (attached) in an addition cost not to exceed $14,000.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

xxiii. Resolution – TS-2024-41 – Resolution Introducing Proposed Local Law and Providing for Public Hearing Chapter 300, Article XIV. Solar Energy Systems – A motion was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilman Puylara to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS** the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls believes that it would be advantageous to the Town to amend the Town Code as it relates to solar energy systems.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that proposed Local Law No. 3 of the year 2024 entitled *"A Local Law to Amend Article XIV of Chapter 300 of the Seneca Falls Town Code"* be and the same is hereby introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls, New York; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law be laid upon the desks of each member of the Town Board; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid proposed local law be referred to the Seneca County and Seneca Falls Town Planning Boards for review and recommendation.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law at 6:00 p.m. on November 5, 2024; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk publishes or cause to be published a notice of said public hearing in the official newspaper of the town at least ten (10) days prior thereto.
Upon adoption of the foregoing provision, the Clerk distributed copies of the aforesaid Local Law to each member of the Town Board. All in favor. Motion carried.

xxiv. Resolution – TS-2024-42 – Retain Legal and Environmental consultants for DEIS Review – A motion was made by Councilman Puylara and seconded by Councilman Sinicropi to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS**, the Town of Seneca Falls is the host community for a privately owned landfill; and

WHEREAS, said landfill has filed for permits and prepared a draft environmental impact statement for a significant expansion; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls local government has an obligation to conduct due diligence to review the documents submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC); and
WHEREAS, said review must be conducted in a timely manner such that the NYSDEC is made aware of any comments the Town of Seneca Falls may have.
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Supervisor is given authority to retain legal and environmental engineering consultants at a cost not to exceed $50,000. All in favor. Motion carried.

xxv. Resolution – TS-2024-43 – To Exceed the 2% Tax Levy Limit Imposed by General Municipal Law Section 3-C and Set Date for Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law – A motion was made by Councilman Sinicropi and seconded by Councilwoman Laskoski to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board believes it would be advantageous for the town to override the tax levy limit imposed by General Municipal Law, Section 3-c; and
WHEREAS, Subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law, Section 3-c, expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax cap by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that copes of the aforesaid Local Law have been presented to each member of the Town Board; and
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on said proposed Local Law at the Town Municipal Building, 130 Ovid Street, Seneca Falls, NY at 6:00 PM on November 5, 2024; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk publishes or cause to be published a notice of said Hearing in the official newspaper of the town at least five (5) days prior thereto. All in favor. Motion carried.

xxvi. Resolution – TS-2024-44 – Town Public Recreational Park Study – A motion was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilman Sinicropi to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the former Town Hall, located at 10 Fall Street has remained vacant since a fire occurred in 2004; and
WHEREAS, multiple attempts to sell the property to entities that would rebuild and improve the area have been unsuccessful for various reasons; and
WHEREAS, the building located at 2 Fall Street, adjacent to the former Town Hall site, is potentially available for purchase; and
WHEREAS, the combined area of these two parcels presents an opportunity for development into a community recreational park; and
WHEREAS, it is deemed beneficial to explore this opportunity thoroughly.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the supervisor, one board member, and two designated town employees are hereby authorized to conduct a study of the proposal to develop the aforementioned parcels into community recreational park; and
BE IT FURTHER RESLOVED that the study shall also consider the potential sale of Vince's Park for the development of a residential housing complex, as part of the broader examination of community needs and development options. All in favor. Motion carried.

xxvii. Resolution – TS-2024-45 – Select Preferred Qualifications for Engineering Firm to Conduct Storm Water Sewer Infiltration Study – A motion was made by Councilman Sinicropi and seconded by Councilman Puylara to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS,** the Town of Seneca Falls was awarded a grant by the New York State Environmental Funding Corporation to conduct an investigation of infiltration of storm water into the sanitary drain system; and
WHEREAS, said grant requires the Town to demonstrate that a firm is qualified and available to conduct such an investigation; and
WHEREAS, the Town submitted a "Request for Qualifications" with a due date of August 31, 2024; and
WHEREAS, the Town received credential packages from three firms.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Seneca Falls has determined that Barton & Loguidice is the best qualified firm to conduct this investigation. All in favor. Motion carried.

xxviii. Resolution – TS-2024-46 – Adopt Proposed Local Law #3 of 2024 Creation of the Department of Public Works – A motion was made by Coucnilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilman Puylara to table the following resolution until the November meeting: **WHEREAS,** the Town of Seneca Falls was awarded a grant by the New York State Environmental Funding Corporation to conduct an investigation of infiltration of storm water into the sanitary drain system; and
WHEREAS, said grant requires the Town to demonstrate that a firm is qualified and available to conduct such an investigation; and
WHEREAS, the Town submitted a "Request for Qualifications" with a due date of August 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town received credential packages from three firms.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Seneca Falls has determined that Barton & Loguidice is the best qualified firm to conduct this investigation. 3 Ayes (Puylara, Dyson, Laskoski), 2 Nayes (Schmitter, Sinicropi). Motion carried. Resolution tabled until November meeting.

xxix. Resolution – TS-2024-47 – Amend Section 173-3 of the Seneca Falls Town Code – A motion was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilman Puylara to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls believes that it would be advantageous to the Town to amend the Town Code as it relates to historic preservation.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that proposed Local Law no. 6 of the year 2024 entitled "A Local Law to Amend Section 173-3 of the Seneca Falls Town Code" be and the same is hereby introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls, New York; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid proposed local law be laid upon the desks of each member of the Town Board; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law be referred to the Seneca County and Seneca Falls Town Planning Boards for review and recommendation;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law at 6:00 p.m. on November 5, 2024; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk publishes or cause to be published a notice of said public hearing in the official newspaper of the town at least ten (10) days prior thereto.
Upon adoption of the foregoing provision, the Clerk distributed copies of the aforesaid Local Law to each member of the Town Board. All in favor. Motion carried.

h. Executive Session – A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilman Puylara to enter into executive session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation. All in favor. Motion carried.

i. Payment of Bills – A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilman Puylara to pay the bills. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

j. Special Order of the Day – A motion was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson to adjourn. All in favor Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Brown
Town Clerk