A. The Seneca Falls Town Board held a regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at the Seneca Falls Town office, 130 Ovid Street Seneca Falls.

Supervisor Schmitter called the regular meeting to order at 6:06 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.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Local Law #2 – Property Maintenance – Supervisor Schmitter opened the hearing for the public hearing. The town attorney gave an overview of the Local Law. Stating that the Property Maintenance section is going to be made into its own section. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson to close the public hearing, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Laskoski. All in favor. Motion carried. Public hearing closed.

E. REGULAR MEETING

a. Presentations/Petitions/Privilege of the Floor

i. Emil Bove – Emil presented information regarding the designation of Seneca Falls as a sister city to Tenafly, NJ, in honor of the legacy of Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Emil also discussed some information about the Historical tax credit.

ii. Mark Pitifer –

iii. Dan Babbitt – Mr. Babbitt addressed the board regarding an article that he read in the paper where two individuals were hired to do something for the board/town that he felt was vaguely described. Dan questioned what they were hired to do. Dan mentioned that he sent the board members an email regarding this very topic. Councilwomen Laskoski informed the board that it was in reference to consultants hired at the last board meeting by the board majority. Councilman Sinicropi gave more information, stating that they are contract employees who get paid when they work and will help in the ongoing negotiations with Seneca Meadows. Mr. Babbitt asked what they are experts in. Councilman Sinicropi stated that one is an environmental engineer and the other an engineer that dealt with landfills his whole career and that Town will be using their expertise to draw up a host agreement with Seneca Meadows.

iv. Shawn VanGee – Mr. VanGee addressed the board stating “my name is Shawn VanGee I work at the Highway Department here in Seneca Falls and I am also on the CSEA organizing committee. As you know a majority of us town workers have signed CSEA membership cards. We urge you to voluntarily recognize our union and agree to a card check process. We are organizing our union to ensure that the town of Seneca Falls has a workforce that is well equipped to meet the needs of the community. We are also organizing to have consistency and stability in our wages and benefits even when there are changes on the board. We trust that the town board will make the right choice and pass the resolution and avoid costly delays.” Councilman Sinicropi asked what the costly delays would be, asking what the costly delays would be and how much would the delays cost if the board did not pass the resolution tonight. A member of the audience stated that they could help with those questions. This person identified herself as April Land.

v. April Land – from the CSEA. Ms. Land explained that if the decision to recognize the union were made today it would save the town money in attorney fees. Stating that the Public Employment Relations Board prefers that the employer and the union come to an agreement without having to go through a long-drawn-out government process. Ms. Land explained that as Shawn explained it’s in the interest of the town and to avoid unnecessary delays and costs. Councilman Sinicropi stated that he doesn’t feel that they have gotten the cooperation from the CSEA and that for years he was a member of the CSEA when he was a driver at the County. Councilman Sinicropi stated that he is not in favor of not voting for the union but more than five days ago a meeting with Don Black took

place. Councilman Sinicropi continued, "we are asking for one thing which we are entitled to under the Taylor Law." He continued, "We are not asking for the employee's names. We don't care who joins, we would like to know the titles." Ms. Land agreed, stating that it is a conversation that the CSEA would like to have with the board. Councilman Sinicropi insisted that he cannot vote in favor of the union until he gets a list of the titles. Ms. Land explained that the only titles that are excluded are listed in the Taylor Law and include, management confidential, elected or appointed is who they would like to include in the bargaining unit. Councilman Sinicropi stated "We have a right under the Taylor Law, section 201.9 the employer applications for designation of persons as managerial or confidential. Ms. Land explained that the application has not been filed yet. Councilman Sinicropi insisted that he needs to see the titles. Ms. Land stated that it's a conversation that they would like the attorneys to have but they will not have the conversation unless the board recognizes and agrees to a fair process absent any intimidation or interference. Councilman Sinicropi stated that they are entitled to know the titles before they vote on a bargaining unit. Ms. Land stated that they are not entitled to know the titles prior to voting on recognition and that the titles are as stated which exclude the already named. Councilman Sinicropi asked how they can form a bargaining unit without knowing the titles and that he would be voting against it until he gets a list of the titles. Town Attorney, Pat Morell, commented that the letter speaks to a majority of town employees but ignores the largest department of the town which is the police department which already have a union and will be recommending against taking action this evening. Ms. Land explained that the resolution is in place to agree to a fair process and card checking process and have both the town attorney and the CSEA attorney sit down and go through a list of titles that the town wanted to have excluded that they would have that conversation and agree on a third neutral party to look at the signed membership cards to confirm that a majority of the workers did sign and do want to be part of the union. Councilwoman Laskoski asked Mr. Morell when he was made aware of the union information as the letter was addressed July 26, 2024, and why it wasn't addressed sooner than the meeting. Supervisor Schmitter stated that it was addressed in the meeting with Don Black the Wednesday after the letter was presented. Mr. Morell stated that he was in contact with Bond, Schoeneck, & King who deal with personnel issues and the personnel committee. Councilwoman Laskoski questioned why the rest of the board members were not informed of the town attorneys' position until now. Supervisor Schmitter noted that they were not rushing to a decision at this time and that the board has 30-90 days to decide. Councilwoman Laskoski noted that the town attorney should have been at the meeting with Don Black. Attorney Morrell stated that his packet did not include the union resolution. Ms. Land stated that the resolution addresses all the board's concerns, which is why it was presented the way that it was. Ms. Land stated that they are encouraging the board to vote on the resolution to voluntarily recognize the bargaining unit. Councilman Sinicropi stated that he just spoke to Ludi Lorenzo from Bond, Schoeneck & King, who Councilman Sinicropi stated agreed with him and they need to know the job titles that will be included. Ms. Land asked if the attorney would speak to the CSEA attorney. Councilman Sinicropi reiterated that the labor attorney advised to not vote in favor because they need to know what the unit is made up of and that there is no rush to file. Ms. Land stated that the town would not be the one to file the CSEA would be the one to file and the clock started on the 27th.

b. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   i. July 2, 2024 & July 19, 2024 – A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilwoman Laskoski to accept the minutes from the July 2, 2024, and July 19, 2024, meetings. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. COMMUNICATIONS – A motion was made by Councilman Puylara and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson to accept the following communications:
   i. Barton & Loguidice – July Report for August 2024
   ii. Dog Officer and Shelter Report for Town of Seneca Falls – June 2024/Prepared July 1, 2024
   iii. Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting – July 23, 2024
   iv. Waterloo Container/Letter – July 24, 2024
   v. USG Water Condition Assessment Report – April 24, 2024
   vi. Pro Nexis Report – June 1 through July 15.

   All in favor. Motion carried.

d. SPECIAL EVENTS –
   i. Calvary Chapel Seneca Falls – Family Fall Festival 2024 – September 27-28, 2024 – A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson to approve the event, seconded by Councilwoman Laskoski. All in favor. Motion carried.
   ii. Generations Bank – Taste & Tunes – August 8, 2024 – A motion was made by Councilman Sinicropi to approve the event, seconded by Councilwoman Dyson. All in favor. Motion carried.

e. REPORT OF COMMITTEES & PROJECTS – Supervisor Schmitter made the following comments. "Last month we had seven water main breaks. I want to thank Joe and his crew for their hard work in quickly

resolving the issues. Water Department has finished painting all the fire hydrants North of the canal will finish the South side in August. Want to thank Melissa and her crew in the clerk's officer for getting the Climate Smart Communities going for the town. Also, it was determined the town had several cell phones not being used that were cancelled, saving the town over $200.00 a month. Also, the town was awarded $15,000.00 for completing a vehicle inventory spreadsheet for NYS. Work on the skateboard park should be starting any day now. The 414-sewer line lining is underway. They are about 50% completed and looking to be completed this week."

i. Town Supervisor – Monthly Report
ii. Town Clerk – Monthly Reports

f. OLD BUSINESS - None
g. NEW BUSINESS

i. Town Supervisor – Resolution – Designating the Town of Seneca Falls as a sister city to Tenafly, NJ, in honor of the legacy of Elizaeth Cady Stanton – TS-2024-31 – A motion was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, Elizabeth Cady Stanton was a pioneering leader in the women's rights movement, advocating for equality and social justice during the 19th and early 20th centuries; and
WHEREAS, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, once a resident of Tenafly, was a pioneering force in the women's suffrage movement and worked closely with Susan B. Anthony to advocate for the passage of the 19th amendment to the US Constitution, granting women the right to vote; and
WHEREAS, Stanton's advocacy led to significant milestones in women's suffrage and gender equality, including the Seneca Falls Convention of 1848, which marked the beginning of the organized women's rights movement in the United States; and
WHEREAS, Tenafly proudly preserves her legacy through the historic Elizabeth Cady Stanton House and recently renamed their historic train station as the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Train Station which holds historical significance as Ms. Stanton frequently traveled from there during her advocacy campaigns; and
WHEREAS, establishing a Sister City relationship with Tenafly, NY, offers an opportunity to honor and promote the legacy of Elizabeth Cady Stanton by fostering mutual understanding and collaboration in support of women's rights and gender equality; and
WHEREAS, in recognition of our shared heritage and the enduring impact of Elizabeth Cady Stanton's contributions, the borough of Tenafly formally proposed to adopt the Town of Seneca Falls as a sister city: A partnership that would celebrate our mutual history and commitment to promoting the principles of equality and justice championed by Mrs. Stanton.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Seneca Falls is hereby designated as a Sister City to the Borough of Tenafly, NJ, in the spirit of mutual respect and dedication to preserving the legacy of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and our shared history. All in favor. Motion carried.

ii. Water/Sewer – Resolution – Install Fire Alarm at Water Treatment Plant – FG-2024-20 – A motion was made by Councilman Sinicropi and seconded by Councilman Puylara to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS The Seneca Falls Town Board realizes the need for a fire alarm system at its water treatment plant; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board has authorized Covert Security of Penn Yan NY as it's professional services fire and security contractor.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board authorize Covert Security to provide and install an automated fire alarm system at the water treatment plant for the cost of $25,500; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, $26,000 was budgeted for this project in the 2024 budget under line F8330.201 Fire Alarm. All in favor. Motion carried.

iii. Water/Sewer - Resolution – Purchase Pipe Cutting Saw Equipment – FG-2024-21 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilman Sinicropi to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS The Seneca Falls Town Board realizes the need to purchase a pipe cutting saw and various related equipment to be used by the water & sewer department; and
WHEREAS an RFP was published, and proposals were received for said equipment.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Falls Town Board accept the proposal and purchase equipment from Ferguson Waterworks for the price of $29, 739.41 and to be paid for out of budget lines F8340.208 ($25,000.00) and G8120.205 ($4,739.41). Councilwoman Laskoski asked Mr. Tullo to share the benefits of purchasing this tool. Mr. Tullo informed the board that the major benefits are safety and time. It will allow the operators to be above the water while cutting pipes and eliminate exposure to exhaust fumes from the device they currently use, a chainsaw.
All in favor. Motion carried.

iv. Water/Sewer – Resolution – Declare Surplus Items – FG-2024-22 – A motion was made by Councilman Puylara and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS** the Water/Sewer department has items no longer of use to the Town; and
WHEREAS, the department would like to Declare our truck mounted portable fuel tank, portable pressure washer and ICS chainsaw Surplus.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Town board declares the Water Departments portable fuel tank and ICS chain saw Surplus and authorizes putting them on Auctions international. A pressure washer was added by Mr. Tullo. All in favor. Motion carried.

v. Water/Sewer – Resolution – Hiring of Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator – FG-2024-23 – A motion was made by Councilman Puylara and seconded by Councilman Sinicropi to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS** an operator position is vacant and needs to be filled due to a retirement; and
WHEREAS Ruairi Orlando from Seneca Falls is on the certified civil service list at #2.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Seneca Falls Town Board does hereby authorizes the transfer of Ruairi Orlando to the Water/Sewer department to fill the vacant position of WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR (Grade 10S) – with an hourly starting rate of $26.55. Councilwoman Laskoski questioned whether the board can move forward with personnel issues listed on the agenda or leave them for another meeting. Attorney Morrell noted that the board can halt all personnel issues if they choose. Councilwoman Dyson questioned why the board would put the person who is supposed to be getting a raise on hold yet again. Noting that they were missed in the last portion of the raises and should not be put on the back burner again. Attorney Morrell stated that the board can move forward with the personnel matters as they were contemplated prior to the Union conversation. All in favor. Motion carried.

vi. HPC- Appoint Diane Koeppel – A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilman Sinicropi to appoint Diane Koeppel to the Historical Preservation Commission. All in favor. Motion carried.

vii. Buildings & Grounds – Resolution - Pay Correction for Cleaner II/Groundskeeper – BG-2024-01 – A motion was made by Councilman Sinicropi and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS,** at the monthly meeting of the Seneca Falls Town Board on June 4, 2024, the pay matrix was adopted by the members of the board; and
WHEREAS, an employee of the Town, Duane Swim, has been employed with the Town since 5/20/2013 and currently making $20.38 per hour, which is an increase from his former pay of $20.04; and
WHEREAS, a resolution was drafted in the early months of 2024 to address the discrepancy between Mr. Swims pay and a newer employee, this was not addressed with the adoption of the pay matrix; and
WHERAS, Mr. Swims pay has not been adjusted over the years of his service to keep up with the matrix and does not reflect his years of service (seniority) with the Town.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Duane Swims pay be increased to $21.00 hourly. All in favor. Motion carried.

viii. Highway – Resolution – Hire MEO Light – DA-2024-12 – A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilman Puylara to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS,** the Seneca Falls Highway Department has had an open MEO Light position; and
WHEREAS, Norm Rotunda has applied and been cleared of a background check.
BE IT RESOLVED that the Seneca Falls Town Board hire Mr. Rotunda to fill the position of MEO Light (Grade 6) at a starting hourly rate of $21.38. All in favor. Motion carried.

ix. Highway – Resolution – Sidewalk Improvement Reimbursement – DA-2024-13 – A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilman Sinicropi to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS the Town of Seneca Falls has participated in a sidewalk reimbursement program for citizens to apply to when they replace their sidewalks in the town; and
WHEREAS the following residence have applied and completed the application requests for reimbursement: Frank Belle - $382.95 Gisela Tift - $515.22
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above-named residence be issued a check for the respective amounts from budget line A5410.401. All in favor. Motion carried.

x. Town Clerk - Resolution – Dog Control Fines for Seizures & Impoundment of Dogs – TC-2024-26 – A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilman Puylara to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS,** the Town of Seneca Falls has an agreement with Beverly Animal Shelter to take control of the seizure and impoundment of dogs found to be in violation of the Town of Seneca Falls, NY zoning law Article II: Dog Control; and
WHEREAS the Town of Seneca Falls is interested in formally setting a fee schedule for seizure and impoundment of dogs in violation of Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following fees be applied when a dog is seized or impounded on a rolling one-year basis:

- First seizure/impoundment in a rolling one-year term- $25.00
- Second seizure/impoundment in a rolling one-year term - $50.00
- Third seizure/impoundment in a rolling one-year term - $75.00
  (Additional seizures/impoundments within the same rolling year will be at the rate of $75.00)

All in favor. Motion carried.

xi. Town Clerk – Resolution – Williamson Law Book Co. – TC-2024-27 – A motion was made by Councilman Sinicropi and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS the Town Clerk is in the process of switching from Williamson Law Book Co. to Edmunds GovTech for all the payment processing and vital records; and
WHEREAS the process of switching from one company to another will not be completed until 2025 it is necessary for the town to sign a one-year contract with Williamson Law Book Co. for the remainder of 2024 into July of 2025.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Seneca Falls will sign a one-year contact with Williamson Law Book Co. and once the process of switching from Williamson Law Book Co. has been completed and all required documents are processed through Edmunds GovTech, the contact with Williamson Law Book Co. will not be renewed again.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a total of $1,204.00 be transferred from budget line General Fund to A1410.404 – Maintenance Contracts.

xii. Town Clerk – Resolution – Waiver of 30- Day Notification for Liquor License – TC-2024-28 – A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilman Puylara to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS,** Hallmark Management Services Inc. has notified the Town of Seneca Falls that they intend to sell alcoholic beverages at their facility during catering events (private events), and
WHEREAS, Hallmark Management Services Inc. has provided the application to the New York State Liquor Authority.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Seneca Falls waives the 30 – Day notice requirement for the sale of alcoholic beverages for Hallmark Management Services Inc. All in favor. Motion carried.

xiii. Town Clerk – Resolution – Seneca Falls Historical Society Funds Allocation Request – TC-2024-29 – A motion was made by Councilman Sinicropi and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS,** the Town of Seneca Falls has budgeted $7,000.00 for the Seneca Falls Historical Society in budget line A7520.400; and
WHEREAS, on July 18, 2024, the Seneca Falls Historical Society has officially requested funds in the amount of $3,000.00 to paid to them for the continuation of educational programs and development of additional programs.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Seneca Falls Board approves the release of $3,000.00 from budget line A7520.400 to the Seneca Falls Historical Society. All in favor. Motion carried.

xiv. Employees – Voluntary Recognition of the CSEA Town of Seneca Falls Union – SF-2024-01 – A motion was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS,** the Town Supervisor received a letter from town employees dated July 26, 2024 stating that a supermajority of town employees had signed union authorization cards designating the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (CSEA) as their exclusive representative for collective bargaining; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board will voluntarily recognize Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (CSEA) as the employee's exclusive representative for the purpose of collective bargaining pursuant to the request in said letter; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board's agreement to voluntary recognize CSEA is contingent upon a majority count and authentication of union authorization cards from all eligible employees to be conducted by a mutually agreed upon independent third party; and
WHEREAS, this approval is further contingent upon negotiations with CSEA as to the manner and method by which said cards shall be counted and authenticated by a third party;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Article 14, Section 204 of the New York State Civil Service Law, the Town of Seneca Falls hereby voluntarily recognizes the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO as the exclusive representative for the employees of the Town of Seneca Falls. Councilman Sinicropi stated that he will not be voting in favor because a list of titles that will be included have not been provided. Supervisor Schmitter noted that the Town pays a lot to have attorneys to represent them and suggested that the board take their advice on this matter. Councilwoman Laskoski stated that she was not interested in having the matter delayed and cost more in legal fees. 3 in favor (Laskoski, Dyson, Puylara), 2 opposed (Schmitter, Sinicropi). Motion carried.

xv. Town Manager – Resolution – Town of Seneca Falls Application to Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health insurance Consortium for Employee Health Insurance – TM-2024-07 – A motion was made by Councilman Sinicropi and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson to approve the following

resolution: **WHEREAS** the Town of Seneca Falls (hereinafter "local government") is a municipality that provides health insurance to its employees; and

WHEREAS the local government purchases said health insurance in the competitive marketplace; and

WHEREAS it may be possible to purchase like health insurance from Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium(consortium) for a lesser cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED the Town of Seneca Falls will apply for membership to the Consortium to establish eligibility to purchase insurance in 2025 if desired by the Town Board. Councilwoman Laskoski questioned whether this was going to violate the Taylor Law now that the bargaining unit has been established. Town Manager Soscia explained that the application is part of the process but does not require commitment. Currently the town is considering joining the consortium but has not committed to it. That will come later. All in favor. Motion carried.

xvi. Water/Sewer- Resolution - Water and Sewer Utility Service Change of Services Notification and Administrative Charges for reconnection – FG-2024-24 – A motion was made by Councilman Puylara and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS** the Town of Seneca Falls (hereinafter "local government") is a municipality that operates a water and sewer utility; and

WHEREAS clients of the utility are obligated to make financial renumeration for services received; and

WHEREAS, if accounts are in arrears on November 1 of any fiscal year the balance is then levied to the property where services were rendered tax bill; and

WHEREAS, in Town Code 285-52 there is no vehicle to charge a late fee for non-payment or a reconnect fee to restart services if the service is disconnected; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED the Town of Seneca Falls will amend Town Code 285-52 to add a 10% per quarter late fee for accounts in arrears and a service reconnect fee of $250 for any service disconnected for lack of payment if a reconnection is requested. Councilwoman Dyson asked if we currently have a fee?

xvii. Water/Sewer – Resolution - Completion of EPA mandated lead pipe inventory - FG-2024-25 – A motion was made by Councilman Puylara and seconded by Councilman Sinicropi to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS** the Town of Seneca Falls is compelled by the EPA to produce a comprehensive lead pipe service inventory to the EPA by Fall of 2024 in a prespecified electronic format; and

WHEREAS the Town's records for such items was created and stored on paper bibliography cards; and

WHEREAS the Town can use a temporary position to achieve the transcription of these records from hard copy to electronic format.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED the Town of Seneca Falls will hire Riley Stevers to perform this transcription at a rate of $18/ hour commencing in mid-August with a completion date of Oct 31, 2024. Councilwoman Laskoski asked if the position had been advertised.

xviii. Town Supervisor – Resolution – Permanent Appointment of Senior Account Clerks – TS-2024-32 – A motion was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilman Puylara to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS** the Town of Seneca Falls currently utilizing provisional appointments for the position of Senior Account Clerk Finance and Senior Account Clerk Water and Sewer; and

WHEREAS these provisional employees have successfully passed the Civil Service exam and scored in the top positions in the pool.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED the Town of Seneca Falls permanently appoint Thomas Dyson to the position of Senior Account Clerk -Water and Sewer with a salary of $55,224; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Town of Seneca Falls permanently appoint Tracy Jones to the position of Senior Account Clerk -Finance with a salary of $68,806. 4 in favor (Schmitter, Sinicropi, Laskoski, Puylara) 1 abstained (Dyson). Motion carried.

xix. Buildings & Grounds – Resolution - Emergency Repair of Mitsubishi A/C Unit – BG-2024-02 – A motion was made by Councilman Sinicropi and seconded by Councilwoman Laskoski to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS** on Friday August 2, 2024, the power went out to the town building located at 130 Ovid Street Seneca Falls; and

WHEREAS on August 5, 2024, an issue was identified with the Mitsubishi A/C unit in the IT room and the room exceeded the preset temperature of 68F causing the room to increase in temperature putting the server room in jeopardy of overheating which would cause problems; and

WHEREAS once the issue was discovered calls were made to have a technician on site to diagnose the issue and order the correct parts for repair.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board transfer money into budget line A1620.404 BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE PARTS & REPAIR for $1,370.79. All in favor. Motion carried

xx. Water – Resolution – Water Leak and Pool Credits – F-2024-06 – A motion was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilwoman Laskoski to approve the following resolution: The total amount of credits for Pool Fills for July 2024, 12 accounts totaling $631.42
Comprised of the following credit amounts:
Pool Fills:

Account	Name	Credit
N3288	John Clark	$13.99
K2267	Jodie Verkey	$115.21
N3256	Charlie Kaye	$46.37
K2156	Martha Howe	$54.06
D0618	Kathy Travis	$55.35
I1776	David Rubin	$72.99
N3199	Trisha Spann	$67.35
K2516	James Woods	$66.53
N3418	Maria Granger	$51.72
K2487	Karissa Blamble	$24.87
D0616	Ashley Dingledine	$21.27
H1327	Mike Miller	$41.71
Total of Credits		**$631.42**

xxi. Town Supervisor – Resolution – Contact with Town Attorney – TS-2024-33 – A motion was made by Councilman Sinicropi and seconded by Councilman Puylara to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS the town attorney is paid at an hourly rate; and
WHEREAS in an effort to reduce the cost of legal fees it is in the best interest of the town to have department heads and town employees contact the Town Supervisor or Town Manager for authorization prior to contacting the town attorney.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves this process in an effort to reduce attorney fees incurred. Discussion ensued. Councilwoman Laskoski felt that it should be left to Department Heads when they need to contact the town attorney. Supervisor Schmitter explained that in the past people have called and spoken to the town attorney about things that he and the town manager have the answers to and it costs the town money each time that happens. 3 in favor (Schmitter, Sinicropi, Puylara), 2 opposed (Laskoski, Dyson). Motion carried.

h. PAYMENT OF BILLS

FUND	TOTALS
General Fund – Townwide	$338,361.82
Recreation	$30,604.13
Vince's Park	$6,616.68
Highway Fund – Townwide	$45,775.00
Water Fund	$36,258.70
Sewer Fund	$1,016,154.70
Downtown Revitalization	$52,208.59
Townwide Refuse District –	$16,488.00
Bridgeport Area Water	$-
Trust & Agency	$1,000.00
Obligations – Old Village -	$34.70
TOTAL	$1,543,502.32

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilwoman Dyson and seconded by Councilwoman Laskoski. All in favor. Motion carried.

i. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Executive session was entered into to discuss matters related to collective negotiations under the Taylor Law and matters related to proposed, pending or current litigation in relation to Cayuga Nation against the Town in relation to parking. The Town Board entered executive session at 7:11 pm.
The Town Board exited executive session at 8:21 pm.

j. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY – ADJOURN – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilwoman Laskoski and seconded by Councilwoman Dyson. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully,

Melissa Brown
Town Clerk