

The August 18, 2021 meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Town Supervisor Tollisen in the A. James Bold Meeting Room with the following members present:

Kevin J. Tollisen, Supervisor
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman
John P. Wasielewski, Councilman
Jeremy W. Connors, Councilman
Eric A. Catricala, Councilman
Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney
Cathy L. Drobny, Deputy Town Attorney
Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

HONORING: EAGLE SCOUT BENJAMIN WEEKS

Supervisor Tollisen: First thing on the agenda this evening is a proclamation and resolution to honor an Eagle Scout. I will tell you that it one of the finer things that we do here at the Town Board meetings is to honor Eagle Scouts who have worked so hard. This process of becoming an Eagle Scout and if you look at all of those badges, you earn them one by one and a lot of them are not easy to obtain. Tonight, we are honoring you Ben, as an Eagle Scout. My apologies for missing Sunday's event but we wanted to bring you in to let you know how proud we are of you and your accomplishments and the great job that you have done for all of us here in the Town of Halfmoon.

Supervisor Tollisen read the following proclamation:

TOWN OF HALFMOON RESOLUTION
HONORING BEN WEEKS AS AN EAGLE SCOUT

WHEREAS Ben Weeks is the recipient of the highest award a Boy Scout can receive, the Eagle Scout Award; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon recognizes the extraordinary dedication to the values and principles of scouting that is required to earn this prestigious accomplishment and desires to show gratitude for Ben's service to our community; and

WHEREAS, a Town benefits when someone decides to provide exemplary service to their community, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement or by demonstrating a willingness to give of themselves for their community; and

WHEREAS, Ben has demonstrated such dedication by completing his Eagle Project at the Town of Halfmoon Complex which involved designing, spearheading, and creating a GAGA ball pit for Town residents and for use by our Town Recreation summer camp program; and

WHEREAS, where Ben also worked this year for the Town of Halfmoon as a summer camp counselor supervising 7th and 8th graders and was overjoyed at the campers' daily use of the pit he created; and

WHEREAS, in order to pay for the project, Ben undertook fundraising efforts by running a bottle drive at Town Hall where he earned money for supplies and secured local businesses for donations for the project; and

WHEREAS, Ben joined the scouts while in 1st grade with Pack 44 at Corpus Christi Church; and

WHEREAS, scouting truly became a family affair with den meetings at the Weeks' home on Friday nights which included learning, making lasting friends and eating lots of pizza.; and

WHEREAS, his proud parents, Laura and Chris, and his sister, Megan, and Ben's grandpa were also involved in constructing and participating in the competitive pine wood derby car races; and

WHEREAS, throughout his scouting career, Ben participated in field trips which included camp outs, summer camp at Boy Haven, an overnight stay on the Intrepid aircraft carrier, and an overnight on the USS Massachusetts in Battleship Cove; and

WHEREAS, Ben joined Boy Scout Troop 246 at the Clifton Parks Elks lodge where he participated in winter campouts, pancake breakfasts, organizing dinners for Elks members, summer camp at Wakponomee, running blood drives and tubing at Willard Mountain. He also traveled to Washington DC with his family as part of a scout sponsored trip and participated in the Boy Scout Jamboree in West Virginia. Ben, along with his father, grandfather, and other scouts enjoyed a two week long canoe and backpacking adventure in the Tupper Lake area, working together to learn to “live off the land” and “leave no trace behind”; and

WHEREAS, Ben attended a week of National Leadership Training and became the troops Senior Patrol Leader in his junior year, having served as the Assistant Patrol Leader previously. In these positons, Ben utilized his previous experience in scouting, public speaking, organizational skills, leadership and mentoring capabilities to help guide the younger scouts while leading the Troop; and

WHEREAS, Ben has also succeeded outside of Scouts. Ben participated in all types of sports but had a particular affection for baseball. He began his career in baseball playing T-ball at Vandenburg Park and stayed with the Halfmoon Mariners all of the way through 16U, with whom he was able to play at Cooperstown two years in a row, and hit a home run; and

WHEREAS, Ben also played the bug string bass beginning in 4th grade and was selected to be part of Shen’s Chamber Orchestra for his junior and senior year. Ben participated with Shen’s Team Robotics through his senior year and was the co-captain of the VEX team that went to a National competition in Detroit; and

WHEREAS, Ben will be attending University at Buffalo this fall studying Biomedical Engineering;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon recognize Ben Weeks for his extraordinary hard work and dedication to attain the rank of Eagle Scout; and
2. The Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon recognizes Ben Weeks as an “outstanding citizen” for his dedication and devotion to make the Town of Halfmoon and our entire community a better place; and
3. That a copy of this Resolution be presented to Ben Weeks in grateful recognition and as a remembrance of this great achievement.

DATED: August 18, 2021

KEVIN J. TOLLISEN

TOWN SUPERVISOR, TOWN OF HALFMOON

RESOLUTION NO. 226-2021

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Hotaling: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala

Resolution Introduced by Supervisor Tollisen

RESOLVED, that the Town Board honors Benjamin Weeks for all of his hard work and perseverance in obtaining scouting’s highest rank of Eagle Scout.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

The “**BUY A BRICK**” program for the Halfmoon Veterans Walk of Honor at the Halfmoon Veterans Memorial in the Town Park is now accepting orders. Create a lasting tribute for your veteran. For more information please call 371-7410 ext. 2200 or visit our website www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov.

CLIFTON PARK & HALFMOON HISTORY HUNT Explore the rich history of our towns during the month of August. Take a picture of 5 locations in each town from the PASSPORT that can be obtained at the Library, the Halfmoon Town Clerk’s Office or by visiting cphreference@sals.edu submit your photos and enter to win prizes!

DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT August 20th at the Halfmoon Town Park at dusk (8:30 pm) An evening of family fun under the stars!

9-11 MEMORIAL: 20TH ANNIVERSARY on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 5:30 at the Abele Memorial Park.

SHREDDING DAY: September 11th from 9:30am to 11:30am. Free to town residents with a non-perishable donation to assist the food pantry. There is a limit of 3 boxes to be shredded. You need a sticker to gain access to the Highway Garage, located at 322 Route 146 that may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

FALL CLEANUP DATES: 9/14, 9/17, 9/18, 9/21, 9/24, 9/25. You must have a sticker to show residency to gain access to the Transfer Station, available at no cost in the Town Clerk's Office.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT THE HALFMOON TOWN PARK: Saturday, September 25th from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. Fall fun for the entire family!

COUNTYWIDE MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE: Saturday & Sunday September 25th & 26th. All museums in the County will be open and FREE of charge including the Halfmoon Historical Society. Stop by and see 8 displays of Halfmoon History!

HAZARDESS WASTE DAY: September 25th from 8:00 am -2:00 pm at 22 Ray Road, near the Clifton Park Transfer Station. You must register with Clifton Park by September 22. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office or go to www.cliftonpark.org or call 518- 371- 6651 for more information.

CLIFTON PARK – HALFMOON LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE: Thursday, September 23rd from 7:00 am – 9:00 pm at 475 Moe Road, Clifton Park.

TOWN MEETINGS:

Town Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of month at 7:00pm. Pre-meeting at 6:15 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals: 1st Monday of month at 7:00 pm. Pre-meeting at 6:45pm

Planning Board Meeting: 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Pre-meeting at 6:15 pm (If the Holiday falls on a Monday, the meeting will be held on the next day, Tuesday).

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of agenda topics)

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Kevin J. Tollisen (Town Supervisor)

Paul Hotaling (Deputy Town Supervisor): (1) Chair of Personnel Committee (2) Ethics Committee, (3) Liaison to Trails and Open Space Committee (4) Chair of Infrastructure & Safety (Water, Highway, Building & Maintenance) (5) Co-Chair for Character Counts

Yes, I want to thank this Town Board, on Sunday, we joined together to honor the first time award for a young man named Donovan Ayotte. John, Jeremy you guys did a great job spearheading this. I can't thank you enough. It was a great ceremony and it is an annual award and I look forward to see all of the great people out there that we can recognize. Thank you.

John Wasielewski (Town Board Member): (1) Liaison to Planning Board, (2) Chair of Committee of Emergency Services and Public Safety, (3) Liaison to Animal Control and related services

Thanks, Mr. Supervisor. Just following up with Councilman Hotaling. We now have a plaque in Honor of Donovan Ayotte which is proudly displayed in the lobby of the Town Hall and look forward to adding many more community firefighter's names onto the plaque in the coming years.

On another note, volunteer fire services are always looking for volunteers. Saturday, August 28th from 11-4 here in Town Hall there will be a display from the 4 departments in town encouraging residents to come on in and see what the fire service does. Clifton Park – Halfmoon Ambulance will also be here. It will be an Open House of sorts for anybody interested in volunteering in the Emergency Services here in town. Thank you.

Jeremy Connors (Town Board Member): (1) Liaison to Zoning Board; (2) Liaison to Trails and Open Space Committee, (3) Chair of Business and Economic Development Committee (4) Chair for Not For Profit Organizations

I just have one thing this evening Mr. Supervisor. Halfmoon Girls Softball, there is 8 new tryouts this Saturday at 10:00 am at the Softball fields on Woodin Road. If you know of any girls who would like to come out and join a great organization, teaches a lot about sportsmanship and teamwork, please come!

Eric Catricala: (1) Co-Liaison to Planning Board, (2) Co- Chair of Business and Economic Development Committee (3) Chair for Parks and Athletic Organizations, (4) Chair for Recreation (5) Co-Chair for Character Counts

I have no report this evening.

Lynda Bryan (Town Clerk): (1) Chair of Senior Programs, (2) Chair of Committee on Historical Archives

Thank you. Last week Nancy Morris and I took several of our seniors on the “Magical History Tour” to visit and learn about the many historical site that we have here in Halfmoon with Denise the Driver! Everyone had a great time and I have to say that we heard a lot of “I didn’t know that”, which made it a very successful day!

Also, 117 people entered the 2020 Census Contest. The results are in and we announced the winners. There were 21,535 people living in Halfmoon in 2010 and we now have 25,662! The First Place winner of a \$50.00 Gift Card was Henrietta O’Grady guessing 25,600 and the Second Place winner of a \$25.00 Gift Card to Jyoti Bhat guessing 25,580. Congratulations!

Dana Cunniff (Receiver of Taxes): (1) Chair of Committee on Residents Relations

Lyn Murphy, Esq., (Town Attorney) I have no report this evening. Thank you.

Cathy Drobny, Esq. (Town Attorney) I have no report this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of agenda topics) No one came forward

Supervisor Tollisen: Department Reports and the monthly Department Manager Reports are listed and can be viewed in the Town Clerk’s Office. We do ask our Department Managers to provide monthly reports in addition to having Department Manager monthly meetings that we all discuss the important things that go on in each of the offices.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS –

1. Town Justice Fodera
Total # Cases-164 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$15,422.75
2. Building Permits
Total # Permits – 72 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$25,748.00
3. Fire Inspections
Total # Inspections –17 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$1,465.00

DEPARTMENT MANAGER MONTHLY REPORTS – (Can be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office) Receiver of Taxes, Animal Control, Building & Code Enforcement, Planning Department

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received from the Town Planning Board Resolutions approved at the August 9, 2021 meeting: Sign Applications for Popeye's Louisiana Chicken, 1701 Route 9 and for PVA, 6 Corporate Drive, for an Addition to Site Plan Request for the Twin Bridges Parking Lot, 1626 Route 9 and DENIAL of a Minor Subdivision and Special Use Permit Request for 35 Woodin Road Duplex, 35 Woodin Road.

Received & Filed

2. Received from the NYS Office of Real Property, notification that the Assessor's Report for the assessment roll completed in 2021 for the Town of Halfmoon has been reconciled.

Received & Filed

3. Received from BST their Financial Report of the Town of Halfmoon for the year ending December 31, 2020.

Received & Filed

4. Received from New York State Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR), a check in the amount of \$16,515.67 including interest from the initial capital contribution made by the Town when first joining NYMIR.

Received & Filed

5. Received from Clifton Park Town Clerk's Office, notification that Duck Hunting will be allowed in the Vischer Ferry Nature Preserve, October 16-22. Hunter's must pre-register in the Clifton Park Town Clerk's Office showing Hunter's & Driver's License, Duck Stamp and Car Registration.

Received & Filed

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 217-2021

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Catricala: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, & Catricala
Abstain: Connors

Resolution Introduced by Town Clerk Bryan

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the minutes of Town Board Meeting of August 04, 2021 as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 218-2021

Offered by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Wasielewski: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala

Resolution Introduced by Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Maiello

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes a cash advance from the Special Revenue Fund from Recreation Fees to the Vosburgh Road Preserve Trail Capital Project up to the amount of \$20,000 to be repaid upon receipt of grant monies from the County of Saratoga and the Hudson River Valley Greenway, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 219-2021

Offered by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Hotaling: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala
Resolution Introduced by Comptroller Hatter

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town of Halfmoon, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for the Receiver of Taxes Dana Cunniff and Deputy Receiver of Taxes Kiva Cropsey and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by those officials to the clerk of this body.

Supervisor Tollisen: Just to be clear, you have the certified record?

Clerk Bryan: Yes, I do.

RESOLUTION NO. 220-2021

Offered by Councilman Catricala, seconded by Councilman Wasielewski: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala

Resolution Introduced by Personal Computer Technician Mikol

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Adirondack Cabling and Security in the amount of \$3,231.00 to upgrade the cameras at the Highway Department, the Veterans Memorial, the Clubhouse and the Lighthouse Park and hereby authorize procurement of their professional services requiring technical skills which do not lend themselves to procurement through solicitation and authorize the Supervisor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the Agreement, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 221-2021

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Connors: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala

Resolution Introduced by Personal Computer Technician Mikol

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to enter onto an agreement with Adirondack Cabling and Security in the amount of \$9,535.00 to replace all equipment and wiring that was damaged during storm at the Highway Department pursuant to NYS Contract #PT68748 and the Supervisor to execute

any documents necessary to effectuate the Agreement, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

Councilman Hotaling: Is this replacing equipment? Are we supplying the equipment?

Attorney Murphy: I believe that they are supplying the equipment, the wiring, the cables and everything that we need.

Councilman Hotaling: Thank you.

RESOLUTION NO. 222-2021

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Connors: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala

Resolution Introduced by Comptroller Hatter

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the Comptroller's report for the month of July, 2021 as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 223-2021

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Hotaling: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala

Resolution Introduced by Historian Bryan

RESOLVED, that the Town Board amends Resolution #36-2021 to read approving the expenditure for Historical Markers for the Town of Halfmoon, changing the annual amount from \$5,000 to \$6,000 using Recreation Fees from the Special Revenue Fund, subject to review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 224-2021

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Connors: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala

Resolution Introduced by Superintendent of Highways Bryans

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to execute any documents associated with the request for monies through the TAP/CMAQ funding for non-motorized transportation projects grant application for \$1,319,240.00 representing the entire cost of the program with \$263,848 in matching funds by the Town, said funds to be utilized to contribute towards the costs associated with the Sitterly Road Crosstown Pedestrian Safety Project, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 225-2021

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Catricala: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala

Resolution Introduced by Comptroller Hatter

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Comptroller to make the attached Creation of Appropriations.

A resolution is necessary to create the following budget amendment of appropriations and revenues in the Special Revenue Fund for engineering fees for on-site quality inspections. These funds are developer’s monies held in escrow by the Town in a regular checking account and used for the payment of costs for that particular project. This resolution is necessary to comply with proper accounting procedures as set forth by NYS Department of Audit and Control.

DEBIT:	Estimated Revenues	25-510	\$6,386.36
	Subsidiary: Home & Community Services		
	25-4-2189.00		\$6,386.36
CREDIT:	Appropriations	25-960	\$6,386.36
	Subsidiary: Engineering Contractors Inspections		
	25-5-1440.40		\$6,386.36

Information Only: The above was derived from the following breakdown of charges to be paid on August 19, 2021 Abstract for engineering and related fees.

NAME	AMOUNT
Betts Farm PDD	\$5,663.86
Creekview Estates Inspection	\$382.50
Plnebrook Hills Construction	\$340.00
Total	\$6,386.36

A resolution is necessary to create appropriations within the Special Revenue fund from Recreation Fees in the not exceed amount of \$6,000 per resolution dated August 18, 2021 for the purchase of historical markers to be placed throughout the Town.

DEBIT:	Unappropriated Fund Balance	25-911	\$6,000
CREDIT:	Appropriations	25-960	\$6,000
	Subsidiary: Historian- Equipment		
	25-5-7510.20		\$6,000

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of non-agenda items) No one came forward

There being no further business to discuss or resolve, on a motion by Councilman Wasielewski and seconded by Councilman Connors, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk