

The March 4, 2008 regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon was called to order by Supervisor Wormuth at 7:00 pm in the A. James Bold Meeting Room in the New Town Hall, 2 Halfmoon Town Plaza, with the following members present:

Melinda A. Wormuth, Supervisor
Walter F. Polak, Councilman
Regina C. Parker, Councilwoman
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman
Craig A. Hayner, Councilman
Mary J. Pearson, Town Clerk
Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney

The Town Board Workshop was held in the Board Room at 6:15 pm; no action was taken. The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Supervisor asked for a moment of silence for the Town's loss this week of our friend and colleague and mentor, Dick Lee.

Supervisor Wormuth stated next is a Proclamation honoring the Rotary Club of Shenendehowa and invited Eric Hamilton and Nelson Ronsvalle to come forward as she read the proclamation:

RESOLUTION NO. 54

Offered by Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Hotaling, Adopted by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Parker, Hotaling, Hayner

PROCLAMATION HONORING ROTARY CLUB OF SHENENDEHOWA

Whereas, The Rotary Club of Shenendehowa is celebrating its 50th anniversary on the 29th of March 2008, and

Whereas, Shenendehowa Rotary is comprised of business and professional leaders who provide community and world wide service, encourage high ethical standards, and help to build goodwill and peace throughout the world, and has been an active organization in the Town of Halfmoon during the last 50 years, and

Whereas, Shenendehowa Rotary strives to better the community through participation in projects in the Town of Halfmoon such as; providing the first year's rent for the 'Halfmoon Library'; contributing to each of the 20 years of Halfmoon Day activities; contributing funds for the Senior Center; promoting the Town of Halfmoon 1986 Bicentennial Celebration, and

Whereas, Shenendehowa Rotary sponsored and volunteered at the Reading Is Fun Summer Literacy Program where members read to children; sponsored an ice cream social, and; donated books for both the summer program and for Christmas at Cheryl's Lodge, and

Whereas, Shenendehowa Rotary has awarded scholarships for High School Seniors, who live in Halfmoon; donated books to the Clifton Park – Halfmoon Library; donated dictionaries to all 3rd graders in Shenendehowa Central School District; participated in the YMCA Reach Out for Youth to benefit the entire community, and

Whereas, Shenendehowa Rotary sponsors and advises the Southern Saratoga Interact Club enjoyed by youth from the Town of Halfmoon, and has provided planning and labor for site preparation for an information kiosk in Crescent Park along the Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway, and

Whereas, The Town of Halfmoon recognizes the service and leadership of the Rotary Club of Shenendehowa,

Be It Hereby Resolved, That 23 March through 29 March 2008 be declared as Rotary Week in the Town of Halfmoon to honor the Rotary Club of Shenendehowa on its 50th Anniversary.

Mr. Hamilton thanked the Town Board for recognizing the Club and their appreciation of what they do as a service organization.

Next on the agenda is to open Fuel Bids for Truck Diesel fuel for Town departments; one bid was received:

(1) G. A. Bove Fuels; 76 Railroad St., Mechanicville at price of firm differential of .190 per gallon

The Supervisor referred the bid to the Highway committee and Town Attorney for review and recommendation to the Board.

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Councilman Hotaling stated he would like to recognize and congratulate Town water department employee, Sean McCarthy who, started as a laborer, took all the tests and has now graduated to a 1A Operator, which is the highest anyone can get and the same as Frank Tironi.

Supervisor Wormuth stated they are very happy Sean has completed this and we are one of few municipalities in the area that has two Class1A operators, which are required by DOH in order to, hold our license and do what we do and thanks Frank and congratulates Sean on this accomplishment.

Supervisor Wormuth reported that a while ago the Board passed legislation regarding storm water management in the Town and one of the requirements is to name a Storm Water Management Officer who will coordinate all the reports necessary for this State mandate.

The Supervisor stated she would like to name Lindsay Zepko from the Planning Department as the Town's Storm Water Management Officer to be in compliance with our local legislation. She stated Lindsay has attended the training and has an in depth knowledge as well as a passion for the end result.

RESOLUTION NO. 55

Offered by Councilman Polak, seconded by Councilwoman Parker: Adopted by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Parker, Hotaling, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints Lindsay Zepko as Town of Halfmoon Storm Water Management Officer, with no change in job title and no additional compensation and, will be part of the Town Planner job description.

The Supervisor opened public privilege for discussion of agenda topics.

Henrietta O'Grady, Churchill Road, commented on No. 2 (under New Business) the Disabled Fishing Access project. She stated as chairperson of the Trails Advisory Committee, this was a project brought forth by Rodney Priddle and, was contained in the Trails Master Plan, as a project the Town might consider. She stated this was a project sheparded by Dick Lee and he would have been very pleased to know this project is going to bid and moving forward. She stated it was a project that had some problems with the grant and through the efforts of Dick and Steve Watts they found additional State funding which matched that grant amount. She stated through all of Dick's efforts and cooperation it coming to fruition.

Supervisor Wormuth commented that they are many projects that will continue to happen in Town for a long time that Dick had his hand in and, he will look down upon us and be proud that we are continuing with them.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – month of February

1. Town Justice Wormuth

Total Cases – 408 Total fees remitted to the Supervisor -\$40,350
Filed.

2. Senior Express Dispatch

Total Riders - 222 Total Number of Meals Delivered - 308
Filed.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received from Red Robin Restaurant, One Halfmoon Crossing, Halfmoon, notification of intent to renew their liquor license with the NYS Liquor Authority.

2. Received from Margaret Fiske, letter of resignation as part-time Clerk for the Senior Express, effective COB March 5, 2008

3. Received Annual Financial Report from Clifton Park-Halfmoon Fire District No. 1, for fiscal year ending 12/31/2007.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 56

Offered by Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Hotaling, Adopted by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Parker, Hotaling, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves minutes of Town Board meetings of February 7 and February 21, 2008, as presented by the Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 57

Offered by Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Hayner, Adopted by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Parker, Hotaling, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board and Clough Harbour and Associates let bids, subject to receipt of all appropriate approvals, for the Disabled Fishing Access project, to be opened April 10, 2008 at 2:00 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 58

Offered by Councilman Polak seconded by Councilman Hotaling, Adopted by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Parker, Hotaling, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves and orders paid all vouchers for all funds listed on Abstract dated March 4, 2008, totaling: \$59,914.26.

RESOLUTION NO. 59

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Hayner: Adopted by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Parker, Hotaling, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts for dedication as a Town road, Summit Hills, Phase V (5), Horizon Drive, as it has satisfied the standards set by the Town Roadway Dedication procedure.

Supervisor Wormuth commented on the next item stating they are very happy to see the amount come in for this insurance at only about \$1,000 higher than last year. She stated with the escalating costs and the rise in many insurances the Town is very happy our agent was able to continue to work with Selective, who is an A-rated company. She stated we added a new town hall building, Phase II of our Water Treatment Plant and also a barn on our Park property.

RESOLUTION NO. 60

Offered by Councilman Polak, seconded by Councilman Hayner, Adopted by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Parker, Hotaling, Hayner

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts proposal, retroactive to March 1, 2008 from Adirondack Trust Insurance for Town Insurance coverage from carrier Selective Insurance for all coverage (Property, General Liability, Auto, Public Officials, Employee Dishonesty Bond, etc.) in the total amount of \$137,709 for renewal period March 1, 2008 through March 1, 2009, and further

RESOLVED, that proposal be subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

The Supervisor opened public privilege for discussion of non-agenda items.

Supervisor Wormuth stated we have had a request that the Board make an effort to post the Town Board agenda on the website earlier than we do. She stated we will try to have it up sooner and first thing the day of the meeting or a draft by the end of the week.

The Supervisor asked everyone to join her in wishing Councilwoman Parker a Happy Birthday, as today is her birthday.

On motion of Councilman Polak second by Councilman Hotaling the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary J. Pearson
Town Clerk

