

The May 1, 2007 regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon was called to order by Supervisor Wormuth at 2:00 pm at the Town Hall on Harris Road with the following members present:

Melinda A. Wormuth, Supervisor  
Walter F. Polak, Councilman  
A. James Bold, Councilman  
Regina C. Parker Councilwoman  
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman  
Mary J. Pearson, Town Clerk  
Robert J. Chauvin, Deputy Town Attorney

Also present: Frank Tironi, Director of Water; Richard Lee, Executive Assistant to the Supervisor; Lisa Perry, Secretary to Supervisor; Pat Temple, Director of Finance.

The Town Board Workshop was held in the Board Room at 1:15 pm; no action was taken. The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance. She stated this meeting honors our seniors and is one of the reasons it is an afternoon meeting so it is convenient for everyone to be here.

At 2:00 pm the Town Clerk opened the Bids for Water Meters, American Made Brass Fittings and Mueller Brass for the Town Water Department as follows:

<u>BIDDERS:</u>		<i>BLAIR SUPPLY</i>	<i>VELLANO</i>	<i>TI-SALES</i>
		<i>ROCHESTER, NY</i>	<i>LATHAM, NY</i>	<i>SUDBURY, MAINE</i>
		<b>B I D</b>	<b>P R I C E</b>	
<u>BID ITEMS FOR MUELLER BRASS</u>				
<u>SIZE</u>	<u>ITEM</u>			
5/8"X3/4"X3/4"	Angle Meter Stop -H-14258	\$19.27	\$18.50	NO BID
3/4" x 3/4"x1"	Angle Meter Stop -H14258	\$21.30	\$20.50	
1"x1"	Angle Meter Stop -H-14258	\$26.39	\$25.50	
3/4"	Meter Tail Couplings H-10890	\$ 4.95	\$ 4.50	
1"	Meter Tail Couplings H-10890	\$ 7.65	\$ 6.95	
<u>BID ITEMS FOR WATER METERS</u>				
Neptune E-Coder R900i	<u>SIZE</u>			
	5/8" x 3/4"	NO BID	NO BID	\$ 215.00
	3/4"			\$ 268.05
	1"			\$ 327.75
	1 1/2"			\$ 529.65
	2"			\$ 693.25
	4" w/Strainer			\$2274.35
Compound E-Coder R900i	6" w/Strainer			\$4096.20
	8" w/Strainer			\$6365.39
	3" w/Strainer			\$3051.05
	4" w/Strainer			\$3960.30
	6" w/Strainer			\$6506.75
	8" w/Strainer			\$7140.05
<u>AMERICAN MADE BRASS FITTINGS</u>				
<u>SIZE</u>	<u>ITEM</u>			
3/4"	Ball Valve	\$ 14.92	\$10.30	NO BID
1"	Ball Valve	\$ 17.32	\$13.00	
1 1/2"	Ball Valve	\$ 40.37	\$28.00	
2"	Ball Valve	\$ 52.44	\$36.00	

At 2:05 pm the Supervisor opened the public hearing for the purchase of ten acres of property at 148 Route 236. An error in publication of the legal notice necessitated the hearing be adjourned until a later date.

The Deputy Town Attorney stated the Notice of Public Hearing would need to be re-published and requested that the public hearing be adjourned until May 15<sup>th</sup>

RESOLUTION NO. 114

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

RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing, for the purchase of ten acres of property at 148 Route 236 be adjourned to May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and be it further

RESOLVED, that said Notice be published for the adjourned date of May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Councilman Bold stated, for those who may not be able to come to the hearing on the 15<sup>th</sup> they will provide a brief description of the details. He stated it is a 10 acre parcel in back of Hayner's family restaurant. He stated the total parcel is 16 acres and the Town is proposing to purchase 10 acres leaving the front six acres. He stated this is adjacent to the southern border of the Town's 50 acre park we are in the process of developing and, will be a very attractive addition to that, at this point we don't know exactly how it will be developed but would be as an addition to the park land. He stated we are in the process of having a wetlands assessment and, it has been surveyed and we have had an archeological study done. He stated those items have already been approved and are in process.

The Supervisor adjourned this portion of the meeting at 2:17 pm.

Councilwoman Parker stated she is excited about this parcel because it certainly will lend itself to the 51 acres we already have. She stated it is not necessarily for young adults and children and, we will have passive recreation, trails and picnic areas. She stated it is very nice to have this open space in the same locality as the Town center.

#### **REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY**

Councilman Polak reported that he would have the expense report for the spring clean up at the Transfer Station for the next Board meeting. He stated he wanted to thank all the staff at the highway department and the transfer station for the nice job they did.

Councilwoman Parker requested a moment of silence for Trooper Brinkerhoff who was shot while on duty last week.

She stated the Halfmoon Navigator was mailed out and hopes everyone received it. She stated they focus on the special programs in the Town, the young folks and the seniors who are her special people and likes to give them a full page. She stated the new van is in the navigator and they are also looking for a new bus.

She stated she would like the Board to recognize and declare the week of May 7 through 13<sup>th</sup> as Public Service Recognition Week which focuses on people who work in our Town, for our State and localities taking care of their community.

Councilwoman Parker stated more importantly Emergency Medical Services Week is May 14<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> and would like it declared in Town. She stated it is a vital part of our community and they take care of us and help people who travel through our Town and they are an important service.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 115**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board recognizes Public Service Week in the Town of Halfmoon and, further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board recognizes and declares the week of May 14<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> as Emergency Medical Services Week in the Town of Halfmoon .

Supervisor Wormuth reported that the New York State Canal Corporation sent a letter stating they are kicking off their 182<sup>nd</sup> consecutive navigation season through the New York State Canal and they have decided to waive the recreational boater tolls to encourage tourism along the canal.

She reported that the NYS Department of Transportation has notified the Town that there will be a public information meeting regarding road work on a bridge on Route 4.

The Supervisor stated there is a School Board budget vote on May 15<sup>th</sup> .

Public privilege for discussion of agenda topics was opened by Supervisor Wormuth; no one had questions or comments

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Received from Town Planner notification of Planning Board denial of sign application for New Country Buick/Pontiac/GMC for the re-location of the pre-existing non-conforming sign to the proposed site at 205 Route 146 based on proposed freestanding sign exceeding the maximum height allowed for signage as described in *Local Laws relating to Zoning of the Town of Halfmoon*.

2. Received from Town Planner notification of decision of Town Planning Board to pass a positive recommendation for the Howland Park Planned Development District, Johnson & McBride Road.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Wormuth stated, relative to the next item, that it is a pleasure to have the seniors here today. She stated that several Board members try to attend some of their functions and they realize how important this is and how important they are to the community and it is truly an honor and a pleasure to be part of this Board and support the programs that go on at the senior center. She stated the doors here are always open and they are always happy to have conservation with them and they are a vital part of the community.

Councilwoman Parker stated she enjoys going to the center and loves to work at the tables selling the bake goods and loves to see their faces when they finish doing a craft and has had the pleasure of buying many baby blankets for her grandchildren.

Supervisor Wormuth stated she is very proud to invite the seniors and Mrs. Parker to the front to present the check to the seniors.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 116**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board proclaims month of May "Senior Citizen Month" in the Town of Halfmoon. Presentation of 2007 Budgeted funds.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 117**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes letting bids for the purchase of a new Van for use as Senior Citizen transportation to be opened May 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 118**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town to renew membership in the Saratoga Economic Development Corporation for the 2007 Annual Member Investment amount of \$467.00.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 119**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves and orders paid all vouchers for all funds listed on Abstract dated May 1, 2007, totaling: \$117,560.70

Councilman Polak stated, relative to the next item, that the bids have been reviewed by the Town Attorney and is within the budgeted funds for the department.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 120**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure through State Contract, to be paid from budgeted funds, for a cab and chassis for the Town highway department and further

authorize letting bids for one Multi-Purpose Dump Body and Plow equipment for the Highway department to be opened May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 pm.

Councilman Bold stated, relative to the next item, that there is a continuing series of bank instability situations where the banks along the road have been sliding. He stated the highway department has been placing cones and a weight limit and doing everything they can to keep it stable

#### RESOLUTION NO. 121

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board sets a public hearing for the Brookwood Road Slope Stabilization/ Rehabilitation project to be scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 122

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

WHEREAS, the Mechanicville City School District has requested the use of two Town of Halfmoon voting machines for their May 15<sup>th</sup> school budget vote, it is therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes loaning two mechanical voting machines to the School District.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 123

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Senior Planner, Planner and the Grant Coordinator as Town employees to voucher for mileage at rate established by the IRS when using their personal vehicle for Town business, retroactive to January 1, 2007.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 124

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon recognizes the importance of providing adequate health care for qualified former town employees; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Halfmoon provides health insurance for qualified former employees; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Halfmoon is aware that CDPHP Group Medicare Choice participants currently incur a two-hundred and fifty dollar (\$250.00) co-pay when they are hospitalized, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon wishes to reimburse the CDPHP Group Medicare Choice participants for up to three hospital co-payments per year for a maximum amount of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon will continue to reimburse for the co-pays incurred by qualified former employees for up to three hospital stays even if the amount of the co-pay increases unless and until the Town Board passes a resolution terminating the re-imbursement described herein; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Halfmoon shall utilize funds in the existing appropriation account set up for health insurance to provide the re-imbursement for qualified former employees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon hereby authorizes qualified former employees to receive re-imbursement for co-payments associated with hospital stays for up to three (3) hospital stays in a benefit year. The reimbursement monies are to be paid from the appropriation accounts created for health insurance.

RESOLUTION NO. 125

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts Bid Spec. No.3-2007, opened April 30<sup>th</sup>, submitted by Center for Security, for purchase of 17 doors Keri card access system for the New Town Hall in the total bid amount of \$41,985.00 per the review of Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 126

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

WHEREAS, the Temple Baptist Church, Halfmoon, provides the Town recreation program with use of their building at no fee, it is therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town to reciprocate and waive the Town pavilion lease use fee for Temple Baptist Church for the year 2007, and further

RESOLVED, that the Temple Baptist Church provides a hold harmless agreement and certificate of insurance.

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

Leonard Oschins, Oak Brook Commons stated they received their Time Warner bill and it is skyrocketing. He stated his wife called them regarding senior discounts and she was told to come to Town Hall for a form for a senior discount. He asked why Halfmoon isn't getting as senior discount.

The Supervisor stated she will check into this.

Attorney Chauvin stated the Town went through a long process with Time Warner and they are reluctant to grant that unless they add it back into the bill charge. He stated they don't give it for free.

The Senior Director stated they also have checked into this but found it wasn't for Saratoga County.

Henrietta O'Grady, Church Hill Road stated she wanted to thank everyone for helping with the Clean Sweep program held recently in conjunction with the Trails Committee, Canal Corp. and the Parks department. She stated they had over 30 participants who came to help clean up the Crescent Park area.

There being no further business to discuss or resolve, on motion by Councilwoman Parker seconded by Councilman Bold the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary J. Pearson  
Town Clerk

