

The December 3, 2014 Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Tollisen in the A. James Bold Meeting Room at the New Town Hall with the following members present:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRESENTATION: EAGLE SCOUT NICK JOHNSON – HEWITT

Supervisor Tollisen: Our first presentation this evening is for an Eagle Scout. Deputy Supervisor Hotaling and I had the privilege of attending Nick Johnson-Hewitt's Court of Honor on Sunday November the 23rd. It was an excellent program and we would like to honor Nick tonight with a Proclamation from the Town of Halfmoon.

I will tell you, I have attended some of these Eagle Scout Ceremonies and the program that they gave us was absolutely enlightening to me because they basically gave the road and the path to becoming an Eagle Scout. This is quite an incredible achievement that this young man got. Basically, the trail to an Eagle, is different Scout phases; the first one is a New Scout, then there is a Tenderfoot Scout, a Second Class Scout, a First Class Scout, a Star Scout, Life Scout and then Eagle Scout. This is not something that can be achieved in just a short period of time; this is something that you truly have to work for. The Scout Law says it all.

A Scout is trustworthy, a Scout is loyal, a Scout is helpful, a Scout is friendly, a Scout is courteous, a Scout is kind, a Scout is obedient.

Being an Eagle Scout means you live by your honor. This young man has done something tremendous. He has done his Eagle Scout project In the Town of Halfmoon for our seniors. I am going to ask our Park's Director P.J. Maiello come up and he is going to talk about Nick's project with the town. P.J. was the front man for the town to work with Nick.

Paul Maiello, Director of Park's: When Nick approached me; we sat down and went over a few different ideas. I had explained to him that we had quite a few Eagle Scout projects in the past and we have been able to do some work in our parks, memorial items and things like that. I remembered down at the Senior Center, Eileen asked me if we had a spot where the seniors can come out and play bocce ball? There is a flat spot out behind the Historical Society. I thought that this would be a good project for Nick and for a perfect cause. We talked and went over a few designs, and looked at a neighboring facility in Mechanicville. On the day of construction, Nick had more people than I have ever seen at any of the Eagle Scout projects that have been done here. There was a huge crowd, very efficient, and streamlined the whole project. They started early in the morning, we helped excavate and get some stone dust in there, but all the rest of the hand work, finishing grade and everything else was done by them. It is a great thing. It is going to be here for all of the public to use as well as the seniors. It is located right on the complex.

Again, thank you for your hard work and congratulations on achieving Eagle Scout.

Supervisor Tollisen: Nick, if you would come up and I will read your resolution. Your Grandad can come up too, he is one of those hard working guys too!

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon that Nick Johnson-Hewitt, is the recipient of an Eagle Scout Award, which is the highest award a Boy Scout can receive; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Board that when someone of extraordinary dedication to the values and principles of scouting is brought to their attention, the same should be memorialized to show our gratitude for their exemplary service to our community; and

WHEREAS, a Town is only as great as those persons who give 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, Nick demonstrated such dedication by completing his Eagle Project which involved building bocce ball courts for the Town of Halfmoon Senior Center to help seniors have a venue to socialize. The project included a custom built scoreboard so that the Halfmoon Seniors will be able to host tournaments in style. Nick received assistance from many in the Community including both current and past members of Troop 30, off duty Town of Halfmoon Parks employees, and donations to complete the project from the Town of Halfmoon, The Home Depot, Crescent Ace Hardware, and his uncle, James Johnson; and

WHEREAS, such service, which is truly the lifeblood of the Community and the Town, so often goes unrecognized and unrewarded; and

WHEREAS, Nick has had a long history of personal achievement as a Scout beginning as a Wolf Scout in Cub Scout Pack 43 and earning his Arrow of Light and crossing over to a Boy Scout in Troop 30 in July of 2008, starting as a Tenderfoot and then progressing through 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, and Life and holding several leadership positions such as Den Chief, Scribe, and Senior Patrol Leader. Nick also completed twenty three (23) merit badges during his Scouting; and

WHEREAS, Nick has also served our community by doing hours of community service including bottle drives, collecting food for food pantries, serving food at church dinners and for the homeless, and picking up trash at roadsides donating more than fifty three (53) hours of community service; and

WHEREAS, Nick was able accomplish all of these amazing goals due to the support of his loving parents Christina Johnson and Kevin Hewitt, siblings, Aryanna and Gianna, and grandparents Robert and Deborah Johnson.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon recognize and commends, Nick Johnson-Hewitt, as an outstanding citizen for his achievements and advances, one who is worthy of the esteem of both the Community and the Town of Halfmoon.
2. That a copy of this Resolution be presented to Nick Johnson-Hewitt.

RESOLUTION NO. 370

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board honors Nick Johnson-Hewitt as an outstanding citizen for his achievements and advances, one who is worthy of the esteem of both the Community and the Town of Halfmoon.

Supervisor Tollisen: On behalf of the Halfmoon Town Board, we would like to present you with this Proclamation, Congratulations from a grateful Town!

Nick Johnson-Hewitt: I do want to thank Paul very much. Without him this honor would not have come to me.

Supervisor Tollisen: Thank you again Nick.

PRESENTATION: HONORING SOUTHERN SARATOGA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – CHAMBER OF THE YEAR

Supervisor Tollisen: We have a second Proclamation this evening. The Southern Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce is an organization that does a number of great things for the town. Pete Bardunias is here and he is the President and the CEO of the Southern Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce. If you know Pete at all, he is everywhere. I think my schedule is busy, but that man puts in countless hours for the Chamber of Commerce. He is absolutely amazing. I will tell you that any time I call him ask him for help or support to advance business initiatives in the town, he is there. He reaches out to me on a regular basis; he reaches out to our Chair of the Business and Economic Development Committee, Daphne on a regular basis promoting and finding ways to do business in the Town of Halfmoon.

The Southern Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce got a prestigious honor of being named by the Business Council of New York State, as the 2014 Chamber of the Year! We would like to recognize Pete and the Southern Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for the tremendous work they do. Pete, please come up and I will read a lengthy but well deserved Proclamation.

WHEREAS, The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County's mission is to work for their members, customers, and stakeholders to create a successful business environment, provide valuable resources and to be a vigorous advocate for the business community while striving to improve both the economic environment and the quality of life within Southern Saratoga County ; and

WHEREAS, The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County's vision is to become the leading resource for the development, growth and success of Southern Saratoga County and the entire Capital Region of Tech Valley; and

WHEREAS, The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County has excelled in both their mission and vision in the Town of Halfmoon and the rest of the Southern portion of the county; and

WHEREAS, The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County's efforts were recognized by the Business Council of New York State who named the Southern Saratoga County Chamber 2014 Chamber of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon recognizes and appreciates the work done by The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County for our community and congratulates them for receiving the recognition they deserve; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon hereby congratulates The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County on being named the 2014 Chamber of the year and expresses deep appreciation for their contributions to the Town of Halfmoon and the surrounding communities.
2. That a certified copy of this Resolution will be entered into the Town records proclaiming the Town of Halfmoon's recognition of The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County.
3. That a copy of this Resolution be presented to The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County.

DATED: December 3, 2014

Kevin J. Tollisen, Supervisor
Town of Halfmoon

RESOLUTION NO. 371

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon hereby congratulates The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County on being named the 2014 Chamber of the year.

Supervisor Tollisen: On behalf of the Town of Halfmoon we deeply and gratefully appreciate all the hard work you do for us and thank you for serving on our committees.

Pete Bardunias: On behalf of the Chamber, I really want to say thank you. I know what a dedicated Town Board you have here. Many people in this room have been connected with us in one way or the other through their business lives or through the things that have been going on. I know that we have such a dedicated staff and people that work so hard. It is really great to bring us all together as a community. When I stood up in September to receive this award during the Business Council Annual Meeting, I was struck by the fact that I was bringing this home to us as a community. That this was something that to share and that we have worked together to build something that we can all be proud of. In fact, the very first public hearing that I went to was in the Town of Halfmoon and I was only on the job three days! My first opportunity to meet everybody was here in this town. Just realizing what a special town this really is, the opportunities that we have with working with Daphne on the Business and Economic Development Committee, we are just getting started! This is going to be great and I really do believe that this town has a great future ahead of it and a great history and heritage to preserve as we go along and make that happen. I think that collectively we are up for the challenge to make a really wonderful story here in the Town of Halfmoon. Thank you again for this wonderful award.

Supervisor Tollisen: Pete, on a personal note, I think that I Facebooked it enough, but that award is in great part to your dedication to the Chamber, so we appreciate for your hard work.

Pete Bardunias: Thank you, Mr. Supervisor.

Supervisor Tollisen: Next, we will have a presentation regarding the Crescent Gardens Mobile Home Park application.

Attorney Murphy: Mr. Supervisor, as the Board is aware, the applicant in this matter is my brother. Although, I do not have any monetary interest, but to avoid any looks of impropriety, I will be recusing myself from this matter.

Supervisor Tollisen: OK, thank you.

PRESENTATION: CRESCENT GARDENS MOBILE HOME PARK

Gavin Vuillaume, Environmental Design Partnership on behalf of MRK Real Property, LLC and Michael Klimkewicz

Gavin Vuillaume: Good evening. First off, I would like to thank the Town Board for giving us this opportunity to make this presentation for what we hope will be a very good project, not only for the applicant but also for the town. This is the Crescent Mobile Home Park, and most of you are probably familiar with it. It is located just off Plank Road right behind Rome Plaza now known as Crescent Commons with Fred the Butcher. The property itself started out in the 1960's, 1970's as a mobile home park set on several broken parcels. Currently, I believe that there are 19 mobile home units on the parcel and Mr. Klimiewicz along with that purchased some additional properties to hopefully expand and improve the mobile home park itself. That is really the focus for our proposal is to request, actually it is the Town Clerk that issues the permit for the mobile home park and any changes to it to what I think is section 107 of the zoning code that allows for that. So we have been in

front of the Planning Board and Town Board. We have already been in front of the Planning Board a couple of times and have received many recommendations from them and the reviewing engineer Clough Harbour. We have also spoken to the water department and sewer district regarding providing utilities to the project. We have been involved and actively pursuing an application for probably a couple of months now. We are excited to be able to present this to the Town Board and answer any questions that you have.

As far as the details, I will quickly go through some of the improvements and then Mr. Klimkewicz will say a few words about his goal for this project. The existing project right now, I think are on about a three acre parcels and they are kind of packed in there. Mr. Klimkewicz bought some additional property outside of that to bring it all together in one cohesive plan. Right now, I think with the additional acreage we are looking at 5.19 acres of continuous property where we would essentially keep maybe 5 or 6 of the existing mobile homes that are in a good location and essentially remove or relocate the remaining mobile home units. We obviously would be adding some additional units to the project that are well within the density requirements for the mobile home park. I believe the density is typically 6 units per acre and we are just at 5.9 units per acre. Again, adding additional units to be able to afford to make some of the improvements that we feel would be an actual benefit to not only the surrounding area but to the park itself. There is an existing road there now, but we would bring in a new road, we would expand the sanitary sewer and expand that into areas that presently are septic systems and incorporating new sewer service not only to the new mobile homes but to the existing ones. We've also talked to the town about making some drainage improvements on the site. The drainage is pretty good there but there is always room for improvement and certainly that may be an asset to the surrounding area. We are also looking to expand the roadways. They are very narrow and tight. There are a lot of large trees in the way. It is a very crowded space right now and we would like to improve on this visibility and its function.

That is really most of the improvements from the site engineer's standpoint. Michael Klimkewicz would like to say a few words about the project.

Supervisor Tollisen: Could you just summarize how many units you have existing and how many units you are proposing?

Gavin Vuillaume: There is existing 19, so we are going to add 12 units for a total of 31.

Michael Klimkewicz: We actually removed one unit already. I am Michael Klimkewicz, the owner of this property and also the adjacent plaza. What I would like to do and the ultimate goal, is to make low cost affordable housing for seniors. We would like to take this park, open it to seniors and market it to seniors and give them a place where they can go for \$400.00 a month. We are lucky because where else can you find something like that and improved quality facilities in every corner of the lot? The roadway is going to be larger and it's going to be black topped; now it is mostly gravel. The roadway is going to be wider with better access for emergency vehicles. The larger trees are all going to be removed and again for better access for emergency issues. We are going to have a recreational park off to the side and a walkway to the Crescent Commons. Essentially the people will be able to walk over to the plaza and do some grocery shopping, or get a haircut at the beauty salon. I asked Michelle to come along from Retail of Saratoga. Michelle was recently recognized by the Senator and a number of distinguished folks as the Most Distinguished Woman in the Capital District in 2014, and she is going to help some of the seniors that are there now to transition.

Michelle Larkin, from Retail of Saratoga. We are a local non-profit organization that partners with the community and adheres to offer home repairs at no cost to

the homeowners. We are asked to work with new and possibly help some current homeowners that are in the park. We look forward to working with the homeowners and help them.

Michael Klimkewicz: Thank you Michelle. We are trying to help the people that are there now, but the end result is going to be a new park, new roadways with better access.

Supervisor Tollisen: Any questions from the Board?

Councilman Connors: Supervisor, I do. Mr. Klimiewicz, I know that the Fire Chief had some concerns in regards to turning radius's for their fire apparatus. Has that been addressed?

Michael Klimkewicz: Yes

Gavin Vuillaume: Yes, I actually met with the Fire Chief and there are some areas that needed to be improved and I assured him that they would be addressed.

Councilman Connors: OK

Councilman Hotaling: You were going to go with public sewer and water correct and the road is it going to be a Homeowner's Association type or is it going to be a public road?

Gavin Vuillaume: Private

Councilman Hotaling: Private road, so who is going to take care of snow plowing and all of that?

Gavin Vuillaume: We will.

Councilman Hotaling: OK, thank you.

Councilman Wasielewski: During the Planning Board meetings, there were some concerns expressed by some of the neighbors about residents cutting through onto their private properties. Have you met with those homeowners and addressed their concerns?

Michael Klimkewicz: Yes, I met with Susan Sheridan. She was the one who expressed the concern and along with her son next door. We have committed to them to build a fence. We are going to put up a fence on that section and satisfy their concerns.

Councilman Connors: Is that coming off their property line, is that the plan?

Michael Klimkewicz: It is. It is going to be on her side of the property.

Supervisor Tollisen: The resident that did have concerns, was in Town Hall today and she did speak with me and our Director of Planning and she advised us that the issue was resolved. I do not have any other ones at this time.

The next step, although it is not required but I believe it is recommended to us to set a public hearing

RESOLUTION NO. 372

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon sets a Public Hearing for December 17, 2014 in the A. James Bold Meeting Room for 7:00 pm or as soon as the agenda allows to hear public comments on the proposed amendments to the Crescent Gardens Mobile Home Park.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

BLESSING OF THE OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS CRECHE – December 4th at 12:30 pm at Emerick Funeral Home.

COLONIE LANDFILL CITIZENS AWARENESS meeting on December 8th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

Local Fire Districts will be having their **ANNUAL ELECTION** for Fire Commissioners on Dec. 9th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Please support your local fire company and vote!

US Marine Corps **TOYS FOR TOTS** Program – Members of Clifton Park & Halfmoon EMS are accepting donations of new & unwrapped toys at their 15 Crossing Blvd location. Toys can be dropped off weekdays from 6-6 until Dec. 15th

Dec. 6th ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY for the kids 4:00 – 6:30 at Town Hall

Dec. 6th ANNUAL HOLIDAY MEMORIES TREE MEMORIAL & HOLIDAY CEREMONY Saturday at 6:30 pm at the Abele Memorial Park

Supervisor Tollisen: There are many community events to announce. Tomorrow at Emerick Funeral Home at 12:30 there is the Blessing of the Outdoor Christmas Crèche. If you can make that it is always a good event to go to.

Also, on Saturday the Halfmoon Celebration Association is putting on their annual Holiday Party right here in Town Hall from 4-6:30. There is a number of different events for the kids. We appreciate the Halfmoon Celebration Association for putting on this event. If you walk through Town Hall, it is a wonderland that they decorated and we very much appreciate them for doing that. At 6:30 pm on Saturday is our Tree Lighting Memorial. That is an event that we do each year, this is our 12th year. We have the holiday trees in memory of our loved ones. That is always a very reverent event to kick off the holiday season. If you can come to that, please do!

TOWN MEETINGS:

Town Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of month at 7:00 pm except May 7th at 2:00pm

Zoning Board of Appeals: 1st Monday of month at 7:00 pm.

Planning Board Meeting: 2nd & 4th Monday of month at 7:00 pm.

Board of Assessment Review: 4th Tuesday in May

Senior Center Business Meeting: 1st Wednesday of month at 1:00 pm

Halfmoon Historical Society: Last Tuesday of month at 7:00 pm

Zoning Review Committee: 3rd Thursday of month

Open Space & Trails Committee:

Resident Relations Committee:

Business & Economic Development Committee:

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Kevin J. Tollisen (Town Supervisor) I do have one more resolution to add to the agenda that came to my attention this afternoon. The Town of Halfmoon is currently working on a joint project with the Town of Clifton Park for what we call the Erie Canal Community Connector Trail. In conjunction with that trail, we have two grants. One is with the Town of Clifton Park and one is on our own. The Halfmoon portion of that grant which is a \$200,000 grant, but it is a 50/50 match. So, we need to match that \$200,000. Some of the monies can be through services, but the rest of it will be through Recreation Funds. I know that the Board is aware of this, but I would be looking for a resolution tonight to authorize the use of \$200,000 of Recreation Fund money as matching funds for the Erie Canal Community Connector Trail and that amount would not exceed \$200,000 and to authorize me to execute the contract with the Department of State per the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

I apologize for the short notice of this but this was given to me today and we do need to proceed forward. If we are going to move forward, unfortunately, these grants come and go but we want to make sure that we save that and move forward for the purpose of finalizing that trail and do construction in the spring of next year.

RESOLUTION NO. 373

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes using Recreation Funds as matching funds for the Erie Canal Community Connector project in the not to exceed amount of \$200,000 and to authorize the Supervisor to execute a contract with the Department of State, per the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

Paul Hotaling (Deputy Supervisor): (1) Chair of Parks & Recreation, Infrastructure (Water, Highway, Building & Maintenance), (2) Co-Chair of Character Counts, (3) Chair on Committee on Baseball/Athletic Organizations, (4) Chair of Personnel Committee, (5) Co-Chair of Zoning Review Committee

Our town employees have been working very hard, the new website is up, please check it out. We are going on line with our new phone system tomorrow throughout Town Hall. We got information today that the week of the 15th we will be receiving our new senior bus. Thank you to all involved for making that happen. I just have to echo about the Eagle Scout ceremony that Kevin and I went to. It was for a young gentleman who did a lot of great things. Kevin and I were reading the book that they handed out and the success rate that these young gentlemen have in life, the jobs they get, and the leaders they are. Hats off to the Troop Leaders and everybody who was a part of this success. And again, our Parks Department, thank you for all of your help with the Eagle Scout project on their own time.

Supervisor Tollisen: Just to further up on the phone system. Tomorrow, the town is switching over to our new phone system. From now on you will be dialing into one phone system for any department in the town and not have to individually call the Highway or Water Departments. There should not be any interruption and I am saying the words “should not be” any interruption. If you do experience that it maybe during the afternoon hours maybe 12-4, but please let us know by Facebook or email or something like that. We are not expecting any issues, but it remains to be seen, but the switch over should be good.

Also, if you haven’t already looked at our new website, please do. It is up and running. It is absolutely fabulous. I also forgot to mention that the solar panels are just about all installed and the next step would be is to have them hooked up.

Hopefully, by the first of the year we will start generating the solar power and start saving us money on our utility bills.

John Wasielewski (Town Board Member): (1) Chair of Ethics Committee, (2) Chair of Committee on Emergency Services and Public Safety (Emergency Corps, Fire Department, Police);(3) Chair of Committee on Resident Relations, (4)Co- Liaison to Planning Board

Two things tonight and they both relate to **Emergency Services**. It is just a reminder and it is mentioned on the first page of the agenda, that next Tuesday night, December 9th from 6-9 pm are the local Fire Districts Commissioner Elections. These are usually over 1 million dollar budgets in each department and are very important. These people determine how those dollars are spent. So, these are important elections.

The Town Emergency Plan is being updated. It should be finalized by the first of the year. We are ready to go and implement the updated plan. That is all that I have tonight, Mr. Supervisor, thank you.

Supervisor Tollisen: The Emergency Management Plan is basically an update with the passing of the Deputy Supervisor Walter Polak and the new Board member coming on and a couple of other employee changes. We wanted to make sure it was the most up to date version in case there ever was an emergency management response that we needed to address.

Daphne Jordan (Town Board Member): (1) Chair of Business and Economic Development (2) Chair of Insurance (Liability and Medical) (3) Liaison to Open Space and Trails Committee, (4) Co- Liaison to Zoning Board

Business and Economic Development Committee: I want to thank the businesses that have given us information for our Business Directory on the new Town Website. More importantly, I hope that the Business Directory proves fruitful for them. For those businesses that haven't participated in the directory, there is still time to send us information or to contact me, as Chair of the Business and Economic Development Committee, to get their information on the website.

I also wanted to echo our Proclamation recognizing Pete Bardunias, because he has been such an asset to our town and especially to the Business and Economic Development Committee. The man is everywhere and at all times. He knows everybody and makes connections so easily. He is always thinking about the welfare of everybody and how he is going to improve things. So, thank you very much Pete. Your help has been invaluable to me. That is all that I have.

Jeremy Connors (Town Board Member): (1)Zoning Board Liaison 2) Co-Liaison Planning Board; (3) Co-Chair of Zoning Review Committee (4)Chair of Animal Control Committee (5) Chair of Committee on Not for Profit Organizations; (6) Co-Chair of Character Counts

I would just like to recognize the mass volunteers for the Thanksgiving baskets and putting them together and getting them to the families who needed them over this holiday. I would also like to recognize Mike Raucci as well from New Country Toyota. Mike went out of his way and provided for 800 families not only in our town, but residents in our neighboring towns as well. So Mike and his crew did an outstanding job insuring that the food went out to the people who needed it. Other than that Supervisor, I am all set.

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

Halfmoon Historical Society had their monthly meeting on November 25th. It was a tribute to local Veterans featuring the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. A video of Al Mincher who spoke at a previous meeting about his landing on Normandy Beach started the presentation. It was followed by Allan Atwell who shared with us his story of serving in the Battle of the Bulge. Many years later, enactors were using Allan and his story and contacted him to get the history correct. He has given them many of pictures and some of the things he used during the war. It has been a friendship that has lasted to this day.

It was very inspirational reading the handwritten stories of 2 local POW's. We did not have any idea what these men went through. The veteran's in the audience were all acknowledged, including Councilman Wasielewski. It was a fitting tribute and a reminder to remember how much we owe all of our Veteran's.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – month of November

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| 1. | Town Justice Suchocki | |
| | Total # Cases – 214 | Total fees submitted to the Supervisor - \$21,914 |
| 2. | Town Justice Wormuth | |
| | Total # Cases – 195 | Total fees submitted to the Supervisor - \$23,159 |
| 3. | Town Clerk | Total fees submitted to the Supervisor - \$5,967.47 |
| 4. | Senior Express | Total # Riders - 309 Total # Meals - 393 |

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Received** from the Town Planning Board Resolutions approving the following: Change of Tenant and Sign Applications for Homestead Funding Corp., 1707 Route 9 (Shoppes of Halfmoon), for Patenaude Industries, Inc., 1050 Elizabeth Street, for Center for Security, 1659 Route 9, for Nonna Maria's Italian Kitchen, 1505 Route 9, (Mayfair Plaza), for an Addition to Site Plan & Special Use Permit for Birch Briar Apartments, 1639 Route 9, for Approval of the Minor Subdivisions between Lands of T. McBride Jr. & S. DeCelle, 12 McBride Road and for the Gorski Subdivision, 61 Hayner Road, and Denial of a Site Plan Application and Special Use Permit for Kennedy/Choate Garage, 405 Hudson River Road.

Received & Filed

2. **Received** from Marzilli's LLC, (Salty's Pub), 215A Guideboard Road, notification of the intent to renew their liquor license

Received & Filed

3. **Received** from David W. Papura, a letter to Supervisor Tollisen with the traffic flow concerns regarding the Howland Park PDD on the Johnson, Staniak, Cary & Tabor Roads.

Received & Filed

4. **Received** from the Town of Colonie Landfill, notification of the December 8th Citizens Awareness Meeting at the Town of Colonie Crossings, 580 Albany Shaker Road from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. They would like to share the latest development of Area 7 and where NYS Department of Environmental Conservation stands regarding their process.

Received & Filed

5. **Received** from Hoss’s Tavern & Marina LLC, (previously Klamsteam Tavern and Marina), 32 Clamsteam Road, their Application for an On-Premise Liquor License.

Received & Filed

6. **Received** from the Office of the Sheriff, a copy of the report for the month of October for the Clifton Park/Halfmoon Patrols and the Halfmoon Patrols.

Received & Filed

7. **Received** from Arlene Barton, a beautiful “Thank You” card for the food baskets for Thanksgiving.

Received & Filed

8. **Received** from Adam Geleta, his letter of resignation as part time Court Officer, effective immediately.

Received & Filed

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 374

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves and orders paid Vouchers numbered 2357 through 2459, as detailed.

===== FUND TOTALS =====

10 GENERAL FUND	\$548,643.81
20 HIGHWAY FUND	\$90,988.54
25 SPECIAL REVENUE	\$18,720.35
30 CONSOLIDATED WATER	\$453,367.15
40 LANDFILL POST CLOSURE	\$2,384.95
80 TRUST FUND	\$75,900.00
ABSTRACT TOTAL:	\$1,190,004.80

RESOLUTION NO. 375

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the minutes of Town Board meeting of, November 19, 2013 as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 376

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints Michael Root as seasonal Highway Laborer at pay rate of \$13.75 per hour, effective upon completion of pre-employment testing and to end on April 3, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 377

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes using Recreation Funds for the removal of docks at 597 Hudson River Road, Lighthouse Park, by Allerdice Crane Service, LLC in the not to exceed amount of \$387.50, per the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 378

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes using Recreation Funds for the Summit Hills Trails Restoration in the not to exceed amount of \$5,620, per the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

Supervisor Tollisen: Obviously this is for the recreation of the trails in the Summit Hills neighborhood for reimbursement to the Highway Department for funds expended.

RESOLUTION NO. 379

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes clarification in the employee manual that mandates that when there is a break in service for three months, the employee's anniversary date is modified; making an exception of any employee that gets hurt on the job and receives Worker's Compensation

RESOLUTION NO. 380

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign and submit a credit application to Sanico "Cleaning Solutions", per the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

Supervisor Tollisen: Again, this is just the existing provider that we have has changed their name. We need to authorize a new contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 381

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to make the attached Transfer between Appropriations and Creation of Appropriations

Debit:	Appropriated Fund Balance	25-599	\$387.50
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Credit: Appropriations 25-960 \$387.50
 Subsidiary: 25-5-9901.90 - \$387.50
 Interfund Transfers

A resolution is necessary to create the following appropriations within General Fund from Recreation Fees held in the Town of Halfmoon Special Revenue Fund for the Lighthouse Park Improvements for the removal of the docks in the amount of \$387.50.

Debit: Appropriations 10-960 \$387.50
 Subsidiary: 10-5-7150.40 - \$387.50
 Special Recreation Facilities–Contractual

Credit: Estimated Revenues 10-510 \$387.50
 Subsidiary: 10-4-5031 - \$387.50
 Interfund Transfers

A resolution is necessary to setup the budgetary accounts to recreate the Summit Hills trail, from Recreation Fees held in the Town of Halfmoon Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$5,620 for accounting purposes as follows:

Debit: Appropriated Fund Balance 25-599 \$5,620

Credit: Appropriations 25-960 \$5,620
 Subsidiary: 25-5-9901.90 - \$5,620
 Interfund Transfers

A resolution is necessary to create the following appropriations within General Fund from Recreation Fees held in the Town of Halfmoon Special Revenue Fund to recreate the Summit Hills trail in the amount of \$5,620.

Debit: Appropriations 10-960 \$5,620
 Subsidiary: 10-5-7150.40 - \$5,620
 Special Recreation Facilities–Contractual

Credit: Estimated Revenues 10-510 \$5,620
 Subsidiary: 10-4-5031 - \$5,620
 Interfund Transfers

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of non-agenda items)

Larry Koniowka, 15 New Castle Drive: I haven’t been able to make the meetings lately but I always look at the minutes. At the last meeting you had something on about the demolition. I was just curious, was that just buildings or was that sheds that was supposed to get approval. I know that we have a couple of sheds on our family land and my brothers are thinking about them.

Attorney Murphy: I believe that it is structures in general and the purpose of it is because in many older structures thee is asbestos, so they have to make sure that there isn’t danger in the demolition of the structure but I can look it up while we are here and give you an answer before you’re done.

Larry Koniowka: OK

Councilman Wasielewski: Are you talking about the historical

Attorney Murphy: Yes, he is just asking in general

Larry Koniowka: In general if you are going to take down an old shed, do you need to get permission to do so? I know that you need to get permits to build a new shed, depending on the size, but to take it down

Supervisor Tollisen: What I will do is to have the Code Enforcement Director call you tomorrow. Just give me your phone number and I will have him call you and you can address your specific concern.

Larry Koniowka: OK. Also on the last agenda there is something about Linden Village and I was just wondering if you can just clarify for some of the people here about what that was all about. I might have talked to you and you explained about it being historical. Would that be this or something else?

Councilman Wasielewski: There have been a lot of conversations about Linden Village, obviously. Do you mean the archeological, has that happened?

Larry Koniowka: I don't know. There is something on here about receiving something from the State Department

Clerk Bryan: Oh, that was the filing of the Local Law. The State notifies us when they file our laws at the State level.

Supervisor Tollisen: It has to be filed with the Department of State and that was the notification that it was filed.

Larry Koniowka: But there is still going to be an archeological study looked into right?

Supervisor Tollisen: All of the requirements that are contained in the PDD legislation have to be met.

Councilman Wasielewski: That's required.

Larry Koniowka: I was curious and something that I really wasn't sure of, when new developments are proposed and roadways are created in the developments, who actually design the roadways? Is it the builder themselves or do they work with the Planning Department to create the roadways. Sometimes, I have noticed in the past that they went through somebody's yard. Linden Village with the Craver's and Princeton Heights between two people's yards. I was just curious as to who actually creates these roadways in the developments; the Planning Board or the developers themselves? Does anyone know?

Supervisor Tollisen: Just to give a generic answer, which is the best I could give. When an application comes in, an application would include proposed roads and from that point it gets reviewed by the town engineer, by the Highway Superintendent and all of the applicable parties. While the builder may propose the road, it does get reviewed by our professional staff to go forward.

Larry Koniowka: Alright, thank you.

John Pingelski, Highway Superintendent: Just a little more on that too, Princeton Heights on Princeton Drive, that is not people's yard.

Larry Koniowka: I know that.

John Pingelski: It is not their yard. They intentionally left pieces of property open for roads. So it is not like people's property is being taken away. It is not actually their yards, it is intentionally left open.

Larry Koniowka: Correct. I know that it is not their yards, but the roadway goes right between two yards where they could have gone two houses up where it would not have been between anyone's houses. It wouldn't disrupt their lifestyle. It is more these people lifestyle that is being disrupted by a new development that I am concerned about rather than who owns the property. Is right for a road to go between two people's where one has a pool on one side and the other one has a

swing set on the other side. While you could have gone just two houses up and there is no pools or houses. For me, I am not a developer, I am just a cook.

John Pingelski: (said something from the audience but could not be heard)

Larry Koniowka: At the public hearing and meetings, but it fell upon deaf ears of the logic behind going between two people's yards and disrupting their lifestyle just so a developer can get a development in there. The logic behind it was not there for me and that is why I keep

John Pingelski: People knew that this opening was there for a future road. The road was actually put there before the houses.

Larry Koniowka: It's not a road, it is just open space. You could have just put a trail there, you could put a statue there of the developer you know. I am just saying that the logic behind going in between two people's houses even though it is not their property, maybe give them a chance to buy a bit of that land so that they could close it in and they could still build their development. You are just not disrupting people's lifestyle. So, that is my concern.

John Pingelski: The people knew that when they bought the property.

Larry Koniowka: The developer knew that he could create any type of road style that he wanted without disrupting the lifestyle of people. That is all that I am saying.

Supervisor Tollisen: OK, thank you.

There being no further business to discuss or resolve, on a motion by Councilman Hotaling and seconded by Councilman Connors, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk