

**The August 7, 2013 Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Deputy Supervisor Polak in the A. James Bold Meeting Room at the New Town Hall with the following members present:**

Walter F. Polak, Councilman  
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman  
Craig A. Hayner, Councilman  
John P. Wasielewski, Councilman  
Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney  
Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk

Melinda A. Wormuth, Supervisor - Excused  
Matthew J. Chauvin, Deputy Attorney - Excused

**The Supervisor opened the meeting at 7:00 pm by leading the Pledge of Allegiance**

### **PROCLAMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL CLOWN WEEK**

The Deputy Supervisor welcomed the “Clown” friends who were present. He stated they spent some time with the rec program and a good time was had and invited them to come forward while they proclaimed the week of August 1 – 7, 2013 as International Clown Week in Halfmoon. “Sparky” introduced the 3 other clowns who joined her this evening and gave the Board red clown noses and Rainbow seeds!

The Town Clerk read the following proclamation:

***WHEREAS**, the people of the Town of Halfmoon recognize the importance of laughter in their lives; and*

***WHEREAS**, Clowning encourages laughter in people from young to old, rich to poor; and*

***WHEREAS**, Clowns can dissolve thoughts of prejudice, and intolerance of others, and,*

***WHEREAS**, Clowns can make people forget their pain, sadness, illness, and distress,*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mindy A. Wormuth, Supervisor of the Town of Halfmoon, do hereby proclaim the week of August 1 through 7, 2013 as:*

***CLOWN WEEK***  
*in the Town of Halfmoon, New York*

### **RESOLUTION NO. 188**

Offered by Councilman Hayner, seconded by Councilman Wasielewski: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Hayner

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board proclaim August 1 through 7, 2013 as Clown Week in the Town of Halfmoon.

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

**Clerk Bryan:** The Halfmoon Historical Society has a new display in the foyer for you to enjoy. It shows the pathway through 400 years of dramatic changes in our History starting in the 1600's. It is a very informative display that we will be adding

to as years go on. So please make some time to enjoy the Society's hard work on a very informative display.

**Councilman. Hotaling:** Next Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Town Park, there will be a concert with the Bel Aires playing and at 9:30 the concert will be followed by Fireworks.

I want to thank the town employees for all of their hard work this summer. The work on the roads, the Recreation Department is second to none, with over 700 kids in the Summer Camp Program this year. The Building, Maintenance, Highway and Parks Departments, all worked hard for the town this summer.

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** Hazardous Waste day will be September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Clifton Park Transfer Station on Ray Road.

The Zoning Review Committee will meet on August 22 at 7:00 PM.

An update on the Highway project on the southwest side of Woodin Road, the road is closed off for the culvert replacement. They are going to be paving on Friday and opening the road next week. The Highway Department was also working on the drainage on Fellows Road.

#### **PUBLIC PRIVILEGE** (for discussion of agenda topics)

**Joe Christopher, 96 Werner Road:** I am actually up here speaking on behalf of Deanna Stephenson. She is on business travel and requested that I inquire and read a few questions here regarding the budget process in regard to the Comptroller's report, and she asks and she is 7 Cindy, will the board consider placing the latest OSC Audit published this week on the website? This will allow for public document transparency? I guess that this is something that you will have to consider.

**Attorney Murphy:** Yes, is the short answer to your question.

**Joe Christopher:** #2, I want the public to understand that the entire board votes on the budget process and the public is only privy to the information presented, yes?

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** Yes, there is actually public hearings and board voting on all of the budgets.

**Joe Christopher:** OK, great. As the budget process begins shortly for the next year, who will be in the early budget discussions and will the public be able to play a part in those ongoing discussions, or only involved at the end of the process?

**Attorney Murphy:** There is a Statutory requirement set forth by New York State, a Town law in the Municipal law that outlines exactly how the board has to go forward, who is in charge of the meetings, and what public comment can be received together with Statutory time periods as to when the hearings are held.

**Joe Christopher:** OK, and one more question. Will there be discussion as to allowing a subject matter expert take the roll of Comptroller and alleviate the wearing of several important hats by one elected official?

**Attorney Murphy:** Again, those are all laid out through New York State law. The responsibilities of the Town Supervisor are clearly set out by the statutes. She can't really advocate any of those responsibilities. There is a provision where by a Comptroller could be appointed, but it is not something that just occurs. It is all through state law.

**Joe Christopher:** Thank you.

**Stephanie Nolet, 3 Cambridge Ave:** I was just looking at the agenda beforehand and correspondence #3, I know that usually you just read through them, what are the necessary actions that it is referring too?

**Clerk Bryan:** Actually, these were previous speed limit reduction requests, such as the one on Canal Road and Towpath, it was granted that they will lower the speed limit to 30 mph. So, it is a notification from the Department of Transportation that the order has gone out to do the work such as the signs for the lower speed limit from previous approvals.

**Stephanie Nolet:** Perfect, thank you.

**Doug Goglia, 19 Stage Run:** Good evening. I recognize that first of all this is the public privilege for agenda items, and I wanted to follow up on a few questions regarding the audit that was published on the Comptrollers website and the Times Union the other day. Is this the appropriate time, or would you rather wait to the close of the agenda items?

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** This is fine.

**Doug Goglia:** I will do it now. The first question that I have is general. Is there any thought of perhaps to having a public meeting in which the audit's specifically can be addressed so that the community and the town and its constituents can ask all of these questions all at one time perhaps about the audit report and so everything can be addressed hopefully in an intelligent fashion, but in one sitting rather than piece meal?

**Attorney Murphy:** That hasn't been considered, I am sure the board heard what you just said and will talk about it but that this why they have these public comment periods in all of the meetings.

**Doug Goglia:** Again, I didn't want to put the cart ahead of the horse and I understand that this is for the agenda items, but since it has been raised

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** We haven't done that in the past, but we could do it.

**Doug Goglia:** I would propose that that may be appropriate in this specific instance given the gravity of that report and some of the insinuations that could be read into it, and I am not saying that I am making them but, I have a number of questions about that I would like to proceed with and if this is not the appropriate time or if there is a follow up meeting, you can tell me and I certainly will address them later when Miss Wormuth is here and the board can look into these issues. I know that you do not have them in front of you, so I will read a portion of it to the record if you will indulge me. I am looking at page 6 and 7 of the audit report.

In addition to overestimating sales tax revenues, the Board also appropriated more fund balance in the budget for both the general and highway funds than was available (Table 2). During the 2011 budget process, the Board appropriated nearly \$1.5 million of unreserved fund balance in the general fund to finance 2011 operations. However, Town officials had miscalculated the amount of unreserved fund balance in the general fund at the end of 2010.

I am going to stop there and ask a couple of questions. Do we know how that miscalculation happened, or what happened that led to that miscalculation of the unreserved funds?

**Attorney Murphy:** Our Director of Finance is not here this evening. Our prior Director of Finance is here. I am not sure if he is able to address that. I do know

that despite the tenor of the articles that have been printed, everybody should rest assured that we have over \$5.8 million in reserves, which far exceeds what the Comptroller would require us to have pursuant to their recommendation.

**Doug Goglia:** I am not suggesting that there is any tenor, and I certainly am not making any insinuations at all. What I would just like to inquire about is, what extent, what are we doing now to make sure that this does not happen again to the extent that it happened? Mistakes are made, things happen, but how do we move forward at this point and that is what my question is really directed towards.

**Attorney Murphy:** We had a private auditor come in and audit the town to insure that the correct practices were being utilized in determination of the budget, how we spend money, what the forecasting was. As you know, from 2009 basically, a lot of people were very much surprised by the down turn in the economy and luckily we have since forecasted appropriately and actually underestimated what our revenues would be this year. So this year we are actually doing far better than was forecasted.

**Doug Goglia:** Can you tell me, who was that private auditor, because this is the first time that I am hearing of it?

**Attorney Murphy:** They are here every year; they actually do a public presentation at a Town Board meeting. It is Bollam, Sheedy & Torani.

**Doug Goglia:** Do they generate a report of some kind or

**Attorney Murphy:** They do and it is published and available and they do it every year

**Doug Goglia:** and that is available on the website?

**Attorney Murphy:** I do not know if that is on the website.

**Doug Goglia:** OK. Can you tell me, and again if the finance person is not here, that is understandable, I can save these questions for later. Just tell me, I do not want to waste time, but I assume at some point, the town discovered there was a short fallback in 2010, do we know when?

**Attorney Murphy:** The term shortfall is where I think, that is a term that the auditors use, there is no shortfall, the money exists. It is like having money in your savings account, not in your checking, so you just move it from your savings to your checking. There has never been a shortage of funds. Again, it is an accounting term, I am no accountant, but that is my understanding.

**Doug Goglia:** I am no accountant either, so excuse me and labor through. Usually it is hard to get lawyers to disclaim knowledge of anything, but that's one.

There is reference in the report to shifting of funds between the General fund or various town funds in the Highway fund to make up deficits, is that what you are referring to?

**Attorney Murphy:** I couldn't get into the specific details as of where money is coming from without having everything right in front of me, but I do know that they do appropriate funds from one fund to another fund, where appropriate obviously there are restrictions of what you can move where.

**Doug Goglia:** Are the balances of the various funds, and that is the Highway fund, the General fund, and the various other town funds, all accessible on line? I do not know.

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** No

**Attorney Murphy:** I doubt that.

**Doug Goglia:** I am curious as to what the funds were supposedly transferred to the Highway fund from?

**Attorney Murphy:** I could not answer that question for you. I can tell you that the town made a decision not to impose a highway tax based on the difficult economic times that our citizens were facing at the time. We didn't want to add to that burden, so in essence we then used our "rainy day fund" as the Comptroller called it to help fund the rainy day.

**Doug Goglia:** One of the things that troubles me personally, we had some discussion during some of the meetings a number of months ago about the ambulance. I think it was ambulance surcharge, and my concern, and I remember expressing this to Mr. Wasielewski, was that in essence, call it what you will, but it is still a tax. It is still a mandatory contribution sought from taxpayers to fund a state, county or town service. I am curious, why did that not just come out of the General fund if we had so much money

**Attorney Murphy:** It was actually recommended by the Comptroller's and our private auditors that we remove that item from our budget and make a separate taxing district. That was based on the advice of professionals.

**Doug Goglia:** I do not know if that quite responds to my question. I am really asking why the money was taken out of the General fund, or why the money couldn't have been taken from the General fund to pay for that if there was such an excess amount of funds available, that it was able to be used for the highway.

**Attorney Murphy:** It could have been but the auditors and the Comptroller's advised us not to do that.

**Doug Goglia:** OK. Again

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** That was in a letter sent to the board

**Doug Goglia:** I'm sorry, I missed that.

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** That recommendation was a letter that went to the Supervisor and the board.

**Doug Goglia:** Who is the person that you referenced is not available to discuss financial issues?

**Attorney Murphy:** Our current Director of Finance is Bonnie Hatter.

**Doug Goglia:** OK, and as I would propose, there was a meeting; a public meeting held to discuss these issues she could be made available at, I would take it?

**Attorney Murphy:** That is a board decision, but I am sure that if they chose to do that, yes she could be.

**Doug Goglia:** As a resident, I would be very much interested in attending that so I know that some of my fellow colleagues, residents can ask these questions with the people who were involved in making some of these decisions

**Attorney Murphy:** OK, please encourage and she is normally here, but she is on vacation, so I encourage everyone to please come to the meetings, ask the questions and so accurate information

**Doug Goglia:** OK, can that be placed on the agenda; I know that it is short notice to schedule something. How would that work?

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** I am not sure

**Attorney Murphy:** It is a board decision and they are not going to make it right now.

**Doug Goglia:** OK, at that point, I'll just defer it and I would request sincerely that there is a way to address these issues and discuss more fully. This audit does raise some serious questions that I think need to be answered and resolved going forward so that there is not an issue again. I would like to participate in that meeting personally and I know that there are other people too. Thank you.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS – month of July**

**1. Town Justice Wormuth**

**Total # Cases – 448                      Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$29,782.50**

**2. Senior Express Dispatch**

**Total # Riders – 258                      Total # Meals - 523**

**3. Building**

**Total # Permits – 131                      Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$23,104.00**

**4. Fire**

**Total # Permits – 21                      Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$987.00**

**5. Town Clerk**

**Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$8,185.46**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Received** from the Town Planning Board Resolutions approving the following: Sign Applications for Kitchen Dimensions & More, LLC, located at 1705 Route 9, for Cromwell Emergency Vehicles, located at 3A Rexford Way, and for the Fairways of Halfmoon Golf Course, 17 Johnson Road, a Change of Tenant and Sign Application for Saratoga Academy Preschool, 17 Executive Park Drive, and regarding a Minor Subdivision related to the lands of Boni and the Halfmoon Heathcare and Assisted Living/Memory Care PDD, 410 Route 146.

***Received & Filed***

**2. Received** from the Town Planning Board Resolutions denying the following: Addition to Site Plan application for Garden Time, Inc., 1467 Route 9.

***Received & Filed***

**3. Received** from the State of New York Department of Transportation, their Notice of Order for Werner Road between Cemetery Road and Route 146, and for Canal Road from Tow Path Road to its end, stating that the necessary actions described will be carried out by the appropriate authority at their earliest convenience.

***Received & Filed***

**4. Received** a copy of the letter to Bruce Tanski from the Department of the Army, US Army Corps of Engineers regarding Mr. Tanski's request for authorization for the discharge of fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands to

facilitate the construction of Anna's Place, 95 Werner Road, they state that he may proceed with the proposed activities.

***Received & Filed***



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
US Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CENAN-OP-RU  
Upstate Regulatory Field Office  
1 Buffington St., Building 10, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl. North  
Watervliet, New York 12189-4000

JUL 22 2013

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Upstate New York Section

SUBJECT: Permit Application Number NAN-2013-00567  
by Tanski, Bruce  
Town of Halfmoon, Saratoga County, New York

RECEIVED

Bruce Tanski  
3 Cemetery Road  
Clifton Park, New York 12065

JUL 24 2013

TOWN OF HALFMOON  
LYNDA A. BRYAN, TOWN CLERK

Dear Mr. Tanski:

On May 13, 2013, the New York District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers received your request for Department of the Army authorization for the discharge of fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands to facilitate the construction of a residential development referred to as "Anna's Place". The project site is located at 95 Werner Road in the Town of Halfmoon, Saratoga County, New York.

A subsequent submittal received on June 4, 2013, including the drawings entitled "Waters of the U.S./P.C.N., Lands of Bernice Lawya" and "Deed Restricted Area, Lands of Bernice Lawya", which are both prepared by Gilbert VanGuilder Land Surveyor, PLLC, dated February 20, 2013, and last revised on May 28, 2013, constitutes a complete pre-construction notification for Nationwide Permit No. 29 as prescribed as a Reissuance of Nationwide Permits in the Federal Register dated February 21, 2012 (77 FR 10184). In accordance with General Condition Number 31 of the Nationwide Permits, since more than 45 days have passed since our receipt of the complete Nationwide Permit verification request without a response from this office, you may proceed with the proposed activities in waters of the United States as described in the above referenced submittals.

Please be advised that you are responsible for constructing the project as proposed and implementing the associated compensatory mitigation plan (preservation of the remaining 0.231 acre of non-impacted wetlands), complying with all the terms and conditions of the Nationwide Permit Program, as well as any applicable New York District regional conditions, and any applicable regional conditions added by the State of New York (copies enclosed). You are also reminded that a Department of the Army permit may be required for any additional work on this site. If you decide to implement any other projects on this site in the future, please submit a timely

and completed application for our review. Impacts to waters of the United States for this project may be reviewed cumulatively with any future requests or any other applications you may submit for work in waters of the United States on this site.

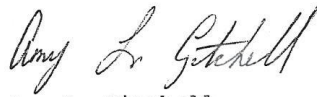
Please note that this determination does not eliminate the need to obtain any other Federal, State or local authorization required by law for the proposed work, including any required permit or Water Quality Certification from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

In order for us to better serve you, please complete our Customer Service Survey located at:

<http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html>

If any questions should arise concerning this matter, please contact Christine Delorier of my staff at (518) 266-6354.

Sincerely,



Amy L. Gitchell  
Chief, Upstate New York Section

Enclosures

cc: NYSDEC Region 5, Warrensburg (DEC #5-4138-00232/00001)  
Town of Halfmoon  
K. Weed - Gilbert VanGuilder Land Surveyor, PLLC  
B. Lawya

**5. Received** from Shenendehowa Central Schools adding the New York State Report Card 2011-12 to the 2013-14 Budget, which was not available at the time  
***Received & Filed***

**6. Received** from the West Crescent Fire District, a copy of their Financial Report for year ending December 31, 2012.  
***Received & Filed***

**7. Received** from Jackie Parker a thank you letter for allowing the removal of the mulch off of town property at the corner of Harris & Lower Newtown Roads to be used at the Woodcock Preserve on Tanner Road.  
***Received & Filed***

**8. Received** from the NYS Department of State, notifying the town of the filing of Local Law #3-2013 on July 22, 2013, for the Bonds, Letters of Credit & Escrow procedures.  
***Received & Filed***



**9. Received** from the NYS Office of the Comptroller, a Report of Examination for the Town of Halfmoon.  
*Received & Filed*

**10. Received** from Roy Casper, Planner for the Town of Halfmoon, his letter of resignation as of August 1, 2013 at 12:00pm.  
*Received & Filed*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 189**

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Hayner: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Hayner

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approves and orders paid Vouchers numbered 1629 through 1790 as detailed.

**===== FUND TOTALS =====**

10 GENERAL FUND	\$118,823.07
20 HIGHWAY FUND	\$53,723.64
25 SPECIAL REVENUE	\$17,100.04
30 CONSOLIDATED WATER	\$85,290.06
35 MISC. CAPITAL FUNDS	\$2,953.00

**ABSTRACT TOTAL:** \$277,889.81

**RESOLUTION NO. 190**

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Wasielewski: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Hayner

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board amends resolution 2013-61 wherein the Town Board approved the purchase of 2 Plow Trucks for the Highway Department off of the Oneida County contract at the price to increase the amount from 200,799.50 per truck to 203,124.50 per truck, representing the increase in cost due to the addition of a box grate on each truck, said amount having been already budgeted for in the 2013 budget, per the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

**RESOLUTION NO. 191**

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Hayner: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Hayner

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approves the minutes of Town Board meeting of, July 17, 2013 as presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 192**

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Hayner: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Hayner

Whereas, the NYS Department of Transportation is soliciting grant proposals for the Transportation Enhancements Program (TEP), and

Whereas, the TEP favors large, inter-community projects, and

Whereas, the Town of Halfmoon and City of Mechanicville have been active participants in the Champlain Canal Trail Working Group whose goal is to create a continuous Champlain Canal Trail from Waterford to Whitehall, and

Whereas, the Champlain Canal Trail Working Group has authored the Champlain Canal Trail Action Plan to guide the development of the Champlain Canal Trail,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon authorizes the Town Supervisor to apply for a grant from the NYS Department of Transportation for a Transportation Enhancement Grant in the not to exceed amount of \$2,250,000 and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement and all other necessary documents with the appropriate State agencies

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 193**

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Hotaling: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Hayner

Whereas, the walk through metal detector supporting the work of the Halfmoon Town Court is over 12 years old and is no longer supported by the manufacturer and is need of replacement, and

Whereas, the wand metal detectors are needed to compliment the walk through detector, and these units are old, failing and in need of replacement,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon authorizes the Town Supervisor to apply for a grant from the Justice Court Assistance Program for a State Grant in the not to exceed amount of \$30,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement and all other necessary documents with the appropriate State agencies.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 194**

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Hayner: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Hayner

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to execute all documentation necessary with First Niagara Leasing, Inc. in the amount of \$406,249.00 for a period of 5 years with an interest rate of 2.066% for the purchase of two (2) Mack trucks per the request of the Highway Superintendent, per review and approval by the Town Attorney.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 195**

Offered by Councilman Hayner, seconded by Councilman Hotaling: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Hayner

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the renewal of Mobile Home Park licenses for the 2013-2014 licensing year per inspection and approval of the Director of Code Enforcement as follows: D&R Village Mobile Home Park, Turf Mobile Home Park, and Vosburgh Mobile Home Park.

**RESOLUTION NO. 196**

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Hayner: Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Polak, Hotaling, Wasielewski & Hayner

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

A resolution is needed 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                            \$17,100.04  
                         Subsidiary: 25-4-2189 Home &  
   Community Services    \$17,100.04

Credit:           Appropriations                            25-960                            \$17,100.04  
                         Subsidiary: 25-5-1440.40 Engineering  
   Contractors Inspections    \$17,100.04

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

NAME	AMOUNT
Swatling Falls Residential PDD	\$16,810.04
Halfmoon Fire Dist No. 1	290.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,100.04</b>

**PUBLIC PRIVILEGE (for discussion of non-agenda items)**

**Larry Koniowka, 15 New Castle Road:** One of the last meetings, I mentioned the town home that was in Northwood Development. The Code Enforcement guy stopped by my house and talked to me today. I know that a lot of the residents are still finding out about it, uncertain about what is going on. We understand that this is a State agency and the town might not have a lot to say about it, but I think as taxpayers in this neighborhood and with the backing of the town we might be able to find out more about what’s going on. It’s not really open up to the public to find out. I know there might be some confidentiality laws about the patients themselves, however, what they are there for, how many might be there, what their conditions are, is it just a test trial, that changing of the helping of the elderly to helping out young troubled teens. Nobody knows anything and we would really, as a neighborhood, Northwood Development, everyone is very concerned. I am seeing comments all over Facebook, while walking the streets talking to some of my neighbors. Some of them did not even know there was a group home, that is how quiet the other group is, and now, slowly with more Police presence in the neighborhood with the situations that are going on. It is still in the early development, so I do not even know who made the decision, was it Cuomo himself or I do not know, nobody knows anything. So I did receive a message from Mindy today on the phone, just wondering if I had heard of anything that she was following up. That was in response to my phone call to her yesterday.

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** Did she talk to you today, Larry?

**Larry Koniowka:** She did not talk to me.

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** I know that she was working on that and I will follow up with her on that.

**Larry Koniowka:** talk to her personally, I did send an email before I went on vacation, came back from vacation, so I didn't hear anything. I heard my name being rumbled about that I had spoken at this meeting, so I wanted to at least be able to let my neighbors know that I am here to support them. As much as I want to support these troubled teens, we do not know what they are in there for. It is a small neighborhood, the best place for them, is it just a test trial, and if we could just get some answers, I think that the whole neighborhood and community itself, nobody knows, is there other neighborhoods that have troubled teens home in them? We do not know. We do not know anything and if we could get some answers that would be great.

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** I will follow up with her in the morning. She was going to be going out of town this afternoon, but I will check with her in the morning and see where she is at with it.

**Larry Koniowka:** Thank you very much.

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** You are welcome.

**Kim Martin spoke from the audience, but could not be heard.**

**Larry Koniowka:** I do have some names of the team leader that was there and her Supervisor, Julie La Fountain and Tim Humphrey are the two names that I have gotten but

**Attorney Murphy:** Did you give those to Code?

**Larry Koniowka:** No, I did not

**Attorney Murphy:** Could you please give them to the Clerk so she can pass those on?

**Larry Koniowka:** No problem

**Attorney Murphy:** Thank you

**Stephanie Nolet, 3 Cambridge:** Just a follow up on what Larry was saying, I also emailed Mindy and didn't get a response. What is the best way for us to get information? Do we have to call or can we email?

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** Is it regarding this?

**Stephanie Nolet:** Yes

**Attorney Murphy:** Part of the delay for the response is just getting the State Agency to get back. So she's just waiting to hear from them. Like I said, we sent Code because we were not getting a response. We sent them to the house to ask the questions. It is always better to get it from the people in charge so to speak. So we are working on it. The email works perfectly by the way.

**Stephanie Nolet:** OK. I did not get a response

**Attorney Murphy:** It is because she did not know yet and did not want to call you back and say; we don't know yet, but they are working on it.

**Stephanie Nolet:** That would be appreciated.

**Attorney Murphy:** OK, I will let her know that.

**Councilman Wasielewski:** Just for clarification. Was the residents given ant notice that this was

**Stephanie Nolet:** No, to the best of my knowledge, my husband has lived in the neighborhood his whole life and when the home was transitioned into a State run home, I believe there was a public hearing or there was a meeting of some sort at that time. The residents have been phenomenal. They used to go for walks all of the time. They had the neighborhood cat that we all would help out with. It was very quiet and no problems. Just 2 days ago, while I was driving home coming right around the corner, I almost drove into the Sheriff's car that was looking for the house as it was coming to respond to something.

I do not care who lives there but apparently the Sheriffs have been there the last few days. We are just concerned that, as a neighborhood, about what is going on there and if it safe for even the people who are there.

**Councilman Wasielewski:** So it was a change of tenants and State agencies, we don't know?

**Stephanie Nolet:** My understanding is that it is the same agency, but it is just a change in what they are using it for, but that is just hearsay. I do not know that for a fact.

**Councilman Wasielewski:** Alright, thank you.

**Kathy La Barge, 1 Princeton:** I am in a rather unique position because I am an Administrator at the Agency that operates that house. I am not able to say much about it at this meeting, but I am also a neighbor. I live in the neighborhood. One of the ladies who lives there, is my friend and she comes over and visits me. Obviously, I am very concerned as well because this is my neighborhood. I just want the board and the few neighbors that came tonight to know that I wrote down what the concerns are, not that I don't already know, because I have seen the police, I've seen the ambulances. I know what is going on, but I can't because of confidentiality, I can't say, but I will encourage our agency to respond to whatever requests you have made of them so that people can be as informed as we can allow people to be. OK?

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** Do you have a contact person?

**Kathy La Barge:**

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** OK, thank you. I appreciate that.

There being no further business to discuss or resolve, on a motion by Councilman Hotaling and seconded by Councilman Wasielewski, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk**