

The January 19, 2011 regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon was called to order by Supervisor Wormuth at 7:02 in the James A. Bold Meeting Room at the New Town Hall, 2 Halfmoon Town Plaza, with the following members present:

**Melinda A. Wormuth, Supervisor
Walter F. Polak, Councilman
Regina C. Parker, Councilwoman
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman
Craig A. Hayner, Councilman
Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk
Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney
Matthew J. Chauvin, Deputy Town Attorney**

Town Board Workshop – Board Room – 6:15 pm; no action was taken. The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Councilman Hotaling stated that the Halfmoon Historical Society will hold it's monthly meeting Tuesday January 25, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Councilwoman Parker stated that the Dog Licenses for the months of January and February have been mailed out by the Halfmoon Town Clerk's Office. Remittance should be sent to the Town Clerk's office not the Department of Agriculture

Councilman Hayner reported on Halfmoon Baseball is now taking registrations on-line, and they can get registration forms at Town Hall. If anyone is interested in signing up for spring baseball, they can on the website and log in at www.halfmoonbaseball.com or pick up an application at Town Hall.

Attorney Murphy asked that the Board pass a resolution to set a public hearing to increase the water rates at the next scheduled meeting of the Town Board. The proposed increase in rates will be available at the Town Clerk's office for review prior to the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 25

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

Supervisor Wormuth stated that this part of our ongoing plan with the water in order to keep up with what is going on, so this isn't something unexpected, and as we continue to move through purchasing water from Troy and looking at trying to get the zoning aligned. This is something we have planned as part of our longterm water plan.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board schedule a public hearing at the Town Board Meeting on February 02, 2011 on the water rate increase.

Supervisor Wormuth opened public privilege for discussion of agenda topics; no one had questions or comments.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS- month of December

1. Town Clerk Total fees remitted to the Supervisor- \$4,822.98

2010 Year End Annual Reports submitted by: Town Justice Wormuth, Town Justice Tollisen, and Town Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received from US Army Corps of Engineers their receipt of the Town's request for the Corp's authorization for the installation of a seasonal pier. The purpose of this project is to provide public access to the Hudson River from the Hudson Riverfront Park.

Received & Filed

2. Received from Edward A. Pearson, a letter stating his retirement from the office of Sole Assessor for the Town of Halfmoon as of January 29, 2011.

Received & Filed

3. Received from the Town of Halfmoon Planning Board a resolution approving the sign for Stewart's located at 2 Vosburgh Road, in the Town of Halfmoon

Received & Filed

4. Received from Sushi Na-Ra, 1683 Route 9 Clifton Park, notification of intent to renew their liquor license.

Received & Filed

5. Received from Denise Swahlan, a letter of resignation as court officer effective January 25, 2011

Received, Filed, print & forward to the County

6. Received from New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation notification that the grant for the Recreational Trails program was not selected.

Received & Filed

7. Received from the New York State Canal Corporation a letter reflecting upon the successful 186th consecutive navigation season along the New York State Canal System.

Received, Filed & Print

8. Received from Saratoga County Attorney's office the dedication of Halve Maen Manor North, Halve Maen Manor South, Timberwyck II Phase 3, and Oak Brook Commons Sewer Systems.

Received & Filed

9. Received from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, a letter outlining their grant and loan programs that they offer for Community and Economic Development.

Received, Filed & Print

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 26

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

Resolved, that the Town Board approves and orders paid all vouchers for all funds listed on Abstract dated January 19, 2011, totaling: \$1,802,341.30

RESOLUTION NO. 27

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

Resolved, that the Town Board approves minutes of the Town Board meetings of December 29, 2010 and January 05, 2011

RESOLUTION NO. 28

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

Resolved, that the Town Board accept for dedication the road associated with the Adams Pointe PDD, Julia Circle, as it satisfies the standard set by the Town roadway dedication procedure.

RESOLUTION NO. 29

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

Resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the creation of a Pay Pal account with limitation for only using it to pay for .Gov Domain Registration.

RESOLUTION NO. 30

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

Resolved, that the Town Board approve the Water Report for January 2011 billing, as submitted by the Director of Water.

RESOLUTION NO. 31

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

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon authorized the Supervisor to apply for a grant from the NYS Department of State's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) to construct a connecting multi-use trail between the Hudson Riverfront Park and the Champlain Canal Trail and

Whereas, the Town received notification from the NYS Department of State that the Town was awarded a LWRP grant to construct the connecting trail.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town Of Halfmoon accepts the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) grant to construct a connecting multi-use trail between the Hudson Riverfront Park and the Champlain Canal Trail, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute documents necessary to implement the grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 32

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

Resolved, that the Town Board finds that the proposed Hudson River Waterfront Park will not have significant impact on the environment and hereby issues a SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance upon the above entitled action.

RESOLUTION NO. 33

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

Resolved, that the Town Board enters into a service agreement for 2011 with Alarm and Suppression Inc. for the fire alarm service agreement for the Highway Department, Justice Building, Park Maintenance, Recreation Clubhouse and the Halfmoon Senior Center, for the total amount of \$1050.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 34

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

Resolved, to authorize Town employees to attend the Association of Towns 2011 Training School and Annual Meeting in New York City on February 21st –24th, 2011 and authorize payment of \$100.00 registration fee for each employee attending.

RESOLUTION NO. 35

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

Resolved, that the Town Board approves the Supervisor’s report for the month of December 2010 as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 36

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

Resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to make the following Transfer between Appropriations and Creation of Appropriations.

A creation of appropriations is necessary to create the project budgetary accounts for the Preservation of Historic Champlain Canal Structures. The Town of Halfmoon will preserve and rehabilitate the stone arch culvert and wastewater weir of the Historic Champlain Canal located over McDonald Creek. The total project is \$400,000 of which \$200,000 is a grant from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the balance will be matching funds from the Town of \$200,000.

Debit:	Estimated Revenues	35-510	\$400,000	
	Subsidiary:	35-4-3089.00 -	\$200,000	
		Other NYS Grants		
		35-4-5031 -	\$200,000	
		Interfund Transfers		
Credit:	Appropriations	35-960		\$400,000
	Subsidiary:	35-5-7150.27 -	\$400,000	
		Culture & Recreational – Parks		

Create budgetary accounts from Town of Halfmoon Recreation Fund:

Debit	Unappropriated Fund Balance	25-599	\$200,000	
Credit:	Appropriations	25-960		\$200,000
	Subsidiary:	25-9950-90 -	\$200,000	
		Transfer to Capital Projects		

Transfers between Appropriations for Year 2010:

From Account	To Account	Amount	Reason
10-5-1440.40 Engineering Regular	10-5-5182.40 Street Lighting Contractual	\$500	Additional appropriations needed to cover expenses thru year 2010
10-5-1440.40 Engineering Regular	10-5-3610.40 Code Enforcement Contractual	\$25	Additional appropriations needed to cover expenses thru year 2010
10-5-1440.40 Engineering Regular	10-5-5010.41 Supt. Of Highways Sr. Van Contractual	\$1,100	Additional appropriations needed to cover expenses thru year 2010
30-5-8340.20 Transmission & Distribution Meter Purchases	30-5-8310.42 Administration Contractual Legal Fees	\$3,180	Additional appropriations needed to cover expenses thru year 2010
30-5-9010.80 Employee Benefits State Retirement	30-5-8310.42 Administration Contractual Legal Fees	\$3,073	Additional appropriations needed to cover expenses thru year 2010
30-5-9060.80 Employee Benefits Medical Insurance	30-5-8310.42 Administration Contractual Legal Fees	\$5,447	Additional appropriations needed to cover expenses thru year 2010
30-5-8340.20 Transmission & Distribution Meter Purchases	30-5-8320.41 Source of SP&P Contractual Electric	\$10,600	Additional appropriations needed to cover expenses thru year 2010
30-5-8340.20	30-5-8310.41	\$7,000	Additional appropriations needed to cover

Transmission & Distribution Meter Purchases	Administration Contractual Engineering		expenses thru year 2010
Transfers between Appropriations for Year 2011:			
From Account	To Account	Amount	Reason
10-5-1990.40 Contingency	10-5-1355.22 Assessment Star Equipment	\$64.62	To restore unused appropriations for Year 2010 for Star Program
10-5-1990.40 Contingency	10-5-1355.42 Assessment Star Contractual	\$5,237.41	To restore unused appropriations for Year 2010 for Star Program
10-5-1990.40 Contingency	10-5-7989.40 Character Counts Contractual	\$7,375.51	To restore unused appropriations for Year 2010 for Character Counts Program

The Supervisor opened public privilege for discussion of non-agenda item;

Councilwoman Parker stated that she would like to thank Nelson Ronsvalle for all of his hard work with us obtaining grants, because it really helps the town in so many different ways.

There being no further business to discuss or resolve on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Hotaling the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lynda A. Bryan
Town Clerk**