

The October 5, 2022 meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Town Supervisor Tollisen in the A. James Bold Meeting Room with the following members present:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

The **“BUY A BRICK”** program for the Halfmoon Veterans Walk of Honor at the Halfmoon Veterans Memorial in the Town Park is now accepting orders. Create a lasting tribute for your veteran. For more information please call 371-7410 ext. 2200 or visit our website www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov.

FARMER’S MARKET: Every Wednesday from 3pm-6pm in the Halfmoon Town Hall Foyer. Come visit our local farms, crafters, and vendors that will be on hand every week.

2022 RABIES CLINICS: October 8. At the 4-H Training Center 556 Middle line Road, Ballston Spa. Cats 5:30pm-6:30pm, Dogs 6:30pm-7:30pm
Vaccinations are FREE.

ERIE CANAL TOWPATH WALK: Saturday, October 8th at 10:30 am. Park at the Town Complex and you will be transported to the Trailhead. Upon completion of the walk, we will return to Town Hall and enjoy lunch at the Historical Society Building and Highlight the History of the Canal.

COUNTYWIDE MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE: October 8, 9, 10th from 10am-1:00pm. The Historical Society will be featuring our new displays: One Room Schoolhouse, the History of Quilting and the connection with the Underground Railroad, and History of the Erie Canal.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Saturday, October 22nd from 5pm-7:00pm at Halfmoon Town Park. This is a “Drive-Through” event. Dress up in your costume & join the fun!

MOTT FAMILY EMPIRE PRESENTATION: Wednesday, October 12th at 6:00 PM at in the A. James Bold Meeting Room. Did you know the Mott Company started in 1842 on Farm to Market Road? Come join us and hear this amazing story!

VACINATION BOOSTER CLINIC: Will be held on Thursday, October 27th in the A. James bold Meeting Room from 9am-3:30pm for the Pfizer vaccine. You can schedule your appointment by going to the Saratoga County website and click on Covid Resource Center.

VETERAN’S MEMORIAL: 6TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL CEREMONY – Saturday, October 29th at 10:00 am. Join us as we honor our Veterans at the Veteran’s Memorial Park.

TOWN MEETINGS:

Town Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of month at 7:00pm. Pre-meeting at 6:15 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals: 1st Monday of month at 7:00 pm. Pre-meeting at 6:45pm

Planning Board Meeting: 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Pre-meeting at 6:15 pm (If the Holiday falls on a Monday, the meeting will be held on the next day, Tuesday).

Trails and Open Space Committee: 11/21/22, at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of agenda topics)

Darlene McGraw, 4 North Point:

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Kevin J. Tollisen (Town Supervisor) There are several Community Events but I would like to highlight the

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL: 6TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL CEREMONY – Saturday, October 29th at 10:00 am. Join us as we honor our Veterans at the Veteran's Memorial Park.

I do want to note that the Tentative Town Budget for 2023 was submitted to the Town Board in compliance with New York State Law. I do want to give a few highlights to the budget for next year:

Town Supervisor
Kevin J. Tollisen

Town Board
Paul Hotaling
John Wasielewski
Jeremy W. Connors
Eric Catricala



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TOWN OF HALFMOON 2023 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

TOWN BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Historically, the Town of Halfmoon relies on three major sources of revenue for the Town budget, (1) mortgage tax, (2) sales tax and (3) a Highway tax.

This year's Town Budget figures are the result of a number of different statistical data and analysis. The Town Supervisor and Town Budget Officer review actual statistical data of the Town budgets over the past five-year period and then compare it with recent trends to formulate the budget.

The Town Budget is based on very conservative fiscal expenditures and revenues for the 2023 budget year.

NO GENERAL FUND TOWN PROPERTY TAX

This budget marks the 44th consecutive year there is no general fund Town tax to be levied with the residents of the Town of Halfmoon.

GENERAL, HIGHWAY and WATER FUND

There is a \$2,500 or \$1.20/hr. raise budgeted for all year-round Town employees. This raise is higher than the raise slated for the final year in the five-year plan to compensate employees for their service, hard work, dedication and to help with the current state of the economy. It also accounts for the continued increase in minimum wage which has affected the Town in hiring for entry level positions.

The 2023 budget reflects a substantial increase in the General Fund revenue of \$430,000 over the 2022 budgeted amount, the majority is from increased sales tax revenue and interest earnings. The sales tax estimate is based on years past and the Saratoga County Treasurer Sales Tax distribution analysis for anticipated receipts in 2023.

The Highway Fund 2023 revenue increased by \$150,000 over the amended budget for 2022; of which \$100,000 is from the highway tax and \$35,000 from interest earned.

The Water Fund revenue will stay basically static for 2023. The Town will use \$88,841 from the Water Fund Debt Reserve. The Water Fund Debt Reserve amount is a portion of the 2020 bond premium for the water main extension that is required to be utilized over the ten-year life of the bond.

The general fund appropriation portion of the budget increased \$484,526 or 6.6 percent from the 2022 adopted budget. The 2022 budget was very lean at the time of completion last year as the Town was facing continued uncertain financial times due to the pandemic. As the Town has seen sales tax and mortgage tax recover with substantial increases in 2022, the Town is in a good financial position to increase the budget for critical and necessary operations in 2023.

The Highway fund appropriations increased \$150,000 or 3.56 percent from the 2022 amended budget. The Highway Tax rate will increase to \$1.315 per \$1,000 of assessed value up from \$1.26, but will stay under the property tax cap. The Town will have a total highway tax levy of \$2,083,990 in 2023. Extensive investment in infrastructure will continue in 2023 to help ensure the Town roads and equipment continue in accordance with the Town's 20-year capital plan. The Highway Budget will be supplemented with revenue that will be generated by sales tax, interest and State monies received from DOT programs.

The Water fund portion of the budget will remain relatively static. There will be no increase to the residents for debt retirement which will continue at \$156 per equivalent domestic unit (EDU). The net result will be an estimated \$434,766 that will be transferred to Capital Reserve to help replenish the drawdown for infrastructure improvements in 2021 for the McBride Water Main Extension. The Town utilizes water fund reserves for infrastructure projects to enhance the Town's water system.

Overall, the Town budget for 2023 increased \$765,507 over the adopted 2022 budget, which is approximately 4.12 percent.

PROVIDING NEEDED SERVICES

Our residents continue to use needed services provided by the Town. For example, over 750 seniors actively participate in the Senior Center's educational and recreational programs, along with other services. Nutrition program, Day to Day activities, planned trips and senior van use are important and vital services provided to the seniors.

For our youth, the Summer Recreation Program enrolled 370 children this past summer. The Character Counts program is integrated into the programming for all summer recreation participants who range from first to eighth grade.

The Town partners, with several non-profit organizations, to provide support to Halfmoon children, seniors and families in need. These partnerships include: CAPTAIN, YMA, Center for the Family and Care-Links. The programs offered by these organizations are essential components of our Town as they provide educational, financial, emotional, psychological and other support to those in need.

ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY CONTINUES TO AFFECT HALFMOON

The national economy continues to present realistic challenges to the Town. Although sales tax figures for the calendar year 2022 to date have been higher than budgeted, the Town has continued with its conservative budgeting and spending. The Town will continue to use conservative budget numbers as the national economy continues to be uncertain during this time.

GRANT FUNDING

The Town continues to aggressively pursue federal, state and other grants. These grant awards have been and will continue to be used for road, sewer, water, energy efficiency improvements, sidewalk, park, trail, recreational, and court projects. These are projects that would have otherwise been funded exclusively by the Town or would have been deferred due to the lack of funds.

AUDITOR AND BOND RATING AGENCY EVALUATIONS OF TOWN FINANCES

Annually, the Town's finances are examined by an independent auditing firm. For the most recently completed fiscal year 2021, the CPA Firm, BST & Co. issued the following unmodified opinion regarding the Town's financial statements:

"In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

The Town of Halfmoon continues to have a very strong credit rating as reflected by S&P Global Rating Action:

"S&P Global Ratings assigned its 'AA' rating to Halfmoon, N.Y.'s \$6.208 million series 2022 general obligation (GO) public improvement bonds. At the same time, we affirmed its 'AA' rating on the town's GO debt. The outlook is stable."

"The rating reflects our view of Halfmoon's:

- Very strong economy, with access to a broad, diverse Albany metropolitan statistical area (MSA);*
- Focus on monitoring budgetary performance with standard financial-management policies and practices under our Financial Management Assessment (FMA) methodology and strong Institutional Framework;*
- Strong budgetary performance, anchored by sales tax collections and sizeable reserves and liquidity; and*
- Manageable debt albeit with sizable other postemployment benefits (OPEB).*

Respectfully submitted;

Kevin J. Tollisen
Town of Halfmoon Supervisor

Supervisor Tollisen: The budget is there for the Town Board, but if anyone has any questions regarding the budget for 2023, if anybody wants to meet with me over the budget, my secretary Terri is right here and we are happy to schedule any appointments that you like and at any time.

I also want to address the confusion or miscommunication regarding the Town of Halfmoon's sign laws pertaining to political signs. The Town takes political signs very seriously. Political signs are not allowed more than 60 days prior to an election. That is one sign per candidate and no larger than 4.5 square feet. They may only be placed on private property.

There has been some question as to sign enforcement. Our Code Enforcement, at the direction of our Director has done some sign enforcement. We do not allow signs at intersections and things of that nature. There have been sign sweeps and that will continue in accordance with our Town Code. If there is any questions about

that, I am happy to discuss that at any point with any resident who has any questions. I think that it was important to bring it up at the Town Board meeting that there are specific rules for political signs and they need to be followed and our Code Enforcement will follow those rules and make sure that they are enforced.

Paul Hotaling (Deputy Town Supervisor): (1) Chair of Personnel Committee (2) Ethics Committee, (3) Liaison to Trails and Open Space Committee (4) Chair of Infrastructure & Safety (Water, Highway, Building & Maintenance) (5) Co-Chair for Character Counts

On September 24th we had a huge day here in Halfmoon. The Highway Garage was doing the Fall Cleanup, we had the Fall Festival in conjunction with Halfmoon Celebrations. This year we extended the hours until 7:00 pm and had fireworks! I couldn't be more proud of the Town employees, getting together like an army. What a great job they did! The whole event went smooth, people enjoyed themselves and it was a great day in Halfmoon!

John Wasielewski (Town Board Member): (1) Liaison to Planning Board, (2) Chair of Committee of Emergency Services and Public Safety, (3) Liaison to Animal Control and related services

The weather on the day of Fall Festival is always absolutely perfect! There's a little bit of magic there too.

I would like to remind all of the residents in town that October is Fire Prevention Month, and next week is Fire Prevention Week. Please take advantage of your local fire departments Open Houses. There are a number of fire protection activities throughout the Town this week. That is all that I have this evening, thank you.

Jeremy Connors (Town Board Member): (1) Liaison to Zoning Board; (2) Liaison to Trails and Open Space Committee, (3) Chair of Business and Economic Development Committee (4) Chair for Not For Profit Organizations

I have no report this evening.

Eric Catricala: (1) Co-Liaison to Planning Board, (2) Co-Chair of Business and Economic Development Committee (3) Chair for Parks and Athletic Organizations, (4) Chair for Recreation (5) Co-Chair for Character Counts

Thank you, Mr. Supervisor. We take our turns thanking our fire and highway departments, they are all second to none. This week I would like to thank the Sherriff's Department and the NYS Police for consistently keeping not only our county but our area here very, very safe. I heard a little something on the news today, so far in 2022, Albany, Troy and Schenectady, 104n victims have been shot or stabbed and we do not have that type of thing in our community. I believe that the State Police and the Sherriff's Department really deserve something to be said about them. Thank you.

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

Thank you. The Historical Society is quite busy for the next week. We have partnered with Brookside Museum for their 2nd Annual Countywide Museum Open House. This is a free event throughout Saratoga County of which Halfmoon is a participant. Come to the Society building to see our One Room Schoolhouse setting and the History of Quilting. Learn about the language in the designs on the quilts and their connection to the Underground Railroad. We will be open this Saturday, Sunday & Monday from 10-1 and will also be the final stop on Saturday's Erie

Canal Towpath Walk. At the completion of the walk you will be treated to lunch, see the Erie Canal display, and learn more about the canal and how it changed Halfmoon's History!

Also, next Wednesday the 12th, we will be hosting a presentation on the Mott Family Empire. It is a very interesting story that started right here on Farm to Market Road. It will be held in this room at 6:00pm. Please come and join us!

Supervisor Tollisen: Just to highlight what Ms. Bryan has said, the Erie Canal Towpath walk is this Saturday, October 8th at 10:30. You will park at the Town Complex down by the Historical Society. You will be transported to the Trailhead for the walk. Upon completion, you will be returned to the Town Complex where our Recreation Department will provide lunch and then there will be some history of the canal. It will be an overall good day on Saturday, so please join us if you can!

Dana Cunniff (Receiver of Taxes): (1) Chair of Committee on Residents Relations

Lyn Murphy, Esq., (Town Attorney) I have no report this evening.

Cathy Drobny, Esq. (Town Attorney) I have no report this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of agenda topics)

Darlene McGraw, 4 North Point

I appreciate all that you do for the Town and how the history of our Town gets out there and is more assessable to people.

- Trunk or Treat: Not everybody has a car or is able to drive or enjoy a Halloween costume in a car, how will you address that?

Supervisor Tollisen: The Trunk or Treat program has been a Drive-through for several years because of Covid and we have literally hundreds of kids come through. You are the 1st person, Darlene that has asked me about that. I can tell you that last year we did have some people walk through that we took care of them. I think that you were there too and you drove your bike. We do our best and whatever is left, we give to the Food Pantry. We certainly will accommodate anyone who has needs.

Supervisor Tollisen: Department Reports and the monthly Department Manager Reports are listed and can be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office. We do ask our Department Managers to provide monthly reports in addition to having Department Manager monthly meetings that we all discuss the important things that go on in each of the offices.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS –

1. Building Permits

Total # Permits – 44 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$16,075.00

2. Fire Inspections

Total # Permits – 17 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$1,235.00

3. Town Clerk Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$9,517.22

4. Senior Express Total # Rides – 451 Total # Meals - 474

5. Town Justice Suchocki

Total # Cases – 141 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$19,782.00

6. Town Justice Fodera

Total # Cases – 206

Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$14,369.00

DEPARTMENT MANAGER MONTHLY REPORTS – (Can be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office) Planning Department, Water Department, Highway Department, Town Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Received** from the Town Planning Board Resolutions approved at the September 26, 2022, meeting: Change of Use/ Tenant Applications for Mack X Barbershop, 1410 Route 9, for Henry's Detailing, Farm to Market Storage Center, 40 Farm to Market Road, for Next Generation Roofing, Farm to Market Storage Center, 40 Farm to Market Road, for Capitaland Flooring, 1605 Route 9, for Co-Location of Telecommunications Equipment for Verizon, 15 Parkford Drive, for approval of an Addition to Site Plan Application for Capitaland Flooring, 1605 Route 9, for Minor Subdivisions for Lands of Noradki North, 3 Tabor Road, for the Tanski Subdivision, 68 Cemetery Road, and for Hanks Hollow Subdivision, Staniak Road, and for approval of an Amendment to the Final Subdivision Plan for the Hank's Hollow Phasing Plan, Staniak Road.

Received & Filed

2. **Received** from Halfmoon Fire District #1 (Hillcrest), their 2023 Proposed District Budget and Notice of Public Hearing for Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

Received & Filed

3. **Received** from Clifton Park-Halfmoon Fire District, their 2023 Proposed District Budget and Notice of Public Hearing for Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

Received & Filed

4. **Received** from West Crescent Fire District, their 2023 Proposed District Budget and Notice of Public Hearing for Thursday, October 20, 2022.

Received & Filed

5. **Received** from Halfmoon-Waterford District #1, their 2023 Proposed District Budget and Notice of Public Hearing for Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

Received & Filed

6. **Received** from Bonnie Hatter, Comptroller, the filing of the 2023 Tentative Town of Halfmoon Budget document, and transmitted to the Town Board.

Received & Filed

7. **Received** from Diane & Rich Pahlke, a thank you card for the good time that they had at the Fall Festival. It was a wonderful, family event topped with awesome fireworks! Thanks to all!

Received & Filed

8. **Received** from Saratoga County Department of Social Services notification that the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) will commence on November 1, 2022 and close on March 15, 2023. For more information, please call Tina Potter at 884-4140.

Received & Filed

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 290-2022

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

Resolution Introduced by Town Clerk Bryan

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the minutes of Town Board Meeting of September 21, 2022 as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 291-2022

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

Resolution Introduced by Director of Water Tironi

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the September, 2022 Bi-annual Water Report for usage as submitted.

RESOLUTION NO. 292-2022

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

Resolution Introduced by Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Maiello

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon is cognizant of their obligation to be fiscally responsible when determining the appropriate disposition of equipment that is no longer of use to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has consistently sought an effective way to insure that obsolete vehicles and equipment are disposed of in a manner that garners the most return on the original investment made to obtain the equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds determined that a set of rubber skid steer tracks owned by the Town of Halfmoon is equipment that should be sold or otherwise disposed of as it is no longer of use to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has an Agreement with Auctions International to place equipment that is no longer of use to the Town out for bid; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds has the training and experience to determine what items should be placed on the Auction website and what items should be otherwise disposed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to remove the equipment from the Town's Asset Inventory list and insurance coverage;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds may dispose of a set of rubber skid steer tracks by placing it on Auctions International.
2. That the Town Clerk shall update both the Town's Asset Inventory list and insurance coverage
3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

DATED: September 29, 2022

LYNDA BRYAN TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF HALFMOON

RESOLUTION NO. 293-2022

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

Resolution Introduced by Town Clerk Bryan

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Saratoga County to receive reimbursement for the purchase of a vehicle mainly utilized for the transportation of our senior residents to medical appointments and shopping in the amount of \$30,000, to be paid in two \$15,000 installments, one in the fourth quarter of 2022 and one in the second quarter of 2023, and hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the project, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 294-2022

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

Resolution Introduced by Building, Planning and Development Coordinator Harris

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., to provide planning and engineering services associated with the Town's Comprehensive Plan Update consistent with the proposal outlined in a letter dated September 28, 2022, in the not to exceed amount of \$165,800.00, and hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute said agreement, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 295-2022

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Connors Approved by the vote of the Board: Ayes: Tollisen, Hotaling, Wasielewski, Connors, & Catricala
Resolution Introduced by Comptroller Hatter

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Comptroller to make the attached Creation of Appropriations.

A resolution is necessary 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:	Revenues	25-980	\$3,617.50
	Subsidiary: Home & Community Services		
		25-4-2189.00	\$3,617.50

CREDIT:	Appropriations	25-960	\$3,617.50
	Subsidiary: Engineering Contractors Inspections		
		25-5-1440.40	\$3,617.50

Information Only: The above was derived from the following breakdown of charges to be paid on October 13, 2022, Abstract for engineering and related fees.

NAME	AMOUNT
Crescent Commons Traffic Study	\$1,292.50
Brookwood Farms Phase II	\$465.00
Dawson Senior Center PDD	\$620.00
Twin Brides Eco Park Plan	\$310.00
West Crescent Fire District SWPPP	\$930.00

PUBLIC COMMENT (for discussion of non-agenda items)

Gary Heller, 12 Sommerset Drive: Thank you for allowing me to address the Board in the past.

- Requesting a STOP sign on the corner of Sommerset Drive & the 2 adjacent roads that intersect it
- The State changed the community Traffic Law allowing you to lower the speed limit to 25 mph

Attorney Murphy: In the news, that is what appeared to have happened. But that only applies to suburban class, which we are not. We are still controlled by the old process. You are right, the coverage in the news made it seem like the Board could change the speed limits, but they legally cannot.

Gary Heller: Thank you.

Supervisor Tollisen: Believe me, we were right on the Town Attorney on that one.

Gary Heller: I spoke with an engineer that was looking at the intersection and mentioned 3 things about how people will stop at a stop sign

- Traffic light, which is impractical
- Police car sitting there, which is impractical
- Stop sign, which is extremely practical

I wonder if the Board is going to do any such thing or something else to get cars to stop the rate of speed coming down Sommerset Drive before a terrible accident occurs. I have addressed the Board about a year now about this and had the engineers come out twice, traffic law is not an exact science. If someone could answer my question if there is a possibility of lowering the speed limit or placing a stop sign, I certainly would appreciate it.

Councilman Wasielewski: Mr. Heller, the last time you spoke we talked about the possibility of switching the stop signs to the opposite corners from Sommerset from where they presently are, we thought that might be more effective. Mr. Bryans, is that something that we have looked into?

Highway Superintendent Bryans: (spoke from the audience and could barely be heard) We reached out to MJ Engineering and he just got back to me. He did the study approximately a year ago, he looked at it again and nothing has changed and it's not warranted. As far as the speed limit goes the lowest speed limit in town is 30mph.

Gary Heller: When you said that the traffic pattern did not warrant it, did they spend time out there observing the moving traffic?

Highway Superintendent Bryans: I cannot tell you exactly how long they were out there

Gary Heller: I could

Highway Superintendent Bryans: You can come to my office and I can show you the email or I can get your email and I can forward you the report.

Gary Heller: He was approximately 500' from my property and I can tell you he was not out there for more than 20 minutes and there is no way you can get a true traffic pattern in 20 minutes.

Highway Superintendent Bryans: I have the speed reports from your area and I can show you the speed reports. Yes, there are some people going over the 30 mph. but the percentage of that

Gary Heller: It just takes one and I don't want to be the one standing there if there's going to be one.

Highway Superintendent Bryans: What I would suggest to people who call my office about speed reductions and speed study to go to their HOA meeting and tell the people you need to slow down or somebody is going to get hurt

Gary Heller: and they will not listen.

Supervisor Tollisen: Alright, let me just ask this one question. So, Mr. Bryans, will you provide the speed study from MJ with them? Let's get one final answer on this because, again per what the Town Attorney says, we cannot just put up stop signs when they are not warranted because it causes a liability to the town. But if they do not have all of that data as far as the speed goes, let's do it and make sure they have all that and we can revisit it one last time to see if there is anything that can be done to address Mr. Heller's concerns. Ok?

Gary Heller: Thank you, sir, thank you.

Chad Smith, 245 So. Main Street: I have concerns about a Halfmoon project that has impacted myself, my family and business interests. It is the culvert project on South Main Street just before the City of Mechanicville. I am looking for some information and to express a complaint. I apologize, I sent an e-mail late Monday night to Connors and Supervisor Tollisen, when it seems it should have gone to Councilman Hotaling. Did either of you get an e-mail?

Supervisor Tollisen: Yes, Mr. Smith and I forwarded your e-mail to Mr. Bryans since he would be in charge of any highway projects and I believe Mr. Bryans has responded to you Monday and I believe that I have a copy of it. You should have gotten a copy stating that it is a Department of Transportation project and while it is located in the Town of Halfmoon, the Town of Halfmoon is not spearheading that project. Mr. Bryans attended a meeting some time ago opposing the closure of that road, that was not something that DOT allowed, but we did object to the closure of the road and that it would create an issue for our town residents. It is a NYS DOT project, Mr. Bryans did respond to you on that, but we are happy to provide with any additional information that we can. I would suggest that you speak with Mr. Bryans and perhaps we can address whatever concerns there are, but I believe that he did respond to you in the e-mail pretty thoroughly.

Chad Smith: I have yet to receive it, but I was expecting it from one of you gentlemen, so there is a possibility that it could have gone to my spam and I will check that. I will reach out to your office if I have not received that e-mail.

Supervisor Tollisen: Please do, and if you don't mind, give my secretary your phone number and I would be happy to reach out to you tomorrow and talk to you about it as well.

Chad Smith: Sounds good. The secondary item is and I understand that work needs to be done roads need to be closed, the secondary portion and the reason why I am standing in front of you, sometimes communication breaks down. It appears that the signage and so forth that is part of your complaint with the DOT and with the State, but also when we contacted the Town of Halfmoon Office, we were redirected to the City of Mechanicville, that they were the ones responsible for the project. Of course, the City of Mechanicville said it wasn't them, which is correct

Supervisor Tollisen: Who did you speak with at the Town?

Chad Smith: I don't have a name but I believe it was somebody from the Highway Department.

Supervisor Tollisen: Ok, that is something that you should speak to Mr. Bryans about because I believe that the City of Mechanicville is in the same boat as the Town of Halfmoon and that we have both objected to the closure of the road. In our opinion the work that they need to do on the road can be done without closing the road. I understand that the signage has been less than impressive. I do believe also that we have provided our town residents with as much information as we have by letter. We are happy to again address it with you, but communication should be addressed with Mr. Bryans because I don't know who would have spoken with you at the Highway Department and say that.

Chad Smith: That is the extent of my concerns. I will follow up and thank you very much for the information.

Supervisor Tollisen: You're welcome.

Darlene McGraw, 4 North Point: I am speaking for myself and others who would like to see a noise ordinance in the Town of Halfmoon. Also the sign on Tower Way & Crossing Blvd. saying don't block side road is down and I called the Highway Department

Supervisor Tollisen: Mr. Bryans

Highway Superintendent Bryans: We don't normally stock those signs. When the Sitterly Road Bridge was done, Donnelly Construction when they took the detour signs, took Town of Halfmoon signs too. I reached out to Donnelly Construction and they can't find it and I have another sign ordered.

Darlene McGraw: I know right where the sign is, I seen it. I will show you right where the sign is.

Highway Superintendent Bryans: You said that the sign was missing

Darlene McGraw: I said that it was laying down on the ground, I didn't say it was missing.

Highway Superintendent Bryans: It should be done by the end of this week and if not Monday and the sign will be back up.

Darlene McGraw: Ok.

Supervisor Tollisen: Alright, anyone else?

There being no further business to discuss or resolve, on a motion by Councilman Connors and seconded by Councilman Wasielewski, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk