

The September 2, 2020 meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Town Supervisor Tollisen in the A. James Bold Meeting Room at the Town Hall 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

HALFMOON HERO - CHRISTOPHER STAWARZ

Supervisor Tollisen: The first item on our agenda this evening is something that the Town Board takes pride in and is one of those great things that we have the pleasure in doing is to recognize someone who has made a difference in the Town of Halfmoon, someone who has made a difference in the community, someone who has done something extraordinary, and not in the normal course of things. We have a young gentleman here this evening who has done some great work for the Halfmoon Historical Society. I am going to let Ms. Bryan who is the President of our Historical Society to start with a little bit of the history of this project. Hello Christopher, I see you in the back. You are the young man that we are talking and bragging about so we would love to have you come up.

Town Clerk Bryan: Thank you Mr. Supervisor and mostly, thank you Chris! The Town of Halfmoon is very proud of our Eagle Scouts. In fact two of our beloved past Town Board members, Walt Polak, was the 1st Eagle Scout in Halfmoon and Jim Bold who was our Historical Society President, a Scout leader for many years and Dad of an Eagle Scout, were always available helping young men attain their goals. We have had past Eagle Scout projects in our Town Park, the beautiful Flag area and a Time Capsule.

Chris came to the Historical Society at a perfect time. We knew that we were running out of storage room and were not sure how to remedy the situation. Chris came along and offered his assistance to help us as his Eagle Scout Project. I do not want you to think that he came in and organized a few boxes, it was so much more than that. We had assorted shelving units, boxes of all sizes and after water damage over the winter, we needed the floor replaced in one room. Chris first measured the rooms and made a floor plan maximizing the space we had to work with. He next priced out the job and started fundraising to secure the monies for the project. He lined up help to empty the rooms, replace the flooring and baseboards then assemble the metal units for the Banker boxes.

I would like to thank Christopher for the generosity of his time, talents and hard work on his Eagle Scout Project that has enhanced the storage capacity of the Historical Society for years to come. Oh, and he came in under budget and donated \$414.00 that he did not use to the Historical Society! I can tell you that his attention to detail and management of monies at such a young age will take him far in this world. Congratulations, Christopher on being a Halfmoon Hero!

Supervisor Tollisen: The Town of Halfmoon has a proclamation that we would like to give to Chris.

HALFMOON HERO – CHRISTOPHER STAWARZ

By the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon for his redesign of two storage rooms and providing new shelving for the Halfmoon Historical Society. Chris chose to help the Halfmoon Historical Society for his Eagle Scout project. Chris fundraised to purchase the materials and used his expertise to design the shelving. Chris' determination and commitment to this project provides archival space for years to come. He is worthy of the highest esteem and praise.

Family, friends & Board members came forward to take a group picture.

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.

HALFMOON FARMERS MARKET at the Abele Park on Harris Road from 3:00 – 7:00. Fresh produce, Crafts & more. Rain or Shine every Wednesday through September 30th.

DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK, Friday, September 4th at dusk in the Town Park. Make your reservations by emailing halfmooncelebrations@gmail.com as there is a 50 car limit.

9-11 PATRIOT DAY CEREMONY on Friday, September 11th at 6:00pm at the Abele Memorial Park. Parade route starting at the Senior Center on Harris Road.

FREE RABIES CLINIC will be held on Sept 15th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the 4-H Training Center, 556 Middleline Road, Ballston Spa. Cats & Ferrets are from 5:30pm-6:30pm and dogs are from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

CLIFTON PARK – HALFMOON LIBRARY, Election on Sept. 17th from 7:00am – 9:00pm at 475 Moe Road to vote on the 2021 Budget and the election of Trustees.

FALL CLEANUP – September 15, 18, 19, 22, 25, & 26. Tuesday 8-Noon, Friday Noon-5, Saturday 8-3 at the Transfer Station. \$5 per carload, \$10 per truck or vanload, \$10 per trailer load. Transfer Station Permit is required and can be obtained FREE of charge at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Alzheimer's Association hosts the WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S on Saturday, September 26th at Halfmoon Town Park. There will be a Promise Garden of pinwheel flowers and signage. This is a drive-through, view-only experience from 11am -2pm.

PAPER SHREDDING DAY – November 7th from 9am-11am at the Highway Garage. This is a FREE service but we do ask for donations of non-perishable items for the Food Pantry.

TOWN MEETINGS:

Town Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of month at 7:00pm. Pre-meeting at 6:30pm

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 6:15pm (If the Holiday falls on a Monday, the meeting will be held on the next day, Tuesday).

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

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Kevin J. Tollisen (Town Supervisor)

I will highlight some community events for the upcoming week: Friday will be Movie Night in the Park and out of your car that has been wildly successful for the kids. We look forward to that in conjunction with Celebrations. Next Friday, September 11th is our annual Patriots Day Ceremony and that will be across the street in the Abele Memorial Park. This is a ceremony that we have each year to commemorate 9-11 and those horrific events. It is a very moving ceremony. Thank you for those who are able to come to that.

As I have stated in the pre-meeting, the Town has started the budget process for 2021. I can say that the Deputy Supervisor, Comptroller and I have met with all of the department managers. They have done a tremendous job providing a realistic budget that takes into account the financial issues that the Town is facing as far as Covid and the reduction in a number of different budget items. The Town has been on a spending freeze since Covid has started and will continue through the rest of the year, yet still providing essential services but not doing anything that is not critically necessary. We have made a number of budget reductions. The Town is still financially very healthy, but at the same time we recognize that this is not just for a few months, but well into next year. We will continue to make sure that every dollar spent is carefully spent.

Paul Hotaling (Deputy Town Supervisor): (1) Chair of Town Infrastructure & Safety (Water, Highway, Building & Maintenance), (2) Chair of Recreation and Character Counts, (3) Chair of Personnel Committee

As the Supervisor stated it has been a rough year for the whole community. I have to say thank you to the great team we have. You don't get that it's not my job, when it's time to do something, it gets done. It is very much appreciated and we get a lot of compliments from the public. I am very proud of our Halfmoon team.

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) Co-Liaison to Planning Board

Thank you, Mr. Supervisor. You have already mentioned next Friday night's 9-11 Ceremony. To any residents who have not been to that ceremony over the past 18 years and 19 this year, it truly is a very beautiful celebration and reembrace. We usually have speakers who have had personal experiences of that day. I don't think anyone who has gone to one of those ceremonies has walked away without some deep gratitude. I guess my message is today is to anyone who has not attended to please come next Friday evening at 6:00pm. The line of parade is a little different this year because the firefighters will be marching with masks on due to Covid. They are not going to begin at Stage Run as they have done, but at the Senior Center parking lot. The fire apparatus will follow right behind them.

I also had a chance this past weekend to visit the Veteran's Memorial in the Town Park. Once again, Halfmoon Proud. It is such a beautiful memorial and so well maintained by PJ Maiello and the Parks crew. To anyone who has not had the chance to experience the memorial, I strongly encourage them to check it out. That is all that I have, thank you.

Jeremy Connors (Town Board Member): (1) Co-Liaison to Planning Board; (2) Chair of Business and Economic Development Committee (4) Chair of Parks and Athletic Organizations

I have no report this evening, Mr. Supervisor

Eric Catricala (Town Board Member): (1) Animal Control, (2) Liaison to Trails and Open Space Committee, (3) Zoning Board Liaison, (4) Chair for Not For Profit Organizations

I have no report this evening.

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

I would once again, like to thank Christopher for the generosity of his time, talents and hard work on his Eagle Scout Project that has provided the much needed storage for the Historical Society for years to come. It has been a pleasure working with him and I am sure he has a very successful future!

Karen Pingelski (Receiver of Taxes): (1) Chair of Committee on Residents Relations

Lyn Murphy, Esq., (Town Attorney)

RESOLUTION NO. 236-2020

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, 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 that the Town Board hereby appoints Jeff Ryan as a Highway Department MEO at Grade 5 Base Pay \$21.55/hr., as he has received his Commercial Driver’s License, effective September 12, 2020.

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

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

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 – Highway Dept., Parks Dept., Receiver of Taxes, Recreation Dept., Town Clerk, Assessor, Comptroller, IT Dept., Legal/Grant, Building/Planning, Water Dept., Animal Control, Zoning, Code Enforcement

DEPARTMENT MANAGER MONTHLY REPORTS – (Can be viewed at the Town Clerk’s Office)

- 1. Senior Express Total # Rides – 338 Total # Meals – 654
- 2. Town Clerk Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$9,719.41
- 3. Building Permits
Total # Permits – 62 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$14,041.25
- 4. Fire Inspection
Total # Permits – 44 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor - \$4,280.00

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received from the Town Planning Board Resolutions approved at the August 24, 2020 meeting: for a Sign Application for Eddy's Traditional Chinese Cooking, 1693 Route 9 (St. John's Plaza), for a Change of Use/Tenant Application for Upstate Acoustical Corp., 40 Farm to Market Road, and for My Shop Angel Promotional Products, 434 Route 146, for Approval of Minor Subdivisions for the Rousseau Subdivision, 74 Route 235 and for the Beadle Subdivision, 187 Woodin Road, and for an amendment to the Final Subdivision/Site Plan for Plant Road Estates (Orchard Pointe), Plant Road.

Received & Filed

2. Received from the Crescent Waste Treatment Corp., a letter notifying the Town Attorney that Crescent Waste Treatment Corp. is abandoning the Crescent Waste Treatment Corp. sewer services to the Town of Clifton Park and a portion to the Town of Halfmoon.

Received & Filed

3. Received from Benjamin Lussier, an application to amend the Planned Development District for Forest Lane Apartments PDD.

Received & Filed

4. Received from the NYS Department of Public Service, a letter regarding the proposed changes in NYS Electric & Gas Corporation & Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation proposing changes in the company's electric & gas delivery rates & practices.

Received & Filed

5. Received from Northway Golf Shop, 1519 Crescent Road, notification of filing a new application for Wine, Beer & Cider.

Received & Filed

6. Received from Mike Martiniano, his letter of resignation as Code Enforcement Officer, effective immediately.

Received & Filed

7. Received from New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR), their 2019 Annual Report.

Received & Filed

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 230-2020

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 August 19, 2020 as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 231-2020

Offered by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Hotaling: 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 authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. regarding engineering services associated with the 2020 Consolidated Water District Extension in the not to exceed amount of eleven thousand eight hundred dollars (\$11,800.00) and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement and any documentation necessary to complete the extension, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 232-2020

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

Resolution introduced by Supervisor Tollisen

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Clifton Park for maintenance and operation of that portion of the Crescent Waste Treatment Corporation which was abandoned and is located in the Town of Halfmoon, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 233-2020

Offered by Councilman Wasielewski, 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 authorizes a modification of the current water billing schedule to change from quarterly billing to biannual billing commencing in 2021, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

Supervisor Tollisen: The Town will be going from 4 billings per year to 2. There will be notifications sent out with the next water billing so everyone will be aware of that change.

Councilman Wasielewski: That will be a significant savings for the Town.

Supervisor Tollisen: Yes, a significant savings

RESOLUTION NO. 234-2020

Offered by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Catricala: 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's Office to enter into an Agreement with Verizon Wireless pursuant to State Contract Group 77017, award 23100 for cellular and Data Equipment & Services and to authorize the Comptroller's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the Agreement, subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 235-2020

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

“On behalf of the growing pickleball community in the Town of Halfmoon, we are requesting that the town resurface the two existing tennis courts located behind the town’s senior center and convert those courts into four dedicated pickleball courts. Each tennis court could accommodate two pickleball courts.

According to the USA Pickleball Association, pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. with more than 3.5 million individuals (mainly senior citizens) participating. Locally, there are literally hundreds of seniors playing the game with a growing need for more courts.

Our proposal would enable Halfmoon to be the first town in Southern Saratoga County to have dedicated court which will add to the health and well-being of its seniors.”

Jack Rybaltowski: What we would like to see is to put a request into the town to look into this and we would be willing and able to help as much as possible to do some research and help with whatever you may need. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer.

Supervisor Tollisen: Jack, if you don’t mind, please see my secretary Terri after and give her your information. We will have our Parks Director reach out to you and talk some more about this. I can tell you that the Board has thought about pickleboard. The Town currently has some plans for a Community Center. Unfortunately because of Covid, a lot of our plans are on hold. While it has to pass one more vote of the State Legislature, we were able to secure a \$2 million dollar grant from Senator Marchione along with commitments of other monies to be able to build this Community Center. There have been discussions to have pickleball there as well. We’ll look at this very closely and see how we can try to accommodate it in the short term, but understand that we are looking at this long term to have some dedicated space in the Community Center in the future. There has been discussion for about 3 years or so and felt that this is important and are making sure that it is included in the Community Center discussions.

If you can leave your information so that I or staff can reach out to you, would be great.

Jack Rybaltowski: I appreciate that. As you move forward, I would appreciate you include us as part of the planning process.

Supervisor Tollisen: Are you volunteering?

Jack Rybaltowski: Absolutely

Supervisor Tollisen: I love that. We will take everyone we can get!

Jack Rybaltowski: If you are looking at it long term, you don’t have to limit it to 4 courts, maybe 8-10 courts!

There being no further business to discuss or resolve, on a motion by Councilman Connors and seconded by Councilman Catricala, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk