

**The November 6, 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, Deputy Supervisor  
Craig A. Hayner, Councilman  
John P. Wasielewski, Councilman  
Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney  
Matthew J. Chauvin, Deputy Attorney  
Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk

Melinda A. Wormuth, Supervisor - Excused  
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman - Excused

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

### **CLIFTON PARK & HALFMOON AMBULANCE CORPS PRESENTATION**

**Joe Santiago and are here this evening to give us a power point presentation.**

**Joe Santiago first apologized for sporting a beard for” No Shave November” in honor of our troops.**

**Ambulance Highlights: Who we are, what we are doing today and where we are going tomorrow.**

They have been protecting the towns since 1950 and the oldest document found was dated August 23, 1950. They were incorporated with the State of New York on June 19, 1951. In the last 10 years they have doubled the calls from 3,000 to almost 6,000 calls. They are very proud of the level of service that they provide. 2013 is a banner high of responses and a lot may be contributed by the Ellis Medical Facility.

They do extensive CPR training within the community. They have had 350 Child Seat Safety Checks. Approximately 90% of child seats are improperly installed. You can call & they will install your seat properly for FREE

They have teamed up with CAPTAIN and United Way for the Summer Meals Program for children’s lunches during the summer. They also offer Babysitting Training Programs.

They now have a combined services program with the John H. Ahearn Ambulance from Mechanicville.

They pride themselves with “PREMIER PATIENT CARE”.

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** I certainly want to thank the whole group for being here tonight for the presentation and getting the Board and the community up to speed on what services that you are providing and where you are going in the future. I would also like to thank you for not only your commitment to the community but also your commitment to this board, working together and creating a great partnership. Together we are going to move forward for the betterment of the community and the services that we are all here to provide. Thank you very much!

### **PUBLIC HEARING - 2014 Town of Halfmoon Preliminary Budget**

**Deputy Supervisor Polak stated that he will turn the public hearing over to Councilman Hayner and Bonnie Hatter.**

## **Public Hearing opened at 7:33 by Deputy Supervisor Polak**

**Councilman Hayner:** We are now at the stage of the budget process where we have moved from the Tentative Budget which was presented a few weeks ago to presenting to you the preliminary budget tonight. There has been a lot of further work through evaluation that has been done since the tentative budget was first presented.

Through this work we have been able to identify some areas that will set the town up for success in 2014... and beyond.

As a town that relies on the major parts of its revenue coming from what is generated from sales tax and mortgage tax revenues, the economic challenges of the past five years that individuals, families, businesses and governments have all faced has been real. No doubt, the simple solutions that some offer of just increasing taxes has never been our prerogative, in fact, just the opposite is true.

Through many years of conservative budgeting from this board and previous boards, all while continuing to invest in this community, we have offered and continue to offer tremendous value to our residents...with excellent services that our residents have come to expect and enjoy.

2014 will not be any different. The preliminary budget for 2014 marks the 35th consecutive year of no Town tax, and the 29th consecutive year of no highway tax. The overall budget represents an increase of \$38,644, approximately one/quarter of a percent over the 2013 budget. Included in the budget is a 2% cost of living salary increase for the Towns work force...and non-profit organizations that provide services to Halfmoon youth and families in need...such as Captain, Care-Links, Center for family and the YMCA reach out for youth programs will continue at full funding.

6) Some of the changes from the tentative to preliminary budget include:

- 3) various personal services items that have been reduced due to recent pending retirements.
- 4) Recreation Department appropriations rising by \$4,000 due to expected transportation cost increases.
- 5) Increase in medical insurance appropriations by \$30,000, this is due to additional employees taking the Town supplied medical insurance for 2014 since open enrollment began October first.
- D) Sales Tax Revenue allocated to the General Fund are increasing by \$385,000.
- E) Ambulance Fee recoveries are being reduced by \$380,000, this in an effort to streamline our processes, that will help the Town of Halfmoon and Ambulance Corps better project revenues and expenses. We are currently in negotiations with the ambulance corps for our upcoming contract year.
- F) Our excellent Recreation program that over 700 children enjoy will have a small increase of \$25 per child for the entire 6 week program.
- G) planning board fees that the Town expects to collect in 2014 has been lowered by \$20,000, in what we feel was an over projection in the Tentative Budget based on a five year average.

H) overall, the highway fund appropriations have decreased by \$37,200 due to eliminating the purchase of a new pick-up truck.

I) Inter-fund transfers to the Highway fund from the Misc. Special Revenue fund have been increased by \$355,300. This will benefit the highway fund for road projects that the Highway Superintendent plans for next year.

I would like to thank my fellow town board members, our finance director Bonnie Hatter And our Department Heads who have each worked tirelessly and have come together in a big way these past couple of weeks to research every line and prepare the 2014 preliminary budget from where it started from the tentative budget. These efforts not only set the town up for a successful 2014, but beyond as well.

**Henrietta O'Grady, Churchill Road:** I have to admit, this looks like a pretty good budget. It's tight, there have been some cuts. There have been some small increases,

overall it looks pretty good. However, I am curious and I do have a question and perhaps you can help clarify this. Under personal services Attorney, there is a large increase from the 2013 Adopted Budget to this year. It is almost 15% and I was wondering if you could explain why that increase.

**Attorney Murphy:** Right now we had to hire Environmental Specialists Attorneys with regards to our lawsuit with GE. That lawsuit as you know is heating up. We are in the final phases of discovery. We start court proceedings in December and we will proceed and next year we anticipate that those costs will be higher. Hopefully, that will all be reimbursed as result of the lawsuit, but the town took the very conservative approach of budgeting for upfront costs just to make sure it wasn't a surprise later on.

**Henrietta O'Grady:** OK, I wondered about that because I had seen in the notes regarding the budget on the website that there were legal fees associated with suing GE, and I didn't know if that was included in the personal services and if that was the reason

**Attorney Murphy:** Correct

**Councilman Hayner:** Great question, thank you.

**Henrietta O'Grady:** Thank you very much.

**Public Hearing closed at 7:40 by Deputy Supervisor Polak and he asked if there are any questions from the Board?**

**Councilman Wasielewski:** No questions, but a comment. I would like the public to know. We went through this budget since its original formation, line by line. I do not think that one stone was left unturned. Miss Hatter has been a terrific resource. I think that all of us as board members are much wiser as to the budget process itself and I think that we have a great foundation for next years and the following years budget. I would particularly like to thank Mr. Hayner for his outstanding efforts along with Bonnie to make this the great budget for 2014 that I believe it is.

**Councilman Hayner:** Thank you John, I do also want to thank all of our Town Board members and Bonnie and all of our department heads, because everybody has been involved deeply into this process. I can't thank everybody enough for all of the efforts that were put through and as John said, we will be better for it.

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** Certainly, my cudo's to Mr. Hayner and especially for all of the cooperation and effort by our departments and employees that recognize how important it is to be more fiscal and more frugal about the dollars that we spend and about helping us prepare the budget and be very conservative with those numbers. So, not only the Board, buy Craig and Bonnie and our department heads that worked very hard. I think that we accomplished a lot and we do have a good projection for the future. Thank you.

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

**Councilman Wasielewski:** I would just like to mention on a very happy note that firefighter Allan Ayotte has returned home after his lengthy hospitalization and rehabilitation due to his on the job injuries with the West Crescent Fire Department. I think that all of our prayers and well wishes for Allan paid off and we expect to see him at a meeting in the near future. Thank you.

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** Certainly our public services out there as you know, they have the pancake breakfasts for their fundraisers. They did a lot with that to help Mr. Ayotte, but they are an important part of this community. It is just gratifying to

see a great turnout and how the public supports them, supports our Ambulance Corps, and I hope that all of you out there support their fund drives. It is important to their operations and also to the safety of this community.

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

**Henrietta O’Grady, Churchill Road:** It really has to do with correspondence OK on your agenda #9 regarding the public hearing for sewer district #1. Anybody who knows me here always knows that I am concerned about water rates and sewer rates that is why I am here. Because they are having a public hearing about the sewer rates for next year, I would like to ask the question “Does anyone from the Town Board attend those hearings?”

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** I don’t believe they attended

**Henrietta O’Grady:** Is there any way you, how do you determine if there is going to be a rate increase? After they set the rates?

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** Our Sewer Commissioner Jim Bold keeps me informed on what those rates are going to be and the process and those things on the County Board

**Henrietta O’Grady:** I know Jim and I think that he is Commissioner on the Sewer District, however, if they are thinking about an increase, those of us who are in the sewer districts, perhaps we would like to know why there was an increase and it would be a good idea, I suppose if we knew in advance if there was going to be a rate increase and having them meet, perhaps we could have some input.

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** OK, I can get that information to you.

**Henrietta O’Grady:** I appreciate that. Thank you.

**Bob Radliff, 110 Werner Road:** I saw on the agenda that there is an extension for a PDD on the schedule for tonight? I do not know anything about that Cardin Residential PDD, could you tell me a little about that, what is it and where is it?

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** Yes, that is a project that has been before the Planning Board and the Town Board for probably 4-5 years now and it is right up off Cardin Drive and Plant Road. Because the project has not started construction, they are allowed to come in as any other development to get an extension for that PDD for another year.

**Bob Radliff:** I see. Are there time limits around a PDD within which you have to enact it, you have to take some action?

**Attorney Murphy:** Built into the legislation is language that details when they have to go forward and the legislation allows them to apply to the Board for an extension in one year periods in case the surrounding area changes or something happens and makes the PDD no longer viable for that area. But this is a single family residential development.

**Bob Radliff:** OK, how big is it?

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** Don’t hold me to this, but I think it is down to 37 units because of all of the wetland area that are in there, it kept getting cut back.

**Bob Radliff:** I see, the reason why I ask the question, and it doesn’t seem like in this case it really is much of an issue but with the PDD’s and I have seen a couple of

them where they have been approved sometimes as you have mentioned 5 years, 6 years and do you think it is a good idea when something like that, the town is changing so fast and traffic and development and whatnot we are all aware of that. Do you think it is a good idea to maybe tie some strings to something like an extension when it comes up for review for approval, that we say let's take a look at this again. We did a traffic report in 2008 or 2009, there is a lot of stuff going on Plant Road since then and there is a lot on the boards coming up.

**Attorney Murphy:** That is why the board has me write into the Local Law, the one year periods so that they do have to come back before the board, and the board can make that determination and whether or not it is time to say things have changed and it is time to look at that. That is why it is here tonight.

**Bob Radliff:** And will it come up for review again in 2014?

**Attorney Murphy:** Correct.

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** Yes, at one time we had them stretched out for 2-3 years and we found out that was too far ahead because of all of the changes that take place, so we cut them all back now to 1 year. Like you said, you know, things change around there very drastically. It gives us a better handle on it and to review them in the 12 months.

**Bob Radliff:** OK, thanks

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS- Month of October**

**1. Town Justice Wormuth**

**Total # Cases – 507                      Total Fees Submitted to the Deputy Supervisor - \$30,057**

**2. Town Justice Ciulla**

**Total # Cases – 240                      Total Fees Submitted to the Deputy Supervisor – \$26,052**

**3. Senior Express Dispatch**

**Total # Riders – 302                      Total # Meals - 478**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Received** from the Town Planning Board Resolutions approving the following: Change of Tenant Application for MJ Engineering & Land Surveying P.C., 21 Corporate Drive, and for a Change of Tenant and Sign Application for Nicholas J. Marchese & Co, CPA P.C., located at 2A Executive Park Drive and for approving a Site Plan and a Special Use Permit for a Drive-Through Facility at Trusco Bank, 217 Guideboard Road (Country Dollar Plaza)

***Received & Filed***

**2. Received** from the US Army Corps of Engineers, a copy of a letter to Schuyler, LLC about their Joint Application and attachments entitled Werner Road – Appendix B. The construction work may be performed without further authorization from their office. This verification is valid until March 18, 2017.

***Received & Filed***

**3. Received** from Stephanie Nolet, a letter applauding the members of the Planning Board for their dedication to making sure that every individual was heard at the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, and wanted a big thank you passed on to the Board who dedicate their time to helping our town remain our town.

***Received & Filed***

**4. Received** from Chrome, Inc. 405 Hudson River Road, Waterford, Town of Halfmoon, their application for a new Liquor, Wine & Beer License.

***Received & Filed***

5. Received from Clifton Park-Halfmoon Fire District #1, their Budget Summary for the year 2014.

*Received & Filed*

6. Received from NYS Department of Transportation a letter stating the results of the requested speed study on Cemetery Road. They recommend enforcement of the existing speed limit rather than a further reduction. They will notify local police agencies of their findings.

*Received & Filed*

7. Received from Virginia C. Daigle, her letter of resignation as Office Clerk in the Town of Halfmoon effective November 5, 2013.

*Received & Filed*

8. Received from Matt's Cape House, a letter of intent to renew their liquor license.

*Received & Filed*

9. Received from the Saratoga County Attorney's Office, Notice of Public Hearing of Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 which is scheduled for November 6, 2013 at 9:00 am at the Board of Supervisors Chambers in Ballston Spa to consider the sewer rates for the year 2014.

*Received & Filed*

10. Received from the West Crescent Board of Fire Commissioners will have a 5 year position starting in January 2014 running through December 2018. If any West Crescent resident is interested in this position, please contact:

Arletta Finger [518-371-7478](tel:518-371-7478) X 10

*Received & Filed*

11. Received from Halfmoon - Waterford Fire District #1, their Budget for the year 2014, available for review in the Clerk's Office.

*Received & Filed*

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TOWN OF HALFMOON  
LYNDA A. BRYAN, TOWN CLERK

Halfmoon-Waterford Fire District #1  
2014 Budget

Total Appropriations ( from below)	\$	891,130.00
Less:		
Estimated Revenues ( from Estimated Revenue worksheet)	\$	1,000.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes	\$	890,130.00

	Appropriations		
A3410.1	Total Personnel Services	\$	60,427.00
A3410.2	Equipment	\$	146,400.00
A3410.4	Maintenance & Operating Expenses ( Incl Contractual )	\$	418,123.00
A9025.8	Local Pension Fund ( LOSAP)	\$	55,000.00
A9030.8	Social Security	\$	4,500.00
A9040.8	Worker's Compensation	\$	3,480.00
A9050.8	Unemployment Insurance	\$	3,200.00
A9901.9	Transfer to Reserve Funds	\$	200,000.00
	Totals	(4) \$	891,130.00

Town	Assessed Valuation (AV)	Equalization Rate (ER)	Full Valuation (AV/ER)	
Halfmoon	\$ 336,854,551.00	0.62	\$ 543,313,792	(1)
Waterford	\$ 67,412,125.00	0.35	\$ 192,606,071	(1)
Totals	\$ 404,266,676.00		\$ 735,919,863	(2)

Town	Total Full Valuation Percentage "(1)/(2)		Apportioned Tax= "(3)x (4)
Halfmoon	73.828%	(3)	\$ 657,163.82
Waterford	26.172%	(3)	\$ 232,966.18
Totals	100%		\$ 890,130.00

I certify that the budget was approved by the fire commissioners on 10/15/2013.

  
Fire District Secretary

**Halfmoon-Waterford Fire District #1  
2014 Budget  
Estimated Revenues**

		<b>FINAL Budget 2014</b>
A2262	Fire Protection and Other Services to Other Districts and Governments	\$ -
A2401	Interest and Earnings	\$ 350.00
A2410	Rentals	\$ 650.00
A2660	Sales of Assets	\$ -
A2701	Refunds of Expenditures	\$ -
A2705	Gifts and donations	\$ -
	Miscellaneous ( Specify)	\$ -
A2770	OSC Lost Funds Recovery	\$ -
A3389	State Aid, Other Public Safety ( Specify)	\$ -
A4389	Federal Aid, Other Public Safety ( Specify)	\$ -
A5031	Interfund Transfers	\$ -
	<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,000.00 *</u></b>

\* Transfer to Budget Summary

12. Received from Halfmoon Fire District #1 (Hillcrest) their Budget for the year 2014, available for review in the Clerk's Office.

*Received & Filed*



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TOWN OF HALFMOON  
LYNDA A. BRYAN, TOWN CLERK

Halfmoon Fire District #1  
2014 BUDGET SUMMARY

Total Appropriations		<u>\$441,462.00</u>
Less:		
Estimated Revenues	<u>\$1,400.00</u>	
Estimated Appropriated Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$16,400.00</u>
Amount to be Raised by Real Property Taxes		<u>\$425,062.00</u>

Adopted 2013 Tax Rate	\$2.084500
Projected 2014 Tax Rate	<u>\$2.169390</u>
Projected Increase	<u>\$0.085</u> <u>4.0724%</u>

TAX APPORTIONMENT

(to be used when fire district is in more than one town)

Town	Assessed Valuation (AV)	Equalization Rate (ER)	Full Valuation (AV/ER)	Total Full Valuation Percentage	Apportioned Tax
Halfmoon	\$195,936,197				\$425,062.00
Total	<u>\$195,936,197</u>				<u>\$425,062</u> *

\* Must agree with Budget Summary "Amount to be Raised by Real Property Taxes:."

Town	Apportioned Tax
Total Apportioned	<u>\$0.00</u>

I certify that the estimates were approved by the fire commissioners on October 23, 2013

  
Fire District Secretary

APPROPRIATIONS

	Actual Expenditures 2012	Budget as Modified 2013	Preliminary Estimate 2014	Adopted Budget 2014
A3410.1 · Personal Services				
A160 · Administrative Assistant	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
A161 · Clerical	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
A162 · Treasurer	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
A3410.1 · Personal Services	\$7,400.00	\$7,400.00	\$7,400.00	\$7,400.00
A3410.2 · Equipment and Capital Outlay	\$110,869.04	\$27,700.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
A400.0 · COMMISSIONERS	\$16,119.12	\$25,880.00	\$23,705.00	\$23,705.00
A400.1 · FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$26,719.78	\$44,150.00	\$37,750.00	\$37,750.00
A400.2 · BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	\$10,326.19	\$24,630.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
A400.3 · SPECIAL ITEMS	\$16,963.40	\$17,500.00	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00
A3410.4 · Contractual and Other	\$70,128.49	\$112,160.00	\$105,955.00	\$105,955.00
A1930.4 · Judgments and Claims	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
A9010.8 · State Retirement System	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
A9025.8 · Local Pension Fund	\$33,025.00	\$37,000.00	\$42,500.00	\$42,500.00
A9030.8 · Social Security	\$566.12	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
A9040.8 · Workers' Compensation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
A9050.8 · Unemployment Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
A9060.8 · Hospital, Medical and Accident Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
A9085.8 · Supp. Befit Payments o Disabled Firefighters	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
A9710.6 · Redemption of Bonds	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00
A97__6 · Redemption of Notes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
A9710.7 · Interest on Bonds	\$3,746.17	\$2,690.00	\$168,007.00	\$168,007.00
A97__7 · Interest on Notes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
A9901.9 · Transfer to Other Funds	\$206,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$458,734.82	\$394,550.00	\$441,462.00	\$441,462.00

ESTIMATED REVENUES

	Actual Revenues 2012	Budget as Modified 2013	Preliminary Estimate 2014	Adopted Budget 2014
A2262 Fire Protection and Other Services to Other Districts and Governments	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
A2401 Interest and Earnings	\$197.29	\$400	\$400	\$400
A2410 Rents	\$400.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
A2660 Sale of Assets	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
A2701 Refunds of Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
A2705 Gifts and Donations	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous (specify)				
A2770 _____	\$901.54	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
A3389 State Aid, Other Public Safety	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
A4389 Federal Aid, Other Public Safety	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
A5031 Interfund Transfers	\$85,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$86,498.83</u>	<u>\$1,400</u>	<u>\$1,400</u>	<u>\$1,400</u>

13. Received from Iona Baker a thank you letter for all the Senior Express does for the seniors.  
*Received & Filed*

14. Received from Clough Harbour, the Wetland Mitigation Report for the Town of Halfmoon as required by the Corps of Engineers for the town’s 52 acre town recreation project.  
*Received & Filed*

15. Received from Beth Abramson, the Animal Control Officer, her report for the month of October, 2013.  
*Received & Filed*

16. Received from Danny Hoyt, his letter of resignation from the Town of Halfmoon Highway Department effective November 15, 2013.  
*Received & Filed*

17. Received from the Director of Finance, filing of the 2014 Town of Halfmoon's Preliminary Town Budget document and transmitted to the Town Board as required by Town Law.

*Received & Filed*

## OLD BUSINESS

### RESOLUTION NO. 246

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Cardin Residential PDD a further one year extension of the September 1, 2014 date by which the construction within the PDD must commence.

## NEW BUSINESS

### RESOLUTION NO. 247

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approves and orders paid Vouchers numbered 2438 through 2560 as detailed.

### ===== FUND TOTALS =====

10 GENERAL FUND	\$149,923.61
20 HIGHWAY FUND	\$71,494.54
25 SPECIAL REVENUE	\$6,494.68
30 CONSOLIDATED WATER	\$43,584.92
65 LIGHTING DISTRICT	\$414.73
<b>ABSTRACT TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>\$271,912.48</u></b>

### RESOLUTION NO. 248

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approves the minutes of Town Board meeting of, October 16, 2013 as presented.

### RESOLUTION NO. 249

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board acknowledges that the required examination or audit was conducted in compliance with Section 2019-A of the Uniform Justice Court Act for the Justice Court records.

### RESOLUTION NO. 250

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

that the Town Board approves increasing the Recreation fees for the full day program of Summer Rec \$25.00, from \$150.00 to \$175.00, due to the increasing costs the Town incurs to the run the program.

**Councilman Wasielewski:** I would just like to make a note on the record that this decision was not taken lightly. We realize the cost of child care for families, but \$150.00 was causing the town to subsidize a great amount of the actual costs, so with regret we raised this to \$175.00 and I second the motion.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 251**

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

**RESOLVED**, for the Town of Halfmoon, to establish the following as standard work days for Sole Assessor JoAnn Smith and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 252**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Superintendent of Highways to submit the following items to Auctions International, e-mail auction site: 1) 1995 Ford Dump Truck and 2) 1997 Ford Dump Truck.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 253**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Deputy Supervisor to execute all documentation necessary with First Niagara Leasing, Inc. in the amount of \$\$37,135.66 for a period of 5 years with an interest rate of 2.066% for the purchase of one (1) 2014 Ford F-250 per the request of the Director of Water, per review and approval by the Town Attorney.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 254**

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

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of State (DOS) has awarded a grant to the Town of Halfmoon to construct a multi-use trail connecting Halfmoon Lighthouse Park with the Champlain Canalway Trail, and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of State (DOS) has authorized the Town of Halfmoon to contract for surveying services,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon authorizes the Deputy Town Supervisor, with review and approval from the Town Attorney, to execute the contract with Ausfeld & Waldruff Land Surveyors LLP for

design survey, design mapping and easement mapping services for the Connecting Trail project in the not to exceed amount of \$5,300 from the Recreation Fund.

**Councilman Hayner:** This is the connector from the Lighthouse Park to the Champlain Trail, just for everyone’s knowledge.

**RESOLUTION NO. 255**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Halfmoon built a new Town Park after public surveys and input, and

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Town Board that the archeological study conducted by Landmark has been finalized and filed with the State, and

**WHEREAS**, Landmark is due twenty eight thousand sixty seven dollars and twenty cents for the work that has been performed for the Town Park, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. That Landmark shall be paid the sum of twenty eight thousand sixty seven dollars and twenty cents for the work that has been performed for the Town Park.
- 2. That the Recreation fund shall be utilized for this payment.
- 3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

DATED: November 6, 2013

LYNDA BRYAN, TOWN CLERK  
TOWN OF HALFMOON

**RESOLUTION NO. 256**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Deputy 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            \$7,509.68  
                      Subsidiary: 25-4-2189 Home &  
   Community Services    \$7,509.68

Credit:           Appropriations            25-960            \$7,509.68  
                      Subsidiary: 25-5-1440.40 Engineering  
   Contractors Inspections    \$7,509.68

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

NAME	AMOUNT
Earl Mixed Use Commercial	725.00



Path. I think that the town has a right to know and I thank you for looking into the matter.

This brings me to my final point, and I got to say that if you told me 10 years ago that I would be arguing for historical preservation, I would have absolutely thought you were crazy but children tend to mellow you out and as you walk your children and come across something historical, you find yourself explaining to them how it really worked, you kind of feel it yourself. So I have included some pictures of the canal. What you are looking at is the result of one resident's complaint about 4 wheelers on the Canal Path, which he stated to me that he dealt with you Mr. Hayner and P.J. Apparently, if you look at the pictures, the town dismantled the section of the original canal wall that was 100 of years old, to make barricades rather than to install more posts like they started to do, or to just bring down a few concrete barricades from the town garage. The wall that the stones came from is almost a mile from where they brought them to. So I can't say that it must have been easier for them to just to bring the stones there. I really don't have an explanation why they would start to dismantle the canal. The canal is the whole reason for the path. To dismantle it out of what seems to be lack of care and consideration seems almost criminal. If someone else went with a lever and jacked those stones off the wall and leaving them, they would certainly be facing some sort of vandalism charges. The next phase will restore the Mechanicville side which is the most complete section in existence. The town does receive grant funding to maintain this and my daily campaign fires, I mean, you guys said that you have spent great effort to preserve the green space and the historical nature, here's two items that I think need your attention and I would like to know what the board will do to rectify the stones. I mean, as you can see in the picture, it is just...it is halfway done and they said instead of getting more yellow pipes, we will just rip the stones out.

**Councilman Hayner:** Going back to the intent, first of all the stones were supposed to be ones that were loose along the canal so nobody has ever been directed to take and remove anything. I have seen this picture as well and it bothers me. The idea of a canal stone being down there and fit in with the historic preservation, this is not what we had intended. So, it is being addressed and it will be corrected. I just wanted to let you know that.

**Chris Patenaude:** I appreciate your time, thank you.

**Deputy Supervisor Polak:** Thank you.

There being no further business to discuss or resolve, on a motion by Councilman Wasielewski, seconded by Councilman Hayner: the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk**