

The November 20, 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
Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk

Melinda A. Wormuth, Supervisor - Excused
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman - Excused
Matthew J. Chauvin, Deputy Attorney - Excused

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

PRESENTATION: CLEMENTE PDD AMENDMENT

Andrew Gilchrist , Attorney representing the owner of the Clemente PDD. Unfortunately, my client had a conflict and could not attend tonight, so I am attending on his behalf. What we are proposing to do, this is an existing PDD off Route 146, the Clemente Route 146 PDD. The project was originally approved several years ago and unfortunately the economy had some problems in 2007 and 2008. The project has not yet been started. My client is interested in getting going on the project. What we are proposing here, while it has been labeled an amendment, is really a clarification. We just wanted to make sure that all parties are clear on the phasing of the project on the requirements in front of the Planning Board in terms of subdivision and site plan review for the individual lot development. Just confirm the requirements for infrastructure and that includes water line extension, it includes some highway improvements in terms of a turning lane and traffic signals. We want to make sure it was clarified. Now, there are already some activities occurring on the property that the Board is aware. I wanted to make sure that everyone was aware about that and knowledgeable about that.

We have had some issues, not in this town but in other towns that I have worked with where there are certain site development or site preparation activity and we wanted to make it clear that there are certain activities that are occurring on the property and I wanted to make that clear that those could continue and that we would need to go to the Planning Board for the actual subdivision and site plan for each lot.

So we deem this to be an amendment, but really it is in the nature of a clarification. Now, when I said that there are some site activities going on, we wanted to make sure that the Town was aware that certain requirements that are associated with this PDD for the actual Industrial Park Development, the site plan would not impair the activities that are in the nature of preparing the site of the industrial park build out. There was an issue concerning storage of materials and things like that, that clearly were not allowed in the PDD legislation, but that there clearly are some storage there. We wanted to come before the board and make sure everyone understood that and get that clarified in terms of the build out. As I said, my client is intent in moving forward with this. There will be a substantial investment in the terms of infrastructure construction. The water line in the road improvements will be a significant undertaking. There is bonding requirements and to avoid any issues what so ever, we thought that we would come in, discuss that and get that clarified in the PDD legislation before there is any activity in moving forward.

So in light of that, that is really the application. Not much is changing here, it is really the nature of getting going but understanding that there are certain site preparation activities, current activities including grading excavating of material, we wanted to make sure that the town understood that and that we got a clear understanding on the phasing in the project development.

So all we are asking for tonight, well even before I get there, this project had originally been neg dec'd, it is consistent with your town GEIS. Since this is really in the nature of the clarification, while we've submitted, I believe a short form EIS, there really is no change, so there really is no change to the project, the need of additional SEQRA review. And with that, what we are asking for tonight is according to your town procedure, is to refer this to the Planning Board, let's make sure that they are understanding too on the phasing build out of the project, get that recommendation and then we would like to come back to this board for your public hearing and consideration of this amendment, but again in the nature of the clarification. I can answer any questions you might have, but that all we are really asking tonight is to start the process and refer the application to the Planning Board. I have the map in front of you. This has been the long standing, approved Clemente Route 146 PDD. Nothing changes with that but we thought that we would bring that in tonight if there were any questions.

Deputy Supervisor Polak: Do you have a narrative of what you're going to present and show it on the map

Andrew Gilchrist: Again,

Attorney Murphy: What was the initial phase of the PDD? What did it call for?

Andrew Gilchrist: The initial phase of the PDD calls for the storage units.

Attorney Murphy: And did that occur?

Andrew Gilchrist: That has not been built out

Attorney Murphy: I think what the applicant is trying to say is that the way the PDD was originally written was that there would be a storage facility put in and everything would follow after that. The storage facility never came to fruition so they are removing that requirement and modifying the timing of public benefits based on the fact that that just did not happen. At the time the PDD was proposed, it was thought that that was going to be the first phase, similar to the Memory Healthcare Facility where they thought that there would be a hospital, that that wasn't going to be first so that had an amendment in the PDD. So this is more of verbiage to the timing change, than a change in the nature of the PDD. This is an industrial manufacturing PDD that is located right next to the sewer treatment facility. It currently operates a mining facility which was preexisting prior to the PDD.

Andrew Gilchrist: Right, and I concur with your attorney, so while there is a map and we brought it tonight, the narrative is really not changing the project it really addresses how this is going to be built and the timing. Again, all we are requesting is the referral to the Planning Board so we can get that going and get a recommendation to this board.

Councilman Hayner: You mentioned that site activity is going on now, would you mind getting into a little more depth on that?

Attorney Murphy: It's a mine. They have DEC approval for a mine

Andrew Gilchrist: Those are the current site activities, there is site excavation in the removal of materials.

Councilman Hayner: OK, so that is the materials that you are saying that are being stored there. There is nothing that is anything outside of mining

Andrew Gilchrist: Well there is, right now there is mining activities and what this legislation does say is those will continue and given the nature of the economy. We would like to continue that while we are going through this process and have the ability to, as they have done, to take those materials, blend them if necessary, and meet customer needs if necessary. These activities which do support preparing this site ultimately for the industrial park, we want to make it quite clear those would continue. We do want to get going with the industrial park.

Councilman Wasielewski: Does the blending of materials, could that include the manufacturing of asphalt?

Andrew Gilchrist: It can include a lot of things. We are being very up front. It can include mixing those on site materials to meet a customer need for a certain blend. It can mean bringing portable material on to the site and blending it to make other products to meet a customer need; yes it can mean that as well.

Councilman Wasielewski: Seeing as this is almost 7 or 8 years old now, before my time on the board and Mr. Hayner's as well. I would just like to update; 14 parcels on an Industrial zone parcel, correct?

Andrew Gilchrist: That's correct; ultimately there will be 14 subdivided lots. Subdivision will need to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Board in terms of specific lot play out for the park, and then on a lot by lot basis during build out, site plan review for each lot. That is how this was designed and we are not proposing any change to that

Councilman Wasielewski: So the storage unit use is still in play?

Andrew Gilchrist: It can be. It was a time issue. It just has not been built yet. It was anticipated to be built much earlier but because of economic reasons, it was not.

Deputy Supervisor Polak: But that area wouldn't be developed at this time.

Andrew Gilchrist: Correct. What we want to say to the board, and what we are saying to the Planning Board and to this board is; that is a potential use on one of the subdivided lots, but the way the legislation was initially drafted is that would be the first lot to be developed. What we would like to do is to discuss a phasing approach that could be the first lot; it may not be the first lot. We wanted to make sure that the Planning Board is aware and this board is aware of that. The underlying project which is 14 subdivided industrial or commercial lots with a site plan for each, doesn't change but it really a timing phasing issue. Before we ran into any issues on a build out, we wanted to clarify that so all parties were in agreement on a going forward build out basis. Everyone was on the same page to avoid any issues. So again, it is really in the nature of a clarification just to make everyone aware of what's going on.

Attorney Murphy: Just as you heard me say with Mr. Dailey, it's an amendment to the PDD, and the board has jurisdiction to review the language and make a determination based on your feelings about the amendment to the PDD. But it is more of timing, scheduling amendment

Andrew Gilchrist: I do concur with your Town Council under the terms of your zoning code, it isn't. It is an amendment to the PDD and we are going to go through the procedure and the first step is referring and recommendation to the Planning Board.

Councilman Hayner: OK and each business that you are looking at putting in will go in as its own; it will go through its own process, one by one?

Andrew Gilchrist: Oh, correct. During the build out

Deputy Supervisor Polak: Everyone will have to come back.

Andrew Gilchrist: The first step would be to get the Planning Board approval for the lot lay out and then on a lot by lot basis the board needs to review this site plan. That does not change.

Councilman Wasielewski: So at this point, we are looking for a referral to the Planning Board

Attorney Murphy: That would be the next step in the process.

Councilman Wasielewski: I would like to make that motion for further review.

RESOLUTION NO. 257

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 referring the Clemente PDD Amendment to the Planning Board for further review.

Andrew Gilchrist: Thank you very much

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Clerk Bryan: The Halfmoon Historical Society will be presenting a collection of dresses that follow 104 years of fashion and history of Virginia Thorn's family. Virginia has very graciously donated the collection to the Society that started with her Great Grandmother's wedding dress from 1869-Civil War time!

The dresses go to the turn of the century, to the Roaring 20's and continue to 1973. This collection of 17 dresses is very unique as they are all from 1 family; there are many pictures, some wearing the dresses on display and even a newspaper article telling a very surprising tale of the wedding in 1896.

Please come join us on Tues. Nov. 26th at 7:00pm at the Historical Society building at 7:00pm.

Councilman Hayner : Monday December 16th, will be the next meeting of the Halfmoon Trails Advisory Committee. It will be at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room right next door.

Councilman Wasielewski: Nothing pertaining to Emergency Services or Animal Control, but I would like the residents of the town to know that New York State is offering a home energy assistance program, which is a \$650.00 grant for eligible families. It is very easily assessable; particularly for seniors getting them some help with heating assistance this winter. It is very easy to access; under mybenefits.newyork.gov. \$650.00 can go a long way to providing some heat this winter. I would be glad to answer any questions that anyone might have about that program. That is all that I have tonight.

Deputy Supervisor Polak: Thank you. The only item that I have is on the agenda, but it is an extra reminder for everyone that our Highway Department will be

starting on November 25th with their winter hours and that is 7-3, Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE (for discussion of agenda topics)

Bill Murtha, Dater Woods of Halfmoon; I would like to read a letter that I submitted recently entitled Appoint Deanna; Restore Halfmoon’s Reputation



Appoint Deanna : Restore Halfmoon’s Reputation

We have experienced a detrimental decline in the way Halfmoon is viewed throughout Saratoga County. In addition to unfortunate scandals, the perception is that town government does not represent the will of all its people. The appointment of Ms. Stephenson would be a step in the right direction in ameliorating this sorry state of affairs. Political affiliations should have nothing to do with the running of town government.

Let it be known to all of those who criticize our town : Those who work for our town are by and large dedicated and exemplary individuals. However, we must be constantly vigilant. The notion that rampant, low quality development enhances our town is totally absurd. We need retail and business.

Rising crime rates and increased impacts on our infrastructure require a new and fresh approach .We cannot let a few individuals pollute our future. The expression “pay to play” should have no place in our town’s lexicon.

I’d like to thank Mr. Wasielewski for his input and open-mindedness. He noted how important it is for citizens to speak up. Apathy is our enemy.

I urge the Board to represent all of us. Place Deanna on the Board based upon her numbers in the last election. A failure to do so would further erode our already poor reputation.

Sincerely,

Bill and Ann Murtha

Deanna Stephenson, 7 Cindy Lane: Thank you Bill, that was very heartfelt. I know that I was not at the last meeting, however, I know that the budget will be adopted tonight and moving on, but I do still have questions so I am putting them on for record.

Number 1: The rolls of CFO, Fair Housing Officer, FOIL Appeals Officer is held by one representative on this board at this point. Will this representation be designated to another appointee and the stipends that are attached to those titles at this point, what is being done with that money? Can anybody answer?

Councilman Hayner: It is a couple part question, so let's go back to the first part. As far as this year, as far as what we are looking at for the Budget Officer this year, we are discussing that right now. We have not made a final determination, but that will be coming very shortly. I can't recall what your second question was.

Deanna Stephenson: Seeing that that one person held a lot of those titles, would it be considered at this point to give it to different appointees? Do you have a different avenue that you're going to choose? Or you cannot answer at this point?

Councilman Hayner: I really can't answer at this point. I mean that will a decision given by the incoming board

Attorney Murphy: I am sorry. What was the second question? Did you say the American's with Disabilities Act?

Deanna Stephenson: No, that one did not come up.

Attorney Murphy: I am sorry. What was the second title that you asked about?

Deanna Stephenson: Fair Housing Officer.

Attorney Murphy: OK, thanks.

Deanna Stephenson: I am just wondering then, would that money, the stipend, would that be in further meetings where that will be going to when you do decide what to do with it. Will that be public knowledge?

Councilman Hayner: Yes, it will.

Deanna Stephenson: OK, thank you. At this point, is there a separate capital budget being proposed? Where is the money coming from to pay for the? I know that Mr. Mikol a couple of meetings ago, talked about a new communications system, I should say, an updated system and an air conditioning unit that is much needed to update the town, so do we know where that money will be coming from at this point? I know capital but,

Deanna Stephenson: Is it designated at this point?

Councilman Hayner: It is designated to be able to use. It is going out to bid, so we do not know what the final cost will be but we did a resolution saying what it would be spending up to cover that. But that money is already set aside this year to do it.

Deanna Stephenson: OK. On page 6 of the budget there is \$2,500 set aside, Craig you can probably help me again with this for Board of Ethics. What is that money allocated for at present and I know that you leaving, you will be down three members. What is the direction of the board at this point?

Councilman Hayner: Well the Ethics Committee can have a minimum of three members, so the Town Board will be able to appoint someone in the place of me. The money was set aside for as the Ethics is written, is for training. That training is for elected officials, department heads, and so we put that money in there so that we have that for the training to avoid conflicts of interest, advisory opinions and all of those kind of things.

Deanna Stephenson: OK. Page 13, last time I know that this was discussed with positions on the health piece around the payroll. I do believe that you had two physicians at that point. Has there been discussion, do you need two physicians working for the town? What do the physicians do? I have never seen the duties. I know it was talked about that you were going to or someone was going to submit

their duties, but I don't know if that is public knowledge. I mean, I am just wondering where we are going with that one.

Councilman Hayner: Page 13 did you say?

Deanna Stephenson: Yes, page 13. I mean, I am assuming it is under health, Board of Health.

Councilman Hayner: I do not have that information in my notes here. I do not know if Bonnie or Lyn can answer that?

Bonnie Hatter spoke from the audience and could not be heard.

Councilman Hayner: And they are advisors to us?

Attorney Murphy: And they are required by law

Deanna Stephenson: Is it part of law to have two? Do you need two?

Attorney Murphy: I would have to look at that. I am not sure if you need two or if that was a decision in case one was not available.

Deanna Stephenson: OK, and the Ambulance tax. Page 15 and page 30 both talk to this. How will the ambulance tax be distributed for the public for 2014 and how will the revenue be absorbed going forward in the 2014 budget. I heard John and Lyn talking about this so I am assuming that we are not there yet.

Councilman Wasielewski: It is between the town and the ambulance corps attorney right now. Things are looking very optimistic at this point. I anticipate at the next board meeting to have that finalized and present the budget, very close and very good.

Councilman Hayner: The whole idea is so that revenues aren't going back and forth. This is to make a much easier, stable decision for both the town and the ambulance corps. That's where we have come to an agreement, but as John mentioned, the rest of it is still in negotiation.

Deanna Stephenson: OK, page 15. Who sets the budget for CAPTAIN? What is the logic and equation? I see a constant and it is an \$86,000 number. I was just wondering how you come to that? What is the logic behind that number? How do you come to that?

Councilman Hayner: Those are monies that are requested by CAPTAIN. We have not raised them in the last couple of years. This is based on need that they justify with us.

Deanna Stephenson: And I only throw that out there, it's just a large number

Councilman Hayner: It's a very large sum.

Deanna Stephenson: Page 19, this is for my own edification to. I have asked this a few times, but I am not getting a solid answer. Do Halfmoon seniors partake in daily activities in the Senior Center? Are other seniors from other towns able to partake in those activities and if they do, do they pay a different rate? I believe they pay a different rate, but in the daily activities, do other seniors from other towns, are they able to partake in daily activities?

Clerk Bryan: Yes they are. You pay a membership and I think that it is \$10.00 to become a member. And then anybody can participate on a daily basis, any of the activities there. However, when they do have their trips, which they do have some

wonderful trips, then the senior center does give a discount to those people who are members. So say if the trip costs \$50.00, the members will pay \$40.00, nonmembers will pay \$50.00. So with that membership, you can be from Halfmoon, Mechanicville, almost anywhere, with that membership, you will get that discounted rate for your trips. But the day to day basis, it is all the same price for members.

Deanna Stephenson: The method of my madness is only because you could look at it as an additional revenue stream if you are looking at bringing other residents from other towns in instead of flipping the bill for everybody, you could ask like Clifton Park or Mechanicville, for additional money in to the senior center for its operations. I am just throwing it out there. I do not know what kind of numbers that you are seeing, so just a thought.

The YMCA, page 21, who sets the amount of money to be paid, and how many residents are included in this, I mean the YMCA, my rates go up every year, so I do not know how many, the youth program, how many people from Halfmoon are partaking in that and is that something that is negotiable?

Councilman Hayner: Are you talking about the joint youth project?

Deanna Stephenson: I think that is what it falls under.

Councilman Hayner: Yes, they provide us, I do not have that sheet in front of me, but they do say how many teenagers from Halfmoon are serviced in that report. I have seen that report but I do not have it in front of me.

Deanna Stephenson: I am just saying that it is another piece of additional negotiation

Councilman Hayner: We definitely discussed these things.

Deanna Stephenson: OK. Craig, I am not faulting you. I am trying to understand this as well. Page 22, the Historian budget, I know that this goes a long way, you do a great job. I am just trying to understand the \$3,000. Does that go to the Historian or does that go to things that you have to buy for the Historian's activities.

Clerk Bryan: I think part of it is \$2,500 is her salary for working for the year and \$500 would be supplies that she would need for the things that she does.

Deanna Stephenson: OK, so there is a stipend there. And I see nothing by the cemetery there. We have one cemetery on Cemetery Road. Does Halfmoon take care of that?

Councilman Hayner: Yes we do.

Deanna Stephenson: I just didn't see

Councilman Hayner: Not Cemetery Road, but we do take care of quite a few cemeteries. It is covered under our Parks Department.

Deanna Stephenson: Parks OK. And I didn't see a number page 26 for Workers Comp. and I am sure that the town pays Worker's Comp. Is there a reason for that?

Bonnie Hatter: Worker's Compensation is through Saratoga County Self Insurance and our premiums, if that is what you want to call it are removed before they make payments to us.

Deanna Stephenson: So does that fall under another line that I am missing?

Bonnie Hatter: The sales tax is reduced by what we have to give them for Worker's Comp. and that is why you do not see that in there, we don't actually pay it.

Deanna Stephenson: Then the same on page 26, the hospital, medical insurance jumped a significant amount. Is there a reason for that? I am not seeing a line item as to why that would happen.

Councilman Hayner: That was actually in the narrative, \$30,000 since October 1st when the open enrollment began. We have four families from employee's now taking insurance through the town.

Deanna Stephenson: Does that mean, and again for my own edification, is that somebody or a spouse that lost his benefits that had to come on to our benefits, the town's benefits?

Councilman Hayner: We really can't talk about that.

Deanna Stephenson: Because that is very expensive if you are looking to do that

Councilman Hayner: It is and I am hesitant to comment further because we know what happened October 1st.

Deanna Stephenson: OK, I am just trying to get an understanding as to why that is a significant jump so

Councilman Hayner: Well there is a significant jump because of what is going on nationally as well as

Deanna Stephenson: Oh I hear you, but I would hate to see the town act as an exchange or Obama Care as well, seeing how there is so many flaws with the system so, just a thought.

Page 33, again I am going to go back to this because I am understanding now, it is not \$70,000 that's unappropriated and unreserved, we are at \$38,000? Is that about right now if you minus the negative? Page 33, the General fund, unappropriated

Bonnie Hatter: No, it remains at the \$70,000 as stated in our financial statement ending December 31, 2012.

Deanna Stephenson: I thought that was the last meeting that I heard there was \$38,000

Bonnie Hatter: I do not know what you are referring to regarding the \$38,000

Councilman Hayner: The only number that rings a bell with me is the \$30,000, but I do not recall anything with that number that you are mentioning

Deanna Stephenson: So we are sitting at \$70,000

Bonnie Hatter: The \$70,000 is the amount on our financial statements ending December 31, 2012.

Deanna Stephenson: at the end of 2012, OK. And then page 38; \$80,000 in intra fund transfers for the Highway Department, is that the Brookwood that we discussed before? The bonded that is that where the \$80,000 comes from, the excess?

Bonnie Hatter: The \$80,000 in Brookwood Road.

Deanna Stephenson: That is bonded debt. So when you take bonded debt, how can you take the excess of it and apply it to and you look at it as a positive

Bonnie Hatter: After the completion of the project there were monies left, it was bonded and we didn't use all of it. This is what was left to pay back the debt.

Deanna Stephenson: OK, then on page 39; \$5,500 there is a tax on the lighting district, and I see it on the front page too. Is that a taxable amount to the public or what are you looking to do with that, the \$5,500?

Councilman Hayner: I believe that is on there year after year, but I could use a better explanation from either Lyn or Bonnie on that

Deputy Supervisor Polak: Is that the Pruyn Hill Lighting District?

Bonnie Hatter: That is Pruyn Hill

Deanna Stephenson: Are those residents just taxed for that?

Deputy Supervisor Polak: Yes, they actually have a lighting district for that for all of the street lighting.

Deanna Stephenson: Same thing for Churchill Road on page 41; \$42,000? Just those residents are taxed for the sewer district?

Deputy Supervisor Polak: Correct, that is a separate district

Councilman Hayner: It is its own district

Deanna Stephenson: OK guys, thanks.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS- Month of October

1. Town Clerk Total Fees Submitted to the Deputy Supervisor- \$7,561.28

2. Building
Total # Permits- 67 Total Fees Submitted to the Deputy Supervisor-\$11,650.00

3. Fire
Total # Permits- 12 Total Fees Submitted to the Deputy Supervisor- \$564.00

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Received** from the Town Planning Board Resolutions approving the following: Preliminary Plat approval of Victor's Farm Residential Subdivision located at Farm to Market and Smith Roads.

Received & Filed

2. **Received** from the US Army Corps of Engineers, a copy of a response letter to Erik Kohler for Grooms Road Parcel Figure 1. The work may be performed without further authorization from the office provided the activity complies with the terms and conditions and will remain valid until March 18, 2017.

Received & Filed

3. **Received** from the West Crescent Fire District their 2014 Budget Summary that was approved by the Board of Fire Commissioner's on October 24th, 2013, available for review in the Clerk's office.

Received & Filed

4. **Received** from the Clifton Park – Halfmoon Fire District #1 Notice for the Annual Election to take place on December 10, 2013, between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the Clifton Park Firehouse located at 38 Old Route 146, for the purpose of electing ONE (1) Commissioner for a five year term commencing on January 1, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2018.

Received & Filed

5. **Received** from the West Crescent Fire District Notice for the Annual Election to take place on December 10, 2013, between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the West Crescent Firehouse located at 1440 Crescent Road, for the purpose of electing ONE (1) Commissioner for a five year term commencing on January 1, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2018. Only residents registered to vote with the Saratoga County Board of Elections on or before November 18th, 2013 shall be eligible to vote.

Received & Filed

6. **Received** from the Halfmoon Fire District #1 (Hillcrest) Notice for the Annual Election to take place on December 10, 2013, between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the Hillcrest Fire Station located at 145 Pruyn Hill Road, for the purpose of electing ONE (1) Commissioner for a five year term commencing on January 1, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2018. Only residents registered to vote with the Saratoga County Board of Elections on or before November 18th, 2013 shall be eligible to vote.

Received & Filed

7. Received from Bill and Ann Murtha a thank you letter to John Pingelski acknowledging the professionalism and dedication that John has exhibited as Highway Superintendent on 2 projects in the Delta Way area.

Received & Filed

8. Received from Bill and Ann Murtha a letter stating their recommendation of Deanna Stephenson for the Town Board seat that will become vacant.

Received & Filed

9. Received from John Pingelski, Town Highway Superintendent, the schedule of the Highway Department Winter hours which will be Monday – Friday from 7:00am -3:00pm, effective November 25, 2013.

Received & Filed

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 258

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 2561 through 2662 as detailed.

===== FUND TOTALS =====

10 GENERAL FUND	\$249,530.55
20 HIGHWAY FUND	\$73,865.89
25 SPECIAL REVENUE	\$22,220.04
30 CONSOLIDATED WATER	\$124,459.22
35 MISC. CAPITAL FUNDS	\$33,154.79
40 LANDFILL POST CLOSURE	\$2,454.00
75 TOWN HALL/PARK CAPITAL	\$19,608.25
ABSTRACT TOTAL:	<u>\$525,292.74</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 259

Offered by Councilman Hayner, seconded by Councilman Wasielewski: 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. 260

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints Kyle Andrus to fill the vacant MEO position in the Highway Department Grade 5, Step Base \$17.48/hr. effective November 16, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 261

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts for Road Dedication, Richmond Circle, Glenmeadow Drive, Somerset Drive to postal address #16, Rosemore Place to postal address #5, the “T” stub on Parkside Drive at the end of Glen Meadow Drive and a portion of Hearthstone Drive all within Glen Meadows, Phase I as it has satisfied the standards set by the Town of Halfmoon Roadway Dedication Procedure, subject to the review and final approval of the Town Highway Superintendent of the road improvements and the Town Attorney of the Deed descriptions, closing papers, title insurance, letters of credit and all related and required documents.

RESOLUTION NO. 262

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 Deputy Supervisor’s report for the month of October, 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 263

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

RESOLVED, that the Preliminary Budget be and is hereby adopted as the 2014 Budget for the Town of Halfmoon, and further

RESOLVED, that said 2014 Budget to be copied in its entirety in the 2013 Minute Book of the Town of Halfmoon.

RESOLUTION NO. 264

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	\$21,205.04
	Subsidiary: 25-4-2189 Home & Community Services		\$21,205.04
Credit:	Appropriations	25-960	\$21,205.04
	Subsidiary: 25-5-1440.40 Engineering Contractors Inspections		\$21,205.04

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
Self Storage Facility	435.00
Stewart’s Plant Road	448.56
Pleasant Valley Estates	1,160.00

Santoro Warehouse	290.00
Hudson Ridge PDD (Moorings)	18,871.48
Total	21,205.04

Transfers between Appropriations:

From Account	To Account	Amount	Reason
10-5-1420.40 Attorney-Contractual	10-5-1420.10 Attorney- Personal Services	\$13,000	Transfer of appropriations within own budget to cover expenses thru 2013
10-5-1410.10 Town Clerk- Personal Services	10-5-1410.40 Town Clerk-Contractual	\$600	Transfer of appropriations within own budget to cover expenses thru 2013
10-5-1670.40 Central Printing- Contractual	10-5-1660.40 Central Storeroom- Contractual	\$3,000	Transfer of appropriations to cover expenses thru 2013
10-5-5010.41 Supt of Hwy-Sr. Van- Contractual	10-5-5010.40 Supt of Highways- Contractual	\$1,000	Transfer of appropriations within own budget to cover expenses thru 2013

A resolution is necessary to create additional appropriations within the Water Fund 2013 Adopted Budget. The purpose of this creation is to provide adequate budgetary appropriations thru December 31, 2013 for the legal fees due to the EPA dredging in the Hudson River.

DEBIT: Appropriated Fund Balance 30-599 \$250,000

CREDIT: Appropriations 30-960 \$250,000
 Subsidiary: Administration-Contractual
 Legal Fees – 30-5-8310.42-\$250,000

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE (for discussion of non-agenda items)

Deanna Stephenson, 7 Cindy Lane: One more thing tonight that wasn’t on the agenda. I do not know if all of the Board members know that this happened and I am not sure that the public understands this, but I am going to try to explain and this is my opinion in what did occur is really out of the realm of, it twists things and I think what happened here is a combination and a blurred line between church and state is how I look at it.

The day before the election, Sheldon Hills residents received a letter signed by Walter Polak and Paul Hotaling, and it was named facts about a traffic light on Route 146. If everybody doesn’t understand, public doesn’t understand the history on this. For a couple of years now, ever since I have been sitting in the audience, the Sheldon Hill residents have sent letters in; they wish to see a traffic light at the end of their development. That is a hard development to get out of; I mean I have had to gun it a few times just to make it into traffic. It crosses Vosburgh down, Sheldon Hills down so there is a cross there. And every time those letters have come, I have heard from the Planning Board, I have heard from Councilman Polak that it couldn’t be done and there were certain reasons why it could not be done. I am going to read the letter:

Over the past several week’s residents, now remind you, this came the day before the election. It is printed on Halfmoon Republican letterhead, HalfmoonGOP.com is on the bottom. Over the past several weeks residents living in Sheldon Hills have asked whether or not a traffic light will be installed at the access route of Sheldon Hills on to 146. There have been many promises made by individuals seeking public office this year; but we want to give you the true facts.

To give you a brief history, when the Sheldon Hills sub-division was approved, the Town Board and the Town Planning Board required the builder to perform a traffic study to identify the potential impacts the subdivision would have in the area. At the time of the initial approval of the sub-division, New York State Department of Transportation felt that a traffic light was not warranted until further development

and build out of this sub-division was complete. As a result the sub-division was approved with the requirement that as soon as 242 residences were built in the project, a traffic light would be warranted. That is one piece of truth.

In reviewing this project once again, both the town and the builder believe that a traffic light is absolutely critical and warranted. That is also true. In late August, early September 2013, the builder requested his traffic, let's remind you the builder is Chris Abele, the builder requested his traffic engineers to perform another traffic light study which then will be forwarded to New York State Department of Transportation for final approval of a traffic light. It is our belief that the required number of residences of 242 has been met with existing construction and those new homeowners expecting to close by year's end, so there is another developer in here as well.

As members of your Town Board we are committed and resolved to getting a traffic light at the intersection of Route 146. Your concerns have been heard loud and clear and we are working on a traffic light for the safety of the residences of those traveling in that area. As always, we remain committed to the safety of the town residents and the serving of our community.

I would like to truly believe that and signed Walter Polak and Paul Hotelling.

To me, that's shameful. You crossed lines. That's town business that you put on a political letterhead.

Deputy Supervisor Polak: Is that all you have?

Deanna Stephenson: That is all that I have.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk