

The October 3, 2012 regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon was called to order by Supervisor Wormuth at 7:00 pm in the A. James Bold Meeting Room at the New Town Hall with the following members present:

Melinda A. Wormuth, Supervisor
Walter F. Polak, Councilman
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman
Craig A. Hayner, Councilman
John P. Wasielewski, Councilman
Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney
Matthew J. Chauvin, Deputy Attorney
Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk

The Town Board Workshop was held in the Board Room at 6:30 pm; no action was taken. Supervisor Wormuth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION – Proclaiming October Fire Prevention Month

Thanking the Firefighters for the quick response to the Bishop Hubbard fire.

Supervisor Wormuth: The first thing that we have this evening on our agenda, is a Proclamation claiming that October is Fire Prevention Month. I am honored to see so many wonderful men and women standing in the back of our room who serve and protect our community on a day to day basis. I am going to ask Councilman Wasielewski to join me and we will read the Proclamations honoring the four Fire Departments that protect our community and then there will be a time for people in the community who have recently have suffered what was a very disruptive occasion to their life at Bishop Hubbard, to thank all of you for your service.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon hereby recognizes that October is Fire Prevention Month, a time when Firefighters make a concerted effort to reach out to the community to teach fire safety to educate the community regarding personal safety and the protection of property through planning; and

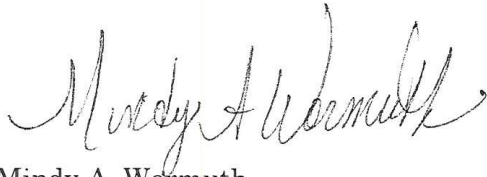
WHEREAS, we routinely witness the heroic efforts of fire fighters who put themselves in harm's way to protect our lives and our property; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their Firefighters in their ongoing duty to serve the people of their community both in times of emergencies and through public outreach and education; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon desires to honor the valor, service, and dedication of our local Firefighters and those who serve in their honorable profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED,

1. The Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon hereby recognizes October as Fire Prevention Month
2. That the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon hereby honors and demonstrates our appreciation for our local Firefighters.
3. That a copy of this resolution be presented to the local Firefighters to recognize the Town Board's sincere appreciation for all that they do for our community.



Mindy A. Wormuth,
Supervisor, Town of Halfmoon

Supervisor Wormuth: We ask that a representative from each Department come up and accept a copy of the Proclamations as well as our Clerk has prepared some Historical information for you.

The Supervisor asked that all of the firefighter's come up and join her and have a picture with everybody. She said that some of our departments are out doing what we know they do every day, responding to a call, whether its morning, noon, or night and they are serving our community.

We also have a special presentation. As I had mentioned, Bishop Hubbard, which is one of our Senior Housing Developments in town, recently underwent a very severe fire that could have meant the loss of many lives. The quick response of the men and women from all four of our Fire Departments that responded, although their home Fire Department is Halfmoon-Waterford, they actually saved that building and prevented the loss of life. The town was very glad afterwards to be a part of transporting residents to a safe area and setting up a temporary shelter. But without the dedication of these fine men and women, we certainly could have lost a

lot of lives, and they prevented that. Mrs. Rosa LaBoy is here and she would like to do a special presentation.

“John (D’Alessandro), this is Rosa LaBoy and she has a special gift for your department that she wanted to present to you on behalf of the residents of Bishop Hubbard for everything that your department did.”

Supervisor Wormuth: So thank you again for all of you who sacrifice your lives for us. You run in when the rest of us are running out, and we know that. If there is ever anything that we can do to help support or promote anything, just let us know. But know that you are always in our hearts and you are always in our prayers and we know that our community wouldn’t be as special without you. Thank you.

Supervisor Wormuth: I would like to ask that a motion to accept that Proclamation

Councilman Wasielewski: I would love to make a motion to accept the Proclamation and Resolution thanking the Volunteer and Emergency responders to the Town of Halfmoon.

Councilman Polak: I will second that and I would just like to add one thing, about all of the training and work that they do and the classes that they attend to keep up with the State requirements I also want to thank them for all of the things that they do for the children in our community with all of the programs that they sponsor and all of the help that they give our youth. I would like to thank them for that as well.

RESOLUTION NO. 207

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon recognizes October as Fire Prevention Month in the Town of Halfmoon.

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Councilman Polak: I just have one item to the residents of the community tonight. You will see that our Highway Department has been working on Woodin Road from our town line to Sitterly Road. You are going to see from Grooms Road, our town line that has not had any work, and that is actually in the town of Clifton Park. But from Woodin Road, our town line, to Sitterly Road, they have gone through and micro paved that and brought it back up to grade. As soon as that cures, they will go back through and will be topping that off.

Councilman Hotaling: Saturday October 6th from 1:00-5:00 at our Town Park, the Halfmoon Celebrations in accordance with the Halfmoon Rec program is going to have a Fall Festival.

Clerk Bryan: Our Senior Center celebrated their 25th Anniversary on Saturday September 29th with a luncheon to a full house.

Also on November 3rd, they will be holding their Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale from 9:00 – 2:00 at the Senior Center. This is a fundraiser that really brings in a lot of people and a lot of their crafters have made many beautiful things. We do hope that you support them. The Quilting Group has made a beautiful, full size quilt that they are selling tickets for as a fundraiser which will be on display at the Senior Center. They will announce the winner of the quilt at the Bazaar. So please join the seniors at their Bazaar on November 3rd.

Councilman Wasielewski: I would like to thank the large part the efforts of the Town Highway Department, our new Animal Control vehicle is in service and much more mechanically reliable than the old vehicle, much prettier, very functional. Thanks again Mr. Pingelski.

Councilman Hayner: I just have one announcement tonight that the Town of Halfmoon Ethics Committee Meeting which is always held the third Thursday of the month. The month of October the meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16th at 7:00 pm. This notice has been posted on the Town Clerk's Signboard and posted on the town website.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE (for discussion of agenda topics)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – month of August

1. Building

Total # Permits – 102 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor \$34,154

2. Fire Code

Total # Permits - 22 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor \$966

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – month of September

1. Building

Total # Permits - 95 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor \$16,805

2. Fire Code

Total # Permits - 15 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor \$690

3. Town Justice Tollisen

Total # Cases - 249 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor \$27,060

4. Town Justice Wormuth

Total # Cases - 252 Total Fees Submitted to the Supervisor \$30,880

5. Senior Express Dispatch

Total # Meals - 363 Total # Riders - 241

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Received** from the Town Planning Board Resolutions approving the following: Change of Tenant for Phillips Home Solutions, 1549 Route 9 (Walmart); Change of Tenant and Sign Applications for Schnabel-Lachel Engineering, 28 Corporate Drive; for Empire Ambulance Service, 14 Corporate Drive; and for Kathy Marchione for New York Senate, Shoppes of Halfmoon, 1707 Route 9; Sign Application for Iroquois Healthcare, 15 Halfmoon Executive Park Drive; and for Hess Corporation, 1513 Crescent Vischer Ferry Road.

Received & Filed

2. **Received** from Trick Shot Billiards, Inc., 1602 Route 9, notification of intent to renew their liquor license.

Received, Filed & Print

3. **Received** from Environmental Design Partnership, LLP notification related to three (3) additional Mobile Home Lots proposed by Garden Homes Management Corporation located within the Springbrook Mobile Home Park located on Dunsbach Road.

Received, Filed, Print & Copy Town Board & Planning

4. **Received** 2013 Budget Summary from Halfmoon Fire District No. 1 to be filed with Town Budget Officer and notification that public hearing on the budget will be held on Tuesday, October 16th, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Hillcrest Fire Station, 145 Pruyn Hill Road, Halfmoon.

Received, Filed & Print

5. Received Notice of Annual Budget Hearing for Halfmoon-Waterford District No. 1 to be held on Tuesday, October 16th, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the fire station located at 315 Middletown Road, Halfmoon.

Received, Filed & Print

6. Received from Saratoga County Office for the Aging notice of public hearing to be held Thursday, November 1, 2012 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Saratoga Springs Public Library, 49 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs to obtain input, suggestions and comments relative to programs for the aging for the year 2013.

Received, Filed & Print

7. Received Map, Plan and Report from Clough, Harbor & Associates for the Formation of the Town of Halfmoon Ambulance District and transmitted to the Town Board. (Available for review in the Town Clerk's Office)

Received & Filed

8. Received from Town Planning Board Resolution indicating a negative report to the Town Board for the proposed CGM Construction Planned Development District, 87 Button Road.

Received & Filed

9. Received from Mindy A. Wormuth, Budget Officer/ Chief Fiscal Officer, filing of the 2013 Tentative Town Budget document and transmitted to the Town Board as required by Town Law.

Received, Filed, Print & available to the Public & please distribute to the Town Board

Supervisor Wormuth read the 2013 Tentative Budget Summary

TOWN OF HALFMOON 2013 TENTATIVE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

NO TOWN PROPERTY TAX AND NO TOWN HIGHWAY TAX: This budget marks the 34th consecutive year there has been no Town tax. This is also the 28th consecutive year with no Highway tax. I am pleased to continue this tradition by presenting my sixth, consecutive budget to the Town Board that does not require a Town Property Tax, nor a Town Highway Tax.

This is an outstanding achievement that needs to be put in perspective. In 2011, the most recent year that information is available, the NYS Comptroller's Office determined that only 36 towns in New York State did not collect a town property tax! Halfmoon is one of only 36 towns out of 932 townships that did not collect a town property tax in 2011!

PROVIDING NEEDED SERVICES IN THE FACE OF A NATIONAL RECESSION: Our residents continue to use needed services provided by the Town. For example, over 750 seniors actively participate in the Senior Center educational, recreational and other programs and services. Meals-on-Wheels is a well known program and a vital service provided by the Senior Center to the most in need seniors in our Town.

On the other end of the age spectrum, the Town's Summer Recreation Program enrolled over 700 children this past summer. The Character Counts program is integrated into the programming for all summer recreation participants whose ages range from pre-school to 15 years old.

The Town partners with other non-profit organizations to provide support to Halfmoon youth and families in need. These partnerships include: CAPTAIN, Center for the Family, Care-Links, and the YMCA Reach Out for Youth program. The Town Board and my commitment to provide these and other services in a cost effective manner is demonstrated by this budget which does not include a Town property tax.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC RECESSION EFFECTS LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES: The current poor national economic condition presents challenges to the Town, the same as faced by members of our community. As nearly everyone is aware, the national economic downturn has reduced consumer spending and slowed economic activity in the housing industry. This in turn impacts the revenues collected by virtually every town, including Halfmoon. Sales and mortgage taxes have only begun to generate the same amount of revenue prior to the recession. These revenues for the Town in 2011 (the most recently completed fiscal year) reached the \$5M level for the first time since 2007.

In the face of these reduced revenues, certain mandated expenses for the Town continue to increase. For example retirement, health insurance, and other benefits have increased by more than \$84,000 from 2012 in the general fund. I offer the following budget strategies to deal with the challenges presented by the continuing poor economic climate and escalating, mandated costs.

The 2013 general fund budget is reduced by more than \$1M which is slightly more than a 14% reduction. This was accomplished by moving the Clifton Park Halfmoon Emergency Corp out of the general fund budget. The Town has started the process to create an ambulance district for the Emergency Corp. An ambulance district already exists for the Emergency Corp in the Town of Clifton Park and this action will align Halfmoon with that organizational structure. The ambulance district is also similar to fire districts, where residents pay for the services provided by the department.

The 2013 budget contains no salary increases for the Town workforce. The continuing poor economic climate contributes greatly to this tough decision to keep salaries at the same level as 2012.

The 2013 highway budget is reduced from its 2012 level by approximately \$67,000. This reduction is due to decreasing the amount of funds devoted to equipment replacement. These actions illustrate some of the ways this budget exerts strong controls on appropriations. These creative measures to reduce Town costs all help to lessen the impact on our residents while we all feel the fiscal pressures of the continuing poor economic climate.

The water fund budget increases from its 2012 levels for two reasons. The Town continues to purchase water from the City of Troy due to GE's dredging of the Hudson River. The City of Troy has increased its cost to the Town of Halfmoon, and we have no choice but to include this increase in the water rate for 2013. The second reason for the increase is due to legal fees associated with suing GE for the increased costs the Town of Halfmoon is incurring due to the purchasing of water from Troy and for the inactivity of the Town's water treatment plant.

The 2013 budget continues the practice started last year, to use funds from reserve accounts as an income source. These revenues are derived from reserve funds where the projects are now completed. With the completion of these projects, the Town can use these reserve funds to make debt payments. Thus, the prudent use of reserve funds from completed projects to pay down municipal bond debt is another strategy used in the 2013 budget.

These strategies and several other budget decisions at the line item level, result in a 2013 budget that contains no Town property tax and no highway tax.

2012 BUDGET FREEZE: Since the beginning of August I have instituted a budget freeze for 2012 spending. This means only expenditures for the health, safety and welfare of our community can be incurred without my express, prior approval. This action limiting current spending, in conjunction with tight appropriations control for 2013, demonstrates our commitment to keeping Halfmoon fiscally sound.

BONDED DEBT: The Town of Halfmoon, along with nearly every other municipality in NYS, carries a debt load. In the case of the Town of Halfmoon, the debt was incurred through the sale of municipal bonds. These bonds were sold for capital projects including the construction of the new Town Hall, the Town Family Park, the Water Treatment Facility, and reconstruction of Brookwood Road. This bonded debt is approximately \$40 million, which is significantly less than the Town's constitutional debt limit of approximately \$330 million.

Typically, municipalities do not pay cash for large capital projects such as these. To have the necessary cash on hand to finance these types of capital projects would mean the Town would have to generate revenues significantly greater than expenses over the course of several years. The Town has wisely decided not to pursue this strategy, which means money remains in the pockets of our residents and not in Town accounts.

A cost-savings strategy employed by this budget relates to bonded debt. The Town Board and I decided to refinance bonds originally sold in 2002. This action takes advantage of the current low interest rates for bonds, saving \$26,110 in the 2013 budget. Over the life of the new bond the total savings is \$309,675.

GRANT FUNDING: Since first being appointed Town Supervisor in 2007, we have aggressively pursued federal, state and other grants. As a result of our efforts, over the last four years the Town has obtained twenty-eight grants totaling over \$6M. These grants have funded road, sewer, water, energy efficiency improvements, sidewalk, park, trail, recreational, and court projects. These are projects that would have otherwise been funded exclusively by the Town or would have been deferred due to the lack of funds.

AUDITOR AND BOND RATING AGENCY EVALUATIONS OF TOWN FINANCES: Annually the Town's finances are examined by an independent auditing firm. For the most recently completed fiscal year 2011, the CPA Firm, Bollam, Sheedy, Torani & Company issued the following opinion regarding the Town's financial statements and internal controls:

"We did not identify any significant of unusual transactions of significant account policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus."

The Town of Halfmoon continues to have a very strong credit rating as reflected by Moody's August 2012 rating of the Town with its "Aa2" designation. Moody's defines its Aa2 rating as,

"Obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk."

These positive statements and evaluations from independent, outside firms confirm the Town has a stable, sound financial base. This strong financial condition of the Town is the result of the combined efforts of the Town Board, the Town Supervisor and all of our Town staff.

Mindy A. Wormuth
Budget Officer
Chief Fiscal Officer

10. Received from the State of New York, Dept. of Transportation, a letter providing information about the Route 146 paving work, which began on Tuesday, Sept. 25. The work will be done at night and NOT on the weekends while construction work is being done on the I-87 Twin Bridges.

Received & Filed

11. Received Notice of Annual Budget Hearing for the Clifton Park- Halfmoon- Fire District No. 1 to be held on Tuesday, October 16th, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the fire station located at 38 Old Route 146, Clifton Park.

Received, Filed & Print

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 208

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board adopt order for Town of Halfmoon Ambulance District as put forth in the Map, Plan and Report from Clough, Harbour and Associates dated September, 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 209

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board schedule Public Hearing for establishment of Town of Halfmoon Ambulance District for Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 210

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves and order paid all vouchers for all funds listed on Abstract dated October 3, 2012 totaling \$430,574.65.

RESOLUTION NO. 211

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the minutes of Town Board meeting of, September 19, 2012 as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 212

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the Supervisor's Report for the month of August, 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 212

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to make the 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 Revenues25-510
\$66,414.39
Subsidiary: 25-4-2189 Home and Community Services \$66,414.39
Credit: Appropriations 25-960
\$66,414.39
Subsidiary: 25-5-1440.40 Engineering Contractors Inspection \$66,414.39

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

NAME	AMOUNT
Anna’s Place	\$141.00
Creatacor-10 Enterprise Ave	606.00
Plant Road PDD	705.00
Stephenson Ridge Subd	801.00
Swatling Falls Resd PDD	37,012.93
Glen Meadows PDD-Insp	4,357.65
Stone Crest Preserve Ph I & II	282.00
Klersy Major Resd Subd	631.00
Rolling Hills	14,862.66
Windsor Woods	1,945.50
Fairway Meadows Insp	2,942.40
Fairway Meadows Ph III	2,127.25
TOTAL	\$66,414.39

Transfers between Appropriations:

From Account	To Account	Amount	Reason
10-5-1990.40 Contingency	10-5-3610.40 Code Enforcement Contractual	\$300.00	Transfer to cover costs associated with mandated training
30-5-8320.41 Water Source Electrical	30-5-8310.42 Water Contractual Legal Fees	\$50,000.00	Transfer to cover costs associated with legal fees for GE/EPA lawsuit

Supervisor Wormuth: One item that is not on the agenda this evening, that I would like to announce, is that we will have a Budget Workshop; October 24th that is a Wednesday following our next regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting. Madam Clerk, if you can make sure that the Notice is *Received, Filed & Printed in the Newspaper & as well as available on the Town Website*

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE (for discussion of non-agenda items)

Paula Davis: I am the manager of Halfmoon Heritage Apartments and the Falcon Trace Luxury Apartments as well as a resident of Halfmoon Heritage Apartments. I have been a resident in Clifton Park – Halfmoon area for 25 years.

I have read several of the comments that have been made regarding the moratorium of the multi-family housing projects. The one in particular that I found most offensive as the manager of the properties as well as a resident, are the comments made by Bruce Rischert in his “Gold Rush” letter.

Reading the reviews that Mr. Rischert quoted in his letter is not an accurate picture of my properties. There is no business or service that can completely satisfy every customer. There are businesses in Halfmoon that I will not patronize because of bad experiences; however I choose not to announce them online. Regardless of the

negative reviews that Mr. Rischert pointed out, we readily maintain 99 to 100% occupancy. I believe our occupancy rate is a much better definition of Halfmoon Heritage. I also found it interesting that Mr. Rischert did not put forward any apartment reviews on other Halfmoon apartment complexes to make his point, only Bruce Tanski properties.

Mr. Tanski is a lifelong resident in the area. He creates and provides many jobs in this town. He is one of the highest taxpayers in Halfmoon. Mr. Tanski donates to many organizations in Halfmoon and supports many youth programs. He is a very hard working man. I'm very proud to work with him and be affiliated with his organization. I would suggest Mr. Reichert, that rather than personally attack Mr. Tanski, he sticks to the relevant arguments of a moratorium.

Providing multi-family housing has many positive effects on our community. As our community grows, families moving from other states and other regions of New York, often rent apartments in order to learn more of the area, schools, and other things in our town. Our town benefits from these tenants as they shop in our stores, and patronize our businesses, increasing the sales tax revenue. They participate in our local elections and participate in our town activities. Here's a few facts about our tenants: The average salary of my tenants is approximately \$74,000 per year. In 2010 and 2011, 36 tenants have purchased homes in Saratoga County. There's more this year as well. We have a tenant base of retirees and empty nesters that no longer want the burden of maintaining a home, lawn maintenance or snow removal. They are hardly transient undesirables. Living in single family homes or neighborhoods, does not make you a better resident or a better person for that matter. Our tenants work hard, take pride in where they live and contribute to our community in many positive ways.

Lastly, I hardly think that Halfmoon Heritage is an atrocity or a "cancerous tumor". Our buildings are tastefully built, beautifully landscaped and maintained. I invite you to drive through Halfmoon Heritage or Falcon Trace and see for yourself. Thank you.

Supervisor Wormuth: Thank you

Lisa Rosamino: Manager of the Bishop Hubbard Senior Apartments spoke from the audience and the recording was not very clear.

I want to thank the Fire Departments and also a heartfelt thank you to the community for all they did for us. This fire took place on July 20th and I had the good fortune to be at the beaches in Jersey. When I came back, we had no electricity for close to 7 weeks. I honor Mr. Tanski as well and we will hold this community in our hearts for all that you have done for us. This is the most generous community.

We went through a very difficult time and this fire was a severe hardship. Many of the residents were homeless and had to stay in hotels and didn't have the money to buy food, there is no extra. The Meals on Wheels came all the way to the Latham hotels for them.

The Fire Departments were 5 Star, every single Fire Department! I know who was woken up at 4:00 in the morning for that fire and I know who responded to it. The dedication, hard work, support and John Cooper, Dave, and the Halfmoon Express, Meals on Wheels, Harvest Church brought bags of groceries every single day for our residents, etc. the stuff that you do for us every single day. The Town of Halfmoon rocks!

I just wanted to say that is why we are here today. We haven't begun to write thank you notes. We are just catching up. You deserve to be thanked properly and you will always be in our hearts for everything that you did. I know you, Mindy spearheaded most of this. The residents don't know all of what went on. We were

out of the building for 7 weeks, but the blessings are that not a person was hurt, not an apartment was lost. The fact is that it was mostly the common areas. If it was any worse, it would have been devastating. We are all back in our rooms.

Thank you to this town. Amen.

Supervisor Wormuth: I want to say as I make my way up to the dais, as much as I kind of got woken up at 4:00 am, it was more like 4:30 by the time our Highway Superintendent got ahold of me because my phone was on vibrate and vibrated right off the nightstand that it was on and fell onto the carpet. When he called me, he was already there. So we thank our Highway Superintendent and all of his staff, as well as all of the firefighters. John also runs the Senior Express Meals on Wheels. He really was and always is an intracal part of everything that goes on. I wouldn't be as successful as I am without these Board members. Every one of these Board members showed up to the emergency shelter that we set up at the Senior Center. My staff was there early, my staff stayed late. Everybody was there to make sure that until every one of our seniors had a place to go and a place to put their head and rest that night, we weren't going to stop. I couldn't do it without everyone who is here. Part of my staff all sitting up here as well as those who are in the audience and at home tonight, so I thank every one of them. I couldn't do what I do without them. We love you guys, we will always be there, we are going to continue to be there and we are so thankful that nobody was hurt. It was amazing walking through that building seeing the fire just existed in that one hallway. I ruined a good pair of shoes but it was well worth it! At the end of the day, one of the firefighters took me out and said come and look, the flames started in a room and went down the stairway and a little bit on either side of the hallway, but where each apartment door started, those flames ended because the firefighters were there to make sure they did. I am just so grateful that there was no loss of life and that the property could be restored and everyone is back. So, that is what I am most thankful for about this tragedy. Thank you.

Bruce Reichert, 18 Willowbrook Terrace; Yeah, I just want to make a statement in regards to Paula Davis's statement earlier. My letter was in regards to the proposal of Anna's Place, which is a 165 unit complex of apartments in a residential area. And it was in support of actually Mr. Bruce Tanski's assertion that he does not build to the standards of the other builders in the area and that this is just a money thing for him. So, yeah, I did point out Mr. Tanski in my letter, of course, and it was a simple search, easy to do, type in his name and rental and you will find all of the information that I just pointed out in my letter. That is all that I have to say as my retort to the previous comment. Thank you.

Supervisor Wormuth: Thank you

There being no further business to discuss or resolve, on a motion by Councilman Hotaling and seconded by Councilman Polak, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk