

The February 2, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon was called to order by Supervisor Wormuth at 7:00 in the James A. Bold Meeting Room at the New Town Hall, 2 Halfmoon Town Plaza, with the following members present:

**Melinda A. Wormuth, Supervisor
Walter F. Polak, Councilman
Regina C. Parker, Councilwoman
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman
Craig A. Hayner, Councilman
Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk
Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney**

The Town Board Workshop was held in the Board Room at 6:15 pm: no action was taken. The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing – Proposed rate increases for the Halfmoon Consolidated Water Districts.

Proposed 20-cent increase on the base rate of \$3.35 per 1,000 gallons – for a new base rate of \$3.55 for the first 30,000 gallons;

- The next step for 31,000 to 50,000 is 1.5 x base rate for \$5.33
- The next step for 51,000 and higher is 2.0 x base for \$7.10

The Supervisor opened the Public Hearing for discussion at 7:01 pm. No discussion followed. Supervisor closed the hearing at 7:02 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 37

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the rate increases for the Halfmoon Consolidated Water Districts.

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Councilman Polak wanted to thank the Highway Department for the long hours and great shape the roads are in. He stated that you go to adjoining towns and see the problems they have for people getting to school and work in the morning. He is very proud of the crew. They certainly have the safety of the residents in mind. They have been away from their families for many hours, but yet do a great job for our community. So hats off to the Highway crew especially this winter. This has been one of those old fashioned winters we haven't seen in years.

Councilwoman Parker commented that the Halfmoon Seniors have their Trip Schedule out and presented it to the Town Clerk to have in her office for anyone who may be interested to view. It is also on the Town's website.

Next, she stated it was unfortunate that Ed Pearson was not able to be here this evening, but wanted to take the opportunity to thank Ed Pearson for his many years of dedicated service as Town Assessor. Throughout the years she has received many great reviews, as she is sure those on the dais have also. He was always very pleasant and reasonable to our residents and our business colleagues alike. They have always told us how fair and impartial he was. She was sorry that he was not here to listen to the accolades that were extended to him. She looks forward to working with Jo-Ann Smith who has also been here at the Town for many years and who is just as pleasant to our residents. So thank you.

Lastly, when her son Taylor, died they set up a fund to give to children and families throughout the town who may need things. This year they decided to give to the town a new 50" television set in Taylor's honor and memory to be used in the Senior Center. There is a small television there now and they wanted the senior's to have a bigger and

better television. The new television is in the Supervisors office and Frank and his staff will oversee the placement of the television in the big meeting room by the end of this week. She stated that it is an honor and privilege to do this in Taylor's memory and it is nice to be able to share and give to people who will appreciate it. She thanked the Board.

Supervisor Wormuth commented that the town is in great appreciation of the support of the Parker family and certainly in Taylor's name, as he has a special spot in all of our hearts here in town. Again, she is sure it will be very much enjoyed by the seniors and she is sure Taylor would be very happy to see that being done in his name.

Councilman Hayner stated that the next Halfmoon Trails meeting is Monday February 28th at 7:00 p.m. It is open to the public, and anyone wishing to join them please feel free to do so.

Halfmoon Baseball League is still taking sign up's on line. Information is on the website which is www.halfmoonbaseball.com where you can also sign up. He thanked Lisa Perry for updating the website.

Summer Recreation program will begin to take registrations a little earlier this year. The dates for registration will be on Saturdays April 9th & 16th and May 7th. From 9:00 a.m. to noon and on Wednesday evenings April 13th and April 27th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Supervisor Wormuth added that there are some slight changes in the Recreation Program including the age groups. She encourages anyone who is interested to check with our Recreation department or go on line to review the new brochure.

Supervisor Wormuth also wanted to take the time to thank Leo Brady as a past employee. He had run our Buildings and Grounds department for several years and has recently retired. We are happy to have Frank Tironi take over the responsibilities of the supervision of that department but certainly Leo will be missed. He has done many wonderful things for the town. We congratulate him on his retirement and hope that he looks forward to enjoying his children and grandchildren which he assures me he is going to be spending a lot of his time doing.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS- month of January 2011

Town Justice Wormuth

Total cases – 335 Total fees submitted to the Supervisor \$37,895
Filed

Building

Total permits – 37 Total fees submitted to the Supervisor \$25,094
Filed

Fire Code

Total permits – 12 Total fees submitted to the Supervisor \$540
Filed

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received from Town Planning Board resolutions approving the following: Sign applications for I Love NY Pizza, 1 Plant Road, One Hour Heating and Air Conditioning and Adirondack Tae Kwon Do, 1595 Route 9, change of tenant and sign application at the St. John Plaza, 1683 Route 9, an In-Home Occupation and Sign application for Uncle Sam Tax Service, 432 Route 146, addition to commercial site plan and Sign application for New Country Toyota located at 202-204 Route 146.

Received and Filed

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 38

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

RESOLVED, to remove resolution #55, March 03, 2010 from the table. (Resolution regarding the professional service agreement from J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates for the Town of Halfmoon Town Park)

Supervisor Wormuth stated for the record that the reason why this had gotten tabled back in March of last year was the fact that the billing information did not quite match did not quite match up to our information. So she is looking to have this resolution pay J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates the additional amount that was originally recommended in the motion. The amount has not changed. The difference is just where the categories were oriented.

RESOLUTION NO. 39

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

RESOLVED, That the Town Board approve Amendment Number One for the Professional Service Agreement for J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates for the Halfmoon Town Park for services rendered through the date of substantial completion of each prime contractors in the total amount of \$30,837.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 40

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves and orders paid all vouchers for all funds listed on Abstract dated February 02, 2011 totaling \$210,459.79

RESOLUTION NO. 41

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the minutes of the Town Board meeting of January 19, 2011

RESOLUTION NO. 42

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

RESOLVED, that Jo-Ann Smith is appointed as Sole Assessor for the Town of Halfmoon beginning January 30, 2011 through December 31, 2011 at Grade 8 Base pay.

Councilwoman Parker stated that the best decision was made. Jo-Ann's smiling face and the fact that she has been here in the office many years and that people are comfortable talking with her. We know that she will do a great job.

Supervisor Wormuth concurred and congratulated her. She did not want to say "Welcome Aboard" as she has been here so long.

RESOLUTION NO. 43

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon authorizes the Supervisor to file an application for financial assistance from the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund of the New York State Archives to advance the Town of

Halfmoon records management and to act on behalf of the Town Board in all matters related to this financial assistance and to certify the information contained in the application.

Councilwoman Parker stated that our new Town Clerk has been spending hours in the vault going through all the many wonderful treasures there. Most recently the Clerk has found Civil War items that Councilwoman Parker did not know they were privy to knowing that we had them. It will be very exciting to research, review and be like the explorers as she thinks that we have a lot to explore.

Supervisor Wormuth stated that is a Records Management grant that will allow us to archive and collect data on the information that we do have, so that it can be preserved. We will have a list of all of the things that we do have in our possession as well as working to preserving them. We will be going through emptying out files that can be disposed of because saving space does become an issue. Even with our wonderful new town hall, eventually things we do not need to keep will overwhelm us. This grant will allow monies for staffing 2 part-time clerks, supervision of clerks as well as maintenance staff. It will provide for shelving and supplies to allow this process to happen in a very organized manner. The Town Clerk's office has done a phenomenal job in maintaining these records. But now as we move forward to the future, there is more technology available as well as grants and it is time to move in that direction. That is what we are looking for in this grant and hope that we will be successful with it.

RESOLUTION NO. 44

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon authorizes the Supervisor to make a grant application to the Capital Region Bike Rack Program and to act on behalf of the Town Board in all matters related to this financial assistance and to certify the information contained in the application.

Councilwoman Parker wanted to thank Nelson Ronsevalle for constantly reviewing the grant information that comes through the doors, it really is exciting to think that we might get some of these grants and move forward in town and still be conservative and not have to use taxpayers money.

RESOLUTION NO. 45

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon authorizes the Town Supervisor to negotiate and execute a contract with M&J Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. for the engineering and design services for the Historic Preservation of the McDonald Creek Stone Arch Culvert and Waste Water Weir.

Supervisor Wormuth explained that this is a project that will happen along our Canal trail that we are very excited about. We have applied for this grant in the past and have not been successful. To have gotten to this point now, and be successful and able to award this contract is a huge step. It allows people to access a piece of our history and being able to preserve it before it deteriorates any further. M&J Engineering was low bid on our request for this project, they're very local and we are very excited to be working with them. We are currently working with them on a joint project trail in Clifton Park that will run a multi-use path from the Okte School to Dunsback Road. This will be another adventure for us as we continue to look at different modes of transportation within our town and melding with other communities.

RESOLUTION NO. 46

Offered by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Hayner: Approved by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Hotaling, Parker, Hayner. Councilman Polak abstains

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Halfmoon, authorizes the Supervisor to sign a proposal for Clough Harbour & Associates scope of work and complete Bid documents for Woodin Road culvert replacement per the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 47

Offered by Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Polak: Approved by vote of the Board: Ayes: Wormuth, Polak, Hotaling, Parker, Hayner.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to make the Transfer between Appropriations and Creation of Appropriations.

Transfers between Appropriations for Year 2010:

From Account	To Account	Amount	Reason
10-5-1440.40 Engineering Regular	10-5-5182.40 Street Lighting Contractual	\$1,250	Additional appropriations needed to cover expenses thru year 2010
30-5-8340.20 Transmission & Distribution Meter Purchases	30-5-8320.41 Source of SP& P Contractual Electric	\$100	Additional appropriations needed to cover expenses thru year 2010

Transfers between Appropriations for Year 2011:

From Account	To Account	Amount	Reason
10-5-1990.40 Contingency	10-5-1010.40 Town Board Contractual	\$120	Transfer of appropriations needed to cover expenses for Association of Towns Meeting

The Supervisor opened public privilege for discussion of non-agenda items: no one had questions or comments.

On motion by Councilman Polak, seconded by Councilman Hotaling the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lynda A. Bryan
Town Clerk**