**4-9-2015 – REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Present:

Councilman Cheryl L. Earl

Councilman Leonard R. Hochadel

Councilman David L. Montgomery

Councilman Douglas J. Morrell

Supervisor Beverly Gambino

Also Present:

Attorney for the Town David DiMatteo

Highway Superintendent Donald Hopkins

Town Clerk Betsy A. Marsh

Approx. 25 guests

The Sardinia Town Board held its Regular Town Board meeting for April on April 9, 2015 at the Sardinia Town Hall/Community Center. Supervisor Gambino called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge to the Flag, led by Veteran Tony Korcz.

The minutes of the March 12, 2015 Regular Board meeting and the March 16, 2015 Special/Emergency Meeting were submitted by the Town Clerk. The minutes of the March 19, 2015 Special Emergency Hearing were briefly discussed. The Clerk stated she had the minutes done, but had not received the transcripts of the sworn testimony as yet, and these would be attached to the minutes, therefore she has not distributed the minutes. Attorney DiMatteo stated the transcripts have not yet been received by his office, but suggested that the Clerk distribute the rest of the minutes, as prepared, to Board members. She stated she would do so. **The March 12, 2015 and the March 16, 2015 minutes were then approved on a motion by Hochadel, seconded by Morrell, and carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.** The March 19, 2015 minutes will be approved by the Board at a later meeting, once the transcripts have been received and attached.

**Warrant #4 of 2015, including vouchers #933 through #993, totaling $73,817.93, of which the General Fund was $29,699.13, the Highway Fund was $20,409.77, the Lighting District Fund was $913.77, and the Fire District Fund was $22,795.26, was approved for payment on a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, and carried, 5 yes, 0 noes.**

Supervisor Gambino stated that tonight, the agenda will be changed around a bit because the Board will be going into Executive Session at this time, rather than at the end of the meeting**. On a motion by Earl, seconded by Morrell, the Board moved into Executive Session at 6:34 PM to discuss two items of litigation. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

**On a motion by Montgomery, seconded by Earl, the Board came back into Regular Session at 6:57 PM, with no action having been taken in Executive Session. Carried, 5 aye, 0 noes.**

**Departmental Reports:**

Councilman Earl reported that she had talked to Hometown Fire Fighters, and stated that the new bill has come in in the amount of approximately $19,000.00. She also stated that she was told that the Deferred Benefit Plan bill estimate is $30,000.00, but last year’s bill was only $4,000.00, so that will need to be looked into, but Gene Heater is still out of town. Councilman Earl stated she had been contacted by some Town residents complaining about the fact that the agenda is not on the website earlier, and then there are items voted on that are not on the agenda. She stated they feel mislead, and would like more transparency concerning the agendas for the meetings

Councilman Hochadel reported that he attended the Springville Control Center meeting held on March 19th.

He stated they have the new computer up and running and have now hired substitute dispatchers. He stated that their budget will be finalized in June, and they are planning to put in for pay increases for the dispatchers. Councilman Hochadel stated he has received 3 quotes for porta-potties, one each for the Genesee Rd. Park, and behind the Town Hall. They were as follows:

Blue Moon $160.00 per month

Zeches $140.00 per month

Royal Flush $140.00 per month

**After discussion on last year’s good service, on a motion by Earl, seconded by Hochadel, it was decided to rent porta-potties again this year from Royal Flush. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.** Councilman Hochadel also stated that Building Cleaner Tony Korcz has been painting floors and stairways, and stated he was doing a very good job, and the building looks good. He also stated he has spoken to and is getting a packet together of information on the possible pool house renovation for Legislator Mills’ office, in hopes of receiving grant money for the project, and also mentioned the sad state of Savage Rd. to him, in hopes of getting something more done to the road than just patching the potholes. Councilman Hochadel stated that several people have asked him when Spring Trash Pickup will be conducted, and Highway Superintendent Hopkins stated he is scheduling it for Tuesday, April 28th.

Councilman Montgomery stated he had attended the Erie County Water Quality Committee meeting, and stated the DEC will be testing streams this year and next for microorganisms, something that only is done once every 5 to 7 years. He also informed that the DEC has passed rules and regulations concerning invasive species in NY, especially on transporting them. He stated this may affect the Highway Department’s work when cleaning out ditches, and they will need to get a permit. They Highway Superintendent stated he understands that only applies if transporting materials out of the Town. Councilman Montgomery stated that, so far, about 18 people have signed up for the water testing, which he will be conducting during the last week in April. Councilman Earl suggested that if more people are interested and miss this time, maybe the Town could do more testing in July or August. Mr. Montgomery asked the Board if October 30th was okay for scheduling the annual Flu Clinic. Board members had no problem with that date, and Mr. Montgomery stated he would contact the VNA to set that date for the clinic.

Councilman Morrell stated he would be getting in touch with Building Caretaker Al Hansen to see if something can be done about the Town Hall roof so that the elevator can be repaired. Supervisor Gambino stated that Engineer Paul Chatfield and Architect Rob Wolfe will be coming to inspect the roof on April 22nd, and suggested that a Work Session could be scheduled so that Board members can all be present, if they would be interested in coming. **All Board members were in agreement, and on a motion by Gambino, seconded by Hochadel, a Town Board Work Session was scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 10:00 AM. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

Supervisor Gambino reported that she has received a flier from Waste Management notifying that Saturday April 25th will be Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day, and will also include an Electronic Waste Drop-Off, and will be held from 8 AM until noon. Tom Lewis was on hand and explained that this is free of charge to Town residents through the Town’s Host Municipality Agreement with the landfill. He stated that this is held for the Town twice a year, in the spring and in the fall. Mr. Lewis also stated that as far as the Electronic, or E–Waste, the facility has, in the past, had permit to be a transfer station, but relinquished it, and now, Town residents only can drop off such waste, and only during these hazardous and e-waste drop-off days. Residents are allowed to dispose of electronic waste, but not at any other time. The Supervisor stated that she has also received the Fire Company’s Treasurer’s reports for January and February, 2015. She also noted that Southerntier West will be offering training classes, and 7 members of the Planning Board are requesting authorization to attend. **On a motion by Gambino, seconded by Earl, the Planning Board members were authorized to attend the training sessions. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.**  Concerning a copier maintenance agreement, the Supervisor stated that the Town had been without such an agreement since the company from which the copier was purchased went out of business. She stated that Bison Office Systems has now taken over that business, and have offered a maintenance agreement in the amount of $450.00 per year. **On a motion by Earl, seconded by Morrell, Supervisor Gambino was authorized to enter into and execute a Copier Maintenance Agreement with Bison Office Systems in the amount of $450.00 annually. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.** The Supervisor informed that she and Buildings Caretaker Al Hansen had met with Paul Evans from NYS Corrections at Alden prison to inspect possible jobs for prisoners from that facility to do, at no charge to the Town. She stated that they would be painting the playground and re4moving the grapevines and other vegetation from the fences at Manion Park. She stated there would be no liability to the Town, and the only cost to the Town would be the cost of any supplies needed. The Supervisor stated that Mr. Evans has okayed the jobs, and the Board now needs to approve having the prisoners do the work. **On a motion by Earl, seconded by Montgomery, the Town Board approved having prisoners from Alden Correctional do work in the Town. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes**. Supervisor Gambino also stated that the Alden Correctional Facility also has greenhouses and Mr. Evans informed that the Town could also get free annual plants from there, if there are any left over from their other accounts.

Highway Superintendent Hopkins stated that he had spoken to the County Highway Department Engineer Joe Donlon from the Concord Barn about Savage Rd., who informed that he had met with Legislator John Mills and discussed the road. Mr. Hopkins stated that he told the County Engineer that Savage Rd. needs a total re-do, to be milled down and repaved. Mr. Hopkins stated that Spring Trash Pickup will be held starting April 28th, they will only pick up on each road once. He then gave a list of items that will not be picked up, including electronic waste, TV’s, refrigerators or freezers with the Freon still in the unit, tire, etc. He stated that is why we coordinate with Waste Management, who will take those items. He stated he needs permission to run ads in the papers for the pickup. **On a motion by Earl, seconded by Gambino, permission was given to run the ads. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.** Mr. Hopkins stated that the Highway Department has been out sweeping roads for the past three days, and will be doing sidewalks next week. He stated that they want to start working on the Parks, but we have had a lot of snow this winter and can’t get onto the lawns yet, but want to start work on the ball diamonds as soon as possible, since the season starts at the end of April. The Highway Superintendent stated that this past fall, he put money in his budget for a pickup truck and a 1 ton truck. He stated he would like to go out and look and see what is available either on a bid, a piggyback bid, or a price for two trucks. He stated that another Highway Superintendent had asked him if Sardinia was a member of NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance), which is a National contract directory that gets prices throughout the country for procurements. He stated that he has since found out that the Town was a member while Walt Baker was in office, and he just needs to get together with the Supervisor and redo the contacts, since Mr. Baker and the Supervisor at the time are still listed as the Town’s contacts. He then gave the Board an idea of what they can do. He told about a 4 wheel drive tractor that was quoted to another Highway Superintendent at $54,340.00, and through NJPA was purchased for $45,537.00. Supervisor Gambino asked if there was a cost to be a member, and Mr. Hopkins stated we just have to update the paperwork. Mr. Baker stated that the State has increased the amount of CHIPS funding (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) by $50,000,000.00, and the Town of Sardinia will be receiving $40,200.00 plus another $5,700.00. He stated that what is not known is if this will be just for this year, or for next year, also. The Supervisor asked Mr. Hopkins if he would like to explain about the sign replacement legislation passed by the State. Mr. Hopkins stated that all the signs will need to be replaced, and will need to be highly reflective. He stated that where the Town signs meet a State Road, they will need to be 12” high, with a capital first letter and the rest lowercase, and where a Town road meets a Town or County road, the signs need to be 8” high. He stated he estimates it will cost the Town over $900.00 to replace the signs. He also noted that he has asked for a quote from the Erie County sign shop, but has not received one yet. The Highway Superintendent stated the signs all need to be replaced by the end of 2015.

Unfinished Business:

Supervisor Gambino stated that the first resolution is for approval of the rental of the gym for Leah Wiedemann’s 80th Birthday party. The following resolution, to be known as Resolution #15 of 2015, was then moved for adoption on a motion by Earl, seconded by Hochadel:

**RESOLUTION #15 - 2015**

**APPROVAL OF GYM RENTAL FOR BIRTHDAY PARTY**

**WHEREAS,** the Sardinia Town Board has been asked permission to rent the gym on Saturday April 18th 2015 at 6pm for and by Leah Wiedemann’s birthday party, and

**WHEREAS, the** current fee is $50.00 for rental of gym,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sardinia Town Board approves the rental of the gym on April 18th, 2015 upon receipt of Leah Wiedemann’s certificate of insurance.

**Upon roll call vote, Earl, aye, Hochadel, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Gambino, aye. So resolved, 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

The Supervisor stated that she has received a letter from the Fire Company asking for sponsorship of a portion of the cost of the fireworks at their annual Carnival. The Supervisor asked if anyone had a suggestion as to how much they would like the Town to sponsor. Councilman Hochadel suggested that the Town sponsor $3,000.00, which was the amount sponsored last year. Upon discussion, Councilman Montgomery felt the Town should sponsor $2,000.00, and Supervisor Gambino agreed that the Town should sponsor $2,000.00, stating there is extra money in the line, but she would like to do other things, possibly concerts in the Park, with the money. Councilman Morrell felt $2,000.00 should be given. On a motion by Hochadel, seconded by Morrell, the following resolution, to be known as Resolution #16 of 2015, was moved for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #16 -2015**

**APPROVAL TO SPONSOR A PORTION OF COST OF FIREWORKS AT**

**CHAFFEE-SARDINIA FIREMAN’S CARNIVAL**

**WHEREAS** the town board is in receipt of a written request from the Chaffee-Sardinia Fireman for a portion of sponsorship of their annual fireworks display at the Chaffee-Sardinia Fireman’s Carnival,

**WHEREAS** the Town of Sardinia has sponsored a portion of these fireworks display in the past,

**WHEREAS** it has been indicated from the people of Sardinia and their families that they appreciate and enjoy the fireworks,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sardinia Town Board approve a portion/sponsorship of the fireworks display in the amount of $2,000.00.

**Upon roll call vote, Earl, aye, Hochadel, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Gambino, aye. So resolved, 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

Supervisor Gambino stated that she has also received a letter from Meals on Wheels for Western New York, asking for a donation of $2,000.00 for the program. The Supervisor stated she had left the amount blank so the Board can decide how much they want to give. Upon discussion, Mr. Montgomery stated that those who receive meals are charged for them, and he doesn’t see anything in the letter about how much the program makes on these meals. The Supervisor stated they ask for a donation. She stated that the Town saves in excess of $10,000.00 because we no longer pay mileage to the volunteers who used to deliver the meals when it was Southtowns Meals on Wheels. Mr. Montgomery stated he would like Meals on Wheels for Western New York to tell the truth. Clint Salmon, formerly the Coordinator of the Sardinia Program, stated that he has heard that the “donation” those receiving meals must pay is in an amount dictated by the Western New York program, and the volunteers from Sardinia were the only ones that picked up and then delivered the meals. The Supervisor stated that was in the past, this is now, and it is for the benefit of those in need of meals. She asked the Board if it wanted to donate and if so, how much. On a motion by Hochadel, seconded by Montgomery, the following resolution, to be known as Resolution #17 of 2015 was moved for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #17 - 2015**

**APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FROM MEALS ON WHEELS FOR WESTERN NEW YORK**

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Sardinia has supported Southtowns Meals on Wheels for numerous years and

**WHEREAS,**  Meals on Wheels for Western New York has picked up the same service area previously managed by Southtowns Meals on Wheels, and the mission remains the same “seeking to take care of the homebound in our community and keep our neighborhoods strong” and

**WHEREAS, since** 1969, Meals on Wheels in WNY has taken pride in their ability to enrich the lives of seniors by offering nutritious food and a friendly visit, and

**WHEREAS,** Meals on Wheels is facing a double-edged sword of explosive increases in food costs and increasing demand for services, and

**WHEREAS,** it costs Meals on Wheels approximately $2900 per person to provide one year of meal service, and

**WHEREAS,** based on 2014 numbers 3,254 meals where served in the Town of Sardinia for a total value of $18,304.00, and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sardinia Town Board generously donates $2,000.00 to Meals on Wheels for Western New York Inc. to support our residents who rely on Meals on Wheels for their daily nutritional needs.

**Upon roll call vote, Earl, aye, Hochadel, aye, Montgomery, aye, Morrell, aye, Gambino, aye. So resolved, 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

**There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Gambino, seconded by Montgomery, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM. Carried 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk