The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

The Town Clerk called the roll.

#### **Town Board Members Present**

Alan VanTassel Councilman Bob Prendergast Councilman Gina LeClair Councilwoman

Todd Kusnierz Councilman [arrived at approximately 7:30 p.m.]

Gardner Congdon Supervisor

## **Town Board Members Absent**

None

Also present: Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk; Malcolm O'Hara, Attorney for the Town; Rudy Klick, Special Project Aide; Jesse Fish, Water Superintendent; Robin Renaud, Supervisor's Confidential Secretary; Pete Corlew, Recreation Maintenance Director; Sandy Mahoney, Recreation Program Director; Village Mayor, Harry Gutheil and Trustee Tony Girard; Bruce Lant, South Glens Falls Fire Company; Shelby Schneider, Saratoga Partnership; Reed Antis, Planning Board Member and Town Resident; Town Residents: Terry Clark, Adele Kurtz, John Otoupal, Lisa Bushman, Stephanie Tarantino, Nathaniel Smythe, Dan Cormie, Jen & Eric Miller, Scott Carpenter, Fred Seybolt, Brian Stidd, Jason Currien, Jenny-Lee Smith, Jim Beames, Rachel Czub, Greg Schultz, Richard Hughes, Vicki Peck, Bruce Flayer, Virginia Livsey, Rebecca Ring, Alison Moore, Charles Perkins, Adam Seybolt, Garett Marissal, David Stimpson, Rochelle Monroe, Brent Seybolt, Nicole & Tim Doyle, Lisa Flanders, Megan & Ron Pliscofsky, Nicole Young, Todd Morris, Liz & Ryan Miner and children; Village Residents: Brigid Martin, Sarah & Ken Hay, Jenn Wolfe, Cheryl Lawyer, Ann Celeste, Maggie Centerbar; Others in attendance: Bert Petteys, Chris & Sarah Engelhard, Sarah Kill, Lisa Flanders and others

The Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from June 13, 2017 (2 sets) were prepared and presented to the Town Board in advance of the meeting for their review, comment, correction and approval.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman VanTassel to approve the minutes from June 13, 2017 (2 sets) as prepared.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman VanTassel Aye
Councilman Prendergast Abstain
Councilwoman LeClair Aye
Councilman Kusnierz Absent
Supervisor Congdon Abstain

The motion failed.

# SET FUTURE MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

The date set for the continuation of the public hearing for Local Law 1 of 2017 (Stewart Bovee Zoning Change) was July 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Solely for comments and questions relating to agenda items

Richard Hughes asked the Town Board, what agenda items 3, 4, 6 & 8 were for. The Supervisor stated that they were people who asked to be on the agenda.

### **TERRY CLARK**

Mr. Clark asked that he be removed from the agenda and placed on the next meeting agenda when there would be a full Board in attendance.

# FRED SENSER-LEE

Mr. Sensor had advised the Town on Monday that he wouldn't be able to make the meeting. This agenda item was therefore skipped.

# CHRISTOPHER ENGELHARD-BASEBALL CONTRACTS

There were many people in attendance with regard to this agenda item. Many of those in attendance had read an article in the Post Star Newspaper and were upset with what was reported. There had been mention in the article that both the Youth Baseball and Girls Softball were refusing to sign contracts and to pay. Chris Engelhard, South Glens Falls Youth Baseball, presented to the Board and stated that he had tried in early 2016 to get a contract for last year. He stated that it dragged out and they went back and forth and no contract was ever signed. They started in late fall last year discussing the contract for 2017, so that it would be ready by January. He stated that he and Rebecca Ring both had asked what needed to be done. They never received the contract until May of 2017 and by then the children were already playing. He stated that it takes a lot of organization to get things going as they are all volunteers. They were trying to get this done so that the Town wouldn't let the fields out to other organizations. He was upset over the statement in the Post Star article, which mentioned the organizations refusal to pay. He stated that it made their organization look bad. He stated that there were some issues with the contract that they wanted to go over before they signed. He stated that they were told, they would hear back from the Town. He stated that all they asked for was a fair contract with some negotiation. Mr. Engelhard stated that they never refused to pay.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that her goal at the last meeting was to try and simplify the contract process. She stated that the Town Board approved that night to allow Rudy Klick to help and to clean up the process. She hopes to meet with everyone involved this week to get the new process started. She stated that the discussion needed to take place to get things done.

Supervisor Congdon asked if there was something specific that they would like changed in the contract. Mr. Engelhard stated that he had emailed back in May when they first received the contract with a list of things to be revised or discussed and to come up with something that both parties were comfortable with. Item 1.(a) states that all items purchased and used by SGF Youth Baseball and kept permanently in the rec park become the property of the Town of Moreau. He didn't feel that certain items, purchased by them, such as: the freezer, the refrigerator, the popcorn machine, hot dog machine should become the Town's property simply because they leave it in the concession stand. He didn't agree with that clause in the contract.

Councilman VanTassel stated that when SGF Youth Baseball got the contract, they asked to meet about it. He asked Mr. Engelhard if he received an email from him stating that he would try to meet with them but encouraged them to come and meet with the Town Board. Mr. Engelhard replied, that he recalled him saying, he would rather they come to a Board meeting but that he would try to get together to meet with them. Councilman VanTassel asked if they came to that next Board meeting and Mr. Engelhard replied that they hadn't because they were in the middle of their season and were unavailable. Councilman VanTassel asked about the numbers of players and how much is charged. He also asked about their use of the snack bar and what they use the money for. Mr. Engelhard stated that the money raised goes toward the operation of their organization. Councilman VanTassel asked what portion the Town asks them to share of the revenue. Mr. Engelhard stated that the Town is asking for \$1,000.00. Councilman VanTassel stated that the Town is very supportive of what they do for the kids in the community and very appreciative of the program they run. He stated that they had sat down as a group and invited all the

Board members of all the different organizations to meet with the Town over a year and a half ago to share all of their concerns. Councilman VanTassel stated that they had shared with the organizations the need to cover the costs involved. He stated that the Town affords the organizations the opportunity to generate a lot of revenue to help keep the costs down for the kids. He asked Mr. Engelhard what profit they generate from the snack bar. Mr. Engelhard stated that it wasn't his thing and didn't have an answer. A gentleman from the audience stated that the question was out-of-line and that they were non-profit. Councilman VanTassel stated that the Town allows their organizations to sell signs to help raise funds and asked what portion of those funds, has the Town asked for. Mr. Engelhard replied that the Town hasn't asked for any. Councilman VanTassel asked about All-Stars and if they collect money from the teams. Mr. Engelhard stated that they collect the money and it goes right back out. There was discussion relating to their revenues and Councilman VanTassel stated that the fee the Town charges is for utilities, water and such. They've been charged the \$3,000.00 but in the past they were able to give in-kind services to cover the cost. The fee hasn't changed this year, the Town just isn't allowing in-kind service. Councilman VanTassel stated that the only additional charge is for the use of the concession stands and that it was discussed with the Boards of those organizations well in advance. Mr. Engelhard stated that because the contract isn't signed yet, their fields are being let out to other organizations. A young lady addressed the Board and stated that the dates for use were given back in January and that the Town has already breached the contract by letting out the fields to others. Councilman VanTassel stated that the Town had conveyed the rates to the organizations on February 1, 2017 so that they would have plenty of time to bring before their Boards and so that it wouldn't hold them up. Mr. Engelhard stated that it didn't matter because they were already moving forward and stated that they were supposed to have been notified by January 1st of the proposed fees. Mr. Engelhard stated that he was told by Councilman VanTassel, in December, that they were on pace and that they would have a contract in place by January and stated that it didn't happen. Councilman VanTassel recalled, that it was conveyed to him, that they needed numbers by February and he believed that the numbers were provided to them by that date. Councilman VanTassel stated that he didn't know why it took so long for them to get the contract as he isn't the person who writes it. He stated that by the end of February, they knew the Town needed insurance and knew what the fees would be. He asked if they've paid the Town, Mr. Engelhard stated that Ms. Mahoney had met with them and stated that the contract needed to be signed and Mr. Engelhard recalled telling Ms. Mahoney, that they wanted to review it before they sign anything. Councilman VanTassel stated that they have had conversations with these organizations reflecting the fact that the Town charges pennies on the dollar compared to other municipalities. A young lady from the audience stated that they were asked to pay before they even signed the contract. She stated that a contract was provided to them on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and then it was reviewed by their Board on May 17th. They had items in the contract that were in question but had not received response from the Town. She stated that an email stating the Town would get back to them isn't a response. Councilman VanTassel stated that the response was for them to come to the Board.

Rebecca Ring, President of SGF Girls Softball, stated that on May 18<sup>th</sup> she emailed Sandy, Gina and Alan with an attachment of their concerns. She stated that she never mentioned that they were refusing to pay the \$3,000.00 for field usage and the \$1,000.00 for concession usage. Her email stated that South Glens Falls Girls Softball is willing to work with the Town as they move forward. She went on to say that she didn't have the authority to make decisions on her own and that everything has to pass through their Board. She stated that the discussion has never been about the fees, it's about the wording in the contract. She stated if they can get that resolved, they're prepared to sign a contract and pay the fee.

Mr. Engelhard was asked what language they were asking to have changed in the contract. He stated that he had already mentioned their objection to the Town owning property that they've purchased and leave in the concession stand.

Mr. Engelhard stated that they object to item #1(c) asking for them to submit all financial records to the Town. The Supervisor stated that the Town assists them with the operation of their organization with the use of Town property and also stated that the Town has an obligation to the tax payers to have a general idea of where their money is going. He stated that the Town isn't asking them for an audit, just a report showing money in and money out. He stated that it's good to be open with your finances and didn't feel that it was out of line for the Town to make this request. Councilman Prendergast stated that he disagreed with the Supervisor because the Town isn't giving them tax dollars. He stated that they are using the Town

facilities and paying the Town to use them. He didn't think that it was necessary or appropriate to ask for their records.

Councilwoman LeClair agreed but also stated that with the cost of maintaining the fields and buildings, there is a cost to the tax payers and she didn't believe that the \$3,000.00 that is being charged covers the cost to the tax payers. Councilman Prendergast stated that it's the Boards responsibility to charge the organizations appropriately to cover the fees.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that he agrees with both of them. He stated that if the Town were providing funding for a particular program, the Town would have a fiduciary responsibility to provide some oversight of how things are being spent but this isn't the case and the Town shouldn't have access to the records. Councilman Kusnierz stated that if it were a Town run program, it would be different.

Mr. Engelhard stated that since 2008, South Glens Falls Youth Baseball has given to the Town and to the fields, \$58,235.00. He also stated that they paid \$10,000.00 toward the renovation of the snack bar. Councilman VanTassel asked if he had a breakdown of those figures, which they might share with the Board. Mr. Engelhard gave a copy to the Supervisor. Councilwoman LeClair stated that it's good to have this kind of information.

The Supervisor commented, that the value the organizations get from the Town, is worth more than what the Town charges.

Mr. Engelhard continued through the contract reciting areas of concern:

Item #1(f) – he asked that the time for notification of cancelation be 8:00 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m.

Councilman Prendergast asked Pete Corlew if that change could be made and Mr. Corlew stated that he could do that. It was agreed to make the change.

Item #1(m) states that they would be held responsible for any damages and asked that it be changed to state they wouldn't be held responsible for any vandalism that might occur after hours. The Board was in agreement to this change.

Item #2 – asks to have sponsorship signs down no later than 5 days after the conclusion of the season. He asked that it be changed to 2 weeks. The Board agreed to this change.

Item #3(b) – stated that the Rec department will/will not (circle one) paint the field lines as needed. Mr. Engelhard stated that the Town would need to paint the lines as they all work during the day and can't get to the Park to line the fields. The Board was in agreement to this addition.

Item #6 states that the agreement shall be through August of 2017 and he asked that it state October 2017. Councilman VanTassel stated that this may be a challenge. They agreed to include in the contract for this year, spring and fall ball, with limitations around the fall ball because they already have people scheduled to use the fields. He stated that to give full reign over fields 1-4 for fall ball will be a problem. He stated that they need to have some cooperation around these fields. Mr. Engelhard stated that they can work around that but wanted to comment that those fields weren't reserved until this year. Mr. Corlew stated that they only need three fields and so it shouldn't be a problem. The person who reserved the fields only needs one field on Friday and Sunday and Friday is only a rainout day for Youth Baseball. There was a brief discussion over the dimensions of the fields for different age groups and the Supervisor asked if Pete and Mr. Engelhard could work this out and it was agreed that they could. The Board was ok with changing the term to October 2017 with some additional verbiage that they will need to accommodate the Maintenance Director and his scheduling with different entities that will be needing the fields.

Item #7 states a termination of agreement upon 30 days written notice and they asked to have it changed to 90 days. The Board was in agreement.

Schedule B - Rec season begins Monday - Thursday asked that it read Monday - Friday. Councilman VanTassel stated that this is similar to the topic they just discussed. He stated that Friday has always been a rainout day. He stated that they have the same challenge, in that they need to coordinate around making sure the fields are available for those scheduled on Fridays. Councilman VanTassel asked Mr. Engelhard that they have a little cooperation instead of them mandating to the Town what they want. He stated that in order to keep prices down for his organization, the Town needs to find ways to generate revenue. They can't do that if the fields are all blocked out from spring to fall. He stated that Monday – Thursday is good and that they can work around their rain dates. He asked Mr. Engelhard if he is willing to have some verbiage in the contract that states they will need to work around the schedule for Fridays. Mr. Engelhard agreed that they could work together. He stated that for All-Star Tournaments, they need the whole week blocked off so games can be moved. He stated if it rains and they need the rain date, it causes havoc if the fields are rented to another organization. He asked that SGF Youth Baseball be given the fields first. He stated that they are the ones putting money back into the Park, Councilman VanTassel stated that it's a little bit of give and take and in order to keep their fees down, they need to have another way to generate revenue. He asked them to agree to a change in the verbiage and then they can work through the process with Pete.

Schedule B -4/29/17 Saturday games begin - He asked that it state Fields 1-4 from 8:00am to 7:00pm. The Board was in agreement

Mr. Engelhard asked for clarification on Schedule B, where it states only 2 fields are available on Sundays and that the organization must go through Pete. The response from Mr. Corlew wasn't completely audible. He did state that he only has one field being used on Sundays. Councilman VanTassel stated that there needs to be communication with Pete. Mr. Engelhard asked that if it comes down to two people asking for a field, that preference be given to South Glens Falls Baseball. Councilman VanTassel stated that if they didn't ask for a field and then the field became rented out, that would be a different story.

A young lady from the audience commented to Mr. Engelhard, that there should be verbiage in the contract that caps the amount to be charged next year or sets a provision so that the fees aren't doubled.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that they were on the right path and that he would like to see a three year contract with an agreed upon scale. Mr. Engelhard stated that he was going to discuss this next and thanked Councilman Kusnierz for bringing it up. He asked why they couldn't do a multiyear contract.

Councilman VanTassel stated that SGF Baseball, for several years, has been able to trade merchandise purchased as an in-kind service in-lieu of payment and it was his understanding that anything that became a permanent fixture inside the Recreation Park, which was used as an in-kind trade, became the property of the Town. He asked Mr. Engelhard if he had a record of purchases and he replied that he did.

Councilman VanTassel stated that the Town will need to pull their past contracts and compare them with Mr. Engelhard's list to figure this out. He stated that there needs to be clarity so it doesn't come up again. The Supervisor agreed that it should be researched and commented that if they bought a stove in-lieu of payment, it should be the property of the Town.

Councilman VanTassel stated that the question will come up as to who maintains the equipment now that they're paying a fee instead of in-kind trade. He asked that they come up with a list of assets that are in the concession and identify what's Baseball and what's Softball vs. what's the Town's. He stated that the items the Town owns will be maintained by the Town if the Town is charging a fee. The items that Baseball and Softball own will be maintained by them. He suggested that if they're going to purchase something that will add to the utility load, they need to get it approved by the Town. He stated that they have to account for those expenses. He asked that there be some verbiage to that effect.

Councilman Prendergast stated that there needs to be some research and had two concerns. Number 1: were any of their purchases made as in-kind. Number 2: Items purchased by Little League and put into Town property, legal got involved. He stated that the Town owns the property and insures the buildings and needs to take possession of the items.

A young lady stated that they've given a list of things that have been purchased as sweat equity. She asked who is to maintain property that belongs to the Town. She gave an example of the fryers, which they've been paying to have maintained. She asked if it's not their property, are they responsible for it. The Supervisor stated that common sense would dictate, that if they're running the snack bar, they would keep those items clean. She agreed with the Supervisor but stated that Softball is a little different because their facility is used a lot more. She asked if a team comes in for the weekend and breaks one of their fryers, are they obligated to get it fixed. Pete Corlew stated that the organization using the concession has to provide insurance, which names the Town as an additional insured. He stated that they should be held responsible if something is broken. The Supervisor asked them to check the building the next day and if something is broken they should advise Pete Corlew.

Councilman VanTassel had discussion with Girls Softball about the items they suggested were theirs and the items that belong to the Town. He asked if the items were stored in the concession stand. It was replied that some items are stored and some items are rented and returned at the end of the season. She stated that the refrigerator and freezer are stored on site.

Councilman VanTassel asked if Softball wanted to go over their contract, since Baseball was done.

Rebecca Ring, President and Comptroller of South Glens Falls Girls Softball, addressed the Board and started by stating that their issue was never about the fee. She stated that she was upset after reading the Post Star article. Councilman Prendergast stated that the Town Board has never said anything derogatory against Girls Softball and that she shouldn't listen to the Post Star.

Ms. Ring stated that the information she has from the previous president shows that communications started in April 2016. She stated that one of the major concerns is the same of SGF Youth Baseball and their Board regarding equipment left in the Park. She stated that the wording in the contract is not what they had agreed upon. She stated that her organization started communication in April of 2016 so that they wouldn't be here at this meeting doing all of this. She also stated that a multi-year contract is a great idea. Ms. Ring commended the Recreation staff for the work they do. She mentioned that their organization put a lot of money into the State Tournament. They purchased all the ice and paid for the tent rentals. She asked for a wording change in the contract about who owns what. Ms. Ring stated that she knew some dates had already been taken with regard to the fall ball but stated that she would work with Pete Corlew for some Sunday dates. Councilman VanTassel asked Pete Corlew if he was all square with Girls Softball with the times and dates that they need fields and Mr. Corlew replied "yes".

Ms. Ring went over her list of items to be amended in the agreement with the Town as follows:

Item 1 (c) she stated that they didn't feel they should have to give their financial information as they are a non-profit. Councilwoman LeClair asked Ms. Ring for something that wasn't audible but Ms. Ring heard the question and stated that she wasn't the treasurer but would gladly get the information. It seemed that the information was related to copies of a possible audit. The Board seemed in agreement to eliminate the requirement for monthly financial records.

Item 1 (f) she asked if notification of rain-outs be 8:00 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. Councilman VanTassel asked Mr. Corlew if he had a problem with that and he replied no. The Board was in agreement.

Item 1 (m) she asked for the same verbiage as with Baseball regarding vandalism. The Board was in agreement.

Item 2 – she asked for a time frame to remove advertising no later than 2 weeks instead of 5 days. The Board was in agreement.

Item 3 (b) – she asked that only during their Summer Sizzler for the Rec to line the fields. The Board was in agreement.

Item 6 – she requested that the agreement be changed to October 2017 due to fall ball. The Board was in agreement.

Item 7 – she requested that the termination of the agreement be 90 days instead of 30. The Board was in agreement.

Ms. Ring thanked Councilman VanTassel and Pete Corlew for their assistance to Girls Softball for getting a section of their concession stand boxed in. This was required by NYS Department of Health in order to get their clearance.

A gentleman asked the Board what they consider to be owned property, when something is donated to an organization. Councilman Prendergast stated that this goes back to the questions earlier and that research needs to be done. He questioned that once equipment goes into the Town's buildings and we maintain it and insure it, does it become Town property. He stated that the Town will have to research it.

Jennifer Miller stated that Baseball's insurance covers their property through a renter's type insurance. Councilman Prendergast stated that they will research the matter. He thought there was a discussion years ago, that if property comes into the Town building, it's owned by the Town.

A gentleman asked if he should write a check for South Glens Falls Girls Softball tonight and members of his organization asked him not to until the contract has been signed.

A gentleman from the audience stated that after the discussion at this meeting with Baseball and Softball regarding their willingness to pay, he asked that the Post Star print a retraction. Kathleen Moore, Post Star Reporter, stated that she would be happy to report on this meeting.

Councilman VanTassel asked that they commit to resolve the contract issues before the next regular Town Board meeting. Supervisor Congdon stated that he would check with Counsel tomorrow regarding Item #1, regarding the issues of what is Town property.

A motion was made by Councilman Kusnierz and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair authorizing Town Counsel to review the changes to the South Glens Falls Youth Baseball and South Glens Falls Girls Softball contracts based on comments made and to authorize the Supervisor to sign.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Prendergast Aye
Councilwoman LeClair Aye
Councilman Kusnierz Aye
Councilman VanTassel Aye
Supervisor Congdon Aye

# **RACHEL CZUB**

Terry Clark asked if he might be heard at this point in the meeting due to the fact that there was a full Board. Ms. Czub didn't have a problem with Mr. Clark being heard before her turn.

## **TERRY CLARK**

Mr. Clark stated that he was concerned at what happened at the last Board meeting. He stated that he had watched the video and listened to the audio and stated that he hadn't done anything wrong. Councilwoman LeClair told him that he had been making comments under his breath. Mr. Clark stated that people should watch what they say about other people. He stated that he will continue to fight for his water line. Mr. Clark recited the contents of his signed easement agreement. He then stated that the Town is responsible for the lines for 30 years. Councilwoman LeClair stated that there was nothing else to say on the matter. Mr. Clark made a few more comments and the Supervisor stated that his points were taken.

#### **RACHEL CZUB**

Ms. Czub presented to the Town Board a packet of information and stated that her family had just purchased property on Old West Road. She stated that it's been an agricultural property for many years and they intend to keep it that way. She stated that they currently grow crops on the acreage and with Governor Cuomo's farm distillery acts, there's a big gap in the grain industry. She stated that she would like to help fill that gap by dedicating that land to producing specific grains such as barley, rye and wheat and by putting a grain facility there so that they may deliver grains to distilleries around the State. She stated that their goal is to support regional agriculture and commented that the property is already zoned for the uses that were stated. She stated that down the road they would like to have an on-site brewery and tap room to be able to bring people to the area. Her intentions are to use all the ingredients produced on-site. She intends to have brew style pub food and also to have farmers markets, beverage festivals and to tie in Moreau State Park to any other festivals. She stated that this is a large investment with the first being around \$1,000,000 to get the ball rolling. She stated that they will be submitting a CFA application for State funding and is asking for the Town's support.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that in his professional capacity he works with Senator Ritchie, Chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and commented that the average age for agricultural farmers is 57 and stated that in the next 5 years, you will need 100,000 farmers to keep up with production. He stated that anything local governments can do to assist in the farming industry is a win win situation. He stated that he is in support of the project.

Ms. Czub stated that she was looking for assistance for the funding of the CFA application. The financing plan itself would be from private funding, owner equity and low interest loans. She stated that she's already secured support from the Farm Credit. She stated that with her family history, there's a good relationship on the banking side.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that there isn't nearly enough product and that the industry has exploded over the past 5 years. He stated that it's not only stagnant but the industry will crash.

Councilman VanTassel stated that it looks like a great project and congratulated her on her efforts. He asked about phases II and III and how far out they are. She stated that she believed the malt house would be ready by 2019 with phase III being full scale breweries 2-3 years out after that. She stated that basically this is a 5 year plan. Councilman VanTassel asked if the property is zoned for the future initiatives such as events and amphitheaters. He asked if there are zoning issues that they should be talking about now so she doesn't run into problems later. Mr. Martin stated that it should be a PUD but when they start working on the zoning in the fall, that would be the time to address this and suggested that they reserve the area on the zoning map as a PUD. He did mention that phase I is within the current zoning requirements.

Councilman VanTassel asked if she had a sense for the amount of people that would be involved at the events and she stated that she hoped to have 1,000's. Her goal is to create an agricultural system that will draw people to the area. Mr. Martin stated that the project is close to the I87 interchange and that the traffic can be managed.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that this would be an economic development for the community and would have tourism benefits. She was supportive of the application. The Supervisor asked Ms. Czub what she needed from the Town. Mr. Martin replied to his question first by stating that a CFA application is due July 28, 2017 and then stated that they need to know if the Town is going to sponsor her application. She will also need to know who will write the application. The Supervisor asked Mr. Martin what his recommendations are and he replied that he could write the application and the fee would be \$5,000.00. He stated that it wouldn't offend him if they wanted to go in another direction. The Supervisor asked if Ms. Czub would be sharing the cost and Mr. Martin replied "yes". The Supervisor asked Ms. Czub if she was agreeable to that and she replied "yes". Mr. Martin then stated it would be \$2,500.00 from each. He stated that specifically, what they're going after is the Assistance to Business Program, which offers up to 20% of the overall cost and would be a \$200,000 to \$300,000 range in a grant. He stated that the difficult part, which he conveyed to Ms. Czub, is that she would need to have her funding lined up. He stated that the more real this seems to NYS, the better her chances are for the application.

Councilman Prendergast asked if the Town can do this and also asked if this would be considered a gift. Councilman Kusnierz stated that they would need to have Counsel look into this and see if there's a workable solution. Attorney O'Hara suggested that the Board pass the resolution and if it's not considered an unconstitutional gift, they can go ahead and fund it. Councilman Kusnierz stated that there was someone else that presented to the Board asking for assistance with a funding application and he wanted to be clear that these are two totally separate scenarios. He believes that this would be an economic benefit to the Town. He agreed that Counsel should look into the matter.

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair directing Jim Martin of the LA Group to work with Rachel Czub on a 50/50 share of a \$5,000.00 fee for an application to the CFA, pending Counsel's review.

## Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Kusnierz	Aye
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilman Prendergast	Aye
Supervisor Congdon	Aye

Shelby Schneider, Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership, stated that she works on economic development and has worked with people in the brewing industry. She stated that she's worked with people who are trying to open breweries, wineries and distilleries. She stated that this is a great potential community development project for the Town as well as being a job creator and an economic development project. She stated that she's excited to work with Ms. Czub and to provide connections to the industry and make sure that she has plenty of customers as well as potential investors. Mr. Martin stated that he would collaborate closely with Ms. Schneider on the application.

# **UTICA CLAIM - RECREATION VEHICLE**

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman VanTassel to approve a check from BOCES insurance company (Utica Claim) for a final payment of \$1,835.00. The Town is retaining the truck which was damaged. The insurance settlement was \$2,585.00 and once the salvage amount is subtracted off, it leaves the balance of \$1,835.00.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Kusnierz	Aye
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilman Prendergast	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Supervisor Congdon	Aye

## **CHERYL LAWYER**

Ms. Lawyer was present to discuss her displeasure of the Post Star placing papers on people's property without permission. She stated that it's a littering problem that was identified months ago. The papers are all over the streets, sidewalks and vacant lots. The only way to cancel the free paper is to call the Post Star and Ms. Lawyer stated that she knew of people who have tried to cancel and are still getting the paper. She stated that she had been collecting as many as she could and delivered them back to the Post Star. Recently she has just been taking pictures and putting them on her Facebook page. She stated that she's had over 350 comments relating to the issue. The Supervisor asked if she was making a littering complaint and she replied "yes" and that the County directed her to call the Town and Village Code Enforcement Officers. The Supervisor stated that he is aware of the problem and had made his feelings known and commented that it's not good publicity. He also stated that law enforcement needs to determine if this is littering or not. Councilman Kusnierz asked Counsel for his opinion on the Town ordinance. Attorney O'Hara stated that Lt. Morley had called him asking for an interpretation of the Code

and she stated that he would be happy to call him back if the Board wanted him to. The Board was in agreement. Attorney O'Hara stated that he would also speak with Attorney Muller from the Village. He also commented that the Town ordinance speaks to discarded objects in public places but doesn't address objects on private property, so it's not a violation of the Town Code if placed on personal property. Councilman Prendergast asked if it was a violation at the State level and Attorney O'Hara replied that it comes down to the local level. In conclusion, Councilman Prendergast asked Ms. Lawyer to speak with the Village Police Dept. He stated that if she's asked them in writing to cease and they continue, it would be harassment. She stated that they don't deliver to her personally anymore but they do continue to deliver to others. It was mentioned that she didn't believe they had delivered in the Village for a couple weeks.

## **BRUCE LANT – LANDING ZONE (EMERGENCY)**

Mr. Lant stated that he was at the meeting to petition the Board to engage in a public safety project to create a landing zone between the Town Hall and the Fire House. He thought that it would be a couple \$1,000 for materials and he wasn't sure of the lighting costs. He did state that lighting isn't a requirement. He stated that he got involved years ago when the helicopter was landing at Hillman's. He stated that it made no sense for safety issues because with the power lines involved, they always had to close down Route 9. Mr. Lant stated that he went to Emergency Services at the County and it was suggested that the Fire Company's parking lot was already being used. He stated that if it were Election Day or if there were a major incident and the parking lot was full, they wouldn't be able to use it for a landing zone, Mr. Lant stated that the area would need to be a 50' circumference with walkways from both the Town Hall and Fire House. The Supervisor asked if the landing zone would have to be paved and Mr. Lant responded that it would and with the same specifications as a driveway. The Supervisor asked Mr. Lant if he was asking the Town to provide this and Mr. Lant replied yes. The Supervisor stated that he would look into getting some prices and then get back to Mr. Lant. Mr. Lant stated that he had spoken with the Town's Highway Superintendent and was told that it would cost around \$1.500 to \$2.000. Mr. Lant also stated that they would need to get prices for lighting. Councilman Kusnierz stated that they would need to have a lighted wind sock as well. The Supervisor stated that he would look into it and have answers for the next meeting. Councilman Kusnierz stated that he's supportive of the idea and asked Mr. Lant if he would provide firm specification numbers and costs so the Town can budget for the expense.

## **KIM ZUPAN - RESIGNATION**

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilman VanTassel to accept the resignation of Kim Zupan from the Transfer Station.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Prendergast Aye
Councilwoman LeClair Aye
Councilman Kusnierz No
Councilman VanTassel Aye
Supervisor Congdon Aye

Councilman Kusnierz stated that he voted no because of way in which the resignation letter was written and suggested that it be re-written. There was mention that the topic should be discussed in executive session.

Councilman Prendergast withdrew his motion and the agenda item was tabled until the next regular Town Board meeting.

### LIFEGUARD'S RATE OF PAY

There was a brief discussion on the rate of pay for Lifeguard's who are new vs. re-hires. Ms. Mahoney stated that she was requesting two shift supervisors at \$13.00 per hour each. She also stated that for the last couple of weeks of the season, Ms. Mahoney and Pete Corlew would supervise. Councilman Kusnierz asked if the beach was open yet and Ms. Mahoney replied that it wasn't. He asked what the lifeguards

were doing if the beach wasn't open and Ms. Mahoney replied that they are painting, cleaning, putting the ropes in and raking the beach.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman VanTassel to pay two shift supervisors, Ashley Smatko and Michaela Cahill, at the rate of \$13.00 per hour; to pay the return lifeguard's: Jared Fisher, Kaitlyn Hansen and Kyle Hansen at a rate of \$12.24 per hour and to pay new hires: Dylan Basher, Aiden DeLuke, Zachary Smatko and Sabrena Quintois McKinney at the rate of \$12.00 per hour.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman KusnierzAyeCouncilman VanTasselAyeCouncilman PrendergastAyeCouncilwoman LeClairAyeSupervisor CongdonAye

## RICE CEMETERY TREE-RFP'S

A request for proposals was sent out for tree removal at Rice Cemetery. The following quotes were received.

Adirondack Tree Surgeons Total Bid Price: \$9,750.00

353 Gurnspring Road Gansevoort, NY 12831

Richard Sears Tree Experts, Inc. Total Bid Price: \$12,500.00

P.O. Box 133

Glens Falls, NY 12801

Tree Care by Stan Hunt Total Bid Price: \$4,500.00

53 Boulevard

Queensbury, NY 12804

A-1 Tree Works Total Bid Price: \$16,500.00

339 Clendon Brook Drive Queensbury, NY 12804

It was noted that the RFP's asked for proposals for the removal of 14 trees at the cemetery and one of the proposals received was for the cutting and removing of only 7 trees with trimming of the others. The Supervisor stated that he had met with Adirondack Tree Surgeons and Stan Hunt Tree Care. He stated that Jim Hunt recommended taking out the big trees and trimming of the others and gave a price for that scope of work. The Supervisor recommended taking the lowest bid. Councilman VanTassel stated that 3 of the bids, excluding Stan Hunt, are apples to apples (14 trees) and the Supervisor interrupted him by stating that he made it clear that he spoke with both of them and that the Town was looking for a recommendation. He stated that he told them to give a price for either taking them all down or for what work they recommended. Councilman VanTassel asked how many trees Stan Hunt was intending to cut down. The Supervisor replied that 6 would come down. Councilman Kusnierz stated that he was concerned with the same question Councilman VanTassel had in that three of the four proposals received, were to cut down all 14 trees. He stated that there are only 8 trees listed on the other proposal. He asked the Supervisor if the other people knew they could send in a proposal for the work they recommended to be done. The Supervisor stated that he met with them and told them the trees were marked and asked for their recommendations. The Supervisor also stated that there was only \$10,000 budgeted for this expense and that there are 2 other cemeteries that need work. There was a brief discussion that took place over the number of trees that were tagged to be cut. Councilman VanTassel asked if they could contact the other 3 bidders and ask for quotes for the same scope of work that was given by Mr. Hunt, so that it's apples to apples. The Supervisor stated that he had told all of them to look at the project and give their opinion as to

what needed to be done. Councilman VanTassel stated that the letter that went out asked the vendors to give quotes to take down the marked trees and he asked the Supervisor if he had subsequent conversations with all of them asking them to not take down all the trees. The Supervisor stated that he notified them that he would meet them there and anyone that made an appointment with him, he told them what Mr. Antis wanted and what he thinks and asked them what they would think as an arborist. Councilman VanTassel asked of the four respondents, how many did he meet with. The Supervisor replied that they sent out RFP's to every three respondent. The Supervisor expressed his displeasure of having all the trees cut down. Councilman VanTassel commented that he wasn't disputing the Supervisor's point of view but he's asking the Board to make a decision on the award of a bid and the bids aren't comparable. Mr. Antis addressed the Board and stated that it's a 210' by 220' lot with 42-43 trees on the property. He stated that the 14 trees he marked are in the center of the property. He stated that trees are not cemetery grave stone's friends and stated that the trees are doing damage to many of them. He also stated that with this type of cemetery, trees don't belong. Mr. Antis stated that he had marked 14 trees in the center of the cemetery that were large. He stated that he had picked 14 knowing that the Town had only a little bit of funds. He stated that the 14 should go but will abide by whatever the Town Board decides. Mr. Antis stated that he had marked the trees with the help of an arborist.

The agenda item was tabled so that the other 3 vendors could give a proposal for the same scope of work that was proposed by Jim Hunt.

Before the next agenda item came up, Jim Martin approached the Board and stated that he had 2 residents that wanted to speak, who weren't on the agenda. He stated that it was getting late and asked if they might be heard regarding a complaint he was working on, about a motocross track that he had sent a memo to the Board on.

Ms. Peck addressed the Board and stated that she lived at 1032 Route 9 in Moreau. She stated that her neighbor has cleared his whole lot and put in a motorcycle track, with no permits. She stated that it wasn't a sanctioned track but that it was very noisy. She stated that neither the Sheriff's Department nor the State Police could help her. She stated that it's supposed to be 500' from her property. The Supervisor asked how far it was and Mr. Martin replied that it was 270' feet from Ms. Peck's property and 230 from Mr. Schultz's property. He stated that this is from the edge of the track to the dwelling. Mr. Martin stated that he has been working with Ms. Peck on this for several months and has also consulted with the Attorney with the standpoint of the RV law and the noise ordinance. Mr. Martin stated that he feels the track is in violation of the RV law. He stated that he had gone out with the Building Inspector today and measured the distance and it's within the 500'. He stated that what's disappointing is the response she had gotten back from the Sheriff. He stated that it's very important that the RV law is enforceable by the Sheriff's Department. He stated that the law specifically prohibits tracks within 500' of a residence. He also stated that it specifically directs the Sheriff to enforce it. He stated that it's very important because the operation of the track would be during non-working hours of the Town staff. He stated that it's in the evening and on weekends. He stated that the law specifically directs the Sheriff and that it's disappointing that the Sheriff brushed her aside, telling her that it's a Town problem and to go see the Town Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Martin stated that they do their part during the day and mentioned that he would be sending a letter out to the homeowner on Thursday, stating that they're in violation, Mr. Martin stated that the person who built the track has been very accommodating and cooperative. He let them on his property today and let them do the measurements. The Supervisor asked about the noise and Mrs. Peck replied that it's terrible. Mr. Martin stated that the letter going out on Thursday will ask him to cease use of the track. Councilman Prendergast asked if Mr. Martin has had a cooperative response from the owner. Mr. Martin replied that he believed he might push back, as he views this as a personal right of his property. Someone from the audience stated that you would be cooperative if you didn't get a permit and Mr. Martin replied that there's no permit required. Councilman Prendergast asked what happens if he doesn't comply and Mr. Martin replied that if that were the case, the Building Inspector would have to issue him a ticket to appear in Town Court. Councilwoman LeClair agreed with this and stated that on Sisson Road, where she lives, someone had a track and it was horrid. Councilman VanTassel thanked Mr. Martin and asked that he continue to push the process forward.

#### RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MAUREEN LEERKES AS FULL TIME PERMANENT CLERK

A motion was made by Councilman Prendergast and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to appoint Maureen Leerkes as a Full Time Permanent Clerk.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman VanTassel Ave Councilman Prendergast Aye Councilwoman LeClair Aye Councilman Kusnierz Aye Supervisor Congdon Ave

# HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

Feeder Dam Road/Reservoir Road Preservation Project

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Prendergast authorizing the Supervisor and Board members to sign the Supplemental Agreement, Comptroller's Contract #1 to Do35356 for the Feeder Dam Road/Reservoir Road Preservation Project.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Prendergast Ave Councilwoman LeClair Aye Councilman Kusnierz Aye Councilman VanTassel Aye **Supervisor Congdon** Aye

Hudson Drive/North Road Drainage Replacement

There was discussion relating to the Highway Superintendents request to put out RFP's for the cost associated with the project and if the Board approves, he suggested moving money that was allocated toward the re-paying of Farnan Road and putting it into the drainage account. The Board questioned how this would be done since at one time there was a drainage district. The Supervisor stated that it's not really Highway but rather a drainage district and stated that he would like to know more about it. He stated that there has been an unusual amount of rain this year. Councilman Kusnierz suggested having Counsel review the matter to determine how it would be paid back. He also asked how they would come up with the money up front and asked if they would do a BAN. He also asked if the residents want it. The Supervisor asked if there was anyone present within the drainage district and Ms. Mahoney stated that she was at the meeting on behalf of her mom, who lives in the area. She stated that her mom knew nothing about the problem. Her mom asked Ms. Mahoney to ask the Board members when the neighbors will be notified. Ms. Mahoney stated again that they haven't heard anything from anybody. Her mom had commented that she didn't know of any trouble and Ms. Mahoney stated that she hasn't had any water in her basement. The Supervisor stated that they need more information before they move ahead. This agenda item was tabled.

Purchase of Road Widener Attachment for Skid Steer

The Highway Superintendent presented quotes for a Road Widener Attachment for Skid Steer as follows:

Tracey Road Equipment 6803 Manlius Center Road East Syracuse, NY 13057

\$37,900.00

Hitek Equipment, Inc. USA \$48,300.00

8920 58<sup>th</sup> PL #700 Kenosha, WI 53144

The Highway Superintendent recommended the purchase be made from Tracey Road Equipment.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman Prendergast approving the purchase of a Road Widener Attachment for Skid Steer from Tracey Road Equipment in the amount of \$37,900.00. The purchase will be paid from account DB5130.2, with a balance of \$240,641.10 as of 6/2/2017.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilwoman LeClair Aye
Councilman Kusnierz Aye
Councilman VanTassel Aye
Councilman Prendergast Aye
Supervisor Congdon No

• Palmerton Heights – Building Permits

The Highway Superintendent presented a memo to the Board in advance of the meeting regarding Palmerton Heights subdivision. He stated that he had been trying to reach Ryan Denis regarding the paving of the subdivision for approximately 2 ½ years. He stated that in the spring of 2016 he walked the road with a contractor giving him an estimate to pave the road. He received a message back from Mr. Denis stating that he didn't have the funds available to do the paving. Mr. Joseph stated in his memo that the Highway Department has repaired three failing catch basins and patched many holes that have formed over the years. He also stated that this is long overdue to be completed and that the letter of credit in the amount of \$200,000.00 may not be enough to complete the work. He asked the Town Board to have all building permits put on hold until Mr. Denis gives a date in writing as to when the work will be performed in the Palmerton Heights subdivision.

A motion was made by Councilwoman LeClair and seconded by Councilman VanTassel to put on hold all building permits until Ryan Denis gives a date in writing as to when the work will be performed in the Palmerton Heights subdivision.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Kusnierz Aye
Councilman VanTassel Aye
Councilman Prendergast Aye
Councilwoman LeClair Aye
Supervisor Congdon Aye

# **RECREATION REQUESTS**

It was reported that the grinder pump at the beach isn't working. The Supervisor asked how much a new one would be and Mr. Corlew replied that it would be around \$3,000.00. Mr. Corlew stated that the beach can't be open without sewer.

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel and seconded by Councilman Prendergast authorizing Seaworks to evaluate the grinder pump with the understanding that they will bring a loaner until it's diagnosed and repaired.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilman Prendergast	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Kusnierz	Aye
Supervisor Congdon	Aye

Councilman VanTassel stated that Ms. Mahoney will be speaking with the Department of Health tomorrow for clarity and to see if the Town might be able to use a portable toilet until the pump is repaired.

Pete Corlew stated that they are still waiting on the test results from the Town of Queensbury to make sure the water is drinkable.

# **RIVERFRONT DISCUSSION**

Councilwoman LeClair stated that as Mr. Martin moves forward with the grant, she has a list of items that people had suggested. She stated that she would forward the list and requested that each Board member go through it and let her know if there's something they don't want included and to add things that they may want included. She also stated that they would need to have an executive session discussion regarding Finch, Pruyn land.

#### INTERMUNICIPAL WATER AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE

Mayor Gutheil and Trustee Girard were present from the Village of South Glens Falls to discuss water rates should the Village need to purchase from the Town. Mayor Gutheil presented the Town Board with a draft copy of an agreement. The Supervisor was of the opinion that the Town shouldn't charge a rate to the Village based on infrastructure costs. He stated that Village residents shouldn't have to pay for Town water lines. Councilman VanTassel asked the Mayor what rate they were looking for and Mayor Gutheil replied that they were looking for the same rate as municipal. He also commented that the Village and Town should be working together. Councilman Prendergast stated that nobody doesn't want to work closer with the Village than himself. He stated that he lives next to the Village and shops in the stores. There was a lengthy discussion surrounding the fees and who should pay for infrastructure. Councilwoman LeClair stated that there is a cost built into the rate to pay for Queensbury's infrastructure and upgrades. The Mayor asked the Board members if they knew what their cost for water was. There was no answer to his question. Councilman VanTassel averaged the 4 municipal rates and came up with \$2.29 per 1,000 gallons.

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel approving an inter-municipal agreement at a rate of \$2.29/1,000 gallons to sell water to the Village of South Glens Falls and to have Counsel review the agreement.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that this was the first time he had seen the inter-municipal agreement provided by the Village. He stated that the Town had provided the Village with a draft agreement at a rate of \$3.25. Councilman VanTassel stated that it had never been signed. Councilman VanTassel stated that he had spoken with the Mayor personally and he and Councilman Prendergast have been waiting on him to sit down and discuss the matter. He asked that the Mayor not make statements that it's been 6 weeks and then walk away. Councilman VanTassel stated that he would like to work as friendly neighbors and get this worked out. Councilman Kusnierz asked which contract it would apply to and Councilman VanTassel stated that they should agree on the rate and then have Counsel review the contracts. He did suggest that they use the Town's contract. Attorney O'Hara stated that the Town's contract is blank as far as the rates and terms. Jesse Fish recalled a meeting between members of the Village and the Town and a rate was agreed upon. He also stated that the contract never got signed.

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Congdon.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman Prendergast	No
Councilwoman LeClair	No
Councilman Kusnierz	No
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Supervisor Congdon	Aye

The motion failed.

Councilman Kusnierz wanted to explain his vote. He stated that there were some good points made and has no problem working in partnership with the Village. He stated that a contract was just handed to him tonight. He stated that he doesn't negotiate with a gun to his head. He stated that the previous Board had agreed to a rate of \$3.25. He stated that's how it works, you have back and forth. He asked how he can justify to a Town resident that the Village will pay less. Councilman Kusnierz stated that they've done this before and they've needed to know what the real costs are. He stated that he can't agree to the \$2.29 without the facts. He stated that he's willing to negotiate but with real numbers and can't do it tonight without the numbers.

The Supervisor stated that it was late and wanted to conclude the meeting. Councilman VanTassel stated that they needed to address at least one more item under old business.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

• Town Hall – Changeover e-mail server

Councilman VanTassel reported that PS Technical Services had gotten back to the Town with a revised proposal to migrate the Town's email to the Office 365 mail hosting service.

A motion was made by Councilman VanTassel and seconded by Councilman Kusnierz to accept the revised proposal from PS Technical Service to complete the email migration, which is currently with Mannix Marketing and also authorizing the Supervisor to sign.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Kusnierz	Aye
Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilman Prendergast	Aye
Supervisor Congdon	Aye

A motion was made by Supervisor Congdon and seconded by Councilman VanTassel to close the meeting for the evening at 10:32 p.m.

Asked if all in favor, the following responses were given:

Councilman VanTassel	Aye
Councilman Prendergast	Aye
Councilwoman LeClair	Aye
Councilman Kusnierz	Aye
Supervisor Congdon	Aye

Meeting adjourned.

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Moreau was held on June 27, 2017 in the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York.		
	Respectfully submitted,	
	Leeann McCabe Town Clerk	

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