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TOWN OF CICERO

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The Cicero Town Board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at the Cicero Town Hall, 8236 S. Main Street, Cicero, NY 13039.

Present: Judy A. Boyke, Supervisor
Jessica Zambrano, Councilor
C. Vernon Conway, Councilor
Lynn Jennings, Councilor
James Corl, Jr. Councilor
Tracy Cosilmon, Town Clerk

Others Present: Christopher Woznica, Highway Superintendent
Sharon Edick, Receiver of Taxes
Joseph Snell, Police Chief
Jody Rogers, Director of Parks & Recreation
Wayne Dean, Director of Planning & Development
Shirlie Stuart, Comptroller
Brad Brennan, Assessor
Pamela Williamson, Secretary to Supervisor
Anthony Rivizzigno, Town Attorney
Brenda Colella, Town Attorney
Ronald DeTota, II PE, C & S Engineers
Catie O’Toole, Post Standard
Farah Pike, Star Review

Absent:

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of our men and women serving in the Armed Forces in harm’s way.

Ms. Boyke indicated where the fire exits were and read the following statement:

The Cicero Town Board acknowledges the importance of full public participation in all public hearings and, therefore, urges all who wish to address those in attendance to utilize the microphones located in the front of the room. At this time please turn off your cell phones and be sure to speak into the microphones to enable all to hear.

S.E.Q.R.
(State Environmental Quality Review)

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Mr. Conway, that all actions taken tonight are Type Two (2) or Unlisted actions and have a negative impact on the environment unless otherwise determined.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway: Yes
Mr. Jennings: Yes
Ms. Zambrano: Yes
Mr. Corl: Yes
Ms. Boyke: Yes

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 24, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Mr. Corl, to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2010 town board meeting amending page 6 to reflect that there are 25 lots in Kildares Meadow and not 35.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

DEPARTMENT HEAD INPUT

Highway

Chris Woznica requested approval of an additional \$40.00 as the PO to Drake Oil went over by that amount.

Motion was made by Mr. Corl, seconded by Mr. Conway, to authorize an additional expenditure of \$40.00 to Drake Oil for hydraulic oil.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

Motion was made by Mr. Corl, seconded by Mr. Conway, to authorize an emergency expenditure of \$2,000.40 to Allied Springs to repair truck #35

Ms. Zambrano asked if they had been given an emergency purchase request as she didn't have one.

Chris Woznica believed that it had, but, apologized.

Ms. Zambrano requested that emergency expenditures be given to the board beforehand.

Chris Woznica agreed.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

Police – None

Comptroller – None

Park & Recreation

Jody Rogers requested a purchase approval in the amount of \$4,583.00 for professional services for Gateway Park Site Improvements - Community Development Project, Phase 4 from vendor Maxian & Horst who have been the vendor and who has completed the last three phases of the project at Gateway. This is the engineering services for the

\$43,000.00 Community Development Project which includes a playground unit and benches as well as drainage work necessary for the proper installation of the playground unit.

Motion was made by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Zambrano, to authorize an expenditure of \$4,583.00 to Maxian & Horst for professional services for Gateway Park Site Improvements – Community Development Project, Phase 4 of the overall Gateway Improvement Project.

The motion was approved as follows:

- Mr. Conway: Yes
- Mr. Jennings: Yes
- Ms. Zambrano: Yes
- Mr. Corl: Yes
- Ms. Boyke: Yes

Grass Seed

Motion was made by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Ms. Zambrano, to authorize an expenditure of \$1,300.00 to Merritt Seed Company per County Contract # 790-20 budget code A7110.45.

The motion was approved as follows:

- Mr. Conway: Yes
- Mr. Jennings: Yes
- Ms. Zambrano: Yes
- Mr. Corl: Yes
- Ms. Boyke: Yes

Comptroller - None

Engineer - None

Zoning - None

Attorney - None

Assessor - None

Tax - None

Town Clerk – None

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT #5 OF 2010

Motion was made by Ms. Zambrano, seconded by Mr. Jennings to approve Abstract #5 of 2010 as follows:

General Fund	Voucher #375 to Voucher #490	In the amount of \$522,125.08
Highway Fund	Voucher #126H to Voucher # 156H	In the amount of \$252,863.16

The motion was approved as follows:

- Mr. Conway: Yes
- Mr. Jennings: Yes
- Ms. Zambrano: Yes
- Mr. Corl: Yes
- Ms. Boyke: Yes

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Ms. Zambrano, to approve the following budget modifications as follows:

Shirlie Stuart corrected the 3rd item down on the list A677242 to read the word **Supply** and not the word Taxes.

**Budget Modifications
01/10/2010**

From		Amount	To
SD85404 0400	Contractual	\$2540.46	SD90308 0400
B80204 - Planning	Contractual	\$150.50	B801046 - Zoning
A677242 – Taxes (*corrected)	Contractual	\$10.65	A677250 - Taxes
A677242 – Supplies	Contractual	\$966.76	A677253 – Bus Maint.
DB513055 – Mach	Contractual	\$2000.00	DB513053 – Snowblower

Amendments

A3060TH Records Management – Grant – 1746.00
A141041

The motion was approved as follows:

- Mr. Conway: Yes
- Mr. Jennings: Yes
- Ms. Zambrano: Yes
- Mr. Corl: Yes
- Ms. Boyke: Yes

APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL WING PEOPLE ON PLOWS FOR HIGHWAY

Chris Woznica asked for approval to add additional wing people.

Ms. Boyke stated that there has been some interest in people wanting to be wing people and that she would like to table this request until the next meeting and to publish this in the minutes and the paper to give the public an opportunity to come in and apply for these positions and hopefully we can revamp this as well.

Chris Woznica stated that he didn't have a problem with that. Will that have an effect on people being paid?

Shirlie Stuart – These people have already worked.

Chris Woznica stated that some of the people have been on the list from previous years.

Mr. Corl understood that there is a policy in place where people fill out an application just as other town employees do.

Chris Woznica – Yes, we get many people who are interested when it's 40 degree's and sunny, but, when you call them at 2:30 a.m. you'd be surprised how many aren't interested and don't want to come in. You also have to be careful if someone is on unemployment and they come in and wing and then go back out and file for unemployment, the town will pay their unemployment.

Mr. Corl, you are just asking for these individuals to be added to your list at \$15.00 per hour.

Chris Woznica – Yes and people apply for this all the time, but, need to understand that they may only be called in twice during a season.

Ms. Zambrano stated their concern was that some people that were interested were turned away.

Chriz Woznica – No one has ever been turned away. If they fill out an application, they are put on a list. Some people have had experience and have worked with the same driver year after year and I can't tell them they can't do it, because a new person wants to do it. There are 13 to 14 people that we rely on heavily and we go to those people first. I don't have a problem with anyone coming in and filling out an application. We try to rotate everyone.

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Mr. Corl, to approve the following individuals as additional wing people to help in the Highway Department at the payrate of \$15.00 per hour.

Julius Mautz, Ian LaRochelle, Mike DelFuoco, Nick Nadeau, Chad Mutter

The motion was approved as follows:

- Mr. Conway: Yes
- Mr. Jennings: Yes
- Ms. Zambrano: Yes
- Mr. Corl: Yes
- Ms. Boyke: Yes

APPROVAL FOR CICERO CHAMBER COMMUNITY PARADE PERMIT

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Mr. Jennings, to approve the Parade Permit for the Cicero Chamber of Commerce Annual Festival to be held on June 12, 2010 commencing at 12:00 p.m. noon.

The motion was approved as follows:

- Mr. Conway: Yes
- Mr. Jennings: Yes
- Ms. Zambrano: Yes
- Mr. Corl: Yes
- Ms. Boyke: Yes

APPROVAL FOR COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE TO ATTEND THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER'S ADVANCED ACCOUNTING SCHOOL

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded Mr. Jennings, to authorize an expenditure of \$85.00 each for Shirlie Stuart and Diane Cellucci to attend the Office of the State Comptroller's advanced accounting school for three days beginning June 2, 2010.

Discussion:

Mr. Corl asked if there will be a backup person available.

Shirlie Stuart stated that she will be available.

The motion was approved as follows:

- Mr. Conway: Yes
- Mr. Jennings: Yes
- Ms. Zambrano: Yes
- Mr. Corl: Yes
- Ms. Boyke: Yes

APPROVAL OF THE HANCOCK AIRPARK INFRASTRUCTURE AND ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENTS PHASES IV AND V CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Ron DeTota with C & S Engineers recused himself.

James Fensken, Bryant Associates was introduced.

Bill Perrine and Bruce Letts with C & S Engineers gave a power point presentation relative to Hancock Airpark infrastructure improvements.

Hancock Airpark Infrastructure and Roadway Improvements Phases IV & V

Introduction:

- C&S Engineers – Engineer for the applicant
- Ms. Lori Dietz – Developer – Metropolitan Development Association (MDA)

Overview:

- It is our client's intent to construct phases IV & V of the Hancock Airpark Infrastructure and Roadway Improvements project. Our client's intent is to make the airpark site as "shovel ready" as possible. The project will provide new utility and roadway infrastructure within the road ROW, therefore making it more cost effective and advantageous over other similar commercial lots for any potential businesses coming to the area. The lots within the airpark will be very marketable and attractive to new businesses.
- With the proximity of Route 81 and the Thruway, the project improvements will provide room for further business growth and more jobs in the area. Specifically businesses with manufacturing/industrial uses move in requiring a greater number of employee positions. More people will buy houses, purchase consumer goods, etc.
- The project will be fully funded by 2 grants. One being by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the second being the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY).
- Please note that all of the infrastructure and roadway improvements to be constructed for this project will be implemented at no cost to the Town of Cicero.

General Plan:

- The roadway and infrastructure improvements will conform to the Town of Cicero standards and specifications. Existing pavement areas will be removed and the Town of Cicero commercial section road base will be utilized throughout the project site containing a large stone sub-base (23"), 12' travel lanes, and concrete gutters. All erosion control measures and drainage improvements will conform to the MS4 requirements and will be designed for commercial uses.
- These two phases conform to the overall master plan for development, drainage, and road layout that was previously approved by the Town of Cicero in 2001-2002.
- The project includes approximately 5,300 feet of road reconstruction, 5,300 feet of sanitary sewer installation, and 5,300 feet of storm sewer installation. Show Stewart Drive cul-de-sac portion to the west side of the property. Show remaining portions starting at the tie-in location on Stewart Drive from the improvements made under Phase 3 for Hancock Airpark.

Aerial Image Plan:

- Under existing conditions, the TMDL boundary (drainage watershed boundary) bisects the project site. Northern part drains to Oneida Lake and the southern part drains to Onondaga Lake. All drainage will be accommodated by over lot grading, swales, storm sewers, and two stormwater management basins. Both basins will maintain existing stormwater runoff by releasing proposed flows less than existing assuming full build of the project site.
- The proposed improvements account for full build out of this project area for an Urban Commercial use with an 85% impervious cover.
- Basin 1 drains under Taft Road, through the Riccelli property. We have been sensitive to the existing drainage concerns at this location and have provided stormwater mitigation at this location. The proposed flows from the site draining to the culvert that runs under Taft Road and eventually to the Riccelli property have been reduced by approximately 50% for the smaller, more frequent year storm events and reduced by approximately 20% for the larger year storm events. Also note that the full build out may not happen for years to come and this basin will throttle back flows even more so to this point, thereby improving immediate drainage problems in this area.
- Basin 2 drains to a low area and eventually offsite at the southeasterly corner of the site. The tributary stormwater runoff to this basin will be included in the Onondaga Lake watershed. This basin has been properly sized to accommodate the enhanced phosphorus requirements set forth in the NYSDEC Design Manual. Both basins conform to the Phase II regulations and the new General Permit established by the NYSDEC.

Mr. Conway asked if the problem with Riccelli's has been resolved yet.

Bill Perrine stated they were coming before the Planning Board with their proposal.

Mr. Conway – There was a problem at Riccelli's regarding where the water was supposed to go.

The tape is inaudible.

Ms. Zambrano asked if the colored areas depicted would be the areas that they will be working on as Phase 4.

Bill Perrine – They are Phases 4 and 5.

Ms. Zambrano asked how much the project would cost, even though there is no cost to the town.

Bill Perrine stated he didn't have an exact figure in front of him but it will be upward of 2 1/2 million.

Ms. Zambrano – If you were to be given approval for these stages, what will happen next?

Bill Perrines – The roads will have to be deeded.

Lori Dietz with Hancock Field Development Corporation stated that over the last decade you have been asking about our plans and we have been actively working to bring in potential tenants and builders, etc. Over the last five to six years we have invested over

30 million dollars in this project. They turned over 47 acres to the tax rolls and have brought about 500 jobs into the site. We're going to continue to work on that effort and to actually sell this property and get it back on the tax rolls we have to have public roads. This will be the last stage of public infrastructure.

Chris Woznica stated that he just received these plans this afternoon and reviewed a small section of it and he had some concerns about the catch basin locations in the cul de sac area.

James Corl asked Lori Dietz if they had any time frame in getting these approved, so that we could keep moving forward.

Lori Dietz stated they were hoping to getting this done tonight, but, perhaps this could be approved contingent on the Highway Superintendent's approval and is happy to accommodate.

James Fensken – I received these plans a few weeks ago and reviewed them and my comment is pretty minor. All in all, the plan was consistent with current design practices.

Ms. Zambrano – Do you think you can work with the Highway Superintendent to answer his issues?

James Fensken– Yes

Motion was made by Ms. Zambrano, seconded by Mr. Corl, to approve the contract drawings for phases 4 and 5 for Hancock Airpark infrastructure and roadway improvements contingent on resolving any issues that the Highway Department may have.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

Mr. Corl thanked Lori Dietz for all her help over the years as she has done a fantastic job.

Ms. Zambrano – If there is an issue where something can't be resolved we need to be alerted as soon as possible.

APPROVAL OF LEAD AGENCY STATUS AND SET DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO
REQUEST A ZONE CHANGE FROM REGIONAL COMMERCIAL TO GENERAL
COMMERCIAL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT NYS ROUTE 11
(EAST SIDE) BETWEEN LINCOLN AVE. AND STEVENS DR.

Motion made by Ms. Zambrano, and seconded by Mr. Conway, to refer the zone change request by SEAYCO-THF Cicero Market, LLC to the Planning Board for review and recommendation, to designate the Town as Lead Agency with respect to the zone change request for SEQRA purposes and to set April 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Cicero Town Hall, 8236 South Main Street, Cicero, NY, for a public hearing to consider a local law to amend the Town's Zoning Ordinance to rezone a parcel of property, located on the east side of New York State Route 11 between Lincoln Avenue and Stevens Drive, from Regional Commercial to General Commercial.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

APPROVAL OF INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SHARED CODES
ENFORCEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF NORTH SYRACUSE

Discussion:

Mr. Corl stated that currently the town is in discussion with the Village of North Syracuse, for a shared Codes Enforcement agreement with the village. I believe Wayne has been involved with those discussions.

Wayne Dean – Yes, that’s correct.

Mr. Corl explained that the draft agreement is going to be tabled as there are some outstanding issues.

Ms. Boyke - It has to do with personnel and there are issues about not being able to hire part time. Mayor Browning needs to look into the personnel situation further.

Mr. Corl - As we go forward on this, it is important that the public is aware of those discussions and the potential for sharing municipal services between the village and the town and our Codes Department and the village.

Ms. Zambrano reminded everyone that the Town of Cicero has helped the Village of North Syracuse in previous years but, didn’t know if there was a formal agreement at that time, but, now we are trying to do this by agreement. I believe our Supervisor is trying to work out an agreement.

Mr. Corl - In the past we have had formal agreements with the village and there have been times when they needed assistance and we have provided a limited amount of services. This one is a little more extensive and provides a little more coverage and things of that nature.

Wayne Dean - Yes and right now they don’t have anyone in Codes Enforcement.

Mr. Corl – This will be a good opportunity for both municipalities.

Ms. Zambrano stated that if we can reach an agreement, they’d like to try this for a 6 month period of time, but, there is a lot to work out.

Wayne Dean – That is correct and the issue is that no one wants to work for just 6 months and not have a job.

AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW POLICE CHIEF SNELL TO ENTER INTO
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CICERO PBA UNION CONTRACT

Motion was made by Mr. Corl, seconded by Ms. Zambrano, to authorize Police Chief Snell to enter into negotiations for the Cicero PBA for the Union Contract as their current contract expires at the end of the year.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

Mr. Corl stated that he understood that the Union was going to try and work things out in an amicable fashion before the attorney’s are involved to save money and to open the door to good faith negotiations.

PUBLIC INPUT

Eric Haselbauer representing SEAYCO- THF Cicero Market LLC will have the materials in and be present at the April 14, 2010 public hearing meeting. In the mean time he will coordinate getting that information to the board and will be brief as far as the re-zone application itself. It is about a 3 acre parcel on Route 11 and you may have seen the map that was submitted with the application. It is bordered on the north by a GC zoned out parcel which is currently under construction for a Credit Union. This 3 acre parcel is intended to be divided into three out parcels. The dimensions and configurations are shown on the map. This springs from the 2004 approvals of development of the Cicero Market Plaza, with the WalMart adjacent. During that approval process, the design of the shopping center and the intent of moving through the approval process is that this land along Route 11 would also be developed as out parcels, but, there was no zone change done at that time. When the subdivision occurred, this strip along Route 11 remained in the RC zoning district, which was confirmed by working with the surveyor. We are seeking a GC designation for that parcel of land which is more appropriate zoning designation for these outparcel type of uses. I believe that is enough to say tonight. I just wanted to introduce myself and state that we will work with Mr. Dean and do anything else that is required and will be back on April 14, 2010.

Mr. Corl stated that he was glad to see Mr. Haselbauer back. For the last 3 or 4 years, we have had numerous complaints from residents in that general vicinity about SEAYCO and WalMart not upholding their obligations in things that they were supposed to do for the Planning Board years ago. The Chairman of the Planning Board is here tonight and I'm hoping that you are going to be having an ongoing discussion to make sure you can uphold the promises that were made to the residents over there, years ago. They have been here countless numbers of times and we can't do anything for them. So, I'm hoping you can.

Eric Haselbauer – Absolutely, the plan of SEAYCO is to be a good neighbor. There will be a THF representative here on the 14th and if there are operational concerns, that individual can speak to them and that would be their intent to address those types of issues. You are all in agreement that it would be a good idea to have a representative here that could speak to those issues.

Mr. Corl - I appreciate that and I am looking forward to a good working relationship, but, the key is to speak with the Planning Board and make good on those promises and that's going to go a long way in making this easy process, especially, when we will be coming back for the public hearing. I believe it will be very well attended and there will be a lot of questions. Not only for that zone change you're asking for, but, there will be a lot of issues that I'm talking about.

Eric Haselbauer – The feeling is mutual Mr. Corl and I will make it a point to reach out to the Planning Board Chairman in the interim, so that we might get a start on some of the issues that would be appropriate to address.

Ms. Zambrano – I'll give you a community contact number as well. Can you tell me what you hope to do with those three parcels? What kinds of businesses would you like established there?

Eric Haselbauer – At the moment there is no formal interest. There has been some informal interest but, there is nothing firm and there is no commitment. The intent of SEAYCO is to get these parcels into a zoning designation which will make it more attractive to potential businesses.

Ms. Zambrano – I don't know if this will come up, but sidewalks are an issue along Route 11.

Eric Haselbauer – THF understands that as potential users come forth, expressing interest in this, they will also have the site plan approval process where those type questions can

be addressed. The intent is to go through all of the boards that are necessary to get the necessary approvals.

Ms. Zambrano – Are you located locally.

Eric Haselbauer – My firm is located out of Rochester.

Jeff Pyle from Seaway Navigation stated that they are planning a canal festival and blessing of the fleet in June. Currently, about 70 vendors have expressed an interest in coming and he was concerned about some of the zoning issues pertaining to food vending permits and neighborhood block parties. He wanted to know if there was any particular person that could answer my questions.

Ms. Boyke asked Mr. Pyle to contact her office so that they can talk about it.

Tim Murphy, Noel Road stated that he appreciated Jessica's comments about the sidewalks as they have been needed in front of WalMart for years. In December 2008 Tracy brought up the question of putting sidewalks in front of the town hall. (Remainder of his question is not audible)

Mr. Corl's response to Tim's question was that it would cost \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00 the last time he knew.

Tim Murphy at the last meeting, Mr. Corl talked about being able to protect ourselves from that grant application and the Washington Lobbyist working for Loretto. Do we have such a document?

Jim Corl asked if he meant a document to protect the Town.

Tim Murphy – Yes

Mr. Corl – All that was submitted was the grant application itself, there is no other legal document on the side to protect the town. That was my point in raising those questions.

Ms. Boyke – We received a letter.

Mr. Rivizzigno stated that he sent a copy of the agreement to everyone. The letter from the Lobbyist indicated that they are not going to hold the town responsible for any cost whatsoever.

Mr. Corl – I got that e-mail, that he was not going to charge the town for all the applications that the town submitted where he was listed as a Town of Cicero Representative/Government Lobbyist. I don't know if Loretto is paying him or where he is getting paid from. I opposed the application on that basis because I was uncertain. I didn't like the fact that we had a Federal Lobbyist listed as a town representative on those documents. The second question was, in the motion, it was worded as if the town was a partner with Loretto which is a not for profit corporation and I don't think it is proper for the town to act as a partner with a not for profit.

Tim Murphy – That was my question. Should the town be in partnership with a Lobbyist in Washington? I don't think the town should act as a partner with a not for profit.

Tony Rivizzigno stated that he sent a copy of the Federal Legislation that's required of the municipality.

Mr. Corl – That's the way they want the grant submitted, however there's no requirement that the town have a Federal Lobbyist, which was indicated in those papers that were submitted.

Tim Murphy also stated that a traffic light was needed at Meltzer Court.

Mr. Corl – An application can be made to the state to see if they believe it is proper.

Ms. Boyke explained that they have been doing a continued traffic studies which began before the library and the skating rink were put in. Part of Loretto's proposal and plans include a traffic study which includes the turning lane. This is a state road and if the state believes it's necessary for a traffic signal there it would be put there.

Tim Murphy stated that it's a health and safety issue.

Ms. Boyke – We all agree.

Mr. Corl – There should be a traffic light or there should be a speed reduction in that area.

Tim Murphy – Even if you were to reduce the speed, it's a dangerous intersection and in having elderly people back in there, it would behoove the town to put in a signalize intersection.

Mr. Corl – We could request a speed reduction, but, before we do that application we need to designate the area being requested. If we put in some parameters we can ask the state to do a study and if they think it is proper then they could reduce it, but, it can't be done until we get their ok.

Mr. Hogan, Long Point Rd. requested consideration in consolidating the Police Department with the county.

Ms. Boyke stated that this was brought up at the last meeting and that we are looking into consolidation in all the areas of the town. We are looking into it along with forming an advisory committee.

Ms. Zambrano - We're looking for people to serve on the Advisory Committee. Did you put your name in?

Ms. Boyke – Give me a call.

Engineer Comments - None

Attorney Comments - None

Department Comments - None

Board Comments

Mr. Corl stated that everyone knows that he is opposed to pre-agenda meetings which are now being called work shops. He thought that there was a perfect example this evening of why it's important to have full discussion at regular town board meetings. The issue with the North Syracuse consolidation and sharing of services with the Village was discussed yesterday and probably no one in this room knew that discussion occurred or that the Town of Cicero is in discussions and has opportunities and has a written agreement with the Village that could have been contemplated, executed and agreed upon this evening. That was discussed yesterday and no one in this room knew about it. That is why people come to town board meetings so they become fully informed about all things going on in the town in a full public forum and not in a way that is done prior to the meeting. Decisions were made the day before the meeting and things were taken off the agenda at the last minute. As there are no minutes taken and there is no record of what happened at that board meeting. That is why I am opposed to that, and will continue to be.

Mr. Jennings explained that when we initiated these and now call them workshops they were open to the public. There is no input from the public, but, it's an open meeting. I feel the last workshop was an excellent meeting. Minutes are not required and we do not make a decision. We strictly take the agenda items and evaluate the items so that we're better prepared should someone ask a question. They are open to the public and are held on the Tuesday prior to the meetings at 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Boyke explained the reason for having these meetings is because there are three Democrats and two Republicans on the Council and in order for all of us to sit down together we have to have these public meetings. The meeting is a public meeting and everyone is welcome to come. The agenda is discussed to help us understand what may be presented by an engineer, etc. Nothing is determined. We would have loved to have had Mr. Corl there yesterday as the meeting lasted an hour and a half. It was a very healthy meeting in regards to a lot of the agenda items, particularly, the North Syracuse sharing of services. At that time we realized that by having this meeting that we had a certain proposals that we were looking at, that's why, rather than waste a lot more time until we had specific answers and a specific understanding. It would be a waste of time to bring this forward because open discussion would have been for no reason. We will continue to have our workshops, because we are fine with them and they are beneficial to all of us. We would appreciate anyone who would come and sit.

Mr. Corl asked how many people were at the meeting yesterday.

Ms. Boyke – There were no residents. It shouldn't matter if we have three Democrats or two Republicans or if we had one Independent. At a local level, party affiliation shouldn't be a distinction, we should be working together.

Ms. Boyke – We are working together and I would like to make a statement.

Mr. Corl – Can I finish?

Ms. Boyke – I'm being accused of having closed meetings, that is the purpose of these workshops.

Mr. Corl – I understand that and you made your point. I'm just saying there was an hour and half meeting yesterday without any residents or without any minutes, so there is no record of what happened when the Town Board met in an official capacity. Things were pulled off the agenda and there was an hour and a half of discussion. Perhaps the people who came here this evening would like to have heard that. Obviously, they took the time to come here this evening as they are probably very interested in local politics and all the ins and outs of what's happening within this town. All of those things could have been discussed tonight.

Ms. Zambrano stated that Mr. Conway was at the meeting and I would like to ask him how he felt about it. Was it helpful or not helpful?

Mr. Conway – I believe it was very helpful as there is a lot that needs to be learned and this is one way to get the learning done.

Ms. Zambrano stated that she also thought it was very healthy discussion and there was lot of information that was changed. I will continue to come to these meetings and I will be upset if Judy changes these. I work full time and it is hard for me to get here as well, but, I know when the meetings are and I can schedule around it. Maybe some people don't have the luxury of being able to schedule like that. I do work full time and taking care of town business is a burden, but is a responsibility that I have accepted. I think our Supervisor has provided great leadership by having these discussions. The other thing that I was going to announce, but, Mr. Corl beat me to it, was to let the public know that we're in discussions with North Syracuse about their Codes Enforcement issue. They are hurting for people over there and are having budgetary problems of major dimension as we probably will also. This was going to be brought up but, Ms. Boyke gave a full explanation of the nature of the discussion with North Syracuse and there isn't much more to know other than there are negotiations going on. Wayne Dean our Planning Director, Ms. Boyke and our Attorney are involved and we are all free to ask questions about it. The other thing I would like to mention is there are changes to the agenda. I come to the board meetings an hour early to see if there have been any changes and to get additional information and I think all of the board members do that, to make sure we are up to date. I take it Mr. Corl didn't check his mailbox prior to this meeting because if he did, he'd have this information. The meeting was fine yesterday and it was helpful.

Mr. Corl – I did check my mail.

Ms. Zambrano stated that Mr. Corl must have gotten the agenda that didn't have the North Syracuse discussion on it.

Mr. Corl explained that he did and actually had gotten two.

Ms. Zambrano stated she was going to take it upon myself to make that announcement, but, it was already discussed. The other thing she wanted to mention was that everyone who has contacted her about the Police consolidation issues has been supportive of the idea that we look at the issue. She wanted to make it clear that she was not pushing consolidation and that perhaps consolidation isn't the correct word. We know the town is hurting financially as well and we may need to look at how to save money without calling it a consolidation with the county. Maybe we can share police services with other communities. I just wanted to make it clear that I am not married to this idea that we have to do away with the police protection, or consolidating with the county. We need to study this issue and I know it's on the minds of a lot of our residents and I thank everyone who came forward and contacted me to thank me for bringing up that issue.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Tracy M. Cosilmon
Town Clerk

