

STATE OF NEW YORK  
ONONDAGA COUNTY  
TOWN OF CICERO

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The Cicero Town Board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cicero Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, NY 13039.

Present: Jim Corl, Supervisor  
Jessica Zambrano, Councilor  
C. Vernon Conway, Councilor  
Lynn Jennings, Councilor  
Tim Burtis, Councilor  
Tracy Cosilmon, Town Clerk

Others Present : Christopher Woznica, Highway  
Sharon Edick, Receiver of Taxes  
Jody Rogers, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Shirlie Stuart, Comptroller  
Jolee Olszewski, Secretary to the Supervisor  
Brad Brennan, Assessor  
Robert Germain, Germain & Germain, Town Attorney  
Douglas Wickman, C & S Companies, Town Engineer

Absent: Joseph Snell, Police Chief

The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by two special guests, Patrick and Jacob, from Boy Scout Troop 116.

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of our men and women serving in the Armed Forces in harms way.

Mr. Corl 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 clearly into the microphones to enable all to hear.

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

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution that all actions taken tonight are Type Two (2) actions under the New York Environmental Quality Review Act unless otherwise determined. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

Ayes - 5 and Noes- 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Councilor Jennings moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2012 Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Ayes- 5 and Noes – 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

RESOLUTION TO RELEASE A PERFORMANCE BOND TO ALTMAN  
ENTERPRISE WASTE MANAGEMENT, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,213.50.

Shirlie Stuart requested a resolution to release a Performance Bond to Altman Enterprise Waste Management LLC, in the amount of \$48,213.50.

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to release a Performance Bond to Altman Enterprise Waste Management, LLC in the amount of \$48,213.50. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

Ayes- 5 and Noes – 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT # 5 OF 2012

Councilor Zambrano moved the adoption of a resolution to approve Abstract # 5, of 2012 as follows: Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

General Fund Voucher # 304 to Voucher # 458	In the amount of \$2,562,357.36
Highway Fund Voucher # 94H to Voucher #139H	In the amount of \$ 84,294.98

Ayes – 5 and Noes – 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
03/14/2012

**2012**  
**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

FROM	\$	TO
DB 51304 – TIRES	10000.00	DB513055 – MACHINERY-OTHER
DB513055 – MACHINERY – OTHER	2000.00	DB513048 - BATTERIES

Lynn Jennings moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the following budget modifications as follows: Motion was seconded by Supervisor Corl.

Ayes – 5 and Noes – 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

PRESENTATION BY BETH FERGUSON AN ADVISOR FROM CAPITAL  
MARKETS REGARDING BONDING PROJECTS FOR THE TOWN OF CICERO

Supervisor Corl stated Beth Ferguson would be discussing bonding, municipal bonding, present ideas whether or not the town moves forward on projects, capital projects or other projects we may need bonding for throughout the duration of the year.

Beth Ferguson discussed the following topics:

- Firm Introduction
- Municipal Bonds
- The Financing Team
- First Things First ...
- Role of the Financial Advisor
- Role of Bond Counsel
- Period of Probable Usefulness
- Role of the Underwriter

- Authorization Process
- Credit Ratings
- Credit Rating – Town of Cicero
- Credit Rating Scale
- Preparation for Rating Presentation
- Sample Issue
- Sample Debt Service Scheduled

More information on this presentation can be viewed on the town's website at:  
[www.ciceronewyork.net](http://www.ciceronewyork.net).

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SUBMISSION OF 2012 COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT FUNDING APPLICATION AND AMEND THE CONSOLIDATED  
FIVE YEAR PLAN 2010 – 2014

TOWN OF CICERO  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Cicero will hold a Public Hearing on the submission of 2012 Community Development Funding Application and amend the consolidated five year plan 2010-2014. Said hearing will be held at Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Rd., Cicero New York on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012 commencing at 6:30 p.m., local time. At this said time and place all person desiring to be heard will be heard. By order of the Town Board of the Town of Cicero.

Jody Rogers gave a brief explanation of the following two projects:

A) SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZE THE YOUTH BUREAU, PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT THE 2012 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE CICERO SENIOR CENTER SITE/BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00.

B) RESOLUTION TO ADD THE CICERO SENIOR CENTER SITE/BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT TO THE TOWN'S CONSOLIDATED FIVE YEAR PLAN 2010-2014.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:06 p.m.

Deborah Gardner stated she was neither for nor against the project, she just asked that when the board votes on the project they don't look at it as \$29,500.00 of free money; all \$40,000.00 does come out of taxpayer's pockets. Maybe all of it doesn't come out of Cicero residents' pockets, but it comes out of peoples pockets in the rest of the state and in the country. We in turn end up paying for their pet-projects. She requested the board to keep in mind that it is \$40,000.00 in taxpayer money.

Jody Rogers advised Supervisor Corl that the Cicero Senior Center Steering Committee is an elected body, by the membership there, and has voted to move forward with this as well as providing funds. Jody also responded to Deborah Gardner's comment about the money by saying that bringing money into this community will increase the number of jobs that people have, if we don't take the money it will go to a different community until the federal or state government cuts these funds a hundred percent for our community. To reach out for them, she thinks, is an economic benefit to our community. Yes, we are all paying into it and so we do receive a benefit from our moneys that are still going into those funds.

Mark Valesky asked for the figures on the tank-less water heater as opposed to the conventional water heater, what the returns on investments are and what the shelf life is on a tank-less water heater.

Jody stated that according to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) report the project cost for the tank less would be \$2,250.00 and simple payback on this would be 7.2 years. Jody apologized for not having the information on the shelf life but stated she would get it.

Speaking for – None

Speaking against – None

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Supervisor Corl thanked Jody Rogers for a great job in putting everything together while she was on vacation. It's put together well and the community development monies that were typically available to local municipalities were \$100,000.00, unfortunately now the maximum amount is \$50,000.00, so the projects are now somewhat limited.

Mr. Zaluski stated that he and his wife have been life members of the Senior Center and it's a great place. There's nothing better than that for the Cicero Seniors. He feels the money is well spent.

Supervisor Corl agreed that the money is very well utilized.

Jody Rogers stated that there is over 400 members and that they send out over 650 newsletters to 650 different households in the community. The numbers fluctuate as to what program people are involved in, and they still have a number of seniors, in their homes, that like to receive the newsletter just to know what is going on and may not use the facilities but still request to get it.

Supervisor Corl wished success on her endeavor.

Councilor Jennings moved the adoption of a resolution to support and authorize the Youth Bureau, Parks & Recreation Department to submit the 2012 Application for Funding, for the Community Development Block Grant for the Cicero Senior Center Site/Building Improvements and Energy Conservation Project, in the amount of \$40,000.00 and to amend the Town of Cicero's Consolidated Five-Year Plan 2010-2014. Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Ayes – 5 and Noes – 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REQUEST FROM JOLU DEVELOPMENT  
COMPANY FOR ZONE CHANGE FROM MULTIPLE RESIDENTIAL TO  
GENERAL COMMERCIAL FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT  
5533 NYS Route 31 (Tax Map No. 91-01-39.1)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Cicero on March 14, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. at Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Rd., Cicero, New York, 13039 regarding the request from JOLU Development Company for a Zone Change from Multiple Residential Zone to General Commercial Zone on approximately 1.13 acres, for the property located at 5533 NYS Route 31, westerly to the division line between Cicero and Clay, bearing Tax Map Parcel No. 91-01-39.1, to be known as Local Law 2 of 2012.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the environmental significance of said proposed Local Law will be reviewed by the Town Board of the Town of Cicero incident to and as a part of said public hearing. Copies of said proposed local law are available for review at the office of the Town Clerk.

Amy Franko, a representative for JOLU, stated the project is located along Route 31, right at the Cicero/Clay town line. The Cicero portion is 29.2 acres, and there's a small portion of Legionnaire Drive that they want to extend to the property line to the town line with Clay and there's a Multiple Residential Zone that they want to convert to General Commercial Zone. They are looking to do a Zone Change on the 1.13 acre parcel.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m.

Speaking for – None

Speaking against – None

Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

Supervisor Corl solicited any comments or discussion from the Town Board

Supervisor Corl commented that on February 27, 2012, they received a recommendation from the Town Planning Board, in favor of it; it was a unanimous decision to grant the zone change; they believed it was an appropriate use. He also cited that they received a referral, from the Onondaga County Planning Board, which recommends a denial/disapproval for reasons set forth in their resolution. They cited that they would like a more comprehensive study for the New York State Route 31 area. The Town Planning Board thought it was an appropriate land use.

Councilor Zambrano stated that she had attended several meetings regarding this project and feels we need to move forward with it.

Supervisor Corl stated it certainly seems to fit within the characteristics of that area; it seems to be an appropriate land use for that area.

Amy Franko agreed and stated it's laid out in zone for the most part; continuing on with the commercial on NYS Route 31 with residential behind is the anticipation. They have also done a similar lay out with the Clay portion of it, with commercial on NYS Route 31, with residential behind so it won't be a mismatch of zoning.

Councilor Jennings inquired if there was going to be a road coming off of Legionnaire Drive.

Amy Franko stated there would be, and showed on the map that Legionnaire ends at the Lucille Manor Apartments, so the road would extend to the town line and then down to NYS Route 31.

Councilor Jennings asked if there would be another access going out of that development onto NYS Route 31.

Amy Franko responded yes. It's a right in, right out, which has already been installed.

Councilor Jennings claimed his understanding is that the Department of Transportation has been approached on that light for that intersection of Legionnaire Drive and NYS Route 31 because of the medical center, the Veteran's Club, (The American Legion), and Lucille Manor Apartments. So, his concern is the amount of traffic, he frequents that area, and feels it's extremely hard to get back onto NYS Route 31 from there; so it needs to be looked at to move things along.

Robert Germain, Town Attorney, stated that he was at a meeting earlier that day, where that same mentioned light at the intersection was discussed and the state is committed to putting that light in. It has been designed in the Infrastructure's Design – it's through that phase and they are waiting for a survey from the developer there, but it's his understanding that they are going through with that light.

Councilor Zambrano moved the adoption of a resolution to approve JOLU's request for a zone change from Multiple Residential to General Commercial for the property located at 5533 New York State Route 31 (Tax Map No. 091.-01-39.1). To be known as Local Law 2 of 2012. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

Ayes - 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT OF THE TOWN OF CICERO CODE, CHAPTER 124 HOUSING STANDARDS, ARTICLE VI- PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS, (THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT IS TO ADD LANGUAGE TO THE CODE TO ADDRESS SWIMMING POOL MAINTENANCE AND ABANDONMENT ISSUES WITHIN THE TOWN) FOR APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2012, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M., TO BE KNOWN AS A LOCAL LAW

Supervisor Corl gave some background information on this issue. Last summer this was an issue that the town confronted with some pools being abandoned within the town. There was a concern about how to address this in the future due to the fact of the safety and health concerns that come along with pools that are not properly maintained such as containing stagnate water, then becoming mosquito infested and a breeding ground. It was brought to the attention of the town attorney, who has drafted a proposal which will assist the code enforcement officers to go out and not only cite the people that don't maintain their pools, but will also allow the town to go in and alleviate the issues if they have not been taken care of in a timely fashion - it gives a great deal of flexibility to the zone enforcement officers to take care of it in a quick fashion. The town is being very proactive in this regard as we approach spring and mosquito season, which is always an issue.

Councilor Zambrano wanted to verify that the language of this proposed local law was published, on the website and that everyone got a chance to look at it.

Tracy Cosilmon, Town Clerk, confirmed the proposed local law was published.

Councilor Zambrano moved the adoption of a resolution to set April 11, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., at the Cicero Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, NY, for a public hearing to consider an amendment of the Town of Cicero Code, Chapter 124 Housing Standards, Article VI – Property Maintenance Requirements, (the purpose of the proposed amendment is to add language to the code to address swimming pool maintenance and abandonment issues within the town), to be known as a local law. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

Ayes - 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER SETTING THE SPEED ZONE TO 30 MILES PER HOUR FROM 7005 LAKESHORE ROAD TO 7047 LAKESHORE ROAD, FOR APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2012, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M., TO BE KNOWN AS A LOCAL LAW

Supervisor Corl explained that this issue just came up recently, when Police Chief Snell and Jody Rogers advised him that there's an area of Lakeshore Road, from 7005 to 7047, where the speed limit is currently 25 miles per hour. However, it is not within a school zone and by state law we cannot have a speed zone under 30 miles per hour even though there is a park. It becomes problematic when speeding tickets are issued because they are not enforceable. It's an issue that's been out there for several years so we have to rectify that to allow the police the authority to issue tickets for those that are traveling too fast in that area.

Supervisor Corl solicited any comments from the board – None.

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to set April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., at the Cicero Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, NY, for a public hearing to consider setting the speed zone to 30 M.P.H. from 7005 Lakeshore Road to 7047 Lakeshore Road, to be known as a local law. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes - 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF A THREE WAY STOP SIGN AT THE CORNER OF RIDGEWOOD DRIVE AND FOREST DRIVE, FOR APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2012, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M., TO BE KNOWN AS A LOCAL LAW

Supervisor Corl stated he is in receipt of a petition by some neighbors on Ridgewood Drive.

Councilor Jennings, who has been investigating the issue, stated he lives in the area of Forest Drive and Ridgewood Drive and what happens is when someone goes down that street, by the end of it is a stop sign, there's a hedge and you have to actually go out almost into the center of the road to see in either direction. On the day that Chief Snell went out to investigate that area, the school bus was just letting children off the bus and he was not able to see the children getting off the bus. The Councilor feels it's a good idea based upon what he's observed. An individual that lives in that area stopped him and stated they took a survey and only one person in that area was in favor of a three-way stop sign. They are going to go out in the neighborhood and speak with the people, it is a concern and he doesn't feel that the resident is in the position where they'll want to cut their hedge back and it really needs to have some type of safety stop in the other direction. Councilor Jennings will be going through the neighborhood and speaking with the resident's prior to the public hearing.

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to set April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., at the Cicero Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, NY, for a public hearing to consider the installation of a three way stop sign at the corner of Ridgewood Drive and Forest Drive, to be known as a local law. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

Ayes - 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER A SPEED REDUCTION ON EAST TAFT ROAD FROM THOMPSON ROAD TO NORTHERN BOULEVARD, FOR APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2012, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M., TO BE KNOWN AS A LOCAL LAW

Supervisor Corl stated that he would combine agenda items numbers 12 & 16 together, because they do pertain to the same issue. It is very unfortunate that we have to discuss this topic. Over the last couple of weeks he had been approached by a citizen of the Town of Cicero, relative to a safety concern on the Taft Road area, especially Taft Road and Totman Road. There was a tragic accident there recently and Leanne Schaefer did pass away as a result of the injuries sustained at that intersection and she leaves behind her family, her husband who is in attendance tonight. Since that happened, Cindy Smith, who is also here, has circulated some petitions, she's gathered some documentation relative to safety concerns in that area. He has also talked to the Onondaga County Department of Transportation regarding that and they are on board to try and make whatever improvements at that intersection that are necessary. There are several businesses off of Totman Road in that particular area. There are actually two resolutions that will be proposed:

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to set April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., at the Cicero Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, NY, for a public hearing to consider a speed reduction on East Taft Road from Thompson Road to Northern Boulevard, that area which falls within the jurisdiction of the Town of Cicero, to be known as a local law. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes - 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

REQUEST THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA TO CONSIDER SAFETY  
IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF TAFT ROAD AND  
TOTMAN ROAD

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to request the County of Onondaga to consider safety improvements at the intersection of Taft Road and Totman Road. Motion was seconded by Councilor Burtis.

Ayes - 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE JIM CORL, TOWN SUPERVISOR AS THE  
CONTACT PERSON TO REPORT ANY WORKPLACE VIOLENCE.

Councilor Zambrano moved the adoption of a resolution to designate Jim Corl, Town Supervisor as the Contact Person to report any workplace violence. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

Ayes - 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING SIX EMPLOYEES TO THE  
WORKPLACE VIOLENCE/SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilor Burtis moved the adoption of a resolution to designate the following six employees to the Workplace Violence/Safety Committee. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Diane Celucci – Comptroller’s Office  
Steve Procopio – Coding/Zoning  
Jody Rogers – Youth Bureau, Parks & Recreation  
Bonnie Smith – Town Clerk’s Office  
Chief Joseph Snell – Police Department  
Carl Price/Daren LaDue – Highway Department

Ayes - 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

DISCUSSION ON IMPROVED ROAD SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF  
CICERO AND SET DATE FOR DECISION FOR MARCH 28TH, 2012

Supervisor Corl stated last fall we did discuss road specifications for the Town of Cicero, all of the board members were part of the discussions except Councilor Burtis. He requested the town engineer to circulate the two proposals, once again, that there was already a public hearing. Supervisor Corl asked Councilor Conway if he wanted to contact the developers regarding this matter.

Councilor Conway responded said they spoke with the Developers last year before they did anything any developers in the town of Cicero would sit down and talk with the board on how to approve what they would like done and what the board wanted to do. The biggest reason for it was to not price the developers out of developing.

Supervisor Corl requested Councilor Conway to coordinate that and reach out to whoever he wanted and the developers. Supervisor Corl would like a decision, hopefully, by March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012, if we have to roll into the next month we can but before construction season.

Councilor Jennings stated he had a letter way back from October 2011; he has one he believes from September, one from the Homebuilders Remodelers of Central New York

and also one from the Bragman Companies. According to the letter they would like to sit in on the meeting.

Supervisor Corl asked Councilor Conway if he coordinated a meeting if he would let Councilor Jennings sit in and provide any feedback he could.

Councilor Zambrano asked if this would be the input at the next town board meeting or a separate meeting.

Councilor Conway replied that it would be a separate meeting that they would have at the town hall with all the developers and anyone is welcome to attend. They will advertise it when they get it in motion.

REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE(1) YEAR WITH DAVID KIRK, TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO THE TOWN OF CICERO AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES. THE TOWN HAS RECEIVED A PROPOSED SCOPE OF SERVICES FROM MR. KIRK, WHICH INCLUDES, AMONG OTHER SERVICES, PROVIDING THE TOWN WITH A STABLE AND BUDGETED COMPUTING PLATFORM. THE COST OF THE CONTRACT IS AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,500.00 ANNUALLY. SAID CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY AS TO FORM AND CONTENT.

Supervisor Corl requested an adoption of a resolution to retain the service of David Kirk, to perform certain services for the Town of Cicero. Since January 1, 2012, David Kirk was named the Information Technology Chairperson for the town and since that time he has conducted several investigations as to passwords, domain names, who host them and other issues within the town. He's been very helpful to the board, so he would like to see that David Kirk be provided a stipend, because we are coming across some issues where he is not in any way a vendor or employee of the town, and there's some liability issues if he is not actually on the books to have access to some of the information that we need him to. He's also conducting an investigation in regards to a purchase, that was made last year, for a software program called Muncity, for the Zoning Office, which cost over \$75,000.00 and there was a lack of discussion and a lack of involvement by other department heads to see whether or not there are other types of programs that might service the whole town, such as a BAS, (Business Automation Systems). There is a BAS system which the Town Clerk and Tax Receiver use, so he is also willing to investigate and kind of conduct some research, meet with department heads in that respect, to kind of get a hold on our Information Technology program as a whole. He's probably spent countless hours so far, hundreds of hours this year, that's why he wanted to address the board.

Councilor Jennings stated that he had sat on that committee for a while, but he does plan to resign from the committee at this time. He has his own reasons and he recommended to the supervisor to have the Deputy Supervisor, Jessica Zambrano, fill that vacancy since she has been a driving force behind computers and issues to deal with them within the town. Also, it's his understanding that another member of the committee has resigned. He feels it's a conflict of interest to give \$5,500.00 annually to Dave Kirk, who is chairing a committee and he doesn't believe a Request for Proposal (RFP), has gone out on this. So, there may be somebody out there that more qualified or will do the work for less. He has worked with David Kirk, but he thinks to come up with another \$5,500.00 to pay an individual that volunteered basically to chair a committee is wasteful spending. At the least, we need to send out a Request for Proposal and see if there is any response to that. So, he is definitely not in favor of this stipend, because now is not the time. Councilor Jennings went on to say that the town is looking at part-time positions, they've reduced part-time positions, they've lost people, reduced people and then to turn around and say \$5,500.00 is needed for a committee chair – he is against it.

Councilor Zambrano did understand Councilor Jennings concern about the money, but she stated that volunteer services haven't given the town what was needed. They spent

\$3,500.00 last year doing an inventory of equipment, however, that inventory was limited because there was no vintage assigned to the age of the computers and one of the reasons that they wanted an inventory, was to develop a plan for a replacement of hardware. They also did an inventory of software, there's licensing issues that haven't taken place yet. There's a multitude of issues that have been left undone. Experience shows that the volunteer effort hasn't proved fruitful; last year the town spent at least \$75,000.00 on software, hardware, and computer labor. She doesn't think the town can continue to spend that much money. A central location is needed, by which all of the computer needs are being addressed, and a coordinator. David Kirk has spent many hours organizing this and she thinks the money is well spent. She was a driving factor to get \$50,000.00 designated for the Information Technology Reserve Fund. There's still \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 left in that fund, and she thinks \$5,500.00 is good use. She recommended a \$500.00 stipend for the rest of the year.

Councilor Jennings stated he didn't believe that when the \$5,500.00 was put aside that it was set aside to pay someone \$5,500.00. Councilor Jennings thinks the money was for equipment and study and requested a Request for Proposal should be done.

Councilor Zambrano said when they requested that money to be designated for Information Technology Services, she actually thought that they might be able to pay someone to do this. So, using that \$5,500.00 is consistent with what she had envisioned. They've just have not made enough progress and they need to keep moving on this.

Councilor Jennings thought that if they worked more with Computer Outlet, whom they've already put monies to, they could do a little bit more. He doesn't think there was enough follow-up in tracking, or in working hand in hand with Computer Outlet and he said that even when he was a member of the Information Technology Committee.

Councilor Zambrano did not feel a Request for Proposal is required in this situation and asked the town attorney if he felt one was required.

Robert Germain, Town Attorney stated one was not required.

Councilor Jennings asked why then is this one not required, when a comment was made that anything (and no monies were mentioned), requires a Request for Proposal. He stated it needs to be consistent.

Supervisor Corl acknowledged that Councilor Jennings had made a good point. In the last week David Kirk had pointed out that there are passwords and domain names that are still owned by NSA (Network Security Associates), which we previously had an issue with sharing emails with the police and it's an issue that we don't have a good grasp on what's out there. David Kirk has detected some issues, almost with an emergency in nature, to get a handle as to what we have in inventory of all that information. Supervisor Corl thinks it's something David Kirk is willing to do for this type of stipend.

Councilor Burtis said there's no mystery that we have problems here in the town when it comes to computers, servers and software; he's concerned as to why we are not doing a Request for Proposal, he thinks \$5,500.00 is enough money being spent annually. It was a surprise to him that we would give him a stipend, so he would agree with that. He does have a list of a description of his responsibilities that are expected of him and he's concerned with who he would be accountable to, would it be the supervisor or the board, with his findings. How quickly could he move and could he be accessible to the town hall employees if they have a problem, like the other day when the system was running really slow, can he be called in that type of situation. Some accessibility and accountability is needed and it has been a problem at the town hall since he's been here.

Councilor Burtis stated it is possibly money well spent; but, it's a little early for him to be giving Mr. Kirk money. He believes David Kirk has a good grasp of it, but he is surprised that they are willing to give him money.

Supervisor Corl proposed that he circulate a job description for him, if the board members could review it and maybe by Monday have comments, additions or deletions. They will publish it, put it on the website, and have them returnable by March 28, 2012 at

which time they will make an award to see if there is anyone else interested and if not they'll move forward.

Councilor Jennings made a motion that the Town Board table the issue until the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Supervisor Corl felt that action was not necessary.

The town attorney advised that if the form of the motion is to lay it on the table, it's a regular motion that they would ask and has a certain set of time frames that go into place. But, if they decide not to take action on this they could just skip it at that time. He claimed it was a better way to approach it rather than to lay it on the table, because the actual motion of "lay on the table," attaches a lot of obligations for the board.

Councilor Jennings withdrew his motion.

Supervisor Corl asked the Attorney if they wanted to solicit input on his proposal that David Kirk has submitted, making it returnable on March 28, 2012, would he suggest that they do that in a form of a resolution; to put this out to bid so to speak.

Town Attorney replied that they don't have to do a resolution on it now, but he does appreciate Councilor Burtis' comments regarding what should be in the contract is important. He anticipates that he'll actually help draft a contract when it comes to that. Any additional information that comes in they could incorporate it for an eventual contract.

Supervisor Corl commented that what he'd like to do is get the comments in as quickly as possible. He thinks it's a very serious issue that needs to be taken care of and asked the board members if they could forward their comments by Monday, to him. He can then forward those to the attorney and they can put together a formal proposal so to speak, get it out and make it returnable on March 28, 2012, and see what is submitted. The board members agreed.

Councilor Jennings rescinded his second.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue with the Town Attorney and the Assessor. Supervisor Corl asked the Town Attorney to appropriately describe the content and the nature of the Executive Session. The attorney stated they were going into Executive Session to discuss an employment contract for the town, for a town employee. Councilor Zambrano seconded the motion.

Ayes – 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

The Meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

The Meeting reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

Supervisor Corl stated Councilor Jennings made a motion to reconvene. Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Supervisor Corl made a motion to reconvene to the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes – 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO SHARE ASSESSOR SERVICES**

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the following two year Cooperative Agreement to share Assessor Services with the Town of Salina. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes - 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made as of the 14th day of March, 2012, by and between the Town of Cicero, County of Onondaga, a municipal corporation as defined by 119-n of the General Municipal Law, with its offices at 8236 S. Main Street, Cicero, NY, and the Town of Salina, County of Onondaga, a municipal corporation as defined by said statute, with its office at 201 School Road, Liverpool, New York,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Salina has in its employment a Town Assessor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cicero is in need of certain assessing services; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State General Municipal Law 119-0 authorizes the towns to enter into cooperative agreements and New York Real Property Law 576 authorizes a person serving as Assessor in one Town to also serve as Assessor in another Town pursuant to such a cooperative agreement;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Towns agree as follows:

1. While the present Salina Assessor, Brad Brennan, shall be solely an employee of Salina during the term of this Agreement, Cicero, in accordance with Real Property Tax Law 576, shall appoint Brad Brennan as Assessor in Cicero pursuant to and subject to the terms of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, that person shall be referred to as the "Assessor". It is intended that the Assessor will spend equal time in each Town during any given year.
2. The Assessor at all times must meet the minimum qualification standards for real property assessors established by the New York State Board of Real Property Services.
3. The Assessor shall be responsible for assessing all parcels of real property located in Cicero for the purpose of taxation and special ad valorem levies for town, county, special district and school district. The Assessor shall perform for Cicero all duties as required of assessors by the New York Real Property Tax Law Rules of the New York State Board of Real Property Services and such other applicable laws or regulations.
4. Each Town retains its separate respective right to establish separate respective dates applicable to the assessment process in each respective assessing unit, including taxable status date, and the dates for filing the tentative and final assessment rolls. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require Cicero to set the same dates as Salina or to require Salina to set the same dates as Cicero. Cicero shall re-schedule its grievance day so that it will not conflict with Salina, which shall continue to hold its grievance day on the fourth Tuesday in May.
5. Salina shall pay the Assessor's salary and reimbursable expenses, and make employer's contributions for retirement, social security, health insurance and other similar benefits. Salina shall also pay all fees and charges associated with the Assessor's requirements pursuant to paragraph "2 of this Agreement, as well as any expenditure's applicable to the Assessor pursuant to any collective bargaining agreement to which the Assessor is a party. Collectively, the above-described expenses and costs, as well as the costs associated with paragraph six below, shall be referred to as the "Costs". Cicero agrees to share the costs incurred by Salina, as employer of the Assessor, equally such that each Town pays fifty percent (50%) of the costs. The Assessor shall not be reimbursed for travel expenses associated with the Assessor's work in Salina or Cicero.
6. Salina shall be responsible for procuring general liability, public officials, umbrella and workers compensation and disability benefits insurance that applies to the Assessor while he is acting on behalf of Cicero. Cicero shall name Salina as an additional insured with regard to Cicero's general liability, public officials, and umbrella and workers compensation insurance. As noted in paragraph five, above, Cicero shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the insurance premiums required under this paragraph six. Salina shall provide Cicero with written documentation as to how said premiums have been calculated.
7. The Assessor's annual salary, pursuant to this Agreement, shall be Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred and no/100 (\$93,300.00) annually which shall be pro-rated equally as of the effective date of this Agreement and shall be split equally between Cicero and Salina as specified in paragraph five above. Therefore, the Town of Cicero shall be responsible for one half or an amount equal to \$46,650.00 for the Assessor's salary. The Assessor's salary shall not be subject to

any annual salary increase specified in any collective bargaining agreement as well as any longevity payments. The salary set forth herein shall be a lock-in rate for the two year period of this contract and not subject to any increase or decrease as both Townships see the benefits of a guaranteed long term, lock in rate, shared services agreement. The Assessor has warranted that he has the permission of any union affiliated with to determine his own salary and benefits separate from any Collective Bargaining Agreement.

8. Each Town shall employ and pay its own assessment office clerical and/or support staff as each Town deems appropriate. The day-to-day activities of the respective assessment office staff shall be subject to the control and supervision of the Assessor. A staff member of one Town may perform services for the other Town with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of each Town. Should services be performed, detailed records of time and any reimbursable expense shall be kept, and the costs (salary or wage, benefits and expenses) shall be assessed or credited as appropriate as against the other Town. Each Town shall have access to the records of such time and expense, and shall receive a quarterly report of the records and information on costs incurred. Said report shall only be required to be generated if such costs have been incurred.
9. Cicero shall pay to Salina its share of the costs incurred by Salina in four installments on or before March 31<sup>st</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. In the event there are additional costs incurred by or credits due for the expenses described in paragraph "7" above, the installment due from Cicero shall be increased or reduced accordingly. Salina shall submit an invoice for the costs to Cicero, to the attention of the Comptroller, thirty (30) days prior to February 28<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.
10. The Chief Fiscal Officer of Salina shall determine, at the end of each fiscal year of this Agreement, each Town's share of all costs and expenses incurred under this Agreement and provide a copy of such determination to the Chief Fiscal Officer of Cicero for review. If either Town has paid more than its share for the fiscal year, such amount of overpayment or underpayment shall be credited or added to the next year's payments, or if no contract covering the next year, such overpayment or underpayment shall be paid to the other party on or before January 30<sup>th</sup> of the next year.
11. Upon failure of the Town Boards of the Cicero and Salina to settle disputes or disagreements arising between themselves as to the provisions of this Agreement, including the failure of one of the Towns to pay its share of the costs and expenses incurred under this Agreement within three (3) months of the date said payment is due, or the performance of the Assessor, such disputes or disagreements shall be submitted to binding arbitration by three (3) disinterested individuals, each of whom shall be qualified and recognized arbitrators, one to be selected by the Town Board of Cicero, one to be selected by the Town Board of Salina and the third to be selected by the first two chosen. The arbitration process shall be enforceable under the Civil Practice Law and Rules of the State of New York.
12. In the event that Brad Brennan shall resign or otherwise be unable to remain as Assessor, the Towns agree that Salina will make every effort to appoint a replacement individual to serve, with Cicero's consent thereto, within ninety (90) days of such resignation or removal, or if parties cannot agree on the replacement, either party may terminate this Agreement upon ten (10) days with notice to the other.
13. This Agreement shall remain in effect until March 14, 2014, unless terminated as provided herein. The existing six (6)-year term of the Assessor expires September 30, 2013. If Salina fails to appoint Brennan for a successive term effective at the end of the then current fiscal year, either Town may terminate, effective on December 31 of the current year upon the giving of written notice thereof to the other on or before October 15<sup>th</sup>, of the current year.

Notices shall be sent by certified or registered mail of the United States Postal Services to:

Town of Cicero  
Attn: Supervisor  
8236 Brewerton Road  
Cicero, New York 13039

Town of Salina  
Attn: Supervisor  
201 School Road  
Liverpool, New York 13088

14. Cicero shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify Salina from any and all liability, claims or damages including reasonable attorney's fees as may arise by reason of the act, error or omission of the Assessor occurring while performing services on matters concerning Cicero. Salina shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify Cicero from any and all liability, claims or damages including reasonable attorney's fees as may arise by reason of the act, error or omission of the Assessor occurring while performing services on matters concerning Salina.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Towns have hereunto set their hands and seals the days and year first above written.

**TOWN OF CICERO****TOWN OF SALINA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**James E. Corl, Jr.**  
**Supervisor**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mark A. Nicotra**  
**Supervisor**

Brad Brennan, Assessor, hereby consents to the above terms set forth hereinabove, as shall apply to him, and shall be bound by such.

Dated: March 14, 2012

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Brad Brennan**

**STAFF APPOINTMENTS**

Jody Rogers requested approval for the following appointments as part-time staff for the CanTeen Center Monitors.

Paul Conte, 114 Bent Tree Lane, Baldwinsville 13027  
 Title: Recreation Attendant  
 Rate of Pay: \$10/hour (not to exceed 800 hours)  
 Start Date: March 6, 2012

Sarah Murphy, 8190 Chianti Circle, Clay 13041  
 Title: Recreation Attendant  
 Rate of Pay: \$10/hour (not to exceed 800 hours)  
 Start Date: March 6, 2012

Councilor Jennings moved the adoption of a resolution to approve Paul Conte, 114 Bent Tree Lane, Baldwinsville, NY effective March 6, 2012 and Sarah Murphy, 8190 Chianti Circle, Clay, NY, effective March 6, 2012 as CanTeen Center Monitors at a rate of \$10.00 per hour (not to exceed 800 hours). Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Ayes - 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

**APPROVAL FOR \$3,650.00 TO MADISON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER  
 CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR CHITTENANGO CREEK**

Councilor Zambrano moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the expenditure of \$3,650.00 to Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District for Chittenango Creek. Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway

Ayes - 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

**AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH  
 INVESTMENT COMPANY – COOPERATIVE LIQUID ASSETS SECURITY  
 SYSTEM (CLASS)**

Shirlie Stuart, Comptroller explained it's an investment program that we have an agreement with, it's only for municipalities and school districts. They're changing their agreement. They're changing their lead participant, the language in our agreement from BOCES to the Village of Potsdam and their changing their Investment Advisory Service from Cutwater Asset Management to First Southwest, JP Morgan Asset Management.

Councilor Burtis moved the adoption of a resolution to authorize the Supervisor to sign the amended agreement with Investment Company – CLASS. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes - 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

APPOINT STEVE PROCOPIO AS STORM WATER MANAGEMENT OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 179-5 OF CICERO TOWN CODE

Deferred until March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Regular Town Board Meeting.

APPOINT DAVID CHRISTIAN AS A LABOR CREW LEADER, FOR THE  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, AT A RATE OF \$24.08 PER HOUR, EFFECTIVE  
APRIL 1, 2012

Chris Woznica stated that the position is titled as Foreman, per the CSEA Contract. Shirlye Stuart per Civil Service the Town has to go by Labor Crew Leader.

Councilor Conway moved the adoption of a resolution to appoint David Christian as a Labor Crew Leader, for the Highway Department, at a rate of \$24.08 per hour, effective April 1st, 2012. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Corl.

Ayes - 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

PURCHASE APPROVALS FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Councilor Burtis moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the following purchase approvals for the Highway Department, (total expenditure amount of \$38,094.73). Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway:

- A. \$14,502.33 to Cyncon Equipment for repair of Grapple Truck #26
- B. \$15,400.00 to Hanson Aggregates NY (Onondaga County Bid) for 2500 tons of runner crush escalation at \$6.11 per ton (subject to change)
- C. \$1,500.00 to Brown Excavation (Onondaga County Bid) for 100 yards of topsoil
- D. \$1,225.00 to Crossroads Highway for (35) thirty inch pre-made stop signs
- E. \$3,967.40 to 3M Traffic Safety Systems for miscellaneous Sign Film
- F. \$1,500.00 to Allied Spring for Walking Beam/Bushing Springs for Truck #41

Ayes - 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

PURCHASE APPROVALS FOR YOUTH BUREAU, PARKS & RECREATION

Councilor Jennings moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the following purchase approvals for the Youth Bureau, Parks & Recreation Department (total expenditure amount of \$7,892.00). Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano:

- A. \$2,740.00 to John Haas (via participant fees) for basketball instruction from Cicero North Syracuse, Northstar Basketball Association
- B. \$2,740.00 to Gary Dembkowski (via participant fees) for basketball instruction from Cicero North Syracuse, Northstar Basketball Association
- C. \$2,412.00 to Kinlow Associate, Inc. for toilet partitions and hardware at Skyway Public Restrooms

Ayes - 5 and Noes - 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

PUBLIC INPUT

Deborah Gardner advised the next meeting for the Committee on Open Government is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at Driver's Village, under the clock. Everyone is welcome to attend. Deborah asked how many jobs would be created if the Town was awarded the Community Development Grant. Supervisor Corl advised the different types of work that would need to be done, that would create jobs. She also

inquired if there were any town codes that would make a resident cut down a hedge if it was posing a safety hazard.

Councilor Jennings stated he spoke with Chief Snell and if the resident is within their rights, the town could not mandate the said person to cut it back.

Deborah Gardner read a letter Lou Bersani had asked her to read at the meeting. In his letter he stated he thought that the board did not advertise for an Assessor, it was not considered as promised, and should be done in a proper manner. Secondly, he felt the Maple Bay Landing Issues should be a "go", because it would improve the neighborhood and replace the unsightly buildings that are already there. He feels this type of project will appeal to retired and professional types. Also, the project wouldn't probably add many, if any, children to our school system.

Don Snyder spoke in regards to David Kirk and the Information Technology issues. He felt a resume/background relative to Information Technology should be required. Mr. Snyder stated one of the reasons money was put into the Information Technology section was for cameras for the Court Room, for security purposes as it relates to the Town Hall when court is in session. He hopes the town doesn't pay money for a chairman getting paid to do volunteer work instead of fixing a known issue. Mr. Snyder made expressed his disapproval of the renewed Assessor's contract. He also, asked if the town was considering taking over the brush pick-up. Supervisor Corl responded that it was being considered. He also proposed that the board consider stopping paying different department chairs and members stipends.

Joe Ruscitto asked Supervisor Corl what he had done to save the town money by renewing the Assessor's Contract with the town. Supervisor Corl replied that they had entered into a two-year contract with the Town of Salina and with salary and benefits the annual cost for the Assessor is \$46,630.00 plus half the cost of benefits (about \$18,000). If the Town was to hire a full-time assessor, the cost with benefits would be around \$100,000.00.

Christine Foland questioned if the GAR Associates, Inc., contract was completed. Were all the parcels pictures taken, loaded on the website, and were they accurate.

Brad Brennan, Assessor responded other than those requests that photos not be taken, yes, they were on the website and accurate.

Christine Foland asked if the Assessor felt confident that he could accurately assess the town working part-time.

Brad Brennan, Assessor replied yes.

Christine Foland expressed her concern that renewing the contract for a part-time assessor was not a good decision.

Councilor Burtis advised Christine Foland that the board received assurances from the Assessor that he can keep the town up to full assessment, successfully. The Assessor has gone over a plan, which they went over in their meeting. The plan included doing commercial every two years and as far as the 17 hours, they are talking about a different part-time per year hour, than what gets you \$70.00 per hour or 17 hours a week; they don't want to put parameters on how many hours he works per week.

Brad Brennan, Assessor advised Ms. Foland that with the part-time, the 17 hours per work week is a minimum, there is a lot more time put in than the 17 minimum, which are the office hours. Over the last 3 years, he has maintained the 100 percent at Salina and this is the same process he uses at Cicero. He will maintain the inventory and the values.

Supervisor Corl asked Brad that when he talks about Salina and the grouping of neighborhoods on a rotating basis, if he conducts field visits to. He feels there is some confusion as to whether or not he physically goes out there.

Brad Brennan stated when he does appraise a neighborhood, or a commercial property, they do go out there. They drive the streets, they look for any outliers and then put the values to it and do some review at the office. He assured the board that everyone will be seen, they are keeping inventory and updating photos also.

Joe Ruscitto asked if the assessor was going to evaluate a group of properties over the next 4 or 5 years.

Brad Brennan stated that was correct.

Joe Ruscitto asked, using himself as an example, if one just had their property reassessed would they be good for the next 5 years.

Brad Brennan replied that wasn't the case. This type of project is what they've been doing for 12 years in a number of towns, in this county and throughout the state. Where in a year he may not have appraised your property if the market value in his neighborhood went up or down 5 percent, that's when he would trend. So he would keep him at 100% by either trending and as part of their appraisals.

Joe Ruscitto asked if the waterfront properties could go up again.

Brad Brennan advised Mr. Ruscitto that the location isn't the important thing; it is what the market does. If the market stays flat where he is then he won't see any increase. If it goes up or down they would react to it.

Joe Ruscitto asked how Beach, LongPoint and Muskrat Bay Road, all meet together, they all have three different values and there are 3 houses that are all right next to each other, but yet they all have different values.

Brad Brennan stated that was for land value only and invited Joe Ruscitto to come in if he wanted to go over the specifics on those properties.

Supervisor Corl encourage Joe Ruscitto to meet with Brad.

Ed Zaluski stated just north of Whiting Road they are missing a deer crossing sign.

Chris Woznica, Highway Superintendant stated he would look into it.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD INPUT

Town Clerk

Tracy Cosilmon reminded everyone that the next Planning Board meeting is March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Highway - None

Comptroller - None

Youth Bureau, Parks & Recreation

Jody Rogers was pleased to announce that the CanTeen received their Temporary Certificate of Occupancy, they opened to students through Facebook and they had over 45 youth attend. They haven't announced it at the schools yet, but they are working on an official grand opening for the facility in April.

Attorney - None

#### Engineer Comments

Douglas Wickman stated he had sent a memo to the Board, dated March 8th, 2012, relative to drainage maintenance for their efforts associated with the Drainage Maintenance Contract for 2012. They are trying to do the same thing they did in 2011. His intention was to inform the Board on this and to seek comments or concerns if they have any.

Secondly, he stated with the Save the Rain Program, Onondaga County put \$3 million dollars aside for funding, green infrastructure projects within the county sanitary district. The purpose of that money is to encourage communities located within that district, (Cicero is one of them), to undertake green infrastructure projects with the idea of helping to improve storm water run-off quality and also to help to reduce the amount of storm water that finds its way into the sanitary sewer system. This application process has been around for a little while, and he was asked to take a look at it and see if there might be an opportunity for Cicero to apply for some of this money. The first step they took was to look at the parcels, with the Assessor, and they found a parcel that was 4.68 acres in size. The parcel is located in the Cedar Point subdivision, south of Honeycomb Path, and north of where the power lines go through, there is an existing detention basin there, and it's just to the west of Weaver Road. That detention basin is relatively large, but there are areas there that they could use, where they could further enhance storm water quality and that's what their proposed project involves. It includes installing bio-retention facilities, the goal is to treat storm water run-off, the first flush. The total volume of storm water that they would be able to treat using this process is about 2 ½ million gallons a year. The minimum that the county is asking for are projects that treat 100 thousand gallons, so they are twenty-five times the minimum that the county is requesting. Cicero is a relatively large town, there's 3 million dollars available in the proposed funding; they are requesting \$286,000.00. They feel it's a fair and useful project that will not only help to treat storm water run-off that comes off the streets in the Cedar Point subdivision, but it also helps reduce the flow rates that go along Volmer Creek and Larchmont Drive. There's erosion that occurs on Larchmont, He's not going to say that it's going to eliminate the erosion, but it's a step in the right direction. Also, it may help to reduce the flooding on Beach Road. The goal they are seeking by helping to reduce the potential for flooding, they will help to reduce the potential for getting storm water into the sanitary sewer; that is the intent of the program. He asked the town board for a letter of support to include with the application.

Supervisor Corl gave his full support of the Save the Rain Project.

Assessor - None

#### Tax Receiver

Sharon Edick stated her office sent out second notices to remind property owners, who may have forgotten to pay their taxes. The unpaid tax amount to be collected, between now and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, is \$3.63 million.

#### Board Comments

Councilor Burtis stated he has received a lot of calls and letters regarding the Assessment issues, which he appreciates and takes very seriously. Generally, he isn't sure what to take of all the residents and everyone makes great points, but trying to make a decision, is difficult when trying to muddle through some people's, he feels personal agendas, and they are still dealing with the backlash from the reassessment. It is a really complicated issue, and for him it was difficult, but he was reassured by the Assessor that he could keep the town at 100% assessment and trusts that the town can do the job and keep the town going forward. He appreciates all the concerns and thoughts and he doesn't want anyone to think he didn't take them seriously or that he didn't listen. The town needs to continue to try and move forward, he thinks if we keep the Assessor, it will give a better chance of getting us past what has happened. He did ask the Assessor to consider where we've been and what the residents have been through as we try and move forward.

Councilor Jennings stated March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012, Meals on Wheels, North Area is conducting Treat a Senior Day. What they are asking for is either a \$6.00 donation or any increment anyone wants to donate. What \$6.00 can do is provide two meals for that day, for a senior. They service 211 seniors a day, two meals each. It's a worthwhile program that covers Cicero, North Syracuse, Brewerton, Salina and Liverpool. It's being held the same day they hold Meals for Mayors, when all the elected officials go out and assist with the delivery or the preparation of the meals. Checks can also be given to the Town Clerk's Office.

Secondly, he had the opportunity to visit the CanTeen. It's a beautiful place; they'll have a lot of activities. Just like the Senior Center, it's a worthwhile project. They both need funding and we need to support them.

Councilor Conway – None

Councilor Zambrano wanted everyone to acknowledge that Tracy Cosilmon is working overtime to be in compliance with the amendment to the Freedom and Government Law, by getting the documents they've discussed at town board meetings on the town website. It's a lot of work and hectic, and she's done it enthusiastically.

Secondly, along with Supervisor Corl, she participated at the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Robert's Office Furniture Concepts Store, it was a grand opening located by the old Hechinger's building. It's a beautiful facility and she's glad they've decided to relocate in the town.

Supervisor

Supervisor Corl stated that earlier this year he had appointed Jim Ostrowski, as a Fire Department Liason, who has resigned due to family responsibilities and a conflict. In the meantime, he has spoken to David Cowburn, and he's agreed to act as the new liason. Mr. Cowburn is very enthusiastic and is excited about taking on this roll.

Motion was made by Councilor Zambrano to adjourn the Town Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

Ayes- 5 and Noes- 0. *Unanimously Carried.*

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Tracy M. Cosilmon  
Town Clerk

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