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ONONDAGA COUNTY
TOWN OF CICERO

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The Cicero Town Board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 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
Joseph Snell, Police Chief
Robert Germain, Germain & Germain, Town Attorney
Ron Detota, C & S Companies, Town Engineer

Mr. Corl indicated where the fire exits were.

The meeting was opened at 6:30 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 harms way.

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 Conway.

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 April 25, 2012 Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

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

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT # 9 OF 2012

Councilor Burtis moved the adoption of a resolution to approve Abstract # 9, of 2012 as follows:

General Fund Voucher # 755 to Voucher # 846 In the amount of \$538,220.05
Highway Fund Voucher # 224H to Voucher # 255H In the amount of \$ 79,134.52

Councilor Jennings inquired about the \$3,000.00 made out to the former attorney.
Supervisor Corl stated last year there was a mistake, where there was a Planning Board issue and \$4,000.00 in legal fees paid. All of it was given to the Germain Law Firm, however, with the way they divide up the Planning Board fees, \$3,000.00 should have been given to the Town

Board attorney and \$1,000.00 should have been distributed to the Germain Law Firm. Therefore, you will see a \$3,000.00 work order or expenditure relative to that.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

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

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

There are no Budget Modifications this evening.

PRESENTATION ON SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS, BY TOM RHOADS, COMMISSIONER OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

A presentation on the Sanitary Sewer Systems, by Tom Rhoads, Commissioner of the Onondaga County Water Environment Protection, covered information about the Town of Cicero and how it interconnects to the Onondaga County Sewer Systems.

Supervisor Corl stated Tom Rhoads, by recent appointment to this position by County Executive Joanne M. Mahoney, leads a highly skilled work team of almost 400 County employees dedicated to improving the environment through the use of Green Infrastructure as well as traditional treatment facilities. His goals are: clean water, what the county is doing about clean water and finally, the shared responsibility we have in taking care of water and that is part of our sewer system.



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PRESENTATION BY RON DETOTA FROM C&S COMPANIES OF THE REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION REGARDING STORM WATER QUALITY (MS4)

Ron DeTota from C&S Engineers gave a presentation on the following:

As part of the NYSDEC Phase II permit program the town is required to submit an annual report that details the town's efforts in meeting the minimum requirements set forth in Permit GP-0-10-002. The requirements are broken down within 6 minimum measures in the permit. They include:

- Minimum Measure 1 – Public Education and Outreach
- Minimum Measure 2 – Public Involvement/Participation
- Minimum Measure 3 – Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Minimum Measure 4 – Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
- Minimum Measure 5 – Post-Construction Stormwater Management
- Minimum Measure 6 – Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping For Municipal Operations

Ron DeTota wanted to focus on one element within Minimum Measure 5, Green Infrastructure practices. There has been a lot of publicity about green infrastructure practices. The objective of the green infrastructure practices is to replicate pre-development hydrology by maintaining pre-construction infiltration, peak runoff flow, discharge volume, as well as minimizing concentrated flow by using runoff control techniques in a distributed manner before runoff reaches the collection system. This methodology deviates from the previously utilized approach of providing an end of pipe treatment.

The green infrastructure practices could include the construction of a bioretention basin, biofiltration and infiltration swales, porous pavement and providing rain barrels and cisterns to

name a few alternatives. When implemented throughout a development and watershed, green infrastructure can:

- Reduce runoff volume, peak flow and flow duration
- Slow down the flow to increase time of concentration and promote infiltration and evapotranspiration
- Improve groundwater recharge
- Protect downstream water resources, including wetlands
- Reduce downstream flooding and property damage
- Provide water quality improvements/reduced treatment costs
- Reduce thermal pollution
- Improve wildlife habitat

The town recently approved a residential road cross section that eliminates the roadside concrete valley gutter and replaces it with a permeable shoulder. This approach allows the stormwater runoff from the road to drain onto the permeable shoulder and absorb into the ground for the smaller storm events. This assists in reducing the volume of runoff being discharged directly into the roadside storm sewer system.

The report is in the process of being finalized, they are waiting for some verification of some numbers for some prior years, as far as stormwater management facilities. But, for the most part it is ninety-nine percent accurate on its contents. It's expected to be finalized by the end of this week. At that time, copies will be made available at the Town Clerk's office and on the town's website. He requested anyone with questions pertaining to the SPDES Phase II permit program or the Annual Report can email the Supervisor's office.

Supervisor solicited any questions from the board.

Councilor Jennings asked if C&S Engineering is now the point of contact for MS4 issues. Ron DeTota replied yes. So, actually we don't have anybody in the town, at this point, that's qualified as a MS4 representative. Ron DeTota stated that's not what he said.

Supervisor Corl stated through our Stormwater Management program there was an authorization for C&S Engineers to be the designated contact for any MS4 issues. Through our fees, through the Stormwater Management program we pay about \$3,500.00 to belong to the coalition. Part of that covers quite a bit of the contents that are in that report.

Councilor Burtis stated on one of the pages, there is a number about how much phosphorous, nitrogen and pesticide has been applied and how that was determined.

Ron DeTota stated that was determined by the parks commissioner. They are in charge of the upkeep and the fertilization as well as the pesticides and herbicides that are applied to the town lands, so as part of that program they're required to keep accurate records on the amounts that they apply. If you compare this with last years, there is a substantial decrease in the amount of both the nitrogen in the phosphorus that's been applied across the town owned lands, which is clearly a benefit to the water that surrounds the area. The town should be commended and applauded for that effort and certainly Jody Rogers has had a part in that.

Councilor Burtis stated on the back page it says does your MS4 coalition have a program to manage goose populations – he said the answer is no. He asked if the geese are normal around Cicero.

Ron DeTota replied they're almost the new pigeon, and that's a challenge the DEC is wrestling with. Goose goop (waste) is 10 to 15 times more potent, than the typical dog waste. With the numbers that are involved within the communities, the parks, the open areas, it's very concerning and troublesome. But, now you are talking about a protected species, to some extent. So, there is a lot of back and forth as far as what point is there going to be some actions taken to address this, but as of right now he's unaware of any type of management in place locally.

Supervisor Corl stated at Williams Park they do have the dogs that they pay for each year to help control the geese over there in that area and it's been effective.

DECISION ON THE INSTALLATION OF A THREE WAY STOP SIGN AT THE CORNER
OF RIDGEWOOD DRIVE AND FOREST DRIVE
(PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON
APRIL 11TH, 2012).

Supervisor Corl stated about a month ago they had a Public Hearing regarding a three way stop sign at the corner of Ridgewood Drive and Forest Drive. The Public Hearing was held on April 11th, where they solicited comments from the public regarding the stop sign. They had held off on making a decision, as the neighbors were going to attempt to make improvements. The town did move up the stop sign at the intersection and there was going to be some improvements made relative to some shrubs which block the intersection. He had gone out there and spoke with several of the neighbors, over the course of the last month, regarding the safety concerns and whether or not those have been alleviated by cutting down some of the shrubs in that area to alleviate the need for a stop sign.

Supervisor Corl solicited comments from the board.

Councilor Jennings commented that he drove over there yesterday and today and it looks good. He thinks the neighbors got together, without the board going any further. The stop sign issue, if you drive out there now you can see both directions. Again its caution, as you approach the stop sign, then you creep forward. He has talked to a couple of people that live in that area, that not really as concerned as the three way stop sign, as it was originally brought up. Personally, with the way it looks now, he doesn't really see the need for it and he wanted to commend the neighbors and the people that worked together to alleviate a problem that was in their area.

Councilor Zambrano stated she visited the area, yesterday. She hadn't visited the site before the shrubs were cut, so she didn't get a full appreciation of the visibility that was hampered by the shrubs. There seemed to be no visibility problem now and her understanding was that the stop sign was moved up so that it is closer to the intersection so you can see.

Chief Snell stated he originally had an officer go up there before the shrubs were cut down just to monitor the traffic; he found no significant issues. Chief Snell has been up there since they cut back the shrubs and moved the stop sign. He can find no compelling reason to add any additional stop signs at this time. There is sight to the left, sight to the right and the stop sign is in an excellent position thanks to the highway department, so as far as he's concerned there is no legal reason that he can see, to install any additional stop signs.

Supervisor Corl asked Chief Snell if besides that, in general, the placing of stop signs at intersections could it become problematic. In some sections of the town, it's become problematic where they've started a trend once they put one up and throughout neighborhoods.

Chief Snell stated that used to be a trend years ago and recently, over the last couple of years, he taken the position needs to look at the legality of the intersection; the purpose of the stop sign. Stop signs are not designed to slow traffic down, they are not a speed bump, they are designed to regulate intersections and if the intersection is regulated properly now, then there is no reason to add additional stop signs.

Supervisor Corl asked the attorney if they could hold off on the decision and skip the agenda item. Town Attorney replied yes that is what's called "dying for lack of interest", the board doesn't have to vote on it if there's no interest.

REQUEST QUALIFICATIONS AND QUOTES FOR THE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING
SERVICES OF A FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO COMPLETE THE 2013 TOWN OF CICERO
BUDGET. QUOTES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN CLERK BY MAY 23, 2012
AT 11:00 A.M. SPECIFICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW ON THE
TOWN'S WEBSITE AND IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

Supervisor Corl stated we will be entering into a very difficult budget cycle this year, we will be losing \$600,000.00 of money from the county in sales tax. Currently, under union negotiations we have contractual fees that we must cover and they will be starting the budget cycle as soon as possible this year. They've done their best to make cost cutting measures so far; they'll continue to do that. He's spoken with the comptroller and at this point he thinks it would behoove the board to go forward and seek out the assistance of a financial advisor to help complete the 2013 Budget for further assistance.

Councilor Jennings spoke with the Comptroller, he thinks the term “advisor” should be called something else. He inquired if it was an RFP (Request for Proposals) or an RFQ (Request for Qualifications).

Supervisor Corl advised him it was for an Request for Qualifications and Quotes for Cost.

Councilor Jennings asked why did they needed this service when they already have a certified comptroller and a deputy comptroller, whom for the last two years, these two ladies did the budget for this town. They did an excellent job at no cost to the town. So, that’s a savings of around \$10,000.00 maybe \$15,000.00 to the town. He doesn’t understand at this point, why they need to go out and look for outside help unless they have a real problem in house.

Supervisor Corl explained the budget process was a very difficult one last year. It got wide range media attention. He thinks by going through this process, and at least seeing what is out there to offer the town. At lot of other municipalities seek the assistance of a budget officer, to help them thru the process and with the tax cap it’s a further issue. It’s not a guarantee that they are going to move forward and hire somebody, but obviously the board can get information, have a work session on it and see what’s out there available and see how they can be of assistance.

Councilor Zambrano stated they did have a financial advisor presentation come a few meetings ago. One of the concerns is long range spending. What are they going to need long range. So, she is looking at this to help not only to help with this budget cycle, but also to help them see what is going happen long term, long range. What it is that they have to do and what’s out there as far as financing plans for issues like maybe not having enough money to pay employee benefits or for a major capital expenditure plan or road repairs. This is not a commitment that they are actually going to hire someone, this is a commitment to see what people can propose to them or advise them. It’s nothing more than that at this point.

Councilor Jennings is hoping they aren’t robbing Peter to pay Paul, as the old saying goes, because Peter is almost broke and Paul is right behind him. He thinks if it’s something they look into then fine. But, there’s got to be other issues and avenues they can approach. He doesn’t think with the limited funds that they’ve talk about every meeting they need to entertain outside help on something that we already have – qualified people in the town.

Councilor Zambrano stated she is looking at this for more than just the budget cycle, but for the long range plan that she would like to have some assistance and feedback on.

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to request qualifications and quotes for the professional consulting services of a financial advisor to complete the 2013 Town of Cicero Budget. Quotes must be submitted to the Town Clerk by May 23, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Specifications will be available for review on the Town’s website and in the office of the Town Clerk. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes – 4 and Noes – 1. Councilor Jennings - *Opposed*
Motion carries

RENEWAL OF DENTAL POLICY – DENTAL BLUE (EXCELLUS BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD) BEGINNING JULY 1ST, 2012, WITH AN INCREASE OF \$3.00 PER TIER

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to renew the Dental policy – Dental Blue (Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield), beginning July 1st, 2012, with increases of \$3.00 per Tier 1, 2, & 3. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

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

APPROVAL OF FOUR (4) EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND THE LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM TRAINING, FOR A TOTAL OF \$160.00, ALONG WITH THE USE OF A TOWN VEHICLE (3 TO ATTEND A TWO DAY PROGRAM AND 1 TO ATTEND A WEEK LONG PROGRAM)

Chris Woznica stated right now they are just going to do the two day program, and for now they are not going to send one employee to attend a week long program.

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to approve an expenditure, in the amount of \$80.00 for four (4) employees to attend the Local Road Program Training, along with the use of a

town vehicle (3 to attend a two day program and 1 to attend a week long program, if directed by the Highway Superintendent). Motion was seconded by Councilor Burtis.

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

APPROVAL FOR CODES OFFICER, GARY REPKO, TO ATTEND THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CODE ENFORCEMENT BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM, FROM JUNE 12TH TO JUNE 14TH, IN GLOVERSVILLE, N.Y., AT NO REGISTRATION FEE, INCLUDES THE USE OF A TOWN VEHICLE

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution for approval for Codes Officer, Gary Repko, to attend the New York State Department of State Code Enforcement Basic Training Program, from June 12th to June 14th, in Gloversville, N.Y., at no registration fee and to include the use of a town vehicle. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:
MONDAY, MAY 14TH, AT 7:00 P.M. AND MAY 21ST, AT 7:00 P.M. (DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY)

Tracy Cosilmon announced the Planning Board meetings for the month of May will be Monday, 7:00 p.m. and May 21st at 7:00 p.m. (due to Memorial Day holiday).

YOUTH BUREAU PARKS & RECREATION STAFF APPOINTMENTS/DELETIONS

APPROVAL TO HIRE PART-TIME SEASONAL STAFF FOR THE SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAM (5 EMPLOYEES AT \$7.25/HR) AND JOSEPH WILLIAM MEMORIAL BEACH, (1 LIFEGUARD AT \$8.50/HR/\$9.50 HR WHILE INSTRUCTING SWIM LESSONS) AND REMOVE DANIEL EAGER FROM EMPLOYMENT, EFFECTIVE 05/01/12.

Councilor Jennings moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the following staff appointments/deletions:

Staff Approvals:

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| 1. Hire Title: | Recreation Attendant – Summer Day Camp program |
| 2. Rate of Pay: | \$7.25/hour (B7140.1) |
| 3. Start Date: | June 19, 2012 |

Lauren Emmi, 8538 Old Towne Path, Cicero 13039
Stephanie Engelmann, 7214 Roumare Road, E. Syracuse, 13057
Jennifer Foley, 6367 Catspaw Terrace, Cicero 13039
Anthony Nuruzum 6100 Owlwood Drive, Cicero, 13039
Haley Wodarczyk, 7249 Fremont Road, E. Syracuse 13057

Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

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

Councilor Jennings moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the following staff appointments/deletions:

Staff Approvals:

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| 1. Hire Title: | Lifeguard – Joseph F William Memorial Beach |
| 2. Rate of Pay: | \$8.50/hour (A7150.1)
\$8.50/hour (B7150.12 lifeguarding during swim lessons)
\$9.50/hour (B7150.12 while instructing swim lessons) |
| 3. Start Date: | May 5, 2012 |

Alec Brown, 9603 Clarecastle Path, Brewerton, 13029

Staff Removal:

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| 1. Hire Title: | Lifeguard – Joseph F William Memorial Beach |
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Daniel Eager to be removed effective May 01, 2012

Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

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

APPROVAL TO HIRE A SEASONAL RECREATION ATTENDANT FOR 8 WEEKS AT A RATE OF \$7.50/HOUR FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,400.00

Councilor Jennings requested approval to utilize funds from a position that was left vacant in the 2012 budget and move it to Day Camp Personnel account for a summer employee to assist with the Day Camp and Learn to Swim registration and paperwork. The position would be a seasonal position Recreation Attendant at \$7.50/hour for 8 weeks, 40 hours per week. The position would be funded by revenues generated from the Day Camp and Learn to Swim programs.

Councilor Jennings moved the adoption of a resolution to hire a Seasonal Recreation Attendant for 8 weeks at a rate of \$7.50/hour for a total of \$2,400.00. Motion was seconded by Councilor Burtis.

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 \$14,486.35):

- A. \$3,328.00 to Sunnycrest, Inc. for 6-2x2x2 & 4-2x2x4 Catch Basins w/knock outs (depleting stock from previous projects)
- B. \$3,158.35 to Beam Mack for Electronic Shifter to truck #41.
- C. \$3,000.00 to Franklin Paint for Air Solenoid Valve, wire harness and gun kits for road striper.
- D. \$5,000.00 to Barrett Paving for Top & Binder for roadside drainage repairs.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway:

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

Councilor Zambrano wanted to mention at the last meeting they had asked Chris Woznica to provide them with some kind of narrative report about the work that his department had done and the work he anticipates doing during the summer months. He did give her a packet of information that outlines that information. She will give a copy to the other members for review.

APPROVAL TO CREATE (2) COURT ATTENDANT POSITIONS AND SUBMIT TO THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA PERSONNEL OFFICE FOR APPROVAL

Councilor Zambrano moved the adoption of a resolution to create (2) Court Attendant positions and submit to the County of Onondaga Personnel Office for approval. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

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

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR TWO (2) COURT ATTENDANT POSITIONS AT A PAY RATE OF \$12.00/HOUR (POSITIONS NOT TO EXCEED 500 HOURS PER POSITION, ANNUALLY

Councilor Zambrano moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the advertising for two (2) Court Attendant positions at a pay rate of \$12.00/hour (state pending approval from the County) positions not to exceed 500 hours per position, annually. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

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

Supervisor Corl stated the reason they want to start advertising right away because they are making a concerted effort to our safety plan to make our courts safer. This will allow them to do

that as reasonably priced as possible to make sure we provide a safe environment. Chief Snell and Judge DeMarche' will conduct the interviews for these two new positions.

CONSIDER THE DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN PRESENTED ON APRIL 25, 2012

Supervisor Corl stated at the last meeting held April 11th, they did have a presentation from Mr. Wickman, regarding the Drainage Master Plan which he believes will be helpful to the town to look at the main watercourses. Since then he has had discussions with him on the incorporation of that into our general retainer for drainage. At the next meeting Mr. Wickman will have some type of proposal on how they can incorporate that and at least perhaps potentially start that program if the board so chooses this year.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ray Schader asked about the status of the pipe that was supposed to be replaced under Circle Drive. Supervisor Corl advised him they would look into it for him. He also commented on the budget process from last year.

A resident commented on the hiring of people that are not residents of the town and was advised that preference is given to town residents, based on prior training and qualifications.

Don Snyder questioned whether or not Department Heads will be present at meetings. Supervisor Corl advised they will be in attendance upon request and it was a cost saving measure. Mr. Snyder felt it would be more beneficial to have the department heads in attendance and commented on the shorter meeting minutes and on the budget and request for a budget officer. He also asked about the two new court attendant positions and requested more information be shared on the budget process. He pleaded with the board to look at some of the processes the Town of Clay uses. He also asked if the money for the two new justice positions were coming out of the Justice Department Budget and if the retired position would be filled. Supervisor Corl confirmed the money was coming out of the Justice department and that the retired position would not be filled.

Judge Douglas DeMarche', Jr., stated they had discussed privately and publicly the prospect of filling, to some degree, the retired position. If the idea is to run on three clerks at this point, he's going to have no choice but to talk to Judge Walczyk and try to determine where they can cut services because it is not a town that can be run on three clerks. So, if that's where the money is going to come from then they are going to have to cut their services, that's first. He also addressed the issue Don Snyder had. He does understand what he is saying, he spent the last 15 years of his life, on a daily basis, in criminal court rooms and frankly it's not for the protection of the judge. Of course he wants to be protected also in the courtroom. People come into this courtroom everyday, victims (complainants rather), and defendants. People are just coming to observe court; they should be safe in this courtroom. They do have a police officer, who incidentally, is paid for out of the Justice Department's line item budget, they pay for him out of their budget. He does a fantastic job for them, he goes above and beyond. However he can not be at all places at all times. They don't have any type of magnetometer here, they have no way of detecting whether somebody is coming in with a weapon and he thinks to ask that somebody stand there with a wand and ensure the safety of the people that come into the courtroom, which when he's sitting there he's responsible for, is not a lot to ask. They just approved \$10,000.00 for the Highway department, just like that. This is something they are going to have. It's going to be able to be depreciable; it's going to be something they have for a long time. When he talks about equipment, he is talking about a magnetometer which is something he has asked for which he assumes is about \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00. He has not been in a criminal court room in the last decade that didn't have one.

Supervisor Corl stated the report came out in 2008, so that is why they are addressing these particular issues. After they received the letter, a safety committee was set up within a week/week and a half. He knows Bonnie tried to contact him three times to set it up, but had a hard time getting a hold of him. Judge DeMarche' stated she didn't have any difficulty getting a hold of him, she wanted him to be there in a days notice and that wasn't possible. Supervisor Corl stated that's because of how concerned they were about the issues.

Judge Douglas DeMarche' stated he did meet with her and the safety committee for a couple of hours the other day and they did come forward with some suggestions, including a magnetometer and he knows that hasn't been acted on.

Supervisor Corl advised him that Bonnie was already getting quotes for that. For the personnel, as he already indicated that position wouldn't be filled. In January, when they sat down, and what he was hoping for, from both of the justices, is a plan to attack a lot of the back logged cases, perhaps reaching out to the Unified Court System and seeing what was available, so if he could work on that it would be appreciated.

Judge Douglas DeMarche' stated he thinks at the time what he said was he was elected and he took the bench on January 1, 2011. Everything he's done he'd be happy to have anyone go through it with a fine toothed comb. Any issues that happened prior to him taking office, if he has staff to do it, he is happy to rectify those. If he doesn't have the staff to do it, then he's going to make sure that everything from January 1, 2011, going forward for as long as he's privileged to sit on the bench is perfect. That has to be his first obligation.

Councilor Jennings stated he talked to Chief Snell at the last meeting, and he advised him that they had four wands over in the Police Department. He asked Judge Douglas DeMarche' if that would be a start at least.

Judge Douglas DeMarche' agreed with Councilor Jennings and that's why he thinks they are approving it and thanked them for it. Because everything that makes it more secure in here makes him happier. The Chief has provided them with one of the wands; the issue is having the personnel to utilize the wand and the Chief is also willing to provide, through himself and his people, some training for the new attendants and he certainly appreciates it because they are not going to be members of his staff and the Chief is willing to do that and thanked him for it. So they will be utilizing the wands. At a point it would be nice to have a magnetometer, a single point of entry and a lot of other things they have already discussed. He appreciates the steps that are being taken forward. He wasn't certain where the money was coming from for it and now he knows that and now they'll have to make determinations if there's less funding and there's less personnel, what they'll have to do as far as what service they can provide to the public and how frequently.

Councilor Burtis stated he is very concerned about the safety here. He has been to court a couple of times to watch and observe court. He was speaking to someone and they believed there were grants out there for magnetometers. Judge Douglas DeMarche' confirmed there are grants out there. He didn't know if they would necessarily cover a Magnetometer, but there are grants out there that would cover anything right down to changes in the physical plan. They have applied for some grants and they did receive some office equipment as a result and that's why when he sent the letter he requested a Security Review be done to try and avail ourselves to some grants. Bonnie has been great about it, she's willing to do whatever it takes to write grants and to provide that type of equipment and to help in any way.

Supervisor Corl advised him that Bonnie's role as Safety Coordinator is not to go out and write the grants. What she'll do is point him in the right direction as to safety issues and how they can be addressed. He knows she met with Judge Lorrie in the Town of Clay and he may want to talk to him because he's been very successful in getting lots of grants for safety type issues in his courtroom. She will bring back that information for grant writing. Her position really is, Tracy had a full-time Deputy Clerk, just dedicated to the Clerk position, and they've cut that position really in half. That's an example of another position they have consolidated two positions into really one. She is stretched like everybody else.

Judge Douglas DeMarche' realizes that's what Bonnie is doing. They understand that there may be monies through the Office of Court Administration. The last review was done in 2008 and they received it in 2009, so he just felt it's a few years later, maybe it would be a good idea to take a look to see what's been addressed/what hasn't been addressed and possibly what monies are out there to try to address equipment wise as far as being able to get those through grants which they've never been opposed to doing.

A resident asked if the incident reports are available to the public for all of these problems we've had during court time. Supervisor Corl advised her that he wasn't aware of any issues, they are being proactive, and so there is no documentation of an issue.

Chet Dudzinski thanked Chief Snell and his department for everything they do. He questioned why there wasn't Board Comments anymore. Supervisor Corl advised him that he told the board members that any issues they want to discuss will be put on the agenda, that way all the board members will know ahead of time, so will the public, about the issues that will be presented at the board meeting. He also urged the board to have members of every board in the town sign disclaimer forms.

Councilor Jennings agreed and stated Board Comments need to be reinstated. They were elected by the residents of Cicero, for the residents and they should have the opportunity to address whatever they want addressed.

Helen Carroll announced that Brewerton is having Riverfront Days on June 2nd, and they will have different vendors, barbecues and different events to support their local fire department.

Carol Pardee stated she would like the Department Heads in attendance at the board meetings.

Tom Beaulieu commented on the passing of the road specifications for the town and the good job highway has been doing with sign replacements. He inquired when there would be an Infrastructure Committee meeting, although there's been a lot of talk about infrastructure. He questioned why the town decided that they have \$19,000.00 to \$20,000.00, to pay somebody now to do the Cornell Road Study, when there are volunteers who include 3 or 4 engineers (with about 130 years experience), who are willing to do this job voluntarily. They have about 20 roads they inspected, which they submitted reports for, so why add the \$600,000.00 shortfall.

Supervisor Corl stated so far, with infrastructure, they have been having periodic meetings with Chris and work groups, talking about roads, talking about what they are going to do for this coming year and it's been very effective. A couple of the recommendations were road specs and evaluating all the roads, which are two things they are undertaking right now. One is being accomplished, one being the road specs. The second thing with the road program, when they hire C&S Engineers to do the work, they're going to be basically hiring an intern to go with our highway employees to evaluate all the roads, collect the data, go back to the engineering firm to input the data, consult with the other representatives that they have on staff and then at the end of the day present the report to the town with digital maps, identifying the areas where there's necessary repairs, where's there is repavement necessary and where there is falling and they need total reconstruction. Part of the program that they also adopted was to work with the highway department this year and develop a plan and looking at different ways of doing things whether it's putting under drains in certain roads that they want to prevent from failing such as the Pastures. Coming up with more preventative maintenance, so those are some of the things that are being accomplished with what they approved.

Tom Beaulieu stated he had 3 pages he worked on with Doug Hill that included Hogan Road, Mud Mill, Weaver Road, Lakeshore Road and also, Wedgefield, Lombardi Manor and Isaac Path, three pages of substantial detail and he doesn't think there's been too much comment back on that. At some point, they need to start a Road Program; they need to do some road repairs this year. He thinks it's very important to discuss some of the work that's been done on some of those so far and it will probably save the town a lot of wear and tear on trying to sit down and wonder what they are going to do. He doesn't understand why they want to spend \$20,000.00 and they also want to spend money on a Master Drainage Plan. He thought there was still an Infrastructure Committee, he knew Chris had a lot of input to it, but there were other citizens involved with it who haven't been involved so he asked Supervisor Corl to either disband it or tell them they don't need their help. He also commented on the drainage master plan and stated it would be something that would be critical for the next 15 or 20 years in the town. He also inquired about any revenues the town might share with the Racino.

Loomis Pardee wondered where they came up with lowering the road specs to 11 ft. wide and questioned what the legal width of a vehicle is.

Supervisor Corl advised him that one of the ideas of promoting the 11 foot lanes is less run-off and slowing people down in developments. People are less likely to speed if you have a narrower road.

Robert Smith stated in reviewing some of the Planning Board bills, it came to his attention and he was a little surprised having some experience in development, that he was noticing that the Town of Cicero has spent roughly \$93,000.00 fixing the drainage situations in The Pastures and The Crossings. From a Planning Board perspective, some of them were involved with that, when these stormwater facilities are designed there supposed to last 25 to 30 years without a lot of maintenance. One of these subdivisions is 6 years old, the other one about 10 and we spent \$93,000.00 fixing the drainage system. He's also been told that we have full, mature trees in the drainage systems of The Crossings. They had to cut down trees in the existing stormwater facilities. When they approve that kind of stuff at the Planning Board, and he knows they do, the trees are all gone. You have to remove the trees to construct the facilities. This is a problem. It's his understanding that these facilities were all approved by a licensed engineer. In his business, they have errors and omissions insurance. If those were approved and they weren't built, and there are some indications that they weren't built, he really thinks that somebody needs to go back and ask the people who were paid, he doesn't know who it was at the time, to inspect and to

certify to them that they were constructed. Somebody needs to ask the question, whether it's the District Attorney, whether it's the board, the errors in it. It's inconceivable. The DEC doesn't allow you to build a stormwater facility that's going to last 6 years. Maybe they can get some of that money back, he doesn't know. That will be up to their attorney and themselves to decide. But, \$93,000.00 in the two newest subdivisions in our community, that \$93,000.00 should have been spent on communities that are 30 years old. We have major drainage issues in this town, but this is flagrant. He doesn't know how it was that we released all the securities, he knows the process. Somebody who was licensed came in and told this board or the board at that time, that they were all completed and in compliance. It just wasn't so and the citizens of Cicero are out \$93,000.00, by the way that's the construction cost, he verified that. He believes that Supervisor Corl checked and backed it up also, because he asked the comptroller to check. Ninety-Three thousand dollars in two brand new subdivisions to fix drainage issues and some of them weren't even constructed so we paid to reconstruct it. So that means the developer got off without having to pay to construct those facilities, they paid someone to inspect them and they obviously didn't do it or they certainly were misguided in approving them. He doesn't think we are aware of that. They are all elected officials and they all don't work, or appointed they don't work in that field so they have to rely on our professional representatives that are paid and hired to provide the service. In The Crossings, and in The Pastures they paid \$93,000.00 and in some cases the facilities weren't constructed or they weren't constructed properly, but he has to tell them that somebody ought to be looking into getting part of that money back so they can fix something else. It's just not right. He realizes it's not this administration, but either somebody made a huge mistake or somebody had some friends.

Supervisor Corl advised Robert Smith that they would take a look at what they have and see what their options are.

Loomis Pardee addressed Supervisor Corl and stated he had given him some pictures of a road a couple of years ago, right after it was approved. He has to drive through now because you can't turn left off of Pardee Road. The town has been working there this winter, with machinery, trying to get the ice and stuff off that same road. He's been driving through there lately, there putting all new catch basins. Apparently, they were never put in right. They should have lasted longer than two or three years. He asked if anything was done with that after he gave him the pictures. He stated this was where it was approved by the engineers that the road was fine and it wasn't even close to it. Something has got to be done, just like Bob said, because this is happening all over the town.

Supervisor Corl agreed and advised him that he does have the file and that he will review it with Chris.

Tom Beaulieu stated he was glad Bob Smith brought that up. Because he knows that last year, under the previous administration and he can go back and pull the minutes. He suggested that the town board, at the time, go back after the town engineers that previously served and either collect some fees back or go to the Onondaga County Attorney and see if they could collect some of those moneys because they did not get the kind of service we were paying for. They've actually been up in The Pastures three times and done work, twice in The Crossings, as their aware. In fact, Phase III that hasn't even been completed yet, it stills has homes to go. They had securities involved there. He would have told the developer or the builder that they are not releasing the monies for the third until they go back and fix their problems that are only two or three years old in the first Phase I or II. We should not be paying, as taxpayers, that money. This problem has been reoccurring over and over again, through the years, hopefully not under the current engineers they have. But, it's just been one chronic problem. We are going to have all those catch basin aprons, up in The Pastures, about two years ago they counted at least twenty of them that had to be replaced, (about that time they were about \$500.00 each), that's a lot of money, there's another \$15,000.00 for just aprons because they weren't properly inspected. They poured them without the correct connecting devices for them. If that's just one development, how many other developments are like that? He knows there in Hiller Drive area where he lives because he sees them falling apart there too. He also commented on the specifications and the width of the roads, he knows back in September of 2011, that Mr. Holland who is a retired engineer was in favor of the Blue option, which their pleased to see basically was the one that was passed with the additional black top. Why not put asphalt where the gutters use to be, this would give extra width to the roadways. He spoke with the Highway Superintendent; he also realizes that with 11 foot pavement, how is a plow truck and a vehicle going to pass each other going down the road. Somebody is going to have to pull over. If you pave over the gutters, (this is not new construction it would be reconstruction, that Chris would be doing), that's the strongest part of the road – if they can do it. He knows there are some areas that have some heaving on the existing gutters, in that case you can't do that, but anyplace there is a good road and a concrete gutter you leave it in. That's going to be the strongest place to place blacktop it's not going to break away. There will

be additional pavement width; there will be 1.5 ft. extra on each lane. You pick up 3 feet, there 25 feet now instead of 11 feet. That's strictly on reconstructed older roadways not the new ones.

Supervisor Corl stated Chris has been diligent with working with the board and the engineers for different options for reconstruction and some preventative maintenance also.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Corl made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss ongoing Labor Negotiations, specifically with the PBA and advised everyone that the board would not be resuming afterwards and adjourned the Town Board Meeting. Councilor Zambrano seconded the motion.

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

The Meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:23 p.m.

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

Tracy M. Cosilmon
Town Clerk

Unapproved