

STATE OF NEW YORK  
ONONDAGA COUNTY  
TOWN OF CICERO

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The Cicero Town Board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, August 22, 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

Others Present: Christopher Woznica, Highway  
Sergeant Lurcock, Police Department  
Neil Germain, Germain & Germain, Town Attorney  
Ron DeTota, C & S Companies, Town Engineer  
Sharon Edick, Receiver of Taxes  
Tracy Cosilmon, Town Clerk

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.

Supervisor 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) or Unlisted actions under the New York Environmental Quality Review Act unless otherwise determined. Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Ayes - 5 and Noes- 0. *Motion carried.*

#### APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Councilor Jennings moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2012 Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes – 4 and Noes – 0. Abstained 1 – Supervisor Corl  
*Motion carried.*

#### APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT #16 OF 2012

Councilor Burtis moved the adoption of a resolution to approve Abstract #15, of 2012 as follows:

General Fund Voucher #1609 to Voucher #1708 In the amount of \$460,104.05  
Highway Fund Voucher #433H to Voucher #465H In the amount of \$211,341.78

Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

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

## BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Councilor Burtis moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the following budget modifications as follows:

**2012****BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

TOWN BOARD MEETING

08/22/2012

FROM		\$	TO	
A71101	Parks Personal Services	1500.00	A711046	Mechanics
A71101	Parks Personal Services	1800.00	A677248	Sr. Ctr. Renovation
A142044	Attorney – Litigation	4000.00	A142041	Attorney – Union Negotiation
DB511047	Misc Highway	99.00	DB168041	Computer Maint/Support
B80104	Zoning Contractual	192.52	B801043	Car Maintenance/Fuel

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

B3389E	Buckle Up New York	1007.81	B31201E OT
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Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

Ayes – 5 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT #3 OF THE  
ARCHITECT/CONSULTANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CICERO AND  
SARATOGA ASSOCIATES LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS  
AND PLANNERS, P.C. FOR \$8,850.00 (SAID AMOUNT IS INCLUSIVE OF COSTS FOR  
TESTING RIVERFRONT PARK AND EXPANSION AREA)**

John Guariglia, representing Saratoga Associates, announced the good news in regards to the Brewerton project. Recently he received authorization from the Department of Transportation to move forward with the Phase IB test bits and analysis. He provided the Town board with an amendment to their contract, that outlines the work that's going to be completed and he's seeking approval of the amendment so they can initiate the work as quickly as possible. This amendment includes coordination with many stake holders. Also, just trying to coordinate to get everyone on site for the test bits, there's already a number of parties that are going to be there. It also includes all the work associated with the archeological test bits, the completion of the Phase 1A, 1B report, as well as the preparation of a Section 233 permit that is being required.

John Guariglia solicited any questions/comments.

Supervisor Corl asked if they are going to be working under the proposal that includes the fees for Birchwood also.

John Guariglia replied that was correct, that amendment includes any of their fees as well as Birchwood's fees.

Councilor Jennings remembered that there had been a discussion before on the Gunther property being a Greek Rival house and possibly a historical type situation. He asked if those factors came in to play at all.

John Guariglia replied the houses have already been looked at in regards to historical interest and the conclusion by SHIPPO is no.

Councilor Jennings pointed out that on the agenda there's an amount of \$8,850.00 and that amount should be changed to \$8,600.00 (which is on the updated version – dated 08/17/2012).

Supervisor Corl stated once the funds were expended the Comptroller will submit them in anticipation of getting the funds paid for through the Schumer grant. That is something the Comptroller will handle internally.

Councilor Jennings asked if the \$8,850.00 was coming out of the Schumer grant.

Supervisor Corl replied that was correct. As in the past, Saratoga's fees have been paid for, the Town pays them and then in whole they are paid for by the Schumer grants.

John Guariglia stated that was correct. The comptroller would know where they are in regards to the amount of money spent on the Schumer grant, so he would expect that they are still under that cap.

Supervisor Corl replied that was correct. He thinks they still have approximately \$77,000.00 or so, according to his conversation with the comptroller.

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to authorize the Supervisor to execute Amendment #3 of the Architect/Consultant Agreement between the Town of Cicero and Saratoga Associates Landscape Architects, Engineers and Planners, P.C. for \$8,850.00 (said amount is inclusive of costs for testing Riverfront Park and the expansion area). Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes – 5 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

REPORT FROM COUNTY LEGISLATURE BILL MEYER ON THE COUNTY'S  
PROCEDURE ON AERIAL SPRAYING AND UPDATE ON ONONDAGA COUNTY'S  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S MONITORING OF MOSQUITOS

Legislature Bill Meyer, from the County Legislature, gave an update on aerial spraying that the County undertakes.

Bill Meyer stated they are interested, primarily with the Health Department, for the mosquitoes that carry disease to humans. Most mosquitoes out there don't carry disease to humans. A few days ago Senator Schumer supported a conference at Beaver Lake. He covered some of the points that were not part of the paper or media:

- EEE - very dangerous disease kills 5-10 people. Predominant in Georgia & Florida. The disease also affects pheasants, horses and some other animals.
- West Nile - most people who get West Nile 80% of the people that get this disease don't know it because they get a very mild case. About 19.5% come down with flu-like symptoms and about .5% gets a serious case.

Generally those two diseases affect the older and younger populations. Special care by using a DEET product or proper clothing during late night hours were recommended.

The County's participation with mosquito control runs from May through October. Mosquitoes are very active in the Cicero Swamp and they are tested about twice a week. There are around 19 sites in Onondaga County and they are monitored every week.

- Monitoring - a few months ago Oswego County started to do some more monitoring and observed so far that mosquitoes weren't migrating from Oswego to Onondaga County.
- Larvae sighting – if a resident has an area on their property that has standing water and it's a suspected mosquito area, the health department will put it on their list and they will come out and check the spot.
- Spray trucks – he's been proadvocating for more aggressive use of those.
- Aerial spraying – this year there is a low concentration, compared to an average year, so there's some resistance from the Health Department to spray.

He stated their budget for mosquito control is \$394,000.00 annually, most of it is spent predominantly in the Northern part of the County. He expressed his concern regarding people who throw their old plants into ditches and swales and asked for the Town's support.

More information can be obtained at the Onondaga County Health Department website: [www.ongov.net/health](http://www.ongov.net/health).

Supervisor Corl thanked Bill Meyer and stated the Town Board members will continue to get the word out and support community involvement.

AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN  
NATIONAL GRID AND THE CICERO-CLAY SNOW OWLS

Supervisor Corl stated the Town of Clay already got the approval to sign the agreement.

Councilor Conway moved the adoption of a resolution to authorize the Supervisor to execute the Annual Trail License Contract between National Grid and the Cicero-Clay Snow Owls. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

Ayes – 5 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

APPROVE INTER MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CICERO AND  
THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, CALLING FOR THE PREPARATION OF BID  
SPECIFICATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR  
OR DEPUTY SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

Supervisor Corl stated this was a carryover from the last meeting, when Sean Carroll, from the Onondaga County Purchasing Department was in attendance. The County is going to be undertaking the task of the bids for the garbage. He spoke with Sean Carroll and the County is in good shape on receiving bids for the trash and they will provide the service at no cost to the Town. Along with that, they do ask that the Town sign the Inter Municipal Agreement, solidifying that understanding between the Town and the County as to the services. It also provides two other options that the town can engage in with the county. There's no requirement, however, it allows the town some opportunities to talk about joint purchasing, going under their contract. Apparently, in the spring they will try to initiate a program where towns can actually access their account and be billed back for supplies.

Supervisor Corl solicited Board Comments.

Councilor Jennings stated he did ask for it to be "tabled" at the last meeting. He did have an opportunity to look at it and asked what the cost savings to the town would be and if it had ever been projected out.

Supervisor Corl replied that in regards to the trash contract, in the past the town paid the services of an engineer to undertake that service, so obviously there is a cost saving there. JoLee, in his office, along with some of the other department heads, is meeting with Sean Carroll and seeing where there are advantages in cost savings.

Councilor Jennings asked Tracy Cosilmon if she maintains inventory records.

Supervisor Corl replied the county doesn't currently have in place, but what they are going to be anticipating is, if the town wants to, they will perform a servicing and basically do an inventory on any and all assets if the town so chooses, setting up maintenance plans and things like that.

Councilor Jennings wanted to thank Shirlie Stuart. At the last meeting he addressed the issue on the "A", "B", "C", "D", of the refuse pickup for the town. Shirlie stated she was concerned that the trash contract specs or bid was divided into four (4) units "A", "B", "C", "D", instead of one. Her question was does this mean there will be different vendors for the different areas. They were told that there will not be four different districts, trucks or amounts of money to be put onto the tax roles.

Councilor Zambrano asked if Clay did have multiple districts and vendors.

Neil Germain replied Clay did. Because of the size, it made it more advantageous in the pricing scheme. The idea behind it was to have more competition, thus driving the price down.

Councilor Zambrano stated she would be in favor of driving the price down.

Councilor Jennings replied figuring it out and putting it out in different districts could throw a monkey wrench into how to put it onto a tax bill.

Councilor Zambrano moved the adoption of a resolution to approve an Inter Municipal Agreement between the Town of Cicero and the County of Onondaga, calling for the preparation of bid specifications on behalf of the Town and authorizing the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor to execute the same. The purpose of this resolution is to establish a formal relationship with the County for future bid specifications at no cost to the Town and thereby save money. Motion was seconded by Councilor Burtis.

Ayes – 5 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO RACINO/PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS REGARDING THE REPEAL OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE'S  
RESOLUTION 544

Supervisor Corl stated Councilor Jennings did ask that this be placed on the agenda.

Supervisor Corl stated that last November, prior to the passing of Resolution 544, he had spoken with Legislator Meyer and sent a request to the County Legislature that language be added that if there's any revenue sharing, as a result of a racino, within the Town of Cicero, that the Town of Cicero specifically be included in any type of revenue sharing, because of the various infrastructure costs, police services, fire safety and general overall costs associated with that type of facility. In January, the developer did approach him, they had a short meeting, and he was showed some schematic drawings and since that time they did receive a petition from neighbors, about 700 were submitted to the Town Board. They then received a proposed resolution by resident Tom Beaulieu, regarding that repeal. Supervisor Corl reviewed it and feels it would be appropriate for the Town Board to look at it, and do any further research and investigation. There are specific clauses that he would like to see added to this proposal, he thinks it's a good start because of the various effects that this facility could have within the Town. It's his understanding that this permit is still in process and there's been no formal action through the state on whether or not this would even happen.

Supervisor Corl solicited Board Comments.

Councilor Jennings stated he had read the letter that was submitted by the Onondaga County Conservative Party and he spoke with his neighbors, people that are over on the Taft Road area where this is proposed and what they see now is increased traffic, increased work for the police and fire departments. If they are not going to get anything back out of this then he sees no reason that they should move forward to put a racino out here. He spoke with Legislator Meyers also, and the County seems to be, "This is city property, we're in Cicero, and we need your help". If we're not getting anything back to help offset our tax base, help our residents, then he doesn't see the reason they need to move forward, putting a unit like this out here - there are other areas he thinks they could find. He would definitely vote "no" against it and he suggested that a Public Hearing be held down the road.

Supervisor Corl stated the best course of action would probably be to submit comments to him, if all board members could, as to what they'd like to see incorporated within this resolution. Then they could send it onto the Onondaga County Legislature for action to see if they will undertake repeal. He knows the dynamics have changed since last November and that was one of his concerns is that this dynamic has changed with many new members at the County Legislature level. As a Town, they have not been included in the conversation and discussion. Legislator Meyers has been proactive in trying to get the town to the table at least, so hopefully this may prompt that.

Councilor Burtis said he was disheartened by the County and their actions to move forward without coming to the town, their neighbor, to put it lightly. He finds it disheartening that the County would not give the town any consideration for profit sharing. Regardless of all these things, he is not prepared to put a racino in Cicero and see's no reason for it.

Councilor Conway stated they are not going to receive anything to benefit the Town of Cicero. All they are going to do is spend more money for something we don't need and he would definitely vote against it.

Councilor Zambrano asked Legislator Meyer, who was in attendance, to speak in regards to the racino.

Bill Meyer, County Legislator responded to a couple of the comments and stated this proposal, which was presented by the proposed owner, actually included a racetrack. It was not just video, it was actually a track. He has not seen that many horse farms in this area that would support a race track, so there would be a lot of vehicles that would go in and out of this area and he knows this board has expressed a number of concerns about traffic and safety on Taft Road, which they've taken action on. In his opinion having that many vehicles there would definitely change the dynamics of Taft Road.

Councilor Zambrano stated that the original proposal she saw included a convention center, not necessarily on that site, but that was part of the plan.

Bill Meyer stated Councilor Zambrano was correct. They were going to have transportation to go back and forth from the proposed Taft Rd. site to the Downtown site. They were of the opinion that to get proper financing they needed to bundle the two items together. The last he knew on the application, is that the application had a date of December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. So what is going to happen in the meantime he doesn't know.

Councilor Zambrano asked if it was a Sunset clause.

Bill Meyer replied he wasn't part of that process. The part of the process he was involved with was speaking with past Supervisor Judy Boyke and Supervisor Corl repeatedly before this action came from December of last year. He concurred with Supervisor Corl's comments that there were numerous attempts to get the sponsor to include the Town of Cicero, not by name but as a host community, to be involved with the expenses. From his review of the Town Code he doesn't see a racino or anything like a racino in our code book. He would assume the town's council would need some kind of guidance from the board to put that in the code book and that would probably be a cost to the town.

Councilor Zambrano asked if the city or county codes allow for a racino. She felt the project was kind of nebulous.

Bill Meyer replied that was part of the concern Councilor Burtis had. There was no input from the Town of Cicero. One of the debating points that he kept bringing up to his colleagues and the applicant was did they bring this to the Town of Cicero and he constantly repeated his colleague's answer was "no" he did not. He did confirm that he had ongoing negotiations with the City of Syracuse that had gone on six months prior to it being brought to the County Legislature and he did express to him his opinion which was that it was highly disrespectful to this board and to the residents of the Town of Cicero.

Councilor Zambrano stated there was no question about that and asked about the status of the application.

Bill Meyer replied it is not before the legislature now and it's obviously not before the Town. His goal because it was still open and the way the resolution was passed that it was still an open issue.

Councilor Zambrano commented that he was speaking as if this facility could be imposed on our community.

Bill Meyer replied that in his reading a community could not have a referendum in essence block a proposal like this.

Councilor Burtis commented that basically they don't have to pay attention to the town.

Supervisor Corl asked if there was any discussion of his request at that level.

Bill Meyer replied that he brought it up repeatedly to the sponsor of the resolution to have the terminology in there so the Town's out of pocket expenses would be considered. Jim Reinhardt refused to consider that amendment. Also, that it was brought up at the committee; it was not a secret.

Councilor Zambrano asked if Supervisor Corl's amendment was presented formally.

Bill Meyer replied that it was addressed in committee; there was a sponsor that did not want to consider it so it did not go any place.

Supervisor Corl asked Bill Meyer if they put together a comprehensive resolution that's sent to the County would he take it and sponsor it. He asked what the procedure was.

Bill Meyer said it could be done a couple different ways. He could sponsor it or hopefully Legislator Rapp would sponsor it because the proposed racino is in her district. (They would obviously defer to the legislator in the district it would be cited in potentially).

Councilor Zambrano commented that perhaps the board should invite County Legislator Rapp to have a discussion with them to hear their concerns before they put together their language.

Supervisor Corl announced that they were going to “table” this issue for now. He asked Bill Meyer if he could distribute the original resolution to all the town board members.

**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE YEARLY WEBSITE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH CODE MONKEYS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$850.00**

Councilor Jennings moved the adoption of a resolution to authorize the Supervisor to execute the yearly Website Maintenance Agreement with Code Monkeys in the amount of \$850.00 for a period of one year starting September 1, 2012. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes – 5 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

**POLICE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE APPROVALS**

**July Monthly Auto Repairs**

Supervisor Corl moved for the adoption of a resolution to authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$2,048.48 to Driver’s Village for the July monthly auto repairs. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

Ayes – 4 and Noes – 0. *Abstained – 1 Councilor Burtis (employee of Driver’s Village)*  
*Motion carried.*

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PURCHASE APPROVALS**

**Tires and Installation for Bobcat**

Councilor Burtis moved for the adoption of a resolution to authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$2,128.92 to Commercial Truck Tires for tires and installation for the Bobcat. Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Ayes – 5 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

**YOUTH BUREAU AND PARKS AND RECREATION PURCHASE APPROVALS**

**E.R. Thayer for E.R. Lacrosse Instruction**

Councilor Jennings moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve \$1,440.00 (via participant fees) to Ryan Thayer for E.R. Lacrosse Instruction. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Corl.

Ayes – 5 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

**Wild Goose Chasers of Central New York**

Councilor Jennings moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve \$55.88 to Wild Goose Chasers of Central New York for the balance of goose control expenses for William Beach. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Corl.

Ayes – 4 and Noes – 1. *Opposed – Councilor Zambrano (opposed to using dogs to chase the geese)*

*Motion carried.*

## Tree Removal at Riverside Cemetery and Skyway Park

Councilor Jennings moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve \$1,900.00 to Lumber Jack Tree Service for removal of trees located at Riverside Cemetery Brewerton and Skyway Park, Field #4. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Corl.

Ayes – 5 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

COUNTY TO PRESENT THE DRAFT SUSTAINABILITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT THE TOWN BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

Councilor Zambrano announced that the County has developed a Draft Sustainability Plan which they want to present on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The plan can be viewed on the Town's website: [www.ciceronewyork.net](http://www.ciceronewyork.net)

Councilor Zambrano stated they attended a seminar and that this was somewhat of a controversial topic, in her opinion, and advised everyone to read it.

Supervisor Corl stated at the last meeting it was suggested by Legislator Meyer that the board have a forum to discuss it. He knows the Planning Board is very interested in hearing the proposal submitted by the County and what the future effects could be on development within the Town of Cicero. He believes they are trying to set up a joint meeting with the Town of Clay, on that issue, to see how it would impact both towns.

Councilor Zambrano commented that the County is trying to contain growth, they don't want to expand sewers, and they are trying to diminish the amount of stormwater that goes into their Wastewater Treatment program.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COUNTRY MAX STORE GRAND OPENING AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 AT 10:00 A.M.

Supervisor Corl announced that the Country Max Store will have its Grand Opening on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Ethan Pane from Country Max will be in attendance, along with the developer Mr. Merola. They expect a good turnout and he commented that the property looks very nice.

Councilor Jennings agreed that they have done an excellent job.

## DISCUSSION ON FLASHING SCHOOL BEACONS (TWO LOCATED ON ROUTE 11 IN BREWERTON) PROPOSAL TO REPAIR \$22,711.81/PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE USE \$6,872.00 THROUGH SYRACUSE SIGNAL SYSTEMS

Supervisor Corl stated that the scheduled representative from Syracuse Signal was unable to attend the meeting. From what has been presented, the two beacons are in desperate need of just basically replacement and upgrades. To do that would cost \$22,711.81 or in the alternative the town could discontinue those and for that to be done would cost \$6,872.00.

Supervisor Corl solicited any board comments and stated that they could possibly defer this until the next meeting or until Syracuse Signal could attend.

Councilor Jennings stated with the advent that school will be opening in a couple of weeks, they always talk on this board about safety, the children in the town and what they need to do. It's \$22,711.81 but what price does one put on the safety of the children; especially around Gillette where they have to walk if they live within the proximity of the school. He thinks it's a definite need to fix these and make them serviceable for the protection of the children and for people that ride bikes also; before school is open.

Councilor Burtis stated he would like to defer the item until they could speak to someone from Syracuse Signals. He asked if it was state mandated.

Supervisor Corl replied that they don't and it might give him an opportunity to look at the file that the Town Clerk has that goes back to the 1980's where the town sponsored these and they were allowed to put them up through the state for the town to install them. The permit was granted

through the state. The school in 2007 said they weren't liable; according to state law they cannot get involved with these types of things.

Neil Germain stated he believed that was true.

Councilor Jennings commented that if there is only one person they can save by these, then they should do it.

Councilor Burtis said he wanted to defer it because all he has seen is the bill.

Councilor Jennings asked if they could "table" it until the next meeting and put it on the next agenda.

#### DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEES (PER COUNCILOR LYNN JENNINGS)

Councilor Jennings stated that they have had people ask about Standing committees, Citizen Committees and boards that they have other than the town board. He doesn't always understand the rationale of when they get the list of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals on a sheet of paper that's stamped "confidential" when you can go to the phone book. What he'd like to see is something, maybe out on a bulletin board, listing their committees whether it is Infrastructure, Drainage, or the Open Government committee – just the names of the people so if somebody wanted to get in touch they could. He's not asking for personal information, no phone numbers, no addresses; a name is sufficient. They can come into the town and look at that and see who is on the committee and get a hold of them. He thinks under Open Government they need to put it out there that the residents can see who are parts of these committees, whether they are citizen appointed or standing committees. He is asking that they have a listing of the names under each committee be put on the bulletin board, or the website.

Supervisor Corl stated he was sure that they could do that and that the Town Clerk could help.

Councilor Jennings stated that at the last meeting they "tabled" the Tuttle Road work regarding the repair of the driveway.

Supervisor Corl replied that Councilor Conway, Chris Woznica and Doug Wickman did discuss this and they want to do a further investigation on that issue and see what their options may be.

Councilor Jennings asked in regards to the Lombardi Drive and Wedgefield Lanes, at the Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, allocations of funds were done for Wedgefield at .30 miles and for Lombardi at .20 miles, for a total of \$117,341.50. When he went out there and looked it looked as if they did a lot more than a half mile and if so were there additional funds allocated for this.

Supervisor Corl answered that they could certainly discuss it.

Councilor Jennings suggested the engineers look into it.

Supervisor Corl stated as far as he was aware they were still within budget and they could talk to Chris Woznica about it and look at the information Councilor Jennings has.

Councilor Jennings said he received paperwork today regarding Placard for Vacant and Abandoned Structures. It states Town of Cicero residents will notice new red and white signs "placards" posted on vacant and abandoned structures around the town (he's guessing they are talking about buildings). The signs are notifications to the town firefighters. They are designed to indicate the safety level of the structure. He wasn't sure if the firefighters were aware of these or if they had any part in designing them. The placard symbols have different meanings. The paperwork says, "The Town of Cicero codes office will affix the placards on appropriate structures and those properties will be charged a fee for the posting. He asked if the fire departments had been in consultation with the Board on this.

Supervisor Corl advised him that he could have a conversation with John Dunham in the codes office tomorrow. This is a state law, it comes from the State Fire Code Regulations, and each symbol means a different thing. He knows he's been very proactive with working with the Chiefs.

Councilor Jennings stated he was not against it; it's a safety feature for our firefighters. But if this is something that's coming out of the Codes office and the Town Board members should know about it before it's put in their mail.

Supervisor Corl opened the public input portion of the meeting.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

Tom Beaulieu spoke in regards to the Resolution 544. About a month ago they submitted a letter from the Conservative Party regarding the resolution. He read a page of the letter which was submitted in July to each member of the Town Board and the Town Clerk. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Onondaga County Legislature passed a resolution supporting a video lottery facility in Onondaga County in conjunction with the Conference Center, which is in downtown Syracuse, without actually having a supporting resolution from the Cicero Town Board. The proposed developer has proposed to develop a video facility in the Town of Cicero, in the area therefore around Taft Rd. The Cicero Town Board had been presented with a petition from seven hundred (700) residents from the Cicero area requesting more information and also a public hearing on the proposed video facility. To date, the proposed developer has not made a presentation of the proposed facility to the Town Board, or the Town Planning Board to address important issues such as zoning, traffic, public safety, or environmental concerns (all of which would impact the town taxpayers in Cicero). Therefore, the Town Board of the Town of Cicero would repeal Resolution 544 which was dated December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, since there has been no resolution of support from this Town Board in the Town of Cicero. The Town Board would also request that no further consideration of the video lottery facility in the town of Cicero be taken by the Onondaga County Legislature without a specific resolution of support from the Town Board and the Town of Cicero. He thinks what they are looking at, from their perspective, is not so much the moral issue of whether you support gambling or not, but whether it's a function of government to be involved as a partner, in gambling, which that would bring to the Town of Cicero with really no benefit to the town and its taxpayers.

A resident from Vernon Rd. South, in Hiller Heights, stated the last time her road was paved was over 30 years ago. She submitted pictures and copies of the letter she read to the Town Board regarding the disrepairs of her road.

Supervisor Corl advised her that they will forward her concerns to the Highway Superintendent and visit her road to see what can be done to at least help.

Elizabeth Doherty spoke in regards to the issue on the Resolution 544. She was there the night Onondaga County had the public hearing. A majority of the people that were there if they were not against it, they at least said, "why not wait". The Councilor was getting ready to change hands, a fair number of them had been voted out. They all felt they should wait because amongst other things, the way she understood it was that this was just going to allow the County to allow gambling and because the state is looking at these applications. Overwhelming, she thinks 27 people who spoke, four (4) people were for it, and everybody else said "wait" or "no", but the legislature just went ahead anyway and ignored all of them and voted it right on in when most of them were leaving. That gave her a very cold and scary feeling because what it said was that money was talking and they weren't representing the people, they were doing what they wanted. The suggested area is basically in her back yard and it would affect her significantly. Bill Adams, Ferstler Road stated he just wanted an update on the investigation into the illegal tax free dwelling at 7199 Ferstler Road.

Supervisor Corl told Mr. Adams that he had spoken to the town attorney today about it and the attorney advised him to convey that it's currently under investigation; he's working with the Codes office. In regards to his comments relative to assessment, he knows the Assessor has reviewed the minutes, accordingly.

Bill Adams asked if there was a statement on where the investigation stands at this time and asked if the Town had made any attempt to see the property.

Supervisor Corl stated he did speak with the attorney regarding this, who he knows has been in contact with the Codes office.

Neil Germain advised Bill Adams that it would be improper to comment on an ongoing investigation.

Bill Adams advised them that he would see them again in two weeks.

Ray Schader commented on the flashing lights at the school and said he was not for spending \$22,000.00 any more than the board, but by his house there is a sharp bend where there were a lot of accidents. The State put up a flashing light, with a turn signal and since then there has been very few accidents.

Don Bloss, Mud Mill Road, wanted to publicly thank Chris Woznica and his staff for the great job they did on his road.

Tom Beaulieu commented on the flashing lights. He felt it was important to maintain speed levels on that road, and would like to see the lights maintained.

Ed Zaluski stated there was a lot of traffic going in and out of the school also.

Mark Vanesky, Rosewood Circle, commented on the mosquitoes. He said that he doesn't live far from the Cicero Swamp and he would put a human life ahead of a rodent or reptile's life anytime. He appreciates the environmental concerns, but to lose sight of the fact that what they are doing which is to save human lives or human health. In regards to the racino, he supports the Board's resolution to the County Legislature. He's not for it or against it, but wanted to go on the record saying he supported their resolution. He thinks there is something un-American about having the state or the Governor tell us what he is going to do without our being able to comment on it or our input. If the racino is not going to benefit the Town of Cicero financially, then he will be its biggest detractor. Thirdly, he read in the Post Standard a couple of weeks ago an article where there were comments made from the previous Supervisor, from one of the board members, and it sounded to him like there was criticism. He came away with a feeling after reading that there was some sort of dissention or that things weren't working well in the Town of Cicero and he wanted to go on record, with his feeling that he thinks it's very unprofessional when people make insinuations or attack each other in the press and not face to face. He commented that he has seen a lot of good things happen in the town in the past year. He asked people to use restraint and common sense on how we present our town and ourselves to others.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes- 5 and Noes- 0. *Motion carried.*

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Tracy M. Cosilmon  
Town Clerk

Unapproved