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TOWN OF CICERO

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The Cicero Town Board held their regular meeting on **Wednesday, March 23, 2016** at **6:30 p.m.** at the Cicero Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, NY 13039.

Board Members Present:

Mark Venesky	Supervisor
Mike Becallo	Councilor
C. Vernon Conway	Councilor
Dick Cushman	Councilor
Jonathan Karp	Councilor

Others Present:

Christopher Woznica	Highway Superintendent
John Baldini	Police Sergeant
Jody Rogers	Director of Youth Bureau, Parks & Recreation
Robert Germain	Germain & Germain, Town Attorney
Stephen Snell	O'Brien & Gere, Town Engineer
Tracy M. Cosilmon	Town Clerk
Shirlie Stuart	Comptroller
David J. Hess	National Grid, Consumer Representative
Judy Dickson	Senior Center Coordinator
Chris Carrick	Energy Program Manager, Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board

Absent:

Joseph Snell	Police Chief
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Supervisor Venesky opened the 6th regular meeting of the Town Board at 6:30 p.m. by noting the locations of the three emergency exits, asked that all electronic devices be silenced and noted if anyone had difficulty hearing to bring it to the Board’s attention.

Councilor Conway led the Pledge of Allegiance, and then requested a moment of silence for our troops in harm’s way.

Approval of Town Board Meeting Minutes

Councilor Conway made a motion to approve the Town Board minutes from the Regular Town Board Meeting held on March 9, 2016. Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Approval of Abstract Numbers 11 & 12

Councilor Cushman made a motion to approve Abstract #11 (dated March 16, 2016) and Abstract #12 (dated March 23, 2016) as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Karp.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Budget Modifications/Amendments

Councilor Cushman made a motion to accept the Budget Modifications/Amendments as presented:

<u>BUDGET MODIFICATIONS</u>				
FROM		\$	TO	
B19304	Special Items Judgements	18150.00	B80102	Zoning Equipment
A162040	Buildings	100.00	A1620406	Police Buildings
<u>2016 BUDGET AMENDMENTS</u>				
Revenue			Appropriations	

Motion was seconded by Councilor Karp.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Presentation for Judy Dickson – Retirement from Senior Center

The Town Board honored retiring Senior Citizen Program Coordinator Judy Dickson for her 20 years of service.

Supervisor Venesky: You’re only as successful as the people who support you and who surround you. When I first walked into the Senior Center the first person I saw was Judy Dickson. She welcomed me, she introduced herself to me, and she made me feel like I had known her forever. And I said to myself, “If that’s the quality of the management we have in our senior center, then I know why it is so successful.”

On behalf of the Cicero Town Board, Supervisor Venesky presented Judy Dickson with the following proclamation and a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Proclamation Town of Cicero

Whereas we are here today to express our appreciation to Judy Dickson and to honor her for her 20 year career with the Town of Cicero and the Seniors of our community,

And Whereas Judy has developed and managed a very successful and NYS recognized Senior program that serves our citizens 55 and older,

And Whereas Judy cares deeply and serves by going above and beyond to keep her Seniors engaged, active and a purpose,

And Whereas Judy started the Senior Exercise Program, Cicero Swamp Angels Red Hat group, 90's Club and so many other beneficial programs to extend the quality of life for our older residents,

Therefore it be resolved on behalf of the entire Town of Cicero, Town Board, Town employees and our Seniors, I, Mark Venesky, Supervisor, express my sincere appreciation to Judy Dickson for her loyalty to the Seniors and wish her much happiness as she begins this new chapter in her life. I ask all of you to join me in congratulating Judy on an outstanding career built on giving to others.



(Pictured above: Supervisor Venesky and Judy Dickson)

Dickson said that she would not have been able to do it without all of the help of everybody over these 20 years; the Town Board, and the wonderful staff.

Solarize CNY Presentation – Chris Carrick

Supervisor Venesky introduced Chris Carrick, Energy Program Manager for the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board who was there to present the possibility of installing solar panels at the Cicero Landfill.

Supervisor Venesky: I had mentioned at a previous meeting that we are looking at solar power. I think it's good for the environment, it's certainly going to be good for the taxpayer in the Town of Cicero, and I think it's the right thing to do.

Chris Carrick: Thank you to the Town Board as well for this opportunity to present to you some information about this solar project that we've been working on at the Planning Board for a little over a year. For those of you who are not familiar, the Regional Planning and Development Board is a public agency formed by the five counties of Central New York. We do a lot of work in various areas; Environmental Management, we work with the Town on the MS4 Stormwater Program, Economic Development, Transportation Planning, and the Energy Program, which I manage. About a year and a half ago we received some funding from NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority) to assist municipalities to develop their solar energy resources. The goal of the State is to increase the amount of solar energy in the state by a factor of ten by the year 2023. Clearly, the Governor has made a very major commitment to solar energy, not only in terms of incentives for projects that we hope to pursue here, but also in terms of manufacturing of solar panels. Some of you may have read about the Solar City Manufacturing facility that's under construction in Buffalo, which will be the largest in North America. In my tenure, over the last eight years at the Planning Board, we have seen the price of solar energy decline by a factor of four and seeing the installation of solar energy in the region increase by a factor of six or more. We've done quite a lot of work in the area of solar energy, helping homeowners and businesses install solar, but it occurred to us that municipalities have an important role to play. We have worked with the Town of DeWitt, the Village of Skaneateles, and others to install solar panels on their facilities, but the reason I think municipalities are so important is because they serve as leaders to the broader community to demonstrate how solar can provide savings. We believe, given where the market is now, that we can provide energy for a lower rate for municipalities to save taxpayers money that they are spending on electricity. So with that goal in mind, we set about to see how we could work together collaboratively with many municipalities across the five counties to try to achieve even better cost savings by working together. The goal of our project is to bundle projects together and go out to market through one coordinated solicitation process so we would have a request for proposals that would go out to the market, in which we could have economies of scale. Very simply, by working together we can achieve cost savings together.

We received a tremendous response. Over a hundred facilities were brought forward to us. We had our consultant do some feasibility work. Our consultant came out onto the sites to look at the properties and we have narrowed down that list of over 100 sites down to where we consider the best fifty-or-so sites. We have about two dozen municipalities and public authorities, like Onondaga County Water Authority and Port of Oswego that are looking at this opportunity. Collectively, all of these sites have over 33 megawatts of potential. Just to give you a sense of scale, Onondaga County and its projects have developed about 8 megawatts (MW). Altogether, in the five county region we have about 20 megawatts installed; including rooftop, residential, commercial, and so forth. So if we are successful, and I think we will be, we will be able to at least double the amount of solar through this coordinated effort alone. That's a dramatic increase in the amount of solar and a great improvement to the environment, and again, cost savings to taxpayers, which is certainly one of our primary goals.

Where we stand right now, we have provided a feasibility study to the Town and all the other participants in our project. The facility we are looking at here in the town is the Cicero Landfill; the project size is slightly over a megawatt. What we are anticipating doing is issuing a request for proposals on behalf of the town and all the participants with the goal of securing a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) contract on behalf of each participating municipality and agency. Under our Power Purchase Agreement the third party/the Solar Developer, the company owns and maintains and operates the solar facility that is located on municipal land. The Developer is able to reap all of the tax benefits and state incentives that are available and then pass on those cost savings to the town. The Town's role in this process would be to provide the land to purchase the energy and potentially to contribute additionally to some of the project costs. Specifically for this project, there would be a need to upgrade some of the utility distribution infrastructure in order to connect the solar facility to National Grid's distribution network; specifically, there would be a need to extend the free phase power line from the corner of Fergerson Road and Route 31 down to the site at the landfill.

What we are asking the Town to do tonight is to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding that we have provided which would authorize the Planning Board to issue this RFP (Request for Proposals) package on behalf of the Town. I just want to make clear that there is no commitment at this point for the Town to enter into any contract; we are not at that point yet. There's no financial commitment at this point; all of the feasibility work, all of the additional work in putting together the RFP package is being done by the Planning Board and our consultants supported by the NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority) Grant.

Chris Carrick solicited any questions anyone may have had regarding the project itself; the location, any of the technical aspects, the financial benefits, or the process moving forward.

Supervisor Venesky: I have a couple of comments that I am just looking for you to verify for me. Based on the numbers that you presented to me and the numbers then that I in turn gave to the Board, we potentially are looking at, in the town, about \$120,000 in savings. Is that correct?

Chris Carrick: That's correct.

Supervisor Venesky: Based on using the old landfill site (because of the room that we have there) I am very excited about the fact that we can potentially expand the solar panels and then offer that discount. We don't know what it's going to come out to be yet, but you are pretty confident in the 6 cents per kilowatt hour, right? So we would be able to offer that to the residents to the Town of Cicero – that's huge! I am very excited about that as well. When you talk about the line that we would have to connect (the Fergerson site with Route 31) we are looking at about 1900 ft of Phase III cable, which to my understanding it's roughly \$39ft. Is that correct Mr. Hess?

David Hess: I believe you are correct.

Supervisor Venesky: So somewhere around \$66,500 for us to connect for that power. Dollars and cents, return on investment, we have earned that money back; the connection costs within the first year. This all looks good to me. I think we have a commitment to our environment. This town board is committed to reducing our costs where we can and increasing the benefit to the taxpayer.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any questions from the Board.

Councilor Becallo asked if there was anything on the horizon for wind power.

Chris Carrick: There is. Wind is very location specific, more location specific than solar. We are currently doing a feasibility study in the Town of Fabius, looking at their wind resource. We recently installed what's called a Wind Measurement Tower/a Meteorological Tower to measure the wind over a period of twelve months. There are wind resource maps that you can look at online. From our review of those, Cicero doesn't stand out as a great opportunity, at least for the scale of wind that we've been looking at in Fabius; which are the large turbines like you see in Fenner. But certainly, smaller scale wind could potentially be an opportunity depending on location. Our goal at the Planning Board is to develop as much

of our local clean energy resources as possible. We prepared and published a Regional Sustainable Plan in 2013 that set some pretty ambitious renewable energy goals; we want to increase our renewable energy resources from about 2.5 percent now to 25 percent by 2030, and wind is going to be a very important part of the mix.

Supervisor Venesky asked if anyone in the audience had any questions for Chris Carrick.

Don Snyder: I've read the report three times. I've also been involved in solar for my house, so I come somewhat negative because of the response I've had. For example, you say that the town meters are 359,000 kilowatts (kW) and the lighting is 962,000 kilowatts. You're talking about 'Net Metering' - we've got no meters on our street lights. Is Nimo [National Grid] going to in fact agree that we can use power that we generate to offset the bill that we get (if it's not going to be 6 cents a kilowatt because the wholesale market for electricity is about 2 cents, so there is no way that Nimo is going to say 'yeah guys, make all the power you want. Give it to us. We'll pay you 6 cents even though we can buy it for two'. So I have a real concern as to what that situation is. Also, not only do we need to have this line but the meters at Central Park aren't big enough, so that has to be reworked also. What kind of guarantee can we give the board? What kind of guarantee can you give the taxpayers if we in fact, going into this contract, and yeah, there is no money up front, but what are the pitfalls that could happen? Because what we don't need in this town is to borrow any more money because of something that we didn't foresee; that's a major concern that we also have. When we did the review for the new Town Barn and we looked at the land that we are in the process of purchasing now we had designed a ground-mount system for that site, especially because it was going to be cleared; it's flat, and we have a big user sitting right next door, i.e. Chris' new building. So I am wondering if we really ought to be looking at that, as opposed to the concerns we have with using a balasted system at the dump; we can't penetrate the cap. If we penetrate the cap than we've got all kinds of problems, so maybe we need to be looking at that also. Those are just some of my concerns. The other thing I did was go on the internet for the sun in Syracuse, and we have:

- Sixty-three 'sunny' days, which means some 30 percent cloudy,
- Ninety-eight days they call 'partly sunny', which means you have 40 to 70 percent cloudy coverage; that's 161 days, and
- the sun rise and the sunset - we have about 46 percent of our days are in fact when they would call 'sunny'.

The other thing is if you take the output of the system (1064 kilowatts divided into the total kilowatts produced) then we've got to produce about 3 or 4 thousand kilowatts every day in order to make up the total.

Supervisor Venesky: What is your question?

Don Snyder: The question is whether we have enough sunny days to in fact generate the amount of power that we are talking about doing. I take it there is some mathematical formula (since I haven't seen it here) that talks about what your basis for seeing the sun is?

Chris Carrick: Those are fantastic questions. The first question you asked was about Net Metering. This is explained in the technical report to some extent. Under State Law, National Grid is required to allow net metering of up to 2 megawatts per site. So the way that this would work is that the energy that is produced at the landfill would be credited via an accounting transaction; that's standard operating procedure for National Grid to all of the accounts that the town owns. As the Supervisor explained, through a new policy called 'Virtual Net Metering' there is an opportunity, potentially, to allow unaffiliated customers of the town, i.e. residents and businesses to also benefit as off-takers of the energy that is produced; this is well established in state law. Lots of projects in this state have moved forward under this arrangement.

In terms of the guarantee of cost savings - no one can predict with any certainty where energy markets are going in the next year, let alone the next 20 years. What we have tried to do in this economic modeling is be fairly conservative. We have, as you can see in the report, estimated at 2 percent escalation rate in the price of energy through the Solar Power Purchase Agreement contract, as opposed to a 3 percent inflation rate for utility power. We have typically seen consultants estimating 4 or 5 percent inflation rating utility power, which is not realistic. We told our consultant that was not the way to go. We have seen a reduction in utility prices for the last quarter or two, I would say, at the residential and commercial rates. Whether that will persist over time no one can say with any certainty. What we are advising municipalities to do is to consider this project as locking in a guaranteed price over a guaranteed period of time. The benefit of that is that it provides certainty for purposes of budgeting rather than being subject to the fluctuations in the marketplace, which we have seen go up quite a bit during various periods, like the Winter of 2014. You folks may recall your own energy bills went up over 50 percent in the month of February that year because of natural gas supply constraints.

We have tried to be as conservative as possible in our estimates and our financial modeling, but the bottom line is that at this point all we are asking the town to do is to commit to moving forward with us in the solicitation processes. Again, we feel confident that we can achieve the economies of scale - we are targeting a 6 cents per kilowatt hour price. Onondaga County has achieved that and even a little bit better in some of the projects that they've completed recently and I think at that rate we can provide good value

for the town. When you look at the town's existing consumption, particularly on the street lighting side, it's a significant cost; the Town is currently paying anywhere around 15 cents per kilowatt hour for their street lighting, so the possibility to offset those accounts with solar power is real tremendous economic value.

In terms of installing solar at the landfill, we have had several conversations with the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) about this, and they are fully supportive of it. We have seen a number of landfill projects go in over the last year or two in this state, and many, many more in Massachusetts over the last few years; the industry is well oriented to the technical considerations and being sensitive to penetrations of the cap. Obviously, we need to do our due diligence and through the solicitation process make sure we are dealing with a company that's well experienced in that area, but it's not really an issue, certainly in the minds of DEC.

And then finally, in the terms of the solar resource, again we have our assumptions built into the report. We have been fairly conservative. We have a track record of projects; 20 megawatts installed in the region, so we have a good idea of what the solar resource is and that's been built into all the modeling of how much energy this system can produce. Again, we feel very confident in the estimates that we provided, but important to note – we are not asking the Town to sign any contracts; we are months away from that at this point. The next step in the process, if the Town agrees to sign the documents and move forward, that would be for us to file the Interconnection Application on behalf of the Town with National Grid, at which point they will give us a cost estimate for the interconnection upgrades that would be necessary, both in terms of extending the line and installing the invertors and transformer upgrades if necessary. So we will have a better sense at that point of what the project economics would look like accounting for those factors.

Someone had asked what the life expectancy of the solar panels would be.

Chris Carrick: What we've modeled here is a 20-year contract, and a 25-year contract, so the economic returns are modeled over both of those periods of time. The panels and equipment come with a standard 25-year warranty at this point. The consultants we've hired are third-party, independent objective; they have no stake in the outcome of whether this project moves forward or not, so I think that's of value. They are telling us that this equipment will likely last for 30 or even 40 years. The equipment will degrade very slightly, each year, over time, so it will produce slightly less energy every year, but still at the 20 or 25 year mark you can expect at least 80 percent of the energy produced, as it was produced at day one; that's all been built into the assumptions as well.

Supervisor Venesky: I am going to recommend to the Board that we enter into the agreement to throw the name of the Town of Cicero into this proposal, and to put out there, in front of the solar companies and in front of Niagara Mohawk. I think it's the right thing to do for the environment. I think it's taking a step forward; where we want to go with this town. When everything comes back to us, if there is value for the taxpayer and for the environment then we will bring that in front of the board.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any further discussion. There was none.

Supervisor Venesky asked Robert Germain what should be read into the record.

Robert Germain: Page one of the resolution.

Councilor Karp moved to adopt the following resolution (read in its entirety):

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN SOLARIZE CNY INITIATIVE
<p>WHEREAS, the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board ("CNY RPDB"), a public planning agency established in 1966 by Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, and Oswego Counties under the provisions of Article 12-B of the New York State General Municipal Law, has established a program designed to provide municipal entities and certain other public partners in the Central New York region with information, tools, and resources to make solar electric energy more accessible to their facilities and thereby reduce their energy costs through a regional solar initiative (the "Solarize CNY Initiative"); and</p>
<p>WHEREAS, Town of Cicero strongly supports the development of renewable energy in Town of Cicero and the Central New York region, and recognizes the widespread benefits of the Solarize CNY Initiative developed by the CNY RPDB; and</p>
<p>WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations and districts to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and</p>
<p>WHEREAS, Town of Cicero deems it in the best interest of Town of Cicero and its residents to enter into an intermunicipal cooperation agreement (the "Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement") to form an intermunicipal group (the "CNY Solar Intermunicipal Group"), for purposes of participating in the CNY Solar Initiative, including authorizing the CNY RPDB to (1) study particular sites owned by Town of Cicero and others, identified as potentially viable for installation of a solar photovoltaic facility for each site's solar capacity and the resulting potential annual savings from producing solar energy, and (2) on behalf of the CNY Solar Intermunicipal Group, to prepare and disseminate a joint solicitation package, including template agreements, and to make a recommendation for the selection of one or more solar provider(s) to develop, design, finance, construct, operate and maintain small to mid-sized commercial solar PV systems on a defined portfolio of project sites in Central New York and to sell the solar energy produced by such systems at a defined price, all as set forth in the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement and in accordance with all applicable laws, including any applicable procurement laws and policies.</p>
<p>NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of Town of Cicero to enter into the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement;</p>
<p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Mark Venesky, the Town of Cicero, Supervisor, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement and such other documents, and take such other actions, as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.</p>

Motion was seconded by Councilor Becallo.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Continuation of Public Hearings for Consolidated Lighting Districts

Supervisor Venesky stated this was a continuation of the public hearing that was held January 13, 2016 to consider Cicero Consolidated Lighting Districts. David Hess, Consumer Representative from National Grid was in attendance along with our Comptroller, Shirlie Stuart. They would explain the proposed consolidation and try to answer any questions.

Shirlie Stuart read the following:

Thank you Mr. Supervisor and Town Board Members...

The word "Consolidation" has echoed through every political entity. This evening I will propose consolidating 19 lighting districts into 5 and hope everyone will come away from this meeting with a better understanding of special districts and why this lighting consolidation proposal needs to be considered.

In the Town of Cicero we have created over 68 special districts. These districts were created to improve the town's infrastructure, be it waterlines, sewers, hydrants or as we will discuss this evening, streetlights. In 1993 the town comptroller, Jack Obrist was a bit ahead of his time when he consolidated 55 lighting districts into four districts. The determining factor in creating these four districts was based on type of streetlights.

Over the following years, creating lighting districts in the town seem to take on a life of their own and we fell back into a pattern that quickly became unfair and inequitable to the residents. Creating new lighting districts were no longer created on types of lighting but on logistics creating a process that was confusing and fiscally broken.

Over the past three months, Dave Hess from National Grid and I have worked hard to consolidate the current 19 lighting districts back to the original concept of districts based on "types" of lighting. Now that I have mentioned those two dirty words, "National Grid", I want to point out that this consolidation proposal will not in any way make National Grid richer nor will it make the Comptroller's life easier. Dave has been my keyperson in addressing what types of lights are in these lighting districts and he has also pinpointed areas of concern. What this proposal will provide is **fair and equitable** lighting charges for all properties within the Town of Cicero. By eliminating the assessed valuation method and using the unit charge for all parcels no one will be exempt from paying for streetlights, all parcels, even though exempt from property tax will pay a lighting fee. With the town's economic future growth this proposal will make it easier for the town board to implement new streetlights in neighborhoods that wish to have them.

Fair and equitable are the two words that have driven this project.

Shirlie Stuart referenced the following chart where she had listed:

- All 19 lighting districts,
- the 2015 budgets, and
- how the unit charges will affect going into next year.

County Code	Town Code	District	2015 Contracted Expense	2015 Tax Levy 2016	2015 Assessed Value Parcels/Units	2016 Units	2015 Tax Rate	2016 New Tax Rate Unit Charges	
LT151-01	SL909-01	Cicero 1		65,736.51	3044	3210.45	0.17	26.25	
LT152-02	SL909-02	Cicero 2		9,683.00	536	540.36	0.12	26.25	
LT179-04	SL909-04	Penn Can 4		3,322.00	20	21	0.08	26.25	
LT153-03		Cicero 3		55,000.00		1322.86	0.40	26.25	
LT151-01		Brodhead Private		360.30		5	0.17	72.06	
LT153-03	SL909-03	Cicero 3		190,277.00	118,000.00	3061	1880	0.40	64.60
LT161-06	SL909-06	Erskine Drive		1000		20	20	0.35	64.60
LT160-08	SL909-08	Cedar Point		10,840.00		147	148	73.74	64.60 12%
LT163-11	SL909-11	Williamstead Farms		3,718.00		73	73	50.93	64.60 27%
LT166-15	SL909-15	Wallington Meadows, Sect. 2&3		4,925.00		40	61	123.12	64.60 48%
LT168-18	SL909-18	Eya Circle		5,108.00		50	49	104.24	64.60 38%
LT181	SL909-20	Wallington Meadows		4,925.00		67	68	73.51	64.60 12%
LT159-07	SL909-07	Electric Rail - Cicero Stage - Angler's Club - Addison		19,716.00		111	112	180.88	141.39 22%
LT162-09	SL909-09	Pastures IIB - Matilda Gage - Asa Eastwood		7,609.00		61	64	131.20	141.39 8%
LT164-10	SL909-10	Waterview Circle		2,596.00		26	25	99.84	141.39 42%
LT150-12	SL909-12	Pastures - Moyer Carriage		3,003.00		21	21	143.00	141.39 1%
LT149-13	SL909-13	Pastures - Boyko Farm		4,855.00		51	51	95.19	141.39 49%
LT165-14	SL909-14	Cody's Corner		4,234.00		36	36	117.62	141.39 20%
LT154-16	SL909-16	The Crossings		20,452.00		128	128	159.78	141.39 12%
LT167-17	SL909-17	At The Lake		3,723.00		18	19	206.82	141.39 32%
LT169	SL909-19	Pastures - section six		6,205.00		56	56	110.80	141.39 28%

	Units	2017 Proposed Tax Levy	Per Unit Charge
Overhead	5094.67	\$133,741.51	\$26.25
Brodhead Private	5	\$360.30	\$72.06
Underground	2299	\$148,516.00	\$64.60
Decorative Underground	512	\$72,393.00	\$141.39

Shirlie Stuart: The top portion, which is going to be the new proposed “Overhead” was done by assessed valuation, so I did not do a comparison where you see the percentages increases and decreases.

The ones from the top - I did not do that because we are going to take those parcels and now make them into units. I can tell you the breaking point of where, or rather the particular parcel will go up, or will go down.

But as you can see, this is what happens: The bottom numbers stay the same; the pie just gets divided differently, and over the years it’s become so unfair that you couldn’t even make rhyme or reason out of it, so that’s why I am proposing looking at these. The four types of districts we are moving them into:

1. Overhead District
2. Underground District
3. Decorative Underground District
4. Broadhead Private
5. Non-lighting District; a district where there will be absolutely no lights.

Every parcel in the town will be marked with some kind of a lighting district so that moving forward it will be much easier to put lights in subdivisions, or people that want extensions into lights because no longer the process becomes different. It’s simply we go out and review, with Dave Hess’ help, and there will be a Board resolution. There will be no creating of any districts because they will already be there.

Supervisor Venesky: This is going to eliminate the creation of new districts?

Shirlie Stuart: Correct.

Supervisor Venesky: It’s going to make it easier for people that want lighting installed?

Shirlie Stuart: Correct.

Supervisor Venesky: We had some commercial properties I think as well that get lights but were not paying.

Shirlie Stuart: And we are picking up all the exempt properties.

Councilor Becallo: So residential properties will now be looped in with commercial properties?

Shirley Stuart: They always have been Mike.

Councilor Becallo: What about some of the debts owed on some of these districts.

Shirley Stuart: There is no debt owed on any of these.

Supervisor Venesky reopened the public hearing for the **“Decorative Underground District”** and read the following:

- **Decorative Underground District**

Public Hearing to consider, upon Motion of the Town Board, the creation of a consolidated lighting district for underground facilities within the Town of Cicero to be designated and known as “Decorative Underground District.” A copy of the proposed Map and Plan has been provided to the Town by National Grid calling for the consolidation of the following: Cicero Stage, Electric Railway, Anglers’ Club, Addison Loomis, Pastures IIB, Matilda Gage, Asa Eastwood, Waterview Circle, Moyer Carriage, Boyko Farms, Cody’s Corner, Crossings, At the Lakes, Pastures Sec 6, existing lighting districts into this proposed **Decorative Underground District** to achieve annual savings. **512 units for an estimated total cost of \$72,393.00 or \$141.39 per unit.**

Supervisor Venesky had proof of publication and posting.

The public notice read as follows:



DATED: February 21, 2016

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CICERO,
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK
BY: TOWN CLERK

Supervisor Venesky opened the public hearing on the **Decorative Underground District** at 7:11 p.m.

Don Snyder: Mark, I think a couple of questions need to be asked before we look at any of these. Shirley and I were looking at some records today, a perfect example: Don Snyder has three pieces of property on Mud Mill, two of them are rear properties and they right now are not charged at all for lighting. I used to own two pieces of property in Harbor Village (the area where the sewer lines go behind the properties that are on the creek), so I called one of my buddies there today to see whether my house...because I don't remember what our bill was, and sure enough that extra property is paying for lighting, yet you can't even get to it; it's not on the street. The concern we have, and one of the things that we've probably got to look at is I have the possibility (depending on what we do with vacant land) of mine going from \$63.00 now to \$27.00 x 3, or mine stays the

same at zero for those two properties, but meanwhile the people in Creekview will be paying because they are now paying for lighting. So if we say, 'well, if you're paying for lighting now you are going to continue' they will go from like 14 or 15 cents to the \$26/\$27 dollar number; that's a thing that we need to look at. I am more than willing, if the paperwork is available to sit and help sort that stuff out, if that be your wish. I think one of the other important things is if Mr. Hess could tell us, because there is some real miscommunication in this community about how we pay for lights, and I was quite sure I was right. So I think if you'd (David Hess) tell us how you (National Grid) charge for lights because everybody thought that there was a big upcharge first, and then 'we've been paying for twenty years, therefore mine are paid off' – that's not the way it's done.

Supervisor Venesky: I just want to clarify something, you were speaking in favor?

Don Snyder: I'm speaking for all four/five kind of lighting districts questions that relate to each one of those people and each one of those districts would have that question. I'm certainly in favor of mine, but these kind of concerns are what people are going to be asking about, and some of them I got today in questions.

Supervisor Venesky: Mr. Hess, if you could answer that question.

David Hess: National Grid installs, at their cost, all lighting within all municipalities. What we do from there is we actually bill the municipality. It doesn't matter to National Grid which residents pay the town that pays us for the lights; that's irrelevant to us. When we install lights we also maintain, and the price never stops. It keeps going because we still have to maintain those facilities and pay our property taxes on all those facilities.

Don Snyder: Yes, and I think that's important because a number of us are on streets that have been paying for twenty and thirty years, and they have a feeling that we should have paid our bill when in fact I was quite sure that if you called NIMO (National Grid) and said 'put a light in my yard' they would charge you 'x' number of dollars a year; it's not the cost of the light, the pole, and the wire, it's a lot less than that. But you will pay that bill as long as that light stands in your driveway. If NIMO changes to LEDs (light-emitting diodes) for all of our lights in our town will our bill go down, be the same, or will the bill go up?

David Hess: As of right now, there is a proposal in front of the Public Service Commission that's supposed to be heard, I believe the date is April 15th for the potential conversion to LEDs only on what we call 'cobra heads'(roadway lighting), not decorative post tops. We cannot as a corporation figure out any way that you would save money on a post top converting to an LED light. In other words, the facility costs, expedientially, the amount more than the energy that you are going to save. There's no savings at a post top level unless somebody else pays the bill.

Don Snyder: That's because the base that's on that bulb right now is not something they normally make in LED?

David Hess: You would have to change the whole fixture, that's correct.

Don Snyder: But the ones that are on our road (which are a lot of our things), those could in fact be changed to LED?

David Hess: Yes. The roadway could potentially be converted. And like I said the Commission will be hearing that the 15th. If the Commission approves that that may go into effect June or July, and I will be in contact with the Supervisor to discuss that. The Public Service Commission is very adamant that any conversion of a light source to LED will be born by the requesting municipality. In other words, the people in the Town of Salina will not be subsidizing a conversion to LEDs for the Town of Cicero. So what they have to do is the net book value left on the existing HID (High-intensity discharge) facility (which is sodium) will be born and paid for by the requesting municipality and then the labor costs to convert to an LED will be bankrolled, per say, by the Commission to be divided up over time. In other words, what the Commission is saying is there's really no savings in LED overhead streetlights either.

Don Snyder: What scares me is what Mr. Hess just said, it makes it sound like we are paying for capital for the rest of our lives, when in fact at some point the light fixture has been paid for and we are supposedly now paying for maintenance, or what not, and so if a light goes from...I mean I'm doing this in my RV (recreational vehicle). I'm taking a bulb that's like 65 watts and it's now going to 3 watts and I'm getting more light of it. So I can't understand why if we went to LEDs why there shouldn't be some benefit to the community.

David Hess: There will be some benefit. The municipality is going to have to waive the costs to take down the existing facilities to convert that.

Don Snyder: So there will not be a convertible bulb that will fit in...?

David Hess: No sir. On the flip side, when you go to your Home Depot or Lowe's to get your LED bulb that is also being subsidized by New York State. NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority) is buying down the cost for you. As a utility we don't have that luxury.

Don Snyder: We now take any one of the four categories and we expand: thirty residents come in to us and say 'we want to have overhead lighting in our area', and we are going to have to figure out how much it is that we are going to have to pay. Those thirty new houses would just get added to our total. The increase in the total capital charge would go up, but all total units in that district will be paying part of that bill?

Shirlie Stuart: Correct.

Councilor Becallo: Say that one more time Don, I think I know where you are going with this.

Don Snyder: Let's say there's 100 units now in one district and we are paying one hundred dollars, but now there's thirty more houses that want lights and instead of one hundred dollars it goes up to \$130.00 or \$110.00 for now 130 units. The 130 units are going to pay for that increase, not the thirty. So those that have been sitting on Mud Mill, or wherever they are, for 30 years paying 'x' number of dollars, we are not going to be subsidizing the guy down the street that just had thirty lights put in his neighborhood.

Shirlie Stuart: That could work the other way around too.

Don Snyder: How could it work the other way?

Shirlie Stuart: Because if you have got more lights going into the dollar number you could force the unit charge to go the opposite way too.

Don Snyder: Yeah, it could.

Shirlie Stuart: But most likely it would if you think about it, and the cost to put these lights in...

Someone commented that the cost never goes down.

David Hess: It's actually gone down this year. For the last eight months it has been down lower.

Don Snyder: I guess the concern for all of them is:

We probably ought not to have vacant property pay for lighting, especially if the vacant property is behind a facility that doesn't have access to the road. I think it's excellent that we are going to have properties that don't have an assessment that have exemptions. I think they should pay. In fact, I happen to be a believer that all facilities ought to be paying, and obviously the City of Syracuse is suffering because of all the federal and state, and what not, are downtown - they don't get that in their tax base. I think the only other concern that's out there for all the districts is when we look, and an example is: a car dealership right now might be paying ten or twelve thousand dollars based on assessed value for the lights near them. Going down by unit basis, that's going to go down a big number; way down. Driver's Village, they pay a number of thousands of dollars now, but if you go to a unit charge (and if they happen to be in the above ground situation) they are going to pay twenty-six or twenty-seven dollars per parcel when right now they are paying well over 10,000 dollars. That does mean that we are going to be subsidizing more of the cost of that payment, and the question that we need to ask ourselves and have input is 'is that something that we should be doing?' Should we in fact have the homeowner pay the same amount of money for lighting as the guy that sells cars, or the grocery store, or whatever, because right now that's what is going to happen. We are going to end up with the commercial guy paying a lot less because of what he is paying right now based on assessed value.

Supervisor Venesky: Is that true Mr. Hess?

Shirlie Stuart: The commercial properties unit charges will be set at the same as their sewer unit charges. The sewer unit charges, not that it has anything to do with sewers, but to make the comparable by what the County put on it for sewer units, and then charge the lighting units the same way on the commercial properties.

Don Snyder: Okay. But an example came up to me today that in Brewerton there is two commercial buildings on this site with one sewer charge. They should have had two for sure. I'm not sure Shirlie that that's fair to the taxpayer, as it needs to be. You all need to decide whether commercial should pay whatever that works out to be that Shirlie has worked out for commercial or if that should be adjusted.

Supervisor Venesky: My understanding is that we don't set the rates. National Grid sets the rates. And the way that I am looking at this is we have six areas in the Town of Cicero that their rates are going to be adjusted up, including my own. My rates are going up. We have eight areas in the town where the rates will be going down, so if you simplify it and say 'if you want Decorative Underground Lighting this is what it's going to cost', 'if you want Overhead Lighting on a pole this is what it's going to cost', 'if you want fancy pole overhead this is what the cost is going to be'. The cost is going to be adjusted, but I think moving forward with this, even though six people are going to complain, eight people are going to applaud us if the board decides to go with what we are hearing today, but I think it's going to simplify it for the Town of Cicero moving forward and for business development moving forward; after we are gone.

Councilor Becallo: It seems to me that back in the...what was the year Shirlie that it was adjusted originally Shirlie?

Shirlie Stuart: 1993

Councilor Becallo: As technology changes we're going to develop more and I know these will always be. You are always going to have a new district somehow because there is always going to be some new form of technology and a new district is going to be formed. So over time they collect up; I do see the positives of doing this. There could be a Decorative Underground like district in one part of town. There can also be a Decorative Lighting District in a completely different part of town, therefore the people that pay for the lighting in 'A' have to pay for the lighting for the people over in 'B'.

Shirlie Stuart: They are all put together Mike.

Councilor Becallo: But it's a different part of town.

Shirlie Stuart: It doesn't matter. It's not done by logistic, it is done by types of light.

Councilor Becallo: Right. That's what I am saying. So we are paying for other people's lighting.

Supervisor Venesky: We are all paying for each other's lighting.

Don Snyder: We are all paying the same rate. We are not paying for anybody else's lights.

Speaking against:

Judy Boyke: Again, I guess I need to ask the question or understand, we are doing this to be fair across the board. Is that correct?

Shirlie Stuart: Fair and equitable.

Judy Boyke: Several residents in Muskrat Bay (where I live) have paid lights down there since 1939. Maintenance has been quite lull and they are being consolidated into a part of Penn Can Mall, which was a separate lighting district. I have here documents of Penn Can Mall and if I understand it correctly its units meaning how many sewer connections, there being...

Shirlie Stuart: Commercial property.

Judy Boyke: If they have 18 sewer connections then it's 18 x 26/25 which is Lighting District #1.

Shirlie Stuart: If that's what their sewer service charges are then that is correct.

Judy Boyke: With that, I have yet to see too many people who have their lighting districts going down. In the Lighting District 1 - Burdick (who I did pull up, and I have it in front of me), in his Hyundai dealership, along with a couple of other buildings has 10.29 sewer connections and he right now pays \$1,188.90. With the new he will be paying \$270.11. With a marina there is 2.5 units of sewer to be connected, and the actual lighting charge is \$173.00, which will drop it down to about \$60.00.

Shirlie Stuart: You're talking about street lights.

Judy Boyke: No. No. This is street lights. This is their lighting district that I have taken right off of their tax record.

Shirlie Stuart: Yeah, but this is street lights. I just want to make sure that everyone realizes...

Judy Boyke: No. This is not their personal lighting.

Supervisor Venesky: This is not the lights that Roger Burdick has all over his parking lots; we are not paying for that, he is paying for that separately.

Judy Boyke: Exactly. I don't have a problem with that. But again, Price Chopper (who is separate) they have 5.21 units. They pay \$411.00 but they will go down to \$136.00. My point is that I don't think that Penn Can, who was a separate lighting district or any commercial lighting district should be combined with any residential. I don't think that they should bare the burden because these are new developments, and these people have been paying for lights for years, and years, and years, so I don't believe that the commercial should be combined. I believe you need one more lighting district for commercial. My next question is when you talk about sewer hook-up, not every property in the Town of Cicero has sewers, so is every single house in the Town of Cicero going to be paying some type of lights?

Shirlie Stuart: No. The only thing the sewer has a reference to are the commercial properties, Judy.

Judy Boyke: All right. But I am trying to understand then, so every other house in the town, every other resident or every other piece of property in the town in that specific lighting district is going to pay one unit. Is that correct?

Shirlie Stuart: I don't understand your question.

Judy Boyke: First of all, I know of several people who are not paying for a lighting district and they are in one. These people are right next door to each other. One guy is paying for lights and the people next door are not, and they are on the same street.

Supervisor Venesky: I think the purpose here is to fix that right? It's to fix the problems that we have had going on for years and years. What I believe we are trying to do is we are taking problems that existed for a long time and we are trying to fix them.

Judy Boyke: I agree, and I understand that. I'm just trying to understand how you are going to be able to charge everyone fairly when you are not going by units for residential, only by units for commercial.

Shirlie Stuart: No. No. No. We are going by units for everyone Judy. Everyone will be units.

Judy Boyke: So when people with a property don't have a unit...

Shirlie Stuart: They are going to go to a unit. The assessed valuation districts are going to be turned over into units. That's how we are picking up all the exempt properties. Everyone will have a lighting charge that's in a lighting district. There are people now in lighting districts who are exempt. They don't pay anything because they are done by assessed valuation. We changed the system around to paying unit charges - no one is exempt from a unit charge.

Judy Boyke: That's churches, schools, everybody?

Shirlie Stuart: Yes, that's why I said schools. Everyone will be paying, and the only way I could think about making it fair on a commercial end, and trying to come up with how to charge them, was to set them up with the same amount of unit charges they had for sewers; that's only for commercial properties.

Judy Boyke: Does the whole town know that you are going to do this? How are you going to let these people know who have never paid for a light in their life, that are on septic or...

Shirlie Stuart: That's not people that are not in lighting districts. There are people who are already in these existing lighting districts that are going to go unit charges.

Judy Boyke: I understand that, but it's confusing me, so you can imagine how it's confusing other people because I've spent hours. Are you notifying all of the exempt people that they are going to have to pay for lights?

Shirley Stuart: That's why we have public hearings. That's why it's been publicized.

Judy Boyke: I know. You know how that goes. Anyways, I speak against it.

Councilor Becallo: Just for rational on the commercial, was it hard just to make it just one lighting district for commercial only?

Shirley Stuart: If we do that then that's even going to drive that price up higher Mike because commercial is already in the lighting district; those districts all have commercial properties.

Supervisor Venesky closed the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any further Board discussion.

Judy Boyke: Excuse me. Is that just on the first one?

Supervisor Venesky: That is just on the first one, yes. We are only speaking about the Decorative Underground District.

David Hess: Mr. Supervisor, all those discussions had to do with Overhead. They all had to do with Overhead, not Decorative Underground.

Supervisor Venesky: I'm sorry, okay. We have Overhead right here. We are going to do them all separately, so that's fine. I misspoke, please correct the record.

Supervisor Venesky closed the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any further Board discussion.

Councilor Becallo: Where it says total annual savings, it would be cool if we could find out how much those savings were – it's kind of like voting on it and finding out later.

Resolution for Decorative Underground District:

Supervisor Venesky moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve the following resolution as presented:

Whereas, there are several lighting districts and extensions thereof presently existing within the Town of Cicero; and

Whereas, Town Law authorizes the Town Board to consolidate such districts; and

Whereas, said consolidation will not involve any immediate costs, construction, improvements or capital expenditures and, therefore, no bonding will be required; and

Whereas, the consolidation of special districts lighting will not alter or affect the existing indebtedness of any district and the Town of Cicero is desirous of future street lighting facility district, after their approved creation and/or extension be made a part of the proposed "**Decorative Underground District**", the "Overhead District", the "Underground District", the "Brodhead Private District", the "Non-lighting District", for the purposes of operation, maintenance and improvements therefore; and

Whereas, through consolidation, the indebtedness of each of the districts shall remain the obligation of the original district; and

Whereas, all future expenses of improvements to the proposed "**Decorative Underground District**", the "Overhead District", the "Underground District", the "Brodhead Private District", the "Non-lighting District", shall be borne in full by the entire District on an equitable basis; and

Whereas, the offices of commissioners of an of the districts,, (if any such office exists) shall be consolidated, be abolished; and

Whereas, the special district lighting for "**Decorative Underground District**", the "Overhead District", the "Underground District", the "Brodhead Private District", the "Non-lighting District", facilities to be consolidated are shown on a list, marked as "Exhibit A" on file in the Town Clerk's Office, posted on the Town of Cicero Bulletin Board at the Town Hall located at 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, New York 13039, and on the Town of Cicero website, and

Whereas, a hearing on said matter was held upon due notice, by the Town Board on March 23, 2016 commencing at 6:30 p.m. local time at the Town of Cicero Hall; and having full discussion of the matter having been had, and all persons desiring to be heard having been heard, and-SUBJECT TO

PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM-NOW, THEREFORE, upon the evidence given upon such hearing, it is hereby:

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED:

1. That the notice of the public hearing was published and posted as required by law and is otherwise sufficient.
2. That all property and property owners with the proposed "**Decorative Underground District**", the "Overhead District", the "Underground District", the "Brodhead Private District", the "Non-lighting District", are benefitted thereby.
3. It is in the public interest to consolidate all of the districts specified in Exhibit A on file in the Town Clerk's Office located at 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, New York 13039.

4. The indebtedness of each of the overhead lighting districts to be consolidated shall be assumed by the “**Decorative Underground District**”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “Non-lighting District”, shall be borne by the Districts on an equitable basis.
5. All future expenses or improvements to the proposed “**Decorative Underground District**”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “Non-lighting District”.
6. The office of Commissioners of any of the districts, if any such exists, shall by consolidation be abolished.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the consolidation of said lighting facilities districts (as enumerated as shown on Exhibit A) on file in the Clerk’s office shall be designated and known as the “**Decorative Underground District**”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “Non-lighting District”, and be it further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that this resolution shall take effect thirty days from the date hereof unless or until there be filed with the Town Clerk a petition subscribed and acknowledged by at least twenty-five (25) electors qualified to vote upon a proposition to raise or expend money of each district effected, by such electors situated in any of the districts equal to the product obtained by multiplying any of the districts by 50, or by fifty percent per centum of all such electors situated in each district, protesting against such resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the qualified electors of the district effected, for their approval or disapproval, along with a notice of the adoption of this resolution subject to permissive referendum; and it be further,

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution shall be published in the Post Standard within ten (10) days from the date hereof, and it be further,

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Town of Cicero Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of such approving resolution subject to permissive referendum, to be posted on the bulletin board along with a notice of the adoption of this resolution, in the manner prescribed by Town Law of the State of New York.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Karp.

Ayes – 4, Noes – 1, and Abstentions - 0. *Motion carried. Councilor Becallo voting no.*

Councilor Becallo: I am opposed just from the questions that we have seen tonight that we are not ready to do this.

Supervisor Venesky: We will now go to the Decorative Underground District.

Shirlie Stuart: No. You are going to go to the Overhead District.

Councilor Cushman: Overhead District. We did the Underground.

Councilor Becallo: You opened up Decorative Underground to start with and then the questions that came from the community were for the Overhead District.

Supervisor Venesky: All right, because I want to make sure. Sorry, because I have like four of these that I have to do. I stand corrected.

Supervisor Venesky reopened the public hearing for the “**Overhead District**” and read the following:

- **Overhead District**

Public Hearing to consider, upon the Motion of the Town Board, the creation of a consolidated lighting district for overhead facilities within the Town of Cicero to be designated and known as “Overhead District Lighting District.” A copy of the proposed Map and Plan has been provided to the Town by National Grid calling for the consolidation of; Consolidated 1, Consolidated 2, Portion of Consolidated 3, and Consolidated 4 (Penn Can) existing lighting districts into this proposed **Overhead District** to achieve annual savings. **There are 5094.67 units for an estimated total annual cost of \$133,741.51 or \$26.25 per unit.**

Supervisor Venesky had proof of publication and posting.

The public notice read as follows:

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Cicero will continue the public hearing originally held on January 13, 2016, commencing on March 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. local time, at the Cicero Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, NY 13039, to consider, the creation of a consolidated lighting district for overhead facilities within the Town of Cicero to be designated and known as "Overhead District Lighting District." A copy of the proposed Map and Plan has been provided to the Town by National Grid calling for the consolidation of Consolidated 1, Consolidated 2, Consolidated 4 (Penn Can) existing lighting districts into this proposed Overhead District to achieve annual savings, 3,600 units for an estimated annual cost of \$96,242.00 or \$27.00 per unit. By the order of the Cicero Town Board

DATED: February 21, 2016

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CICERO,
 COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK**

BY: TOWN CLERK

Supervisor Venesky opened the public hearing on the **Overhead District** at 7:38 p.m.

Speaking for:

Doug Wickman: My home is in an Overhead Lighting District, but I think my comments apply to all of the proposed consolidations. Many of the lighting districts have been created in Cicero, and in every developing town. They have been created over many years with varying degrees of thoroughness involving many administrations. Mistakes are easily made, and not often corrected; some properties are inevitably overlooked, some owners pay too little, and others are overcharged. We don't need all of these existing lighting districts. These consolidations are about overall fairness and administrative efficiency. As you constantly look for ways to keep our town government as cost effective as we can these consolidations will be helpful and provide an ongoing benefit. I would like to compliment everyone involved in this extensive effort. Again, it is all about reducing administrative efforts and treating everyone equally. I support these consolidations and encourage you to move forward with all of them. Thank you.

Supervisor Venesky: Thank you.

Speaking against: None

Supervisor Venesky closed the public hearing at 7:41p.m.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Resolution for Overhead District:

Supervisor Venesky moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve the following resolution as presented:

Whereas, there are several lighting districts and extensions thereof presently existing within the Town of Cicero; and

Whereas, Town Law authorizes the Town Board to consolidate such districts; and

Whereas, said consolidation will not involve any immediate costs, construction, improvements or capital expenditures and, therefore, no bonding will be required; and

Whereas, the consolidation of special districts lighting will not alter or affect the existing indebtedness of any district and the Town of Cicero is desirous of future street lighting facility district, after their approved creation and/or extension be made a part of the proposed "Decorative Underground District", the "**Overhead District**", the "Underground District", the "Brodhead Private District", the "Non-lighting District", for the purposes of operation, maintenance and improvements therefore; and

Whereas, through consolidation, the indebtedness of each of the districts shall remain the obligation of the original district; and

Whereas, all future expenses of improvements to the proposed “Decorative Underground District”, the “**Overhead District**”, the “Underground District”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “Non-lighting District”, shall be borne in full by the entire District on an equitable basis; and

Whereas, the offices of commissioners of any of the districts,, (if any such office exists) shall be consolidated, be abolished; and

Whereas, the special district lighting for “Decorative Underground District”, the “**Overhead District**”, the “Underground District”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “Non-lighting District”, facilities to be consolidated are shown on a list, marked as “Exhibit A” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office, posted on the Town of Cicero Bulletin Board at the Town Hall located at 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, New York 13039, and on the Town of Cicero website, and

Whereas, a hearing on said matter was held upon due notice, by the Town Board on March 23, 2016 commencing at 6:30 p.m. local time at the Town of Cicero Hall; and having full discussion of the matter having been had, and all persons desiring to be heard having been heard, and-**SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM-NOW, THEREFORE**, upon the evidence given upon such hearing, it is hereby:

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED:

1. That the notice of the public hearing was published and posted as required by law and is otherwise sufficient.
2. That all property and property owners with the proposed “Decorative Underground District”, the “**Overhead District**”, the “Underground District”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “Non-lighting District”, are benefitted thereby.
3. It is in the public interest to consolidate all of the districts specified in Exhibit A on file in the Town Clerk’s Office located at 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, New York 13039.
4. The indebtedness of each of the overhead lighting districts to be consolidated shall be assumed by the “Decorative Underground District”, the “**Overhead District**”, the “Underground District”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “Non-lighting District”, shall be borne by the Districts on an equitable basis.
5. All future expenses or improvements to the proposed “Decorative Underground District”, the “**Overhead District**”, the “Underground District”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “Non-lighting District”.
6. The office of Commissioners of any of the districts, if any such exists, shall by consolidation be abolished.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the consolidation of said lighting facilities districts (as enumerated as shown on Exhibit A) on file in the Clerk’s office shall be designated and known as the “Decorative Underground District”, the “**Overhead District**”, the “Underground District”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “Non-lighting District”, and be it further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that this resolution shall take effect thirty days from the date hereof unless or until there be filed with the Town Clerk a petition subscribed and acknowledged by at least twenty-five (25) electors qualified to vote upon a proposition to raise or expend money of each district effected, by such electors situated in any of the districts equal to the product obtained by multiplying any of the districts by 50, or by fifty percent per centum of all such electors situated in each district, protesting against such resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the qualified electors of the district effected, for their approval or disapproval, along with a notice of the adoption of this resolution subject to permissive referendum; and it be further,

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution shall be published in the Post Standard within ten (10) days from the date hereof, and it be further,

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Town of Cicero Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of such approving resolution subject to permissive referendum, to be posted on the bulletin board along with a notice of the adoption of this resolution, in the manner prescribed by Town Law of the State of New York.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Ayes –4, Noes – 1, and Abstentions - 0. *Motion carried. Councilor Becallo voting no.*

Councilor Becallo: Opposed for the same reasons stated above.

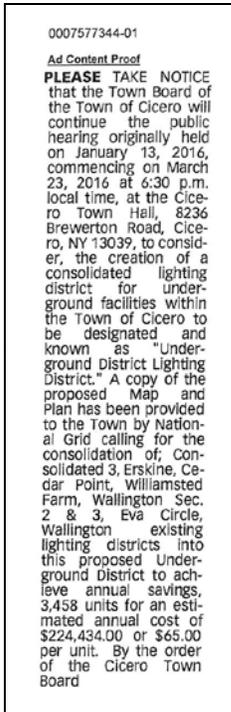
Supervisor Venesky reopened the public hearing for the “**Underground District**” and read the following:

• **Underground District**

Public Hearing to consider, upon Motion of the Town Board, the creation of a consolidated lighting district for underground facilities within the Town of Cicero to be designated and known as “Underground District Lighting District.” A copy of the proposed Map and Plan have been provided to the Town by National Grid calling for the consolidation of; Consolidated 3, Erskine, Cedar Point, Williamsted Farm, Wallington Sec 2 & 3, Eva Circle, Wallington existing lighting districts into this proposed **Underground District** to achieve annual savings. **2,299 units for an estimated annual cost of \$148,516.00 or \$64.60 per unit.**

Supervisor Venesky had proof of publication and posting.

The public notice read as follows:



DATED: February 21, 2016

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CICERO,
 COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK
 BY: TOWN CLERK**

Supervisor Venesky opened the public hearing for the **Underground District** at 7:42 p.m.

Councilor Karp: Mr. Supervisor, could you please reconfirm the number of units we are talking about for the Underground District?

Supervisor Venesky: We are looking at 2,299 units.

Councilor Karp: I am seeing 3,458 on my agenda.

Councilor Becallo: I concur.

Shirlie Stuart: The Supervisor is right, the agenda is incorrect.

Speaking for – None

Speaking against – None

Supervisor Venesky closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion.

Resolution for Underground District:

Supervisor Venesky moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve the following resolution as presented:

Whereas, there are several lighting districts and extensions thereof presently existing within the Town of Cicero; and

Whereas, Town Law authorizes the Town Board to consolidate such districts; and

Whereas, said consolidation will not involve any immediate costs, construction, improvements or capital expenditures and, therefore, no bonding will be required; and

Whereas, the consolidation of special districts lighting will not alter or affect the existing indebtedness of any district and the Town of Cicero is desirous of future street lighting facility district, after their approved creation and/or extension be made a part of the proposed "Decorative Underground District", the "Overhead District", the "**Underground District**", the "Brodhead Private District", the "Non-lighting District", for the purposes of operation, maintenance and improvements therefore; and

Whereas, through consolidation, the indebtedness of each of the districts shall remain the obligation of the original district; and

Whereas, all future expenses of improvements to the proposed “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “**Underground District**”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “Non-lighting District”, shall be borne in full by the entire District on an equitable basis; and

Whereas, the offices of commissioners of any of the districts,, (if any such office exists) shall be consolidated, be abolished; and

Whereas, the special district lighting for “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “**Underground District**”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “Non-lighting District”, facilities to be consolidated are shown on a list, marked as “Exhibit A” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office, posted on the Town of Cicero Bulletin Board at the Town Hall located at 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, New York 13039, and on the Town of Cicero website, and Whereas, a hearing on said matter was held upon due notice, by the Town Board on March 23, 2016 commencing at 6:30 p.m. local time at the Town of Cicero Hall; and having full discussion of the matter having been had, and all persons desiring to be heard having been heard, and-
SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM-NOW, THEREFORE, upon the evidence given upon such hearing, it is hereby:

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED:

1. That the notice of the public hearing was published and posted as required by law and is otherwise sufficient.
2. That all property and property owners with the proposed “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “**Underground District**”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “Non-lighting District”, are benefitted thereby.
3. It is in the public interest to consolidate all of the districts specified in Exhibit A on file in the Town Clerk’s Office located at 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, New York 13039.
4. The indebtedness of each of the overhead lighting districts to be consolidated shall be assumed by the “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “**Underground District**”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “Non-lighting District”, shall be borne by the Districts on an equitable basis.
5. All future expenses or improvements to the proposed “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “**Underground District**”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “Non-lighting District”.
6. The office of Commissioners of any of the districts, if any such exists, shall by consolidation be abolished.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the consolidation of said lighting facilities districts (as enumerated as shown on Exhibit A) on file in the Clerk’s office shall be designated and known as the “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “**Underground District**”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “Non-lighting District”, and be it further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that this resolution shall take effect thirty days from the date hereof unless or until there be filed with the Town Clerk a petition subscribed and acknowledged by at least twenty-five (25) electors qualified to vote upon a proposition to raise or expend money of each district effected, by such electors situated in any of the districts equal to the product obtained by multiplying any of the districts by 50, or by fifty percent per centum of all such electors situated in each district, protesting against such resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the qualified electors of the district effected, for their approval or disapproval, along with a notice of the adoption of this resolution subject to permissive referendum; and it be further, **RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be published in the Post Standard within ten (10) days from the date hereof, and it be further,

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Town of Cicero Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of such approving resolution subject to permissive referendum, to be posted on the bulletin board along with a notice of the adoption of this resolution, in the manner prescribed by Town Law of the State of New York.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Karp.

Ayes – 4, Noes – 1, and Abstentions - 0. *Motion carried. Councilor Becallo voting no.*

Councilor Becallo: Opposed, for the same reasons stated above.

Supervisor Venesky: The “**Private Road Lighting District**” is the “**Brodhead Private District**”.

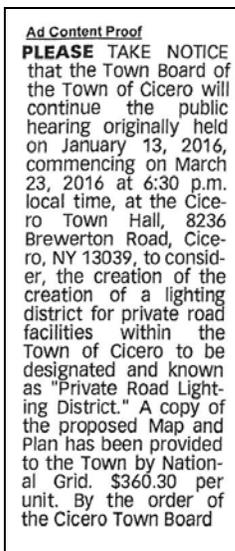
Supervisor Venesky reopened the public hearing for the “**Brodhead Private District**” and read the following:

- **Brodhead Private District**

Public Hearing to consider, upon Motion of the Town Board, the creation of a lighting district for private road facilities within the Town of Cicero to be designated and known as “**Brodhead Private District.**” A copy of the proposed Map and Plan has been provided to the Town of Cicero by National Grid. **There are 5 units for an estimated total annual cost of \$360.30 or \$72.06 per unit.**

Supervisor Venesky had proof of publication and posting.

The public notice read as follows:



DATED: February 21, 2016

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CICERO,
 COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK
 BY: TOWN CLERK**

Supervisor Venesky opened the public hearing for the **Brodhead Private District** at 7:44 p.m.

Speaking for – None

Speaking against – None

Supervisor Venesky closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Resolution for Brodhead Private District:

Supervisor Venesky moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve the following resolution as presented:

Whereas, there are several lighting districts and extensions thereof presently existing within the Town of Cicero; and

Whereas, Town Law authorizes the Town Board to consolidate such districts; and

Whereas, said consolidation will not involve any immediate costs, construction, improvements or capital expenditures and, therefore, no bonding will be required; and

Whereas, the consolidation of special districts lighting will not alter or affect the existing indebtedness of any district and the Town of Cicero is desirous of future street lighting facility district, after their approved creation and/or extension be made a part of the proposed “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “**Brodhead Private District**”, the “Non-lighting District”, for the purposes of operation, maintenance and improvements therefore; and

Whereas, through consolidation, the indebtedness of each of the districts shall remain the obligation of the original district; and

Whereas, all future expenses of improvements to the proposed “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “**Brodhead Private District**”, the “Non-lighting District”, shall be borne in full by the entire District on an equitable basis; and

Whereas, the offices of commissioners of any of the districts, (if any such office exists) shall be consolidated, be abolished; and

Whereas, the special district lighting for “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “**Brodhead Private District**”, the “Non-lighting District”, facilities to be consolidated are shown on a list, marked as “Exhibit A” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office, posted on the Town of Cicero Bulletin Board at the Town Hall located at 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, New York 13039, and on the Town of Cicero website, and **Whereas**, a hearing on said matter was held upon due notice, by the Town Board on March 23, 2016 commencing at 6:30 p.m. local time at the Town of Cicero Hall; and having full discussion of the matter having been had, and all persons desiring to be heard having been heard, and- **SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM-NOW, THEREFORE**, upon the evidence given upon such hearing, it is hereby:

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED:

1. That the notice of the public hearing was published and posted as required by law and is otherwise sufficient.
2. That all property and property owners with the proposed “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “**Brodhead Private District**”, the “Non-lighting District”, are benefitted thereby.
3. It is in the public interest to consolidate all of the districts specified in Exhibit A on file in the Town Clerk’s Office located at 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, New York 13039.
4. The indebtedness of each of the overhead lighting districts to be consolidated shall be assumed by the “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “**Brodhead Private District**”, the “Non-lighting District”, shall be borne by the Districts on an equitable basis.
5. All future expenses or improvements to the proposed “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “**Brodhead Private District**”, the “Non-lighting District”.
6. The office of Commissioners of any of the districts, if any such exists, shall by consolidation be abolished.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the consolidation of said lighting facilities districts (as enumerated as shown on Exhibit A) on file in the Clerk’s office shall be designated and known as the “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “**Brodhead Private District**”, the “Non-lighting District”, and be it further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that this resolution shall take effect thirty days from the date hereof unless or until there be filed with the Town Clerk a petition subscribed and acknowledged by at least twenty-five (25) electors qualified to vote upon a proposition to raise or expend money of each district effected, by such electors situated in any of the districts equal to the product obtained by multiplying any of the districts by 50, or by fifty percent per centum of all such electors situated in each district, protesting against such resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the qualified electors of the district effected, for their approval or disapproval, along with a notice of the adoption of this resolution subject to permissive referendum; and it be further,

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution shall be published in the Post Standard within ten (10) days from the date hereof, and it be further,

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Town of Cicero Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of such approving resolution subject to permissive referendum, to be posted on the bulletin board along with a notice of the adoption of this resolution, in the manner prescribed by Town Law of the State of New York.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Karp.

Ayes –4, Noes – 1, and Abstentions - 0. *Motion carried. Councilor Becallo voting no.*

Councilor Becallo: Opposed, for the same reasons stated above.

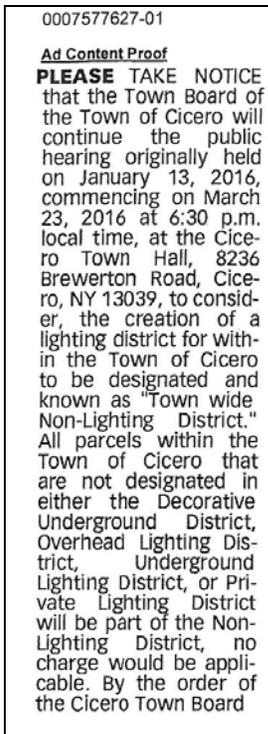
Supervisor Venesky reopened the public hearing for the “**Non-Lighting District**” and read the following:

- **Non-Lighting District**

Public Hearing to consider, upon Motion of the Town Board, the creation of a lighting district for within the Town of Cicero to be designated and known as “**Non-Lighting District.**” All parcels within the Town of Cicero that are not designated in either the **Decorative Underground District**, the **Overhead Lighting District**, **Underground Lighting District**, or **Private Lighting District** will be part of the **Non-Lighting District**, no charge would be applicable

Supervisor Venesky had proof of publication and posting.

The public notice read as follows:



DATED: February 21, 2016

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CICERO,
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK
BY: TOWN CLERK

Supervisor Venesky opened the public hearing for the “**Non-Lighting District**” at 7:45 p.m.

Speaking for: None

Speaking against: None

Supervisor Venesky closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Resolution for Non-Lighting District:

Supervisor Venesky moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve the following resolution as presented:

Whereas, there are several lighting districts and extensions thereof presently existing within the Town of Cicero; and

Whereas, Town Law authorizes the Town Board to consolidate such districts; and

Whereas, said consolidation will not involve any immediate costs, construction, improvements or capital expenditures and, therefore, no bonding will be required; and

Whereas, the consolidation of special districts lighting will not alter or affect the existing indebtedness of any district and the Town of Cicero is desirous of future street lighting facility district, after their approved creation and/or extension be made a part of the proposed “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “**Non-lighting District**”, for the purposes of operation, maintenance and improvements therefore; and

Whereas, through consolidation, the indebtedness of each of the districts shall remain the obligation of the original district; and

Whereas, all future expenses of improvements to the proposed “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “**Non-lighting District**”, shall be borne in full by the entire District on an equitable basis; and

Whereas, the offices of commissioners of any of the districts,, (if any such office exists) shall be consolidated, be abolished; and

Whereas, the special district lighting for “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “**Non-lighting District**”, facilities to be consolidated are shown on a list, marked as “Exhibit A” on file in the Town Clerk’s Office, posted on the Town of Cicero Bulletin Board at the Town Hall located at 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, New York 13039, and on the Town of Cicero website, and

Whereas, a hearing on said matter was held upon due notice, by the Town Board on March 23, 2016 commencing at 6:30 p.m. local time at the Town of Cicero Hall; and having full discussion of the matter having been had, and all persons desiring to be heard having been heard, and-
SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM-NOW, THEREFORE, upon the evidence given upon such hearing, it is hereby:

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED:

1. That the notice of the public hearing was published and posted as required by law and is otherwise sufficient.
2. That all property and property owners with the proposed “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “**Non-lighting District**”, are benefitted thereby.
3. It is in the public interest to consolidate all of the districts specified in Exhibit A on file in the Town Clerk’s Office located at 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, New York 13039.
4. The indebtedness of each of the overhead lighting districts to be consolidated shall be assumed by the “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “**Non-lighting District**”, shall be borne by the Districts on an equitable basis.
5. All future expenses or improvements to the proposed “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “**Non-lighting District**”.
6. The office of Commissioners of any of the districts, if any such exists, shall by consolidation be abolished.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the consolidation of said lighting facilities districts (as enumerated as shown on Exhibit A) on file in the Clerk’s office shall be designated and known as the “Decorative Underground District”, the “Overhead District”, the “Underground District”, the “Brodhead Private District”, the “**Non-lighting District**”, and be it further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that this resolution shall take effect thirty days from the date hereof unless or until there be filed with the Town Clerk a petition subscribed and acknowledged by at least twenty-five (25) electors qualified to vote upon a proposition to raise or expend money of each district effected, by such electors situated in any of the districts equal to the product obtained by multiplying any of the districts by 50, or by fifty percent per centum of all such electors situated in each district, protesting against such resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the qualified electors of the district effected, for their approval or disapproval, along with a notice of the adoption of this resolution subject to permissive referendum; and it be further,

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution shall be published in the Post Standard within ten (10) days from the date hereof, and it be further,

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Town of Cicero Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of such approving resolution subject to permissive referendum, to be posted on the bulletin board along with a notice of the adoption of this resolution, in the manner prescribed by Town Law of the State of New York.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Karp.

Ayes –4, Noes – 1, and Abstentions - 0. *Motion carried. Councilor Becallo voting no.*

Councilor Becallo: No. Same reasons stated above.

Install Streetlights

Supervisor Venesky: I move for the adoption of a resolution to install streetlights in the following developments:

- Gulf Stream - \$11,721.96
- The Bluffs - \$651.22
- Mariner's Landing - \$1,953.66

These are currently in the LT153 and LT151 District now part of the **“Underground Lighting District”**.

I also make a motion that we approve the Kenneth Drive lights which were installed backwards; those lights are on the back of the poles over people's property and they want to turn them out so they are going to be over the roadway, and there's a cost of \$300 for that and we will put that into the **“Overhead District”**.

I am looking for a second.

Councilor Becallo: Where is this on the agenda?

Supervisor Venesky: It isn't. I'm making a motion. We have an issue where we have people who do not have lights, and what we are doing is we are asking Niagara Mohawk to make sure that those people are made whole and they get the lights in those neighborhoods.

Supervisor Venesky: We did have a second?

Motion was seconded by Councilor Karp.

Carol Pardee: Can you read that again, please?

Supervisor Venesky: I will. I move for the adoption of a resolution to install street lights in the following developments:

- Gulf Stream at a cost of \$11,721.96
- The Bluffs - \$651.22
- Mariner's Landing - \$1,953.66

And also, the Kenneth Drive property, we have three lights that are installed backwards over people's lawns and we are going to turn those around. So I make the motion, and then I will open it up to discussion.

Supervisor Venesky: Would you like to say something David?

David Hess: I think there was confusion over Kenneth Drive.

Councilor Karp: I'm just curious how that happened.

David Hess: I've spoken to the three residents involved. They each pay us privately from the town. The issue is that we have to drive on their front lawns to fix these lights, and the two end residents (who have only been in there a year), and they don't understand how this happened. But the nice lady in the middle (she's been there since 1975), she never thought you could ever have a light over our road, so they put the light over her front lawn (if you see it you say, 'oh my goodness), but every time we drive (and we can only fix them pretty much in August) we are ruining their front lawns, and it is really not doing anything for the town, or the residents. I don't know how they can sleep at night, to be honest.

Supervisor Venesky: And also, I think this will correct that we have folks in districts who do not have lighting that will be subject to paying for lighting; they will get street lights in their neighborhoods.

Supervisor Venesky: Did we have a second on that John?

Councilor Karp: Yes.

Councilor Becallo: I'm not ready to vote on this. I'm not trying to cause any problems but it wasn't on the agenda, so I'm hearing this for the first time.

Supervisor Venesky: No, I understand. We talked about this earlier, and I apologize to the Board because I discussed this with our Comptroller. I want to make sure that we make whole the people who are subject to paying for lights that may not have them.

Supervisor Venesky asked Shirlie Stuart if she wanted to speak to that.

Shirlie Stuart: These are properties that surfaced during this entire research that we've done that pay for lights but they don't have any lights.

Councilor Becallo: So these people are paying for lights and they don't have any lights?

Supervisor Venesky: They don't have any lights, but they are going to get them.

Shirlie Stuart said it was for part of 'Gulfstream', 'The Bluffs', and part of 'Mariner's Landing'.

Supervisor Venesky: And we have the three lights backwards where people are paying out of their pockets for the lights when they should be in the district. We are going to make sure that Niagara Mohawk installs lights for these people.

Councilor Becallo: Do they want lights?

Councilor Karp: I can speak to Gulfstream. As I was passing petitions a couple of weeks ago consistently I kept hearing (other than roads, which I think everybody is going to comment on) from every single door I knocked on that they were upset that:

- they didn't have street lights,
- they felt they were paying for street lights, and
- they felt the intersections and the roads were less safe to drive on.
- I spoke for about 45 minutes to one couple whose house had been vandalized. They felt that if there were street lights that that may not have happened.

It was a consistent theme throughout the entire afternoon.

Councilor Becallo: Awesome for Gulfstream. Do we have citizens that really want lights in these other districts or these other areas? I'm not about just putting lights in if people aren't asking for lights here.

Councilor Karp: I've never heard anyone say they wouldn't want a street light, and I'm not saying that might not be a valid reason; I grew up with them.

Shirlie Stuart: Mike it's either that option or pay them back.

Councilor Becallo: But if they never asked for lights why are we giving them lights?

Shirlie Stuart: No, the question is they've been paying for lights – there are no lights.

Supervisor Venesky: Shirlie discovered looking at this that the Town had been charging people for lights that they didn't have. This has been going on for years and years.

Councilor Becallo: Have we talked to these people?

Supervisor Venesky: I've personally have not talked to them.

Councilor Becallo: I'm not opposed to doing this. I just think that we should hold off 'til next meeting. We should talk to these residents and ask 'Do you want lights?', and if they don't then the right thing to do is to give them their money back. If they want lights we should install lights. That's all I'm saying. That's it.

Supervisor Venesky: I have no problem putting it off.

Shirlie Stuart: We know Gulfstream wants it.

Councilor Becallo: If Gulfstream wants it I am totally fine with going ahead with Gulfstream, and if we could put the other ones off until next week. I just think it's all fair, and I appreciate that.

Supervisor Venesky: That's fine. I just want to make sure that people are held whole. Actually, I will apologize for not having this on the agenda; we had a day where I was not really in the office today, and this came up and I wanted it addressed. So anyway, I wanted to address this and make sure that folks were made whole if the Town, over the history, or over the last few years had not been doing it. We will go ahead and put this off until the next one. We can have another public hearing if we'd like for those residents and those areas if they'd like to come in. If they want lights they can say 'yay' or 'nay' and if they want them we will put them in.

Councilor Becallo: I'm okay with Gulfstream.

Councilor Karp: Honestly, I think we should probably wait for them and do them all at once. I can certainly go back to that one couple that was very interested and see if they'd like to come speak on it.

Supervisor Venesky: There's no hurry. There's no benefit to the town. We are financially harmless in this.

David Hess: Mr. Supervisor, would you like me to provide an official proposal for The Bluffs, as well as that one section of Mariner's? Gulf Stream has already been presented twice to the Town at this point (once, and then a revised pricing the Town has).

Supervisor Venesky: Do you want to just approve Gulfstream and bring the rest of the people in?

Councilor Becallo: Let's wait.

Councilor Karp: I'm okay with that.

David Hess: That's not going to delay me at all.

Councilor Karp: What would the time frame be for these installations?

David Hess: If you are approving in April you're probably looking at July, maybe August, for these two.

Councilor Karp: For clarification purposes, obviously I can only speak as to those people I spoke to that are registered with the parties that I was carrying petitions for. So Mike, to the members of the public that are here, I cannot possibly speak for every single resident of Gulf Stream. I just want to clarify that. I just know the ones I spoke to for the parties I was carrying petitions for.

Supervisor Venesky: Mr. Attorney, can you give us a resolution for a public hearing for the next meeting on this and we will get it on the agenda?

Robert Germain: Yes.

Tracy Cosilmon: Did you set the public hearing date for the next meeting?

Supervisor Venesky: Well that's what I'd like him (Robert Germain) to do. I would like him to write a resolution. We'll set the public hearing on the Gulf Stream, The Bluffs, and Mariner's Landing.

Shirley Stuart: I'm not so sure we've already done that. I can do my research, and I can certainly speak to Robert tomorrow but I have a feeling that this may have already been done.

Supervisor Venesky: Okay. Then let's wait, we are in no hurry. If you can research that for us and verify that with Robert, if a previous board has already said to do this then we don't need to do it.

Amendatory Bond Resolution:

- **Heavy Equipment**

Supervisor Venesky said his understanding is that the bond company approached the town and they told us that they made a mistake in the language. It's not three years, they are giving us five years to pay these bonds back, so they asked that the language to be changed.

Shirlie Stuart: Five years, and then we go out to bond.

Supervisor Venesky moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve the following resolution:

AMENDATORY BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 23, 2016.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING A BOND RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CICERO, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR SAID TOWN, TO EXTEND THE MAXIMUM MATURITY OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED BEYOND FIVE YEARS.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cicero, Onondaga County, New York, duly adopted a bond resolution on May 14, 2014, authorizing the issuance of \$317,000 serial bonds of said Town to pay part of the cost of the purchase of heavy equipment for said Town; and

WHEREAS, such bond resolution restricts the maximum maturity of the bonds to five years; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to remove such restriction and authorize the financing over the period of probable usefulness assigned thereto; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of **not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength** of the Town Board of the Town of Cicero, Onondaga County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The bond resolution set forth in the preambles is hereby amended to provide that the maximum maturity of the bonds therein authorized will be fifteen years and will thus exceed five years.

Section 2. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. **THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.**

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Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion.

Councilor Becallo: When this was initially read how many years was it?

Shirlie Stuart: Five.

Councilor Becallo: What are they changing it to now, fifteen?

Shirlie Stuart: No. I think they said 'up to five'. There's something in their language which didn't express 'after five' going into a bond, I believe. It had a limit on of 'five', which we can't afford to do that.

Supervisor Venesky: We would not have known that, at the time when they submitted the paperwork to us the attorneys approved it.

Ayes – 4, Noes – 1, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried. Councilor Becallo voting no.*

Councilor Becallo: I was against bonding to begin with, so no.

- **Reconstruction and Paving of Roads**

Councilor Venesky moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve the following resolution:

AMENDATORY BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 23, 2016.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING A BOND RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CICERO, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION AND PAVING OF ROADS IN AND FOR SAID TOWN, TO EXTEND THE MAXIMUM MATURITY OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED BEYOND FIVE YEARS.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cicero, Onondaga County, New York, duly adopted a bond resolution on February 24, 2016, authorizing the issuance of \$715,000 serial bonds of said Town to pay the cost of the reconstruction and paving of roads in and for said Town, including curbs, gutters, sidewalks, drainage and costs incidental thereto; and

WHEREAS, such bond resolution restricts the maximum maturity of the bonds to five years; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to remove such restriction and authorize the financing over the period of probable usefulness assigned thereto; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of **not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength** of the Town Board of the Town of Cicero, Onondaga County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The bond resolution set forth in the preambles is hereby amended to provide that the maximum maturity of the bonds therein authorized will be fifteen years and will thus exceed five years.

Section 2. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. **THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.**

Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Councilor Becallo: First off, I apologize to everyone. I would have voted no, just to clarify that. What's the story with this one? This was the same thing with the language?

Councilor Karp: Yes.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any further discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 4, Noes – 1, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried. Councilor Becallo voting no.*

- **Heavy Equipment**

Supervisor Venesky moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve the following resolution:

AMENDATORY BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 23, 2016.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING A BOND RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CICERO, ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR SAID TOWN, TO EXTEND THE MAXIMUM MATURITY OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED BEYOND FIVE YEARS.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cicero, Onondaga County, New York, duly adopted a bond resolution on February 24, 2016, authorizing the issuance of \$479,554 serial bonds of said Town to pay the cost of the purchase of heavy equipment for said Town; and

WHEREAS, such bond resolution restricts the maximum maturity of the bonds to five years; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to remove such restriction and authorize the financing over the period of probable usefulness assigned thereto; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of **not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength** of the Town Board of the Town of Cicero, Onondaga County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The bond resolution set forth in the preambles is hereby amended to provide that the maximum maturity of the bonds therein authorized will be fifteen years and will thus exceed five years.

Section 2. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. **THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.**

Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 4, Noes – 1, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried. Councilor Becallo voting no.*

Drainage Facilities

Councilor Becallo moved for the adoption of a resolution to authorize the advertisement for sealed bids for the Town's Maintenance of Drainage Facilities contract. Sealed bids will be received by the Town Board, Town of Cicero, Onondaga County, New York, at the office of the Town Clerk, 8236 Brewerton Rd., Cicero, New York, until 11:00 a.m. Local Time, May 2, 2016, and there at said office, at said time, publicly opened and read aloud. Motion was seconded by Councilor Karp.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Highway Department

Councilor Conway moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve the following purchases:

- \$32,096.25 to J&J Equipment for 4 ton asphalter hot box recycler
- \$1,136.40 to Vantage Equipment for right side control stick #53 gradall
- \$1,120.00 to Crossroads Highway for 36"x36" reflective "work" signs
- \$1,472.90 to Tracey Road Equipment for handle hose reel with counter for Truck #93
- \$16,500.00 to Crossroads Highway for 70 Marifi-geotextile rols-underdrain
- \$6,000.00 to Sun Environmental Corp. for oil/water separator cleaning and repair

Motion was seconded by Supervisor Venesky.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Fire Department Contracts:

- **2016 N. Syracuse Fire Protection District Agreement – Change of Language**

Councilor Cushman moved for the adoption of a resolution to modify the language of the 2016 North Syracuse Fire Department contract and approve the change. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Venesky.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 4, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 1. *Motion carried. Councilor Becallo abstaining.*

- **Cicero Fire Department Protection Agreement**

Councilor Cushman moved for the adoption of a resolution to authorize the Supervisor and Councilors to execute the 2016 Cicero Fire Protection Agreement. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Venesky.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 4, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 1. *Motion carried. Councilor Becallo abstaining.*

Councilor Becallo: Again, I will abstain. I am a fire fighter in this town.

Parks and Recreation Department

Councilor Karp moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve the following:

- **\$1,333.30 to Purcell's Paint for lining fields (paid for by Youth League Participant fee)**

Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

- **\$41,154.68 to Cazenovia Equipment Company for a John Deere 4052R Tractor with trade-in for a 2000 John Deere tractor (original price is \$60,846.00 with National Joint Power Alliance pricing at \$51,655.00 and a trade in at \$10,500.00)**

Councilor Becallo: I did some research today. I called multiple John Deere dealerships. I called non-John Deere dealerships just to get an education on tractors. I learned more about tractors than I wanted to learn today. These tractors are supposed to last (if they are taken care of) around 30 years, give or take. This one is 17 years old. I did see the write up from a town employee, and I asked questions from these dealerships, they gave me an education on these. I just asked about the difference between these two tractors, and I also asked what would be the price to fix it, not to fix it, what would be your threshold? They gave me higher numbers; much higher than the number it would be to repair the tractor that we currently have. I suggest we either look for used tractors or we just fix the tractor that we have now, move forward and see how much longer it will get us. Those multiple dealerships told me if you fix everything that should be fixed you should be able to get at least 10 to 15 years out of it. It's not a car.

Supervisor Venesky: Jody, do you want to speak to that.

Jody Rogers: I pretty much gave Mike all of the information today. No offense to Mike, but just calling around and talking to dealerships is very different than utilizing a piece of equipment. My men use it every day; it's used throughout the year; all snow, it's used all summer for moving materials. I've had my lead mechanic look at it. I sent pictures to the Board during budget. We have a lot of rust on it. We have a lot of wear spots on it. The repairs cost anywhere from \$15,000 to \$18,000, the Tractor was purchased for \$36,000. For the amount of work load that that has done (it's got over 4,000 hours, I believe on it already), it will not last us, and to put that kind of money into a tractor that's old and tired is a waste of good money in the long run. I have a replacement plan for my equipment and it has worked to this point. I see putting \$41,000 for a \$60,000 tractor as a tremendous opportunity to get a new tractor that could take us another 17 to 20 years.

Councilor Becallo: I was told by the dealers that the \$41,000 was a deal, so they were very honest and very fair.

Jody Rogers: We went with Best Value Pricing, and from there with the trade-in. It's a tremendous deal considering that seventeen years ago we paid almost \$37,000 for a tractor, and you are this many years later getting a brand new tractor for \$41,000.

Supervisor Venesky: We're looking at everything here. As your Supervisor you have asked me to look at everything and I do. Chris will tell you if we look at bills, and Jody, I am questioning you on bills every week. We are looking to save money but we are not going to put good money towards bad. Unfortunately, what you find is in the Town of Cicero is that over the years a lot of the equipment has not been neglected through maintenance; it has been used, but it has not been replaced when it should have been replaced.

Councilor Becallo: Also, I was online and I did find these tractors for even cheaper, like a 2015 brand new.

- **\$50,000.00 to Suit-Kote for cold mix paving at Central Park**

Councilor Becallo: With the Suit-Kote for the cold mix paving, Jody could you explain more about that?

Jody Rogers: Sure. Because of where Central Park is and the high water level that we have out there, there is a debate between doing a cold mix or a hot mix and because of the high water table I wanted something more flexible as a surface. I spoke with Dave Christian and Jim from the Highway Department to get some knowledge and what not of what they thought was best, so I want to go with a cold mix; basically, it's a cold mix and then we will install stone over it. It's not a pavement type of thing. They will shim the potholes, there will still be water sitting on that lot but we've neglected putting a surface down on that lot now for about ten years, so it needs to be done. Right now there is four layers of oil and stone that exists over the last 25 years and that amounts to about 4 inches of material on that. With the use that it gets and for the safety that is out there now we need to do something. The money was budgeted at \$50,000, I think I asked for sixty something and we came in at \$50,000. We are going to do at least two-thirds of that lot out there this year.

Supervisor Venesky: We have a responsibility to make sure that the people who use the facilities in this town, who drive the equipment, when we put equipment on the road with the public, that that equipment is safe, and our parking lots are safe, and that we maintain our buildings. For years, and years, for whatever reason, going all the way back, we neglected to do some things that need to be done today. Unfortunately, we are the ones that it falls into and we are going to go ahead and do them.

Councilor Becallo: I'm not opposed to fixing anything, but I heard from Jody that there is still going to be water on that.

Jody Rogers: There is no way not to have water on that parking lot. The original lot was just a small turn-a-round when Frank Rego and his crew came in. The highway department at that time, which was about 25/26 years ago, they put runner crush down but at the time fabric was not used as a method of developing parking lots so all we have is a base and some runner crush underneath it and then we oiled and stoned over it. If we had put down fabric, which is pretty much the technique that they do now, we probably would have less damage to the surface but the water table out there is anywhere from 4 to 6 inches below the surface throughout that park. That's why we have a drainage problem there, and the fall from Route 31 to the football field is about one percent, so there is no way to move water, it just sits underneath the ground above the plain level and moves toward the swamp.

Councilor Becallo: So in your honest opinion is this \$50,000 really going to do anything?

Jody Rogers: Yes.

Councilor Becallo: What?

Jody Rogers: It's going to add a surface layer to it. They will fill in and shim the holes that currently exist and make a safer parking lot and it gives me another layer on top of what I have. The only way to do that properly is to dig it all out, put back paper, put back stone, and Chris (Woznica) you can agree with me on this, if I'm incorrect correct me, but you're talking probably a half-million dollars to do that whole parking lot the proper way. This is the next best thing that we can do to put a surface on that, and then another five or six years, maybe even longer down the road we will do it again.

Councilor Becallo: What's your take on this Chris?

Chris Woznica: I'm biased. I did a few roads with the cold in place.

Councilor Becallo: It comes up quick.

Chris Woznica: It's very soft, and the roads - they roll off. Cicero Center is a prime example; the shoulders are rolling off into the ditches now.

Jody Rogers: But this is not a ground parking lot that we are talking about, that's the problem; the water doesn't run because it's not ground.

Chris Woznica: I understand that. But you are putting a porous layer to let even more water in and then it's going to heave and freeze, and thaw even worse. Jody is right. The right way to do it would be to tear it out and put paper down and rebuild it. I don't think it would be a half-million dollars, but it is more expensive.

Jody Rogers: I asked Chris to come out and meet me, unfortunately he had another meeting and his men couldn't come either.

Councilor Becallo: We are not here to argue with anybody. I'm just saying that I want to fix this lot as much as anybody else does, but we need to watch our money. Fifty-thousand dollars and we are still going to have water in that - we just wasted fifty-thousand dollars. There's got to be another way.

Supervisor Venesky: Let's not sensationalize everything here, okay? We looked at this parking lot last year. The entire parking lot needs to be replaced. It needed to be replaced before we were sitting on this board; no one took action to do it. This is nothing that happened overnight, it's been there for a long time. We looked at the budget last year. We sat down and said 'how much is this going to cost?' As I recall Jody, as I sat with you in budget negotiations and you presented your budget to me and to the Supervisor and made it available to the Board, your recommendation was that we tear that up and put a new parking lot in. The bottom line is how much money are we going to force on the taxpayer to do this? It costs money to run a town, let's make that understanding. It costs money to keep our buildings and facilities safe. It costs money to keep our buildings and facilities safe. It costs money to keep the roofs from leaking. The buck stops here, so we said 'No. You can't do the whole parking lot because it's not in the budget. We cannot push that kind of cost in one year with all of the other costs in this town off in one year onto the taxpayer.' So we came up with a compromise. Is this the best solution? No, it is not. But I think that the time to argue that is at budget time when we are saying 'what are our needs', 'what can we afford to do', and 'what do we think the taxpayer can afford to pay'. Not wait until it is all over, with very little input from anybody, and then say 'now why are we doing this', 'we are wasting money'. The time would have been back then to say, 'do we want to make the commitment to raise the taxes.' Do we make the commitment to do it or do we say no we are not going to do it?

Councilor Becallo: I'm not going to get into a drawing match with you, but I believe that I bring that up every single year that I have been on the board during the budget process. I didn't approve the budget. I spoke why I didn't approve the budget, and I gave reasons why. Now I am just backing up those reasons why. Our Highway Superintendent even said that this probably isn't the way to do it.

Chris Woznica: It's probably not the best way to do it, but it's the affordable way for Jody to do it. Unfortunately, she just doesn't have the money to do it right.

Supervisor Venesky: In this budget then, when we sit down and put the budget together as a team, we can address that. But the bottom line is when you go to that parking lot (and I'm just telling you what I see) I've got potholes in there where god forbid my mother-in-law, with her walker, would probably be a lawsuit. So what do you do? You try to make it safe. You try to stretch the dollars as far as you can without overburdening the taxpayer. In this situation, I wish we could have done it differently, but this is the compromise we came to, and if there was any objection to that I wish we would have brought that out; we could have discussed that at budget time.

Jody Rogers: The other issue that I have is that lot is used by the school district for parking buses in it throughout the year.

Councilor Becallo: Then why don't they help?

Jody Rogers: The big lot is what's used by them; they've been out there for years. My concern is something needs to be done this year. If I only take the \$50,000 and do one strip of that parking lot and we try and rub it out and put paper in I can see what that will do, but that just pushes off the next year; maybe asking for another \$50,000 to do another strip of that. It's a very large lot; it holds a lot of cars. I will hold that as an expense to Suit-Kote and I will bring it back. I really wish Chris [Woznica] would have made an effort to come and help me. I've been asking him for a while. I appreciate his comments now, but again, this isn't the place for those comments either. But I'd like to pull that one. I'll come back with my \$50,000 after I take another look at it.

Supervisor Venesky: I did look at it. We will, with the Board's permission, then if that's what you'd like to do Jody, we will withhold the \$50,000 at this time to Suit-Kote for cold mix paving at Central Park.

Supervisor Venesky asked Robert Germain if they needed to reread the entire resolution or just make an amendment.

Robert Germain: No. A motion to adopt a revised resolution.

Councilor Becallo: Are we voting on all these together? I'm opposed to the tractor, so if you could separate these out that would be nice.

Supervisor Venesky: That's fine. Then why don't we read that again if you would Mr.Karp, and we will read them one at a time.

- **\$1,333.30 to Purcell's Paint**

Councilor Karp moved the adoption to approve \$1,333.30 to Purcell's Paint for lining fields (paid for by the Youth League Participant fee). Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

- **\$41,154.68 to Cazenovia Equipment Company**

Councilor Karp moved the adoption of a resolution to approve \$41,154.68 to Cazenovia Equipment Company for a John Deere 4052R tractor with trade-in for a 2000 John Deere tractor (original price is \$60,846.00 with National Joint Alliance pricing at \$51,655.00 and trade-in at \$10,500.00). Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 4, Noes – 1, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried. Councilor Becallo voting no.*

Councilor Becallo: No, for the reasons I stated above.

- **\$50,000.00 to Suit-Kote**

Supervisor Venesky stated the agenda item has been eliminated at this time.

- **\$10,205.00 to AAA Quick Plows & Lawns, Inc.**

Councilor Karp moved the adoption of a resolution to approve \$10,205.00 to AAA Quick Plows & Lawns, Inc. for the mowing contract (year 2 of 3) for five (5) cemeteries for 30 weeks. Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Supervisor Venesky asked Jody Rogers if she would come back with her agenda item regarding Suit-Kote at the next meeting. Jody Rogers said yes. Councilor Becallo commented that he appreciated that.

**Planning and Zoning Department (Codes Enforcement) –
2016 Brush, Grass, Rubbish & Weed Control**

Councilor Karp moved the adoption of a resolution to award the 2016 Services to AAA Quick Plows and Lawns to include Part 1 and Part 2 as per the bid proposals summary in Exhibit A:

STATE OF NEW YORK
Onondaga County
Town of Cicero

SS:

The Cicero Town Clerk received Services Proposals on March 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., at the Cicero Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, NY, from qualified contractors who submitted a priced proposal on Exhibit A for **all or any** of the following parts:

Part 1 Brush, Grass, Rubbish and Weed Control

Part 2 Board-Up (First Floor)

Supervisor Venesky moved for the adoption of a resolution to award the 2016 Services to AAA Quick Plows and Lawns to include Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3 as per the bid proposals summary Exhibit A:

Exhibit A:

EXHIBIT A
PART 1
Brush, Grass, Rubbish & Weed Control
For the Town of Cicero

	Description	Materials	Labor Hourly Rate	Total Price (Amount)
1.	Mowing and Removal of Cuttings *	18.50	33.50	
2.	Weeding and Removal of Cuttings *	18.50	33.50	
3.	Debris Removal *	cost of 10% dump fees	33.50	
4.	Trim Brush or Shrubs and Removal of Cuttings *	35.50	33.50	
5.	Secure Fences	Materials cost + 10%	33.50	
6.	Trimming and Tree Removal *	127.50	33.50	
7.	Pool Coverings	127.50	33.50	

*Removal includes any and all disposal costs.

PART 2
Board Up's Of First Floor (Up To A Maximum Height of 12 Feet)
For The Town of Cicero

	Description	Materials	Labor Hourly Rate	Total Price (Amount)
1.	Board-up Buildings, Ground Floor Only (Up to a Maximum Height of 12 Feet)	27.50 per 4x8 sheet plywood	33.50	61.00 w/ sheet included

Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Supervisor Venesky commented that this went out for a request for proposals and there had only been bidder.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Police Department

Councilor Becallo moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve the February Driver's Village maintenance invoices for the Police Department Vehicles in the amount of \$1,882.51. Motion was seconded by Councilor Karp.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Surplus

Councilor Becallo moved for the adoption of a resolution to declare the following items surplus and of no use to the Town and to be disposed:

- Daewood computer monitor – Serial number: LMS821T00061
- Compaq computer monitor – Serial number: CNN33505RL
- HP printer – Serial number: CNBJP34086
- Dell tower computer- Serial number: 8L8WTF1
- Two (2) Compaq tower computers-Serial number: MXM3370549 & MXM3380GKN
- Dell Laptop-Serial number: 1PL10F1
- CTX monitor – Serial number: HA251111588

Motion was seconded by Councilor Karp.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Fireworks Permit Approval

Councilor Cushman moved for the adoption of resolution to approve and authorize the Supervisor to sign the application from American Fireworks Display, LLC, for the Cicero Chamber of Commerce Festival, to be held on June 11, 2016 at dusk, at Sacred Heart Church (all required signatures have been obtained). A request is also being made to waive the \$75.00 fee for this non-profit organization. Motion was seconded by Councilor Becallo.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

2015 Onondaga County Community Development Grant Agreement

Councilor Becallo moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve the 2015 Onondaga County Community Development Grant Agreement for the Skyway Park Playground Project in the amount of \$50,000.00 and to authorize the Supervisor to execute the 2015 Onondaga County Community Development Grant Agreement. The term of the contract agreement is 10/1/2015 through 12/31/2017. Motion was seconded by Councilor Karp.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion.

Councilor Becallo: Mark, where is this fifty-thousand dollars coming out of?

Jody Rogers: Onondaga County Community Development is HUD (Housing and Urban Development) money.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any further Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Set Public Hearings

- **2016 Community Development Block Grant**

Councilor Karp moved for the adoption of a resolution calling a Public Hearing on April 13, 2016 commencing at 6:30p.m. local time to consider the Town's application for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant funding through Onondaga County as well as the amendment of the Five Year Consolidated Plan as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

- **Consider Local Law No.4 of the Year 2016 Amending Chapter 210-12
“COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS”**

Councilor Karp moved for the adoption of a resolution calling a Public Hearing on April 13th, 2016, commencing at 6:30 p.m., local time, to consider Local Law No.4 of the Year 2016 Amending Chapter 210-12 “COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS” to add “Apartment Developments with more than 24 Residential Units” to the list of “Allowable Uses” for the General Commercial District (adding 210-12 E(2)(I), Regional Commercial District and General Commercial Plus District zones by incorporation into the Town of Cicero Code. The purpose of this legislation is to allow for the development of large scale apartment complexes in large commercial zones to facilitate mixed use environmental high density residential uses in proximity to available commercial services. This initiative is considered upon a recommendation by the Town of Cicero Planning Board. Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion.

Councilor Cushman: Are these going to be market rate apartments?

Supervisor Venesky: Absolutely, if they are approved.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Discussion Items

- **New Police Department Website**

Supervisor Venesky: I just wanted to mention that we are working on a new website for the Town of Cicero. The purpose is to be more user friendly and to present a better face to the public who touch us on a daily basis. We have had Officer Snell working very hard to upgrade the police website. I would invite you all to look at that, it is: www.ciceropd.us. It will be linked to our new website should the Board choose to accept it.

- **Dog Control**

Supervisor Venesky: I did put this on everybody's box, but this is not on the agenda, we have incidences where we need dog control. We had an incident just this past week where there was an annoying, loose dog. It happened well into the night; it was late at night and for whatever reason the animal control officer didn't respond so our officer had to pick up the dog. When that happens normally these stray animals are picked up and they would go to the Town of Clay who takes them to CNY Vets. I think there's something like a cost of \$160.00, which is born by the owner of the dog when he or she goes to retrieve their dog. I gave you all a copy of the agreement. If you look at the numbers Carm's Dog House, right here in Cicero, has agreed in those emergency instances to do one of two things, or two of two things:

1. They will go get the dog for \$25.00 if our officer can't transport it
2. \$25.00 a day, and \$30.00 for pickups.

Joe Snell said, 'Mark what do you want to do with this?' I said we should see if we can get a standard contract with Carm's Dog House, so when these occasional instances happen we have a flat fee and there are no surprises. They've worked with us and I think the fee is very reasonable to the owner if the dog gets out.

Supervisor Venesky: I ask that we vote on this tonight so that we have a mechanism to handle these stray dogs when the police department cannot.

Officer Baldini: Carm's picked up the dog for me the other day just as a favor because Clay would not come out.

Supervisor Venesky: The agreement we have saves us a lot of money, but there are times on the weekends or late at night on a holiday when it's hard to get their folks to come out, but we still have to do something. So I would ask that the Board approve the contract. We will give it to Carm's, those are their numbers and then the police department can do what they have to do on that.

Supervisor Venesky made a motion to approve the contract that the Board members have between the Town of Cicero and Carm's Dog House as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Councilor Becallo: Here's another one. I don't want to say no, but I haven't seen it yet.

Supervisor Venesky: It's in your box. So if you go to your mailbox.

Councilor Becallo: I can't go in the box because there are three people in the room and it's going to cause an illegal meeting.

Supervisor Venesky: Would you please speak to that Councilor?

Robert Germain: What's this?

Supervisor Venesky: Mr. Becallo feels restricted or unable to go in and get his mail out of the mail box because three board members happen to be in there. Can you speak to it? It is not an illegal meeting, can you tell us why?

Robert Germain: No. If everyone is in the same political party you can be in the same room. It would be a caucus.

Supervisor Venesky: So there is no illegal meeting. We are preparing for a meeting and we are all of the same political party, so there is no illegal meeting. Please put that in the record. So anyway, that contract is your box Councilor Becallo. Mr. Conway do you have a copy that he might be able to look at?

Councilor Becallo: I'm looking at it now. Was this offered to anybody else besides Carm's, like Sit Means Sit?

Sergeant Baldini: I believe 'Sit Means Sit' just trains dogs, they don't border dogs. I believe there is no other facility in the Town of Cicero that borders dogs. As well as the Town of Clay not coming out, and we have two choices when the dog is actually not friendly, we all know what the first choice is... and it ties our hands because now we have a vicious dog loose in the public and we don't have any means to get him, and we are not going to be discharging firearms in the middle of a residential area with a vicious dog.

Supervisor Venesky: And quite frankly, I don't want any of my police officers bit.

Sergeant Baldini: Another point to that, putting them [the dogs] in our vehicles, they do cause damage to our vehicles as well, which would cost us money for us to repair and to fix.

Councilor Karp: I assume you don't have equipment standard in the vehicle to grab a dog, like those holds.

Sergeant Baldini: No. We don't have those poles, and if you got us those poles I wouldn't even know how to use it, nor do I care how to use it.

Councilor Becallo: I'm good.

Supervisor Venesky: I apologize to everyone here and the Board for the delay. Do we have a second on the motion?

Councilor Cushman: Second.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Public Input

Don Snyder: I wasn't going to say anything, but after that dog control thing I've gotta say it - we gotta look at the contract that we've got with our Clay people. Either we've got a poor contract or their not holding up their end of up, and if they are not holding up their end we ought to fire their butt and let Carm's Dog House do it because they are us, they are in our town, and people know them. So we better look at that contract because we are not talking about one incident; we are talking about two or three – we ought to look at that.

Chief Jon Barrett: On the website, awesome job! Glad to see that Dave is back on board with this board. I worked with him my previous years as the Chief, and I think it was under Supervisor Corl's regime.

Supervisor Venesky: We want your input. You're breakfasts, your chicken barbeques; we look at it as a family – win, win.

Chief Jon Barrett: Thanks for approving the fire contract. On that aspect, did anything change with the payment? I know that you guys had an agreement with us; certain money was going to come in.

Supervisor Venesky: We'll discuss that.

Chief Jon Barrett: This is the second meeting that I've been to and the resolution to modify the language for the North Syracuse contract; I didn't see an attachment online.

Supervisor Venesky: I know Robert Germain looked at it and their attorney looked at it. The Volunteer Fireman's Association they wanted to be called so they wanted to change that.

Ray Schader: Channel 10 of Time Warner was at the Historical Society on Monday, and they are making up a program that is going to be on Easter Sunday about 5 o'clock.

Adjourn

Supervisor Venesky made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any further discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 0. *Motion carried unanimously.*

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Tracy M. Cosilmon
Cicero Town Clerk

