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TOWN OF CICERO

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The Cicero Town Board held their regular meeting on **Wednesday, March 09, 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
Jim Meyers	Police Investigator
Robert Germain	Germain & Germain, Town Attorney
Stephen Snell	O'Brien & Gere, Town Engineer
Jody Rogers	Director of Youth Bureau, Parks & Recreation
Tracy M. Cosilmon	Town Clerk

Absent:

Joseph Snell	Police Chief
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Supervisor Venesky opened the 5th 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 overseas.

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 February 24, 2016. Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

Ayes – 4, Noes – 0, and Abstentions- 1. *Motion carried. Councilor Becallo abstaining due to his absence at that meeting.*

Approval of Abstract Numbers 9 & 10

Councilor Cushman made a motion to accept Abstract # 9 (dated March 2, 2016) and Abstract #10 (dated March 9, 2016) as they were presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

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:

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

FROM		\$	TO	
A1220435	Supervisor's Postage	97.50	A122041	Supervisor's Computer
A13301	Tax Personal Services	133.72	A13301	Tax Overtime
A1620406	Police Building	10500.00	A1620405B	Building – South Bay *****
A168040	Computer Maint	1700.00	A14804	Website
A142045	Attorney – Employment	150.00	A14704	Ethics Attorney
A6772471	Senior Cleaning	128.64	A677247	Senior Custodians
DB19104	Hwy Unallocated Insurance	10000.00	DB511044	Hwy Engineering
B80201	Planning Board Personal Ser	500.00	B80204	Planning Board Contractual
A19104	Special Items Unallocated	12000.00	A36204	Misc Safety Expense (Pat S)
B19104	Special Items Unallocated	12000.00	B36204	Misc Safety Expense (Pat S)
A33104	Traffic Control Contractual	6000.00	A33102	Traffic Control Equipment ****

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2016 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Opening Entries for Grants

Revenue			Appropriations
A3789	Brewerton- Schumer	49966.99	A69894 S
A599	Appropriations	33130.00	A69894 Brewerton – Town Portion
SD3389	0400 DB Darlene's Brook	20874.22	SD85404 0400 DB
A3060	JCAP Justice	28000.00	A11104 JCAP
B3389	SL SLETPP GRANT (Police)	2364.25	B31204 SL

Councilor Cushman noted that all the amendments are for opening entries for grants and grant entries carried over.

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.*

Recognition of Girl Scout Bronze Award Recipient Kathryn Artz

Supervisor Venesky introduced Girl Scout Bronze Award Recipient Kathryn Artz of Cicero, NY Troop 10056. The **Bronze Award** is the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can earn spending a minimum of 20 hours on a sustainable project which impacts their community for years to come.

Kathryn Artz explained what she did for her project:

Project Name: Dorcas Mission

Organization the Benefitted: CrossRoads Community Church.

Accomplishments: The Dorcas Mission was established in September 2014 at the Bridgeport United Methodist Church as an outreach program to provide useful handmade items to the elderly in assisted living homes in the area. The project that Kathryn was involved with was helping to layout patterns onto fabric, cut the fabric and sew the pieces together to create oversized bibs for dinner time, tote bags that can be hung from a walker or the back of a wheelchair so that each individual will be able to carry their personal items easily. She helped create over 100 different items.

Supervisor Venesky told Kathryn that anytime anyone spends time and gives of themselves for their country and/or their community that it is a wonderful thing to do. What she did was above and beyond what most young people think about doing. We are very proud of what she has done for the community.

Supervisor Venesky gave Kathryn a gift personally from him. He told her it was a saying from someone who was very important to him; one of his role models. It was a quote from John Kennedy, who encouraged all of us as young people to contribute to their country: “And so, my fellow Americans; ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.” Supervisor Venesky told Kathryn that on his office desk is a quote from John F. Kennedy that says, “One person can make a difference and every person should try.”

Supervisor Venesky then presented Kathryn with a Certificate of Congratulations on behalf of the Town Board of Cicero (as shown in the picture below) in acknowledgement upon her receiving the Girl Scout Bronze Award for her contributions to the Dorcas Mission.



PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- **Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments and additional language to Chapter 152 (Parks and Recreation) of the Cicero Town Code by Local Law adoption procedure. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to eliminate a conflicting section of town code relating to the possession of weapons on town property.**

Supervisor Venesky stated that he had proof of publication and posting:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Cicero Town Board will hold a Public Hearing for March 9, 2016 commencing at 6:30 pm local time to consider proposed amendments and additional language to Chapter 152 (Parks and Recreation) of the Cicero Town Code by Local Law adoption procedure. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to eliminate a conflicting section of town code relating to the possession of weapons on town property. A draft of the proposed changes will be posted on the Town website prior to the Public Hearing. By the order of the Cicero Town Board

Dated: 03/01/2016

Supervisor Venesky opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Speaking for – None

Speaking against –

Don Snyder: As I spoke a couple of meetings ago, we are crazy if we think a sign on a door or a sign at a park is going to stop a ‘nut-job’ from coming into this building or into the park with a gun; we are just ‘whistling dixie’. All we do is we set up a place where our people are vulnerable because a good guy can’t be there with a gun; if a good guy is there with a gun he may get

himself in trouble and lose his ability to have his pistol anywhere else. I think that we should eliminate gun-free zones, and this is a good start. Instead of correcting the language we ought to eliminate the sign for a gun-free zone.

B.J. Potter: I spoke with Jonathan (Karp) at the last meeting that they discussed this at. Was there any changes regarding the parks hunting access to the private lands?

Councilor Karp: Yes. In fact, I spoke to the Supervisor and Ms. Rogers about it. The only person I am waiting to speak to is Chief Snell, but I haven't been able to connect with him. I don't think it's going to be an issue or that he is going to have a problem with it. I am working already on the language, because obviously if we were to allow what you were discussing there would have to be some provisos about time limitations and things like that; transit directly from a lawful parking area to a place where a person could lawfully hunt. But yes, that is in the works. I anticipate I will be introducing a resolution to amend the code, hopefully at the next meeting.

B.J. Potter: Well I don't think that the code should be amended until such language is written into that.

Councilor Karp: Are you talking about the amendment that we are proposing tonight?

B.J. Potter: It is part of the entire law isn't it?

Councilor Karp: Personally, I think it is a bad practice to have provisions about weapons on town property in multiple chapters. So what I am looking to do tonight is eliminate the language about weapons from the *Parks & Rec.* chapter, and then what we would be looking to do in the future is add an exception in the *Weapons*, Chapter 105, which is what we amended the last time we had a public hearing on this. In that there would be an exception for a possession while transiting through town property during hunting a season. They are two different chapters; just right now as it stands because the last changes we made are now effective and enforceable, and the existing 152 statute does conflict with that, I think that is something that needs to be changed immediately. When we have two different essentially criminal statutes that conflict I think that's an issue; it's an issue for the people that have to enforce it and it's an issue for the citizens who may be confused.

B.J. Potter: Right. Because like we said, you don't want to see somebody get hung up over a technicality.

Councilor Karp: Absolutely not. But certainly any changes made to 105 along the lines of what you and I discussed would be in place well before hunting season.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any more comments. There were none.

Supervisor Venesky closed the public hearing at 6:44 p.m.

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

Resolution:

Supervisor Venesky moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve the following proposed amendments and additional language to Chapter 152 (Parks and Recreation) of the Cicero Town Code by Local Law adoption procedure. To be known as Local Law 2 of 2016. (The purpose of the "adopted" amendment is to eliminate a conflicting section of town code relating to the possession of weapons on town property).

Chapter 152 of the Town Code is hereby amended:

By striking the text of subsection (C) of §152-4 and redesignating subsections (D) through (O) of §152-4 as subsections (C) through (N).

Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

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

- **Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments and additional language to Chapter 154 (Peddling and Soliciting) of the Cicero Town Code by Local Law adoption procedure. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to grant to the Town Board the power to designate specific classes of licenses by resolution.**

Supervisor Venesky stated that he had proof of publication and posting:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Cicero Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on March 9, 2016, commencing at 6:30 pm local time to consider proposed amendments and additional language to Chapter 154 (Peddling and Soliciting) of the Cicero Town Code by Local Law adoption procedure. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to grant to the Town Board the power to designate specific classes of licenses by resolution. A draft of the proposed changes will be posted on the Town website prior to the Public Hearing. By the Order of the Town Board

Dated 03/01/16

Supervisor Venesky opened the public hearing at 6:44 p.m.

Councilor Karp: This originated with a discussion that I had with Ms. Rogers from the Parks & Rec. department where she was discussing with me that she would like to create a new type of license for food vending and a specific series of events that she anticipates holding this summer. So I looked at the code, and the code grants to the Board the ability to set the term of the license and the fees for licenses by resolution, so it's not necessary to hold one of these public hearings every time one of those things may change. But the code does not include any specific types of licenses; in terms of licenses for selling specific items or in specific events, or any restrictions that can be placed on those. But the code does not contain those, and it also does not contain any grant of power to the board to set those licenses by resolution. We have a list of licenses of different types, but no one knows where they came from and there is certainly no statutory authority for the board to do that by resolution. So to correct that, after I talked to Mr. Germain our Town Attorney about it, I wrote this just to clarify that the Board now has the power, in addition to setting terms and fees by resolution to set types of licenses. That way, if we want to create a new type of license, for which I don't think that there would really be any public objection, we can do it by resolution at a regular town meeting.

Speaking for – None

Speaking against –

Judy Boyke: I'm not sure if I want to speak for or against, but I did have some questions. Because you are talking about different licenses for different whatever, do we have an example of what we are talking about?

Supervisor Venesky: We have permits for vendors who wish to sell that we passed last summer. But I know that we had, if someone wanted to sell hot dogs, for example, at one of the events they had to purchase a permit which could be for a longer duration.

Councilor Karp: I think there was a license for selling novelties. Again, that is not in the code, but the code doesn't grant the board the authority to do that by resolution. So what this is really doing is just correcting that so that we can do that in the future. But there is an assortment of different types of licenses, there's just no real authority for them to exist at this point.

Judy Boyke: One of the main reasons was because we had such a problem with the folks that had the vegetable market in Brewerton, and selling vegetables as a farmer was never required even though they were "harassed" about being there, and the fact that they were selling; that's my concern. I was just wondering because this is kind of vague as to what you are really voting on or what we're trying to speak to.

Supervisor Venesky: The folk in Brewerton, what happened there with the farmers market was more than just selling vegetables, because in fact they were allowed to sell them; they were selling sheds. They were Amish people and they put up a huge shed next to the road.

Judy Boyke: These were not Amish people. These were the people that were selling vegetables only right next to the flea market. It was on private property of a business owner in the town where they sell all the ornamental stuff. They are not Amish.

Supervisor Venesky: I thought they were Amish, so I stand corrected. But when the folks went there they were selling Amish made sheds; maybe that's the confusion. They were Amish made sheds and they were selling the vegetables out of that and they were both for sale; it was actually very close to the road. Because they didn't make code with that they were asked to remove the shed because it was very close to the road and blocked the view as well. Once they did that then they were allowed to sell the vegetables. I don't believe that anyone bothered them at all with that.

Judy Boyke: Okay, because I know the people that were running the market.

Being no further public input Supervisor Venesky closed the public hearing at 6:49 p.m.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion.

Councilor Becallo asked Councilor Karp if he could explain the whole thing one more time.

Councilor Karp: Currently 154 gives us the ability to set license terms and license fees by resolution. Right now we have a whole different bunch of different types of licenses that exist that were set by resolution but we don't authority in the code to actually do that. So I got a list. I got it from Jody when I came in to speak with her about this, of all these different licenses, but there was novelty vendors and different types. Those exist but the Board never had any authority to create those by resolution.

Councilor Becallo: So we have them, but like something else we were talking about recently, we never really put it on paper that we have the authority to even do what we do?

Councilor Karp: Right. And this is rectifying this.

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

Resolution:

Supervisor Venesky moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve the following proposed amendments and additional language to Chapter 154 (Peddling and Soliciting) of the Cicero Town Code by Local Law adoption procedure. To be known as Local Law 3 of 2016. (The purpose of the "adopted" amendment is to grant to the Town Board the power to designate specific classes of licenses by resolution).

Chapter 154 of the Town Code is hereby amended:

By striking the title of §154-10 and replacing it with the following text:

“Term and Class of License.”

By designating the existing text of §154-10 as a new subsection (A).

By creating a new subsection (B) of §154-10 with the following text:

“The Town Board may by separate resolution create specific classes of license as it deems necessary. The power shall include but not be limited to the specification of eligibility criteria, delegation of discretion over the granting of such licenses, and the designation of specific locations and events at which such licenses shall be valid.”

Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

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

William Park Seawall Reserve Fund

Councilor Becallo moved for the adoption of a resolution that pursuant to section 6-c (6-g) of the General Municipal Law, as amended, there is hereby established a capital reserve fund to be known as the “Seawall Reserve Fund” (hereinafter “Reserve Fund”). The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of the Seawall Wall at William Park. The reconstruction of the Seawall will be financed from the Reserve Fund. The estimated maximum cost of such capital improvement is estimated \$10,000.00.

The Comptroller is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of this Seawall Reserve Fund in the manner provided by section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Comptroller may invest the moneys in the Seawall Reserve Fund in the manner provided by section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of the Town of Cicero. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Seawall Reserve Fund. The Comptroller shall account for the Seawall Reserve in a manner, which maintains the separate identity of the cash and investments of the Reserve Fund. Except as otherwise provided by section 6-c (6-g) of the General Municipal Law, expenditures from this Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. No expenditure shall be made from the Reserve Fund without the approval of this governing board and without such additional actions or proceedings as may be required by section 6-c (6-g) of the General Municipal Law. This resolution is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to subdivision 4 of section 6-c (6-g) of the General Municipal Law.

Supervisor Venesky: We had money left over from last year for the seawall that we did not spend. So what we are doing is we are taking that money, and by law we have to put it into a separate account. We are going to repair the seawall this year so we are putting it into a separate account that will be used specifically for the seawall.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion.

Councilor Becallo: I think repairing the seawall and setting up a Reserve Fund is a great idea. How often have we had to repair the seawall?

Jody Rogers: We’ve never repaired the seawall. We have repaired the sidewalk behind it; we’ve repaved behind the actual seawall itself. This year we are actually going to remove behind the seawall and fix the cap in one location.

Councilor Becallo: Yes, that’s the photos I saw. So it’s only been the walkway behind the seawall?

Jody Rogers: Correct.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any further discussion. There was none.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

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

Brewerton Wastewater Treatment Plant Service Area Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project

Councilor Cushman read the following:

Project Description: The project includes the open cut replacement of approximately 620-lf (linear feet) of 8-inch sanitary sewers, spot repair and grout sealing of approximately 5,500-lf of 8-inch sanitary sewers, rehabilitation of approximately 400-lf of sanitary sewers with cured-in-place pipe, 3800-lf of 8-inch diameter trenchless spot repair & chemical grout sealing along with the rehabilitation and/or improvement of 70 existing sanitary sewer manholes. The estimated project cost is \$560,000.00 and is consistent with improvements presented in the County’s Brewerton SSES (Sewer System Evaluation Study Report) completed in 2015.

Steve Snell: Initially, in September of last year we applied for funding under Round 1 of the NYS Water Grant Program which is administered through EFC (Environmental Facilities Corp.). We received a letter in December indicating that we did not receive funding but we were going to be considered as part of Round 2, which is due April 15th. In doing so, there are a few items that EFC requested that we provide them, and upon further discussion with the town, the town has budgeted funding to make additional improvements in the Brewerton Service Area. In doing that,

we are able to include those costs as part of the municipal contribution. What that will do is increase our eligibility for even more grant; initially it was \$90,000 now that will make us eligible for \$140,000 in grant based on that contribution. So we are increasing the project cost; it was \$360,000 last year, so we are increasing it to \$560,000.

Supervisor Venesky: I am very proud of this project. How many gallons of fresh water are we going to take out of the sanitary sewer system in the Brewerton area?

Steve Snell: Based on the estimates indicated in the Brewerton SSES (Sewer System Evaluation Survey) that the County prepared, the County's Save the Rain project in which we received \$225,000 dollars, that was roughly 11 million gallons per year would be removed. It's estimated that this project would remove around 6 million gallons per year. Those are estimates based on some assumptions in that report, so we are looking at close to 17 million gallons per year from the sanitary sewer system.

Supervisor Venesky: I am very proud of this board, and I am very proud of what we are doing. This town was identified over 20 years ago that we had serious issues with the Brewerton Sanitary Sewer System, and this is the first board that has taken action to actually correct the problem. I'm very proud of that. My board, and me as your Supervisor, I'd like to say that we are setting the stage for success for the Town of Cicero. I think business development is going to be key for bringing additional revenues to the town, and to do that we are looking at a lot of development on the Onondaga County side (our side) of Brewerton with the huge race park that is being built; all the activities like Super Dirt Week will bring a lot of people into this town. First of all, we had to take fresh water out of the existing, leaking, and deteriorated sanitary sewer system before we could even approach the County or developers with hotels, restaurants, and developing that section; this goes a long way of opening the door for us to do that, and I am very proud of this board, and I am proud of the town for the actions that we have taken.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any further discussion.

Councilor Becallo: I am with you Supervisor. Even without the track going in, this needs to be done.

- **Environmental Review**

Supervisor Venesky moved for the adoption of a resolution the above described sanitary sewer improvements within the Brewerton Wastewater Treatment Plant Sanitary Sewer Service Area are a Type II action for purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and that no further action under SEQR Act is required. Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

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

- **Town Contribution:**

Councilor Cushman moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve \$150,000.00, which is the Town contribution to complete sanitary sewer improvements within the Brewerton Wastewater Treatment Plant Sanitary Sewer Service Area. The overall project cost is estimated to be \$560,000.00 and the remaining funds are to be obtained from New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and Onondaga County. Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion. There was none.

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

PARK GRANTS – Skyway Park:

- **DASNY (Dormitory Authority of the State of New York) Grant Disbursement Agreement**

Councilor Conway moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) Grant Disbursement Agreement between the Town of Cicero and DASNY for the Community Capital Assistance Program (CCAP) grant in the amount of \$125,000 for renovation and improvements to the Athletic Fields of Skyway Park. Motion was seconded by Councilor Karp.

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

- **Onondaga County Community Development SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) Skyway Park Playground Project - \$50,000.00**

SEQRA Negative Declaration: Councilor Karp moved for the adoption of a resolution that the funding for the Town of Cicero grant funding from Onondaga County Community Development for the installation of a neighborhood playground at Skyway Park, 5950 E. Taft Road, North Syracuse is a Type II with a completed Environmental Assessment Form. The proposed funding and project involves no other permit granting agency outside the Town. The proposed funding and project will not have a significant effect upon the environment and does not require the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

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

Personnel - Parks and Recreation Department:

- A.** Councilor Karp moved for the adoption of a resolution to appoint the following individuals:
- Jacob Christian, Andrew Osborne, Matthew West as Park Laborers (Seasonal) at a pay rate of \$12.00/hour, effective 5/23/2016
 - Jennifer Foley and Christine Fleury as Recreation Leaders at a pay rate of \$14.25/hour, effective 6/21/16
 - Michael Brisson and Megan Evans as Recreation Leaders at a pay rate of \$11.50/hour, effective 6/21/2016
 - Jacquelyn Kleist, Jillian Gorman, Katie Scott as Recreation Leaders at a pay rate of \$10.00/hour, effective 6/21/16

Motion was seconded by Supervisor Venesky.

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

- B.** Councilor Karp moved for the adoption of a resolution to approve the promotion of Joe Santimaw from CanTeen Center Monitor to CanTeen Center Supervisor, which includes a pay increase from \$10.71 to \$11.50/hour - effective 3/21/2016. Motion was seconded by Councilor Becallo..

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:

- \$2,500 to Genuine Parts for miscellaneous auto parts/supplies for March
- \$3,000 to Stadium International for engine turbo charger for Sewer Jet #93
- \$1,703 to Joe Johnson Equipment for replacement nozzles for Sewer Jet #93
- \$3,325.50 to EPS of Vermont, Inc. to pump out oil/water separator
- \$269.44 to Home Depot for overage of February invoice
- \$2,000 to Home Depot for supplies and auto parts for March
- \$10,000 to J&J Equipment for a sweeper rental for (4) weeks
- \$3,000 to Earl Becker Construction for 432 cubic yards of topsoil
- \$20,000 to TH Kinsella, Inc. for runner crush/Gabion/#2 Stone
- \$7,500 to Mid-Country Machinery for equipment rental
- \$7,500 Earl Becker Construction for -2 Gravel Mix
- \$3,400 to Seedway for grass seed/bales/fertilizer

Motion was seconded by Councilor Karp.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion.

Councilor Cushman told Chris Woznica he didn't realize that Home Depot sold auto parts.

Chris Woznica explained that was a misprint; it was for cement, cement blocks, and catch basin carriages.

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

Parks & Recreation Department

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

- \$2,808.44 to OCM-BOCES for replacement and upgrades of computers for the CanTeen and Senior Center to include installation of MS Office 2013 Professional
- \$1,500 to Eastcom for 60 cubic yards of topsoil
- \$1,750 to Eastcom for 50 cubic yards of infield mix
- \$3,560 to Northern Nurseries for 40 bags of seed
- \$1,100 to Design Signs to refurbish two (2) double sided park entry signs – Skyway and Central Park
- \$1,500 to RLS Structures, Inc. to replace four (4) windows in the Parks & Recreation Garage
- \$2,400 to Mac Electric to replace lighting with energy efficient LED lights in the Parks & Recreation Garage

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.*

Planning and Zoning Department

Councilor Conway moved for the adoption of resolution to purchase (1) new 2016 Jeep Patriot Latitude from PAR-K Chrysler Jeep for \$18,150.00. (This includes the trade-in allowance of \$5,000.00 for the 2007 Ford Escape)

Other quotes:

Driver's Village \$19,318.00

Lowery Bros. Jeep \$19,232.50

Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion.

Councilor Becallo: Where is the money coming out of?

Supervisor Venesky: We are using the money that we had saved with the insurances.

Councilor Becallo: Was it Workers Comp?

Supervisor Venesky: We had saved about \$60,000 on Workers Comp; we did have additional money in there. When we looked at this vehicle I was opposed to buying one but when you look at it the vehicle is 9 years old; it's rusted out, it needs a front end, and it's leaking. How much money do you put into it if it has a \$2,300 repair bill? It just didn't make sense if we had the cash to buy the vehicle.

Councilor Becallo: I don't think it's prudent to take money out of the Workers Comp line. Why would we take money from the Workers Comp fund when we already have high premiums and the claims are not fully known yet?

Supervisor Venesky: That's all we are going to pay. Our premium is fixed for the year. We aren't paying cash out of Workers Comp, Councilor Becallo. We pay a premium, and that premium then, whatever claims are submitted against the Town of Cicero, it doesn't affect what we pay in that premium so the additional money was there. We are very pleased where we are going; I said that we were going to drive that cost down. We put on the payroll a Health and Safety professional who has worked with us. We are also in discussions, to really roll out the training we are going to do Professional Driver training; we have another professional there. I am confident that in the years to come that we will drive that; as we did this year, being able to juggle different insurance companies from \$460,000 to \$420,000. I am confident that with this Health and Safety program, which will be, I think, a model for some of the other towns in Onondaga County when we are done; it will drive that cost even lower.

Councilor Becallo: I agree with that, and I am very proud of you for getting that done. I just don't think it's going to bring things down that quickly; if we have money in the Workers Comp account then we should keep it in there.

Supervisor Venesky: You're absolutely right Mike. It's not going to drive it down quickly; unfortunately, we are on a 5 year rolling average. For example, next year in 2017 the first year would fall off and it adds a new year. In 2015 we had a couple of large payouts and it will affect us probably next year, so what you will see next year is an increase in the insurance payment but in the subsequent years you are going to see that number drop off, and I believe significantly.

Councilor Becallo: So we bonded two weeks ago for a lot of equipment, how come this wasn't considered part of that?

Supervisor Venesky: Because we had the money to pay cash for that; we are looking at \$18,000 dollars. Four-hundred and forty thousand dollars for two snow plows is a lot of money, and quite frankly we didn't have it; we try to pay cash where we can.

Councilor Becallo: Fair enough.

Councilor Conway: On buying the Jeep we got a \$4,000 trade-in on the old Ford that is rotting out.

Supervisor Venesky: I think it was actually \$5,000 dollars.

Councilor Karp: Just for clarification purposes, the money that this purchase came from is not money that was set aside to pay future claims, correct?

Supervisor Venesky: That is correct. That's saving that we were able to negotiate in the month of January.

Councilor Karp: So this money is coming from savings from a reduction in premiums, correct?

Supervisor Venesky: That is correct. We were able to do two things this year. First, we were able to negotiate a lower premium from \$460,000 to \$420,000, and the second thing was we changed insurance companies with another insurance carrier, where we received the same coverage for about \$15,000 dollars less, but we still had substantial insurance premiums because we shopped and we negotiated.

Councilor Becallo: Like I was saying before, and not to argue or cause any problems, but it was budgeted. It was there. We should use what's there for next year as well. We shouldn't be spending the Workers Comp line on trucks.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any further discussion. There was none.

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

Parade Permit

Councilor Becallo moved for the adoption of resolution to approve the issuance of a parade permit to James H. Spire American Legion Post 787 for the Memorial Day Parade to be held in the Town of Cicero, on Monday, May 30, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion.

Councilor Becallo encouraged everyone to attend the parade.

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 of:

- Two (2) Dell hard drives from the CanTeen - serial numbers 00186038065575 and 00186038065558
- One (1) Dell hard drive from the Senior Center - serial number 00186203422503

Motion was seconded by Supervisor Venesky.

Supervisor Venesky solicited any Board discussion.

Councilor Karp: When we say we are disposing of these hard drives, by what method are we doing that?

Jody Rogers: Computer Outlet has a program where they take them and they remove the hard drive or data to the hard drive.

Councilor Karp: So I am assuming they use some kind of industry standard procedure to make sure that any data on them would be unrecoverable?

Jody Rogers: That is correct. Jolee, our purchasing officer, has set up this program with them. Computer Outlet takes them for free and does the rest.

Councilor Karp: I just wanted to make sure. I'm not sure if there will be any confidential data on there, but in case one of the teens at the CanTeen had created some kind of document or resume I certainly wouldn't want that to become available if it was just thrown in a trash can and someone pulled it out.

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

Discussion Items

- **Literacy Coalition**

Tracy Cosilmon: Our Onondaga County Legislator, Kathy Rapp came to one of our town board meetings and told us about this Literacy Coalition program that Onondaga County was having. I had a visit from a representative from Onondaga County, and they personally brought the brochures, so we are trying to get this out to everyone to let them know. It's a wonderful program. In fact, the first words on it say "it sounds almost too simple to be true," but it is that simple – it's just a book. You can sign up for it online or there are brochures in my office. Any child under the age of 5 receives a free book through Onondaga County. It's a wonderful program!

Supervisor Venesky: And these books are free. Once you sign up, every month a child will receive a book at no cost to anyone. I don't think anyone would argue that reading to a child, and reading, on how important it is for a young person's development.

- **Honor a Hero Hire a Vet**

Supervisor Venesky announced that Onondaga County American Legion Auxiliary has a program called Honor a Hero Hire a Vet, and they will have a job fair for veterans and their spouses on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at the American Legion Post 787, 5575 Legionnaire Drive in Cicero, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Over half of attendees were hired at the last job fair. Pre-registration is not necessary, but is appreciated. The contact information will be posted on the Town's website. Veterans receive free lunch.

- **Employee Handbook**

Councilor Becallo: I was going through the Employee Handbook and I noticed some language that we could probably look at, and probably put it on a future agenda to get the wording changed. So this came out of the Workplace Violence: *The Town reserves the right to conduct searches of any person, vehicle, or object that is on or enters into Town property with or without the employee being present. Searches may be conducted by the Supervisor, their designee, or local authorities. If the search is refused by the employee, such refusal can result in the termination of an employee or refusal to cooperate.* So there is just some wording in there that I would like to be looked at. I feel like the police should be the only ones to search through personal belongings on Town property, and then you should have to have a probable cause. So that is just one thing that we could look at.

Supervisor Venesky: I am with you on that. There are a bunch of changes that I haven't brought to the board yet, but we are looking at some policies; a Return to Work policy, and we are also looking at an Employee Assistance program, which when they are ready we will bring them to the board for discussion.

Councilor Becallo: I've noticed when I've been here lunches with employees. I know during tax season there are a lot of citizens that come through that office, so it just makes things a little difficult. It's under the Work Hours/Work Schedule, Breaks and Meal Periods, *Employees who come in contact with the public may not consume meals/food at their desk/work station during business hours when community members may or may not be present.* That's just something we might look into. Our Town citizens take their lunch breaks to pay for their taxes and it's quite difficult during that time because I know I have been in there a bunch of times, especially in the Tax Receiver's Office where it just makes things difficult for our employees to do their job. And I know working at your work station is not the best for your mental disposition because who wants to eat while they're at their desk constantly, but sometimes it might need to be done. So it's just something we should probably look at and talk with Sharon and the employees that work in that office.

Public Input

Don Snyder: Because me and a couple of guys happened to be have been involved in town, we tend to be to targets for questions. The target that I have gotten used for lately is from people who want to pay or inquire about their tickets, and that we have a situation here where we cannot do that on Friday. I said, 'Well, I've talked about that before, and I was told before (a couple of years ago) that the judges control that', and I said 'that's bull crap' because our Town sets up the agenda and what we set up in the first of the year says our office hours, and it says *our office hours are from here to here, Monday through Friday.* If you all would be thinking about those things that Mike (Councilor Becallo) just talked about, but also be thinking about 'we need to change that.' That does not look good when we say 'Yup, we are going to keep our office open, but if you have to come pay a ticket or inquire about a traffic violation don't come on Friday.' That's crazy! And the other part of that Mark I've also been told is 'why don't they ever answer their phones?' I said, 'what are you talking about?' They said 'no, they never answer their phone, it goes to voicemail.' Now I don't know if that's true. I know that I called twice in the same day and both times it went to voicemail. So maybe that's true, and if that is true then it's not a friendly and open position that I think we ought to be taking as a town.

Supervisor Venesky: Mr. Snyder I agree with you 100 percent. Had you been in the Town Hall Friday morning you would have saw that the office in fact was open and were taking phone calls. I told you that that office would be open if I took office. I've taken office - and it's open.

Councilor Becallo: The question for me, why was the office closed on Fridays?

Supervisor Venesky: I wasn't here back then, but there was some sort of disconnect. But I met with both the judges and their staff; we had a discussion, and I am proud to tell you that the office is now open.

Don Snyder told Councilor Becallo that he thought that there had been a problem with manpower in that office, and that the board at that time had reduced the number of clerks that they had by one; as a retaliation to that they decided that they couldn't be open on Friday because of all the paperwork.

Don Snyder: The reason I stood up here is you know that I am a numbers guy and we tonight approved a number of positions for part-time work for work at the CanTeen and what not. Interesting enough that those numbers, if the people work 1000 hours a year in those positions, if our bully governor gets his way of a \$15.00/hr. salary we will be spending \$16,000 dollars more when he does that. If those people are full-time then we are talking about \$32,000 dollars, so we need to kind of have the Comptroller get together and look at those numbers, and we need to stand in front of our bully governor and say 'Listen, you are talking about \$15.00/hour, for our little government it is going to be 'x' number of dollars, and if it's \$30,000 or \$50,000 then it's still \$30,000 or \$50,000 that we have to get from somewhere else in order to pay that bill.' The minute that happens, the minute you move an \$11.00 an hour person to \$15.00 (because you think that is what the Governor said we gotta do) then some people that are at \$15.00 might have to be at \$16, \$17, or \$18.00 dollars. So the actual impact on our Governor saying "I want a \$15.00 an hour minimum wage could really affect our town government budget really bad.

Supervisor Venesky: Point well taken. I invited the Governor to visit us here at Cicero a few weeks back when I saw him face to face; he hasn't been here, but maybe it's something worth thinking about.

Judy Boyke: The System Evaluation Study report where can that be viewed, for the Brewerton Water Waste Treatment?

Steve Snell: It was done by Onondaga County, so you would have to contact them to see where they have it.

Judy Boyke: But you are using that to spend our money; including \$150,000. Where did that \$150,000 come from?

Supervisor Venesky: We budgeted that. We budgeted \$167,000 dollars in this year's budget last year when the former supervisor put her budget together. That was 10 percent of the cost of the project, which Onondaga County told us that we would have to put aside; we would have to spend approximately 10 percent to get the ball rolling. That's a budgeted item.

Councilor Becallo: Wasn't there a special meeting about that last year. I just remember that because of the stints that they put into the pipes.

Judy Boyke: That had something to do with Bob Smith and the local law that created this sewer thing between Cicero and Brewerton.

Judy Boyke: Do you have a map of where this \$560,000 dollars is going to be spent for repairs?

Supervisor Venesky: Steve Snell has a map.

Steve Snell: The maps are included in that report. Portions of those improvements, we would prepare a plan for that. This is just being provided as part of the grant application; we haven't submitted it yet.

Judy Boyke: How do you know how much pipe and stuff to buy?

Steve Snell: All the improvements were identified in the report, so all of the rehabilitation and improvements were identified; maps, improvement areas, and everything.

Supervisor Venesky: I think a big section of that is in the Bridgeport area. There is a huge (I&I) inflow and infiltration issue in Bridgeport, and I think that was one of the initial areas that we were attacking.

Steve Snell: The worst locations are Oneida Park and Harbour Village. That's where most of the improvements would be; those two areas.

Judy Boyke: All that leads into the Brewerton sewer?

Supervisor Venesky: Yes. It was an eye-opener for me too; it feeds all the way into Brewerton.

Steve Snell: There are many pumping stations.

Judy Boyke: So every pumping station in Brewerton is affected by that?

Steve Snell: The County, I believe, has seven (7) major pumping stations that deliver flow to the plant in Brewerton. That report includes County improvements as well, not just Town improvements.

Judy Boyke: Can someone find out where this report can be viewed for me?

Steve Snell: It's the County. I don't know if they have it available on their website or not. I know they are working through the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) with that document as well so they may not put it out on their website until that's happened.

Supervisor Venesky asked Steve Snell to contact the County and contact him. He told Mrs. Boyke if they could obtain a copy they would get her a copy.

Judy Boyke: That's a lot of money we are talking about. It would be nice to see where these repairs are going to go; especially when I live in Brewerton.

Supervisor Venesky agreed.

Councilor Becallo told Steve Snell that he doesn't live in that neighborhood but asked if it would still eventually affect him.

Supervisor Venesky said one of the reasons we jumped on this was because it needed to be done.

Steve Snell: The worst thing that can happen is you have a sewer overflow and you don't have a permit for the discharge and then you get in trouble from the NYS DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation); you get fined, then you have to have a correction action measured now, and pay a penalty. We haven't had a documented overflow that has been an issue.

Supervisor Venesky: And if the DEC, had we not acted on this (and I believe in being proactive because it's the right thing to do, and it's the right thing to do for the town and the environment), but had we not done this and we just dragged our feet some more we could have ended up in a pretty serious situation with the DEC, potentially.

Supervisor Venesky thanked the students attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion was seconded by Councilor Karp.

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

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.