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TOWN OF CICERO

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The Cicero Town Board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 6:40 p.m. at the Cicero Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, NY 13039.

PRESENT:

Jessica Zambrano	Supervisor
Mike Becallo	Councilor
C. Vernon Conway	Councilor
Dick Cushman	Councilor
Mark Venesky	Councilor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Christopher Woznica	Highway Superintendent
Joseph Snell	Police Chief
Robert Germain	Germain & Germain, Town Attorney
Stephen Snell	O'Brien & Gere, Town Engineer
Jody Rogers	Director of Parks and Recreation
Jim Rowley	Budget Officer
Tracy M. Cosilmon	Town Clerk

Supervisor Zambrano welcomed everyone to the 19th regular meeting of the Town Board.

Supervisor Zambrano opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. by noting the locations of the three emergency exits and asked that all electronic devices be silenced. She then urged all who wished to address the board to utilize the microphones, and if anyone was unable to hear to let them know so that adjustments could be made as necessary.

Supervisor Zambrano announced that there were 6 members from Boy Scout Troop 116 who led the Pledge of Allegiance, they were: David, Adam, Cameron, Guitano, John and Marcus.

Councilor Conway requested a moment of silence for our troops overseas in harm's way.

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Councilor Conway made a motion to approve the Town Board minutes from the Special Town Board Meeting held on October 20, 2015. Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

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

- Councilor Conway made a motion to approve the Town Board minutes from the Regular Town Board Meeting held on October 28, 2015. Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

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

- Councilor Conway made a motion to approve the Town Board minutes from the Special Town Board Meeting held on November 10, 2015. Motion was seconded by Councilor Becallo.

Councilor Becallo questioned when the notice for the special meeting was posted. Tracy Cosilmon said it was placed on the boards, and she also notified all the board members.

Councilor Becallo asked what date they set that meeting.

Tracy Cosilmon said they set it on the 10th. She had verified the procedure with the attorney who said we could do that as long as we notified the board members, in which she did.

Ayes – 3, Abstentions-2, and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

Councilors' Becallo and Conway abstained due to their absence at that meeting.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT NUMBERS 44, 45 & 46

Councilor Cushman made a motion to approve Abstract #44 (dated 11/2/15), Abstract #45 (dated 11/09/15), and Abstract #46 (dated 11/16/15) as presented. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Zambrano.

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

Supervisor Zambrano solicited any questions, of which there were none.

Abstracts can be viewed on the Town’s website: www.ciceronewyork.net

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS/AMENDMENTS

Councilor Cushman made a motion to approve the budget modifications/amendments as presented:

TOWN BOARD MEETING
11/18/2015

2015
BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

FROM		\$		TO
A677253	Senior Bus Maint	400.00		
A677253	Senior Misc.	278.79	A677242	Senior Supplies
A677245	Senior Misc.	105.99	A677251	Senior Computer
A711046	Parks Mechanics	1721.52	A711040	Parks Supplies
A711046	Parks Mechanics	67.63	A711051	Senior Computer
A711041	Parks Vehicle Operation	900.00	A711040	Parks Supplies
A677211	Rec Attendant – Bus	1488.50	A677242	Senior Supplies
A13554	Assessor Contractual	891.46	A13551	Assessor Personal 296.46
A19104	Special Items/Insurance	1110.60	A142041	Attorney Union
A19304	Special Items/Judgements	5237.90	A142042	Attorney Town Code
A162041	Buildings National Grid	6.37	A87604	Disaster Contractual
A90408	Workers Comp	713.27	A90608EX	Eye-care Reimbursement
B70201 OT	Parks Overtime	84.36	B702041	Parks Office Supplies 40.36
			B702046	Parks Staff Development 44.00
B31201S	Police Shift Personal Serv	13875.00	B31201 OT	Police Personal Serv Overtime
B90108 C	Canteen Retirement	4606.00	B73102	Canteen Equip 2568.75
			B7310403	Canteen Postage 201.44
			B7310402	Canteen Program Supplies 1835.81
DB50114	Hwy Misc. Safety	218.00	DB42204	Hwy Drug Testing
DB19304	Hwy Judgements	3000.00	DB511041	Hwy Equipment
DB19104	Hwy Unallocated Ins	932.82	DB511045	Hwy Typar/Pipe 42.88
			DB513052	Hwy Mower 889.94
DB514044	Hwy Solid Waste Disposal	350.00		
DB514042	Hwy Brush Removal	1000.00		
DB514048	Hwy Sweeper Rental	100.13		
DB514040	Hwy Summer Roadside Fuel	780.00		
DB514241	Hwy Snow/Salt	4017.65		
DB51102	Hwy Equipment	2038.98		
DB511042	Hwy Runner Crush	1700.00		

DB511041	Hwy Equipment Rental	6579.07	DB513046	Hwy Filters/Truck Misc.
DB511043	Hwy Fuel/Propane	2050.00	DB513043	Hwy Hoses 800.00
			DB513044	Hwy Springs 1250.00
DB511051	Hwy Concrete Blocks	72.80	DB511047	Hwy Misc.
DB513054	Hwy Sewer Jet	1483.87		
DB513046	Hwy Vehicle Inspections	41.66	DB513055	Hwy Machinery Other
DB19304	Hwy Judgements/Claims	20405.07	DB511242	Hwy Roadside Drainage
DB511242	Hwy Body Maint	473.40		
DB513053	Hwy Snow Blower Repair	1000.00		
DB513050	Hwy Gradall/Badger	1870.36		
DB513047	Hwy Sweeper/Repair	1130.19		
DB513042	Hwy Tires	616.55	DB513042	Hwy Mower

2015 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Revenue		Appropriations	
B3389 CPS Child Passenger Safety Grant	575.12	B31204 CPS	
B3389 PTS Police Traffic Services Grant	4187.37	B31201 OT PTS	

Motion was seconded by Supervisor Zambrano.

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

Public input for Town Board Meeting minutes:

David McDevitt said he was concerned that the Board is looking at accepting minutes and putting it out for public comment when the minutes were not yet posted on the website for the public to review.

Supervisor Zambrano told him he needed to take that issue up with the Town Clerk. The Town Board does not have to approve minutes, it has been the practice here that the Town Board does approve minutes, but the Town Clerk is responsible for generating the minutes and she doesn't need our approval; she prefers to have them, but she is responsible for writing the minutes and for handling them.

Councilor Venesky had a copy of the November 10th meeting and gave it to Mr. McDevitt.

TOWN OF CICERO 2016 BUDGET

Supervisor Zambrano: We have had numerous informational meetings, and we have had a public hearing, we opened and closed the public hearing, so I think a couple of people wanted to comment about the budget so based on all of the comments that we have had; there were those that deliberated us, primarily the comptroller, our budget officer, supervisor elect Venesky, and myself to consider all of those comments and what we put together was a version of the budget that you see here tonight.

Jim Rowley: Real simply, I believe you guys got the final document today, it incorporated from our public hearing the changes that I believe the Board agreed on, it was:

- taking the 2 percent raise out of the Supervisor's salary, as well as the Councilors' salary,
- putting back the equipment and vehicles money into the Police budget; up to \$48,000, and then
- there was an adjustment to the debt schedules that came in at the eleventh hour that affected the Highway budget slightly.

- Total appropriations for all three budgets the General fund, the General Outside the Village fund, and the Highway fund went from 9.9 million to 10.9 million, up approximately \$1,042,000.00. The tax levy increased something less than that, \$902,000.
- The increase rate per thousand of assessed value is 42.35 cents, that means on a \$100,000 house taxes will go up \$42.35, on a \$150,000 house taxes will go up \$63.52.

Supervisor Zambrano said there were a couple of people signed up for comments.

Judy Boyke asked Supervisor Zambrano if she got an answer for her regarding the trash, because the line item is \$2,073,969.44; the combination of the brush at \$245,000.00 and Syracuse Haulers at \$1,652,230.00 comes to \$1,897,230.00, that's \$176,739.44 more. She asked Supervisor Zambrano if she could explain that to her.

Supervisor Zambrano said she could not, and she did not get an answer for her, but they would make the adjustment if they have to.

Judy Boyke asked on the fire department, did they hold through all the lines that were presented on Monday night (each budget that was presented, did they all stay the same or did they increase Cicero).

Supervisor Zambrano: I just want say once again that we have one fire protection line, so we are really looking at the bottom line. I know that we always break out a certain amount for each of the five fire departments; we are going to reserve the right to make adjustments if we have to, and the changes will be reflected when we execute the contracts with the fire departments.

David McDevitt: The question was asked on Monday during the special meeting, 'what is the debt load of the Town', your response Madame Supervisor was that you had been provided that information on Monday but you did not want to inaccurately make a statement because you did not have the number in front of you.

Supervisor Zambrano said yes, and as I had requested, I wish you would have provided your information in writing; it's very difficult to follow up when we don't have something in writing.

Supervisor Zambrano asked Mr. Rowley if he could answer the question for Mr. McDevitt.

Jim Rowley: I do have a schedule that was given to me by the Comptroller, I think the Total Outstanding Debt for the Town looks like it's about 3.7 million; it does not include any leases.

David McDevitt thanked him and said he just wanted to confirm that the 3.8 million that came from the public previously was a fairly accurate amount.

David McDevitt: The other question that I asked on Monday was the complaints that we had received from our previous vendor for the garbage people, and part of your response was your justification for extending the contract and that the service had been fine, and that your office is the one that responds to the complaints from the public in relation to that. And I had asked the question of what is the complaint ration difference between the previous vendor and the current vendor and you said the previous did not keep track of that information; do you not have records of those in your office, because you said that you actually handle those?

Supervisor Zambrano answered no. She said the previous vendor was under a different supervisor so she doesn't have any records from the previous vendor.

David McDevitt: This is going to be fairly lengthy, and I apologize for that in advance...

Supervisor Zambrano asked him what it was about.

David McDevitt replied it was special districts.

Supervisor Zambrano told him that we did have the public hearing the other day, at which time we took into consideration the comments, so we have come to a conclusion about this. She said she didn't know how lengthy he wanted to be at this late date.

David McDevitt said he just wanted to discuss some information that he discovered since Monday night because the information was asked by the Board about the Cicero Fire District and the fact that they have a negative fund balance at this point, and he wants to understand what happened with that.

Supervisor Zambrano said she wasn't sure that that was appropriate to discuss at this point and time.

Councilor Venesky said he would prefer to have the Comptroller actually come up with those numbers.

David McDevitt replied that was fine. He said the anecdote that was given at the end of the meeting was that if someone spends one hundred dollars and asks for fifty will you give it to them. He said this town has been doing that for the last several years. Looking at the information that he pulled from the website for today (for the agenda for tonight on the summary sheet), we have 4.7 million dollars that is unfunded for expenses for 2016. Where is that money going to come from?

Supervisor Zambrano said she was not sure that any of them agree that we have 4.7 million dollars unfunded. She told Mr. McDevitt that she believed it was inappropriate to have this discussion at this time. If he would like to write his reasons for what he believes is a discrepancy, and she doesn't believe they have a discrepancy (they have had the Comptroller and the Budget Officer checking these numbers time and time again), but they certainly would consider what he has to say, but she doesn't think it's appropriate to do this right now.

David McDevitt said he believed it was, because we are voting to accept these budgets.

Supervisor Zambrano advised him that we finished the public hearing the other day.

David McDevitt said he was looking at her final numbers that were posted that day.

Supervisor Zambrano told him to give them his information later.

Councilor Becallo told Supervisor Zambrano he believed she should allow Mr. McDevitt a chance to talk that evening. He agreed that they were about to vote on a budget but David McDevitt is a citizen here, and he believes he should have a chance to at least let them know what he is thinking.

David McDevitt said looking at the summary sheet, there is a total of \$10,900,514.00 for 2016 for our appropriations. Looking at our revenues, other than fund balance and tax \$2,098,820.00. The appropriated fund balance \$483,194.00, and our tax levy is \$8,318,500.00. If you add up the revenue information that we see there that equals our \$10,900,514.00 for our appropriations, it does not however cover the 4.727 million dollars of special districts. If he takes the total appropriations and the special districts for expenses and add them together, he comes up with \$15,628,040.00. Where are we coming up with the 4.7 million dollars to cover the special districts?

Jim Rowley replied that the special district budget is a separate budget. The special district budget is in balance, appropriations equal the tax levy, and you have to look at the special district budget to understand that. There's a separate summary in the special district budget; we are not out of balance, at all. The special districts budget are completely in balance. The general fund budgets are in balance, and as you know, we are budgeting a planned deficit of \$483,000, which is the use of fund balance. He commented that if people want to bring these questions and concerns up to the Board

they should probably just ask some questions of people that maybe know the process a little bit better.

Supervisor Zambrano said she agreed.

David McDevitt's last comment was that the summary that they provide to the public does not account for the revenue that's going to cover those special districts.

Supervisor Zambrano: It is very difficult to react to such serious concerns at the last moment. I will plead again to members of the public, to residents, to property owners, that if they have concerns to bring them up ahead of time. We have worked on this budget arduously and we have done it with a great deal of concern, so it's a little bit discomfoting to have someone stand up, who doesn't understand the budget clearly; hasn't asked any questions of our budget people and make statements that we don't know what we are doing. So, you need to take that and remember for the process next year.

David McDevitt: I understand. I would like to rebuttal that, briefly.

Supervisor Zambrano: I don't think so. I think we're done and we're ready to vote. There's a public input at the end of the meeting, and you can speak then.

- **2016 Special Districts Budget for the Town of Cicero:**

Supervisor Zambrano moved the adoption of a resolution approving and adopting the proposed 2016 Special Districts Budget for the Town of Cicero, as amended. Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Ayes – 4 and Noes – 1. *Motion carried. Councilor Becallo voting no.*

Councilor Becallo: No. Trash Contract.

- **2016 Fire Protection Services' Budget for the Town of Cicero:**

Supervisor Zambrano moved the adoption of a resolution approving and adopting the proposed 2016 Fire Protection Services' Budget for the Town of Cicero, as amended. Motion was seconded by Councilor Venesky.

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

Councilor Becallo: I have to abstain. Conflict of interest, I am a volunteer.

- **Amend the 2016 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Cicero**

Supervisor Zambrano moved the adoption of a resolution to amend the 2016 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Cicero, as specified. Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Ayes – 4 and Noes – 1. *Motion carried. Councilor Becallo voting no.*

Councilor Becallo: I'm opposed; there are no real cuts in this budget.

- **Resolution approving and adopting the proposed Town of Cicero's 2016 Budget:**

Supervisor Zambrano moved the adoption of a resolution approving and adopting the proposed Town of Cicero's 2016 Budget, as amended. Motion was seconded by Councilor Becallo.

Ayes – 4 and Noes – 1. *Motion carried. Councilor Becallo voting no.*

Councilor Becallo: I am opposed, like I said before there's no real cuts in this budget. I never said cut services; I say 'cut expenses.' We've all seen my presentation, so I'll save time and I won't go over all of it, but I've been talking about the same thing for two years now. Let's take a quick trip back down memory lane; I'd like to do that this evening. I'm talking about tax rates; rates for the town. So the Rates per thousand Assessed Value, so back in:

- 2012 the rate was 1.2416,
- 2013 it was 1.7566,
- 2014 it was 1.896, and
- 2015 it was 2.0032; it almost doubled in four years,

then this new budget that came out increased to the assessed value per thousand is 2.4032; it's actually a little less than actually what Mr. Rowley said in 2016, so in five years it has actually more than doubled. So looking at a house assessed at \$100,000, without special districts or highway, because remember Highway we borrow, and borrow, and borrow. Since 2012, your Town Tax line on your tax bill has increased by 61 percent; including this year's budget, it's 93 percent.

Councilor Venesky: How much money does that represent?

Councilor Becallo: That I actually don't have on this page.

Councilor Venesky: Percents don't mean much; it's the actual dollar amount.

Councilor Becallo: For one of those, it was actually without 2015, it was from 2012, the Town Tax line it was up (again, it was without trash, without the special districts because we all know those always goes up as well), it was from 2012 and 2015 on a home that was \$115,000, their tax went up \$120 in four years; that's quite a bit.

Supervisor Zambrano said she wasn't sure she agreed with that.

Councilor Becallo: You can have your opinion, you already voted; this is my time to talk. But again, 93 percent, a small amount, the big number is still a big number. Something we all need to remember in this room, and again, Cicero's way to combat that is by borrowing millions and millions of dollars, as well as taking money from the fund balance. So again, it doesn't seem to hit your tax bill immediately, but again everyone, you will be paying that back. The one question I ask, will we need to make cuts on expenses, we never do. This last budget went up; it increased again 'cause they can't make decisions on cuts. Then the question that I've been asking since the beginning, that I emailed a bunch of times, and I never really got answers back. I got one answer back from the Supervisor that said she disagrees with all my comments; that's fair, I at least got an email back, so I appreciate that. But the question was, 'where in this budget does it actually get us back on track to move to fiscal stability', I'm still waiting on that answer. So again, I vote no.

Councilor Venesky: Well thank you for your comments. I would ask you a couple of questions:

1. How much time did you spend with the comptroller looking at the budget this year?

Councilor Becallo said that's an easy one, I don't trust her numbers, so I didn't do it all.

Councilor Venesky: Did you sit down with any of the department heads and question them about their expenses or their purchases?

Councilor Becallo: Mark, here's the thing...

Councilor Venesky: I'm asking you a question, yes or no.

Councilor Becallo: I'm going to answer your question. How much time did I spend with the department heads, I didn't spend much, because do you know what the department heads tell us to do, 'just keep increasing their budgets' because again, there's department

heads that we have here that don't even live in this town so they don't have 'skin in the game.'

Supervisor Zambrano said 'let's get on with the agenda'.

Councilor Becallo said, 'Sorry, I'm fighting for the people.'

The 2016 Preliminary Budget with the modifications in Addendum A, which was adopted is available on the Town's website: www.ciceronewyork.net or a hard copy is available for review in the Town Clerk's office.

The Preliminary Budget as approved becomes the 2016 Final Budget per Town Law.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A ZONE CHANGE FOR THE PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 6054 EAST TAFT ROAD, NORTH SYRACUSE, N.Y.
(Tax Map #057.-02-14.0)**

Tim Coyer, Ianuzzi & Romans: The property is located on East Taft Road. The airport is located just to the south of us. The property is approximately 5.15 acres of land. Currently it is zoned General Commercial, they are asking to change the zone to General Commercial Plus. (Mr. Coyer showed the audience a map of the area and surrounding businesses that were General Commercial Plus also). The client would like to use the property for his personal business.

Supervisor Zambrano asked what the nature of that business is.

Tim Coyer said his client was a site contractor.

Supervisor Zambrano asked what the square area was.

Tim Coyer replied 5.15 acres, approximately.

Supervisor Zambrano asked if the strip immediately to the left of the property was privately owned and if there is anything on that land.

Tim Coyer said it was privately owned, but he didn't know if there was anything on that land.

Councilor Cushman: That is the only property left that is General Commercial, everything else in General Commercial Plus, right?

Tim Coyer: Correct.

Supervisor Zambrano asked the board members if they had any questions for Mr. Coyer, of which there were none.

Supervisor Zambrano stated she had proof of publication, which was posted.

The public notice read as follows:

<p><u>TOWN OF CICERO PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE</u></p> <p>PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Cicero, County of Onondaga and State of New York, to consider a Zone Change from General Commercial to General Commercial Plus for the property locates at 6054 East Taft Road, North Syracuse, N.Y. (Tax Map #057.-02-14.0).</p> <p>PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing will be held on the aforesaid application at the Town Hall, located at 8238 Brewerton Road, Cicero, New York 13030, on the 18th day of November, 2015, commencing at approximately 6:30 P.M., local time, at which time all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.</p> <p>DATED: October 29, 2015</p> <p>TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CICERO, COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK</p>

Supervisor Zambrano opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Supervisor Zambrano asked if anyone would like to comment either for or against.

Judy Boyke: I believe that it is a good move, but she would also ask that the property next door, that those owners be offered the opportunity to also go to General Commercial Plus seeing as we did a mass zone change on Taft Road just, probably, 6 or 8 months ago. As long as that's the only piece of property left it would make sense if they do so choose to do it that it would be given to them at the same time.

Supervisor Zambrano asked Mrs. Boyke if she knew who owns that property.

Judy Boyke said she believed it was Flaherty's property.

Supervisor Zambrano said that was the information that she had, and said yes they would reach out to the Flahertys' on that.

Supervisor Zambrano solicited any further comments, of which there were none.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

Supervisor Zambrano said her understanding is that the Planning Board also recommended this zone change.

Supervisor Zambrano solicited any comments or discussion from the Town Board.

Councilor Venesky: I think that Mrs. Boyke brought up a good point, with the other property owners; we will do it all in one sweep.

Supervisor Zambrano said it was up to them.

Councilor Cushman read the following resolutions:

SEQRA: Move for the adoption of a resolution that the application of Savannah Civil Sitework, LLC, for Zone Change from General Commercial (GC) to General Commercial Plus (GC+) for the property located at 6054 East Taft Road, North Syracuse, N.Y. 13212, Tax Map #057.-02-14.0 is an unlisted action with a completed Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF). The proposed project involves no other permit-granting agency outside the Town with respect to lands located in the Town of Cicero. The proposed project *will not* have a significant effect on the environment and therefore it *does not* require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Motion was seconded by Supervisor Zambrano.

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

DECISION: Move for the adoption of a resolution approving the application of Savannah Civil Sitework, LLC, for a proposed change of zone from General Commercial (GC) to General Commercial Plus (GC+) for the property located at 6054 East Taft Road, North Syracuse NY 13212, Tax Map #057.-02-14.0, as proposed. Motion was seconded by Councilor Venesky.

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

SOUTH BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING

- **Professional Landscape Architectural Design and Engineering Services for the vacated South Bay Fire Department building:**

Councilor Venesky moved for the adoption of a resolution to enter into an agreement with Kelinger Freeman Associates for professional landscape architectural design and engineering services for the vacated South Bay Fire Department building at 8817 Cicero Center Road, as outlined in the scope of services proposed dated

November 10, 2015, for a fee not to exceed \$7,000.00, and to authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

Supervisor Zambrano made a correction due to a typo the agreement is with **Keplinger Freeman Associates**.

Public Input:

Judy Boyke asked if this contract was put out to bid.

Supervisor Zambrano replied no. It's a professional services agreement and it was not put out to bid and neither was it required to be put out to bid.

Judy Boyke: As you commented on Monday that I asked about a line item for the Stirpe Grant and you said we don't have it. How, when we are raising the tax over 8 percent, even though it's \$7,000, where is this money coming from; it's not a budgeted item?

Supervisor Zambrano said no, but I did speak to the Comptroller and she assures me that at the end of the year there will be money available to pay this fee; it's coming out of appropriated funds, I mean we are not going into fund balance for it.

Judy Boyke: There's always a way to find money, but this is money...we don't even own this building, so to speak, we don't even know if we are going to have this building. I can't believe that you're in such a big hurry to go ahead and do designing on something we don't even own when we are sitting here having a problem trying to balance our budget; I just can't believe it.

Councilor Venesky: Well, number one we don't have the option of taking 2.3 million dollars out of fund balance like you did Mrs. Boyke.

Judy Boyke: Don't start that Mark, that's pretty sad.

Councilor Becallo: On the other hand, we cannot get the Stirpe Grant and move forward with that unless we get the building evaluated.

Judy Boyke: That's not true. I know how a purchase offer works, it's not true.

Supervisor Zambrano: No Mrs. Boyke, he is correct. We have to own the building before we can be assured of receiving the \$250,000 grant. I have discussed this many times with Assemblyman Stirpe and that is the process; we have to own the land, we have to own the building before he can assure that we will get that. You are free to call him if you like. Now don't forget that we are purchasing this property for one dollar and it's a good deal. Part of the purchase agreement is that we bear the expenses for this subdivision, etc., because its tax payer dollar whether it comes from the fire department or from us.

Judy Boyke: I know. It just bothers me that we're in such a hurry to rush forward with that when we are having an issue with money right now.

Supervisor Zambrano asked Robert Germain if he wanted to add anything else; we are trying to subdivide the property.

Robert Germain: Subdivision of the property is one of the contract contingencies, and it's our Satisfactory Subdivision Approval. To do that, though, we need to actually have the legal descriptions drawn and a perimeter description along with both parcels. I had a couple of meetings with the department about where we are going to place the lines, and I had a meeting also with Keplinger preliminarily to set up what we would need in terms of these subdivision approvals, so we need those services to move ahead.

Supervisor Zambrano asked the Board if they had any questions or comments before they took a vote, of which there were none.

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

2015 DRAINAGE PROJECTS

Councilor Conway said this is the last work that we will do this year on the drainage contracts.

Councilor Conway made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve \$35,000.00 to LaFleur Constructors, Inc. to complete the 2015 Drainage Projects left on the board. Motion was seconded by Councilor Becallo.

Councilor Becallo: With the remaining money that's available the \$35,000 that's all that's left, we are not going beyond that are we?

Councilor Conway said no.

Supervisor Zambrano said that's the last project; there's still money in that line though.

Councilor Becallo asked how much is left.

Supervisor Zambrano said she thinks about \$50,000. She told Councilor Becallo to remind her if she forgets, she likes to see the request in writing. She asked him to email her.

Councilor Becallo: Absolutely.

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

- \$5,000.00 to Schneider Brothers Corporation for repairs to trucks #40 and truck #9
- \$1,900.00 to SnoDepot for stainless steel oil pan and gaskets for truck #35
- \$1,089.06 to Hi-Line, Inc. for terminals, seals, rivets, unions-hose parts
- \$2,404.32 to Allied Spring for kingpins, front springs truck #16

Motion was seconded by Councilor Cushman.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

A. Councilor Cushman moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the following purchases:

- \$1,224.18 to MS Unlimited to replace destroyed Portable Toilet (Gateway Park-unit burned down)
- \$1,935.05 to WB Mason to replace 13 tables, ten of them at the Senior Center(10) and three (3) for the Highway Department

Motion was seconded by Councilor Venesky.

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

B. Councilor Cushman moved the adoption of a resolution to accept an accumulative donation totaling \$1,375.00 for trees at the Bennett Street Improvement Project. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Zambrano.

Ayes - 5, Noes – 0, and Abstentions -1. *Motion carried. Councilor Becallo abstaining.*

Councilor Becallo: I donated money, so I cannot vote on it.

Supervisor Zambrano asked Jody Rogers if she picked the type of tree that's going in.

Jody Rogers said the trees were in. They were selected from the National Grid list; Japanese Lilac trees.

Councilor Venesky thanked Helen Carroll for the work she did on that. He said we are going to have a great park and a great hamlet of Brewerton when this all comes together and it's done.

Supervisor Zambrano thanked Helen and Wayne Carroll.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Councilor Venesky moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the October Drivers Village maintenance invoices for the Police Department vehicles in the amount of \$2,650.50. Motion was seconded by Councilor Becallo.

Councilor Venesky told Joe Snell with those cars coming next year on the lease program this budget should pretty much disappear because we will be under warranty with those vehicles.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Hamlet of Brewerton Tree Lighting:

Councilor Venesky announced the Hamlet of Brewerton will be having their tree lighting on Sunday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. The tree lighting will take place at the Brewerton Fire Department on Route 11. He encouraged and invited everyone on behalf of Brewerton to attend.

Town of Cicero Tree Lighting:

Councilor Venesky announced that the Town of Cicero will have our tree lighting on Friday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. It will take place at Sleeth Park on Route 11 across from M&T Bank, and festivities will continue at the Cicero Fire Department.

PUBLIC INPUT

Don Snyder: I just need to say to the young gentleman that's been working with the budget [Councilor Becallo], I've been working with this budget for now about 7 years. I understand his confusion, but I also understand that I can get answers; Shirlie [the Comptroller] actually will answer, will email. I have had questions for Madam Supervisor, I have gotten the same thing; you need to ask the questions. The special district sheet that we got on Monday does show the tax liability for each one of the items, which is Don Snyder uses when I say that it doesn't cost much for fire because I take my tax bill, I look at what it is for my \$170,000 house, so it is there, but I understand the confusion. But I also know from talking with Shirlie and you all that this isn't something we set up in the beginning; we know we are going to change it. I think the suggestions that Mike and Mark made relative to looking at the expenses to date, that's something that I know Jody does every month; I'm sure other department heads look at that at time to time. We know that is also the way that we need to change how we are looking at the money as we go each month. So I understand his confusion but I know the answers are available.

Supervisor Zambrano: The Comptroller will generate for the public any requests for information and for the Town Board as well. If a Town Board member wants a copy of year-to-date spending in *any* area for *any* line she can produce that and is willing to do that.

Deborah Gardner: Less than one-third of the eligible voters in Cicero cast a ballot on November 3rd for town officials. Also, I attended a few workshops concerning the budget and this room was never full, as a matter of fact sometimes there were only maybe three or four residents and the rest were town employees. So I think perhaps Mr. Becallo is

more concerned about the increase in taxes than most taxpayers, otherwise these taxpayers would be filling this room and voting in record numbers. Many think it is just not worth their time for 25 dollars a year to vote or attend these workshops.

Supervisor Zambrano solicited any further input, in which there was none.

ADJOURN

Supervisor Zambrano moved the adoption of a resolution to adjourn the Town Board meeting.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Venesky.

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

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Tracy M. Cosilmon
Town Clerk