

STATE OF NEW YORK
ONONDAGA COUNTY
TOWN OF CICERO

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The Cicero Town Board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cicero Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, NY 13039.

Present: Jim Corl, Supervisor
Jessica Zambrano, Councilor
C. Vernon Conway, Councilor
Lynn Jennings, Councilor

Others Present: Tracy Cosilmon, Town Clerk
Christopher Woznica, Highway
Joseph Snell, Police Chief
Neil Germain, Germain & Germain, Town Attorney
Bruce W. Letts, C & S Companies, Town Engineer

Absent: Tim Burtis, Councilor

Supervisor Corl indicated where the fire exits were and read the following statement:

The Cicero Town Board acknowledges the importance of full public participation in all public hearings and therefore urges all who wish to address those in attendance to utilize the microphones located in the front of the room. At this time please turn off your cell phones and asked all town councilors to speak clearly into the microphones to enable all to hear. If anyone is unable to hear please let them know so can take any corrective action.

Supervisor Corl introduced special guest, David Hadley from Boy Scout Troop 116, a 7th grader at Gillette Road Middle School who led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Jennings requested a moment of silence be observed in remembrance of our men and women serving in the Armed Forces in harm's way.

S.E.Q.R.

(State Environmental Quality Review Act)

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution that all actions taken tonight are Type Two (2) or Unlisted actions under the New York Environmental Quality Review Act unless otherwise determined. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes - 4 and Noes- 0. *Motion carried.*

APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Councilor Jennings moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the minutes of the September 25th, 2013 Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes- 4 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD

Councilor Jennings moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the minutes of the October 4th, 2013 Special Town Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Ayes- 3 and Noes – 0. Abstained – 1 Councilor Zambrano
Motion carried.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the following budget modifications:

TOWN BOARD MEETING
10/09/2013

2013
BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

| FROM | | \$ | | TO |
|----------|-----------------------|----------|--|---|
| DB514043 | Topsoil | 4951.00 | | DB513054 Sewer Jet |
| DB514245 | Snow/Removal Rental | 1500.00 | | DB513043 Hoses |
| DB514047 | Contract- Brush | 340.00 | | DB513041 Brakes/Parts/Repairs |
| DB514045 | Brush Misc | 714.60 | | DB513041 Brakes/Parts/Repairs |
| DB514048 | Sweeper Rental | 2324.00 | | DB511045 Typar/Pipe |
| DB514044 | Solid Waste Disposal | 1000.00 | | DB51304 Oil/Fluid Bulk |
| DB513056 | Vehicle Inspections | 135.00 | | DB513054 Sewer Jet |
| DB513045 | Motors | 2500.00 | | DB513054 Sewer Jet |
| DB513052 | Mower | 300.00 | | DB513054 Sewer Jet |
| A71101 | Parks Personal Ser | 4951.00 | | A711040 Parks Supplies 869.00 |
| | | | | A711045 Improv/Rehab 4082.00 |
| A135511 | Assessment Review | 500.00 | | A1355435 Postage |
| A19904 | Contingent Acct | 1000.00 | | A35104 Dog Control Contractual |
| A19904 | Contingent Acct | 500.00 | | A142042 Attorney – Town Code |
| A19904 | Contingent Acct | 15000.00 | | A142044 Attorney – Litigation |
| B312040 | Police Contractual | 2500.00 | | B312043 Police Gas |
| B80104 | Zoning Contractual | 350.00 | | B801043 Car Maintenance/ Fuel 200.00 |
| | | | | B8010435 Zoning Postage 150.00 |
| B31201S | Police Shift Diff | 5060.00 | | B31201 OT Police Personal Serv OT |
| A13301 | Tax Receiver Pers Ser | 205.83 | | A13301 OT Tax Personal Serv OT |

2013 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

| Revenues | | Appropriation | |
|----------|---|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| A599 | Appropriated Fund Balance 500.00 | A960 | A7110456 Riverside Park Town Part |
| A510 | Estimated Revenue A2705 9750.00 | A960 | A7110456 Riverside Park Donation |
| A510 | Estimated Revenue A2680 Ins Recoveries 575.00 | A960 | A711045 Improv/Rehab Parks |

GRANTS

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| B510 | Estimated Revenue B3389 Local Gov Records Mang | 18389.00 | A960 A80104 LGRMIF 16139. A80102 LGRMIF 2250. |
| B510 | Estimated Revenue B3389STEP | 1193.45 | B960 B31201D OT STEP OT Personal Ser |

Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Ayes – 4 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

**RECOGNITION OF LORI A. DIETZ, P.E., VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS AT
CENTERSTATE CORPORATION FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, FOR HER ONGOING
EFFORTS WITH THE DEVELOPMENT WITH HANCOCK AIRPARK**

Supervisor Corl said they had a special recognition that evening for Lori Dietz, Vice President of Operations at Centerstate Corporation for Economic Opportunity for her ongoing efforts with the development with Hancock Airpark and its development over the course of many, many, years. It has become a premier location for businesses within the whole Central New York community and it is right here within the town.

He introduced Kathy Rapp, from the 5th district of the County Legislature who wanted to share some of the experiences she had with Lori and the airpark.

Kathy Rapp explained that she is in the 5th district, which means she represents the part of Cicero where the airpark is located. She came into the legislature in 1998, and at that point Nick Pirro called her and said they had this idea about trying to develop that old airpark out there; which the County had owned for a while, but it had lain fallow because nobody could develop it, nobody wanted to develop it, because there is no infrastructure in there. But they thought that it had an awfully good location and there was some opportunity and some potential. So the MDA (Metropolitan Development Agency) at the time, which is now CenterState CEO, (CenterState Corporation for Economic Opportunity) and the County forged a partnership to see if they could work together (public/private), and try to get something to happen there. Some kind of groundbreaking legislation, back then the County was flush with cash. They decided to take a risk and take a million dollars and invest it into Hancock Field as a loan to the MDA, that over time, when they would sell the property back, they would pay that loan back and we should have had that done in a year or two that should've been no problem. Well, fifteen or sixteen years later we can finally claim victory. After all of that time, the airpark is fully developed. That first million dollars they ended up getting levered against many, many, grants from the state and the feds and she thinks much of that happened due to the honored guest that evening, Lori Dietz. Coincidentally, the MDA hired Lori and gave her this project to see through. They had a board which had a rotating cast of characters; she and Lori were the only ones that were there from beginning to end. She was happy to say, that role is just about ended; the Hancock Field is about to be dissolved because their mission is accomplished, there is no longer a need for government involvement, the private sector is alive and well and thriving in Hancock Field. There are over 750 people who didn't have jobs before, who now have high-paying, primarily manufacturing jobs right here in Cicero. Everybody is on the tax rolls giving back to the community that million dollars has been paid back to the County, with interest. She heard that evening that there is a Chapter 2. All that airbase housing that's out there, which has been a problem, originally it was going to cost 6 million dollars to raise that because of all the environmental concerns, but because of the good stewardship of Lori Dietz they wound up with 4 million dollars left over from that airpark; which they just got word from the state that they are going to be able to transfer to get rid of that housing, do that clean-up, leaving 50 acres here in Cicero to develop and continue the good work of the MDA and the private sector.

Supervisor Corl acknowledged a couple of guests that were with Lori Dietz: David Mankiewicz, Tom Blanchard from CenterState CEO and also, Rob Simpson, President of CenterState CEO.

A slideshow of some of the highlights (listed below) of Hancock Airpark's History, Status and Future was shown:

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History, Status and Future



September 2013

- There was the history of the airpark; it was a former air force bomber base built during World War II, it closed in 1984.
- The history of the MDA working with U.S. Senate for the initial 1 million dollars that Kathy had referred to.
- Current Board of Directors that he and Kathy Rapp are on. Obviously the goals have been accomplished; creating jobs in the private sector, the master plan, the renovations, the businesses created, the transfer of ownership of utilities – which the Town has accepted most of those.
- How they accomplish their goals.
- The Master Plan – 52 acres of property returned to the tax rolls. (He told Lori that was amazing).
- New businesses transformed from the vacant abandoned buildings: Air Innovations, Albany Molecular, Empire Crane (who may be expanding more in the near future), Gaylord Brothers, ICM (300 jobs), JADAK Technologies (who is undergoing a 45,000 sq. ft. addition), Hoffman Distribution (who will also be expanding the distribution center and the staff), G.A. Braun.

He asked Lori if she would give a brief summary.

The audience applauded.

Lori Dietz thanked everyone and gave a brief summary on the following:

- They managed to bring in over 12 million dollars in state and federal funds to help them do the redevelopment of this park.
- 52 acres are now on the tax rolls that were tax exempt previous to this development.
- There are nine (9) new buildings.
- Private investment of over 36 million dollars (which is probably more now with the JADAK expansion).
- Over 750 jobs in the park.

Lori Dietz said with great sincerity and emotion what a pleasure this has been for her. She said it has been up and down, but she really wanted to thank the Town Board and the Town Planning Board for all the assistance and the guidance they provided to her over the last 15 years because this would not have happened without their assistance. She had worked with a lot of the boards and they changed a lot over the years and every single one of them has been very helpful in doing this. She expressed her appreciation to the Town of Cicero for making this possible.

Supervisor Corl thanked Lori for all of her cooperation and help.

A large round of applause was given for Lori.

Kathy Rapp said you hear so much about government squabbling and this is such a wonderful example of what can happen when the public and private sector really get in sync and work together with mutual goals. She couldn't be prouder of everything that has happened here and it has been an absolute pleasure working with Lori all of these years.

With that, Kathy Rapp said she had a resolution from the entire County Legislature recognizing and honoring Lori Dietz and the Hancock Field Development Corporation for their contributions to our community. She didn't read all of the resolution, but she said it was resolved that she (Kathleen Rapp, Legislature) and all the members of the Onondaga County Legislature do hereby recognize and honor Lori Dietz and the Hancock Field Development Corporation for their contribution to our community.

The audience applauded.

Supervisor Corl said on behalf of the Town of Cicero they had put together a collage of all the businesses and their appreciations.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE 2012 RECIPIENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE RECREATION AND PARKS SOCIETY AND CENTRAL NEW YORK RECREATION AND PARKS SOCIETY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING FACILITY FOR THE CANTEEN BUILDING RENOVATION AND ADDITIONALLY, ALSO FOR THE CENTRAL NEW YORK RECREATION AND PARK SOCIETY EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAM AWARD – CICERO FARMERS MARKET

Supervisor Corl said they also had a couple of recognitions that he and Jody Rogers had been coordinating for a few months and they finally picked a good time that works for everybody.

First, was the acknowledgement of the 2012 Recipient of the New York State Recreation and Parks Society and Central New York Recreation and Parks Society Award for Outstanding Facility of the Year that went to the CanTeen building renovations and additions. The CanTeen was recognized earlier this year on March 18th with the New York State Parks and Recreation Parks Society that they presented and that was a fantastic award and also the Central New York Parks & Recreation Society which is the official organization of the Leisure Service Industry in Central New York; they presented their award on March 8th to the CanTeen. So they wanted to recognize the outstanding efforts of Jody and Toni'Lyn for all their hard work to make those accomplishments.

RECOGNITION OF SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM (JUDY DICKSON) AND CANTEEN (TONI'LYN BRAUCHLE)

Supervisor Corl said they also wanted to acknowledge the Senior Center. He said it's a 1st Class Place, it's probably the best senior center in the whole state/country.

He asked Judy and Toni'Lyn to speak.

Judy guided everyone through a slideshow which had pictures of things they do at the center such as: playing pool, exercising, marching in parades, holiday celebrations, etc.



Toni'Lyn said they have had many opportunities for the seniors and the teens to work together. She explained the slides that showed the CanTeen building, its inside features, their grand opening that happened a year ago March. She said they travel a lot; they have been to the ocean, to Wonderworks to Green Lakes. She also showed a slide of their partnership with the Cicero Police department with the Driver Simulator. They've done some great outdoor activities; they've had a couple of Eagle Scout projects to help with the building. The kids actually do some of the fundraising in conjunction with the seniors. They thanked the Cicero Town Board for their continued support.

Judy Dickson thanked everyone. She has been here 18 years. The center has been in existence, it had been Marketplace Mall in 1991, so they've been around a long time and it wouldn't be so

without everybody on the board and everybody that helped them and our wonderful Parks and Recreation department. Every single one of them has helped Toni and her. If they ran out of money they tore up carpets and found asbestos, and they took down walls. They've done it all to get their centers the way they are. Between the seniors and the town board and everybody in the town, they wouldn't have the center we have. When Supervisor Corl says it's the "best" - it is the best! They've been to a lot of centers over the years and we are the best. So when thinking about what she could say, she picked out things that her seniors have said to her (and she asked their permission to read what they have written and about what they have said about the center) and quite a few of them are here tonight:

"One Friday, my husband and I walked into the center and stayed to play bingo. Our lives have totally changed since that faithful day three years ago. The center has become the center of our lives. We fill our calendar with many activities, including lunches, day trips, etc., provided by the center and then we make our doctors' appointments. We have found our home away from home." - Claire and Don Cary

"When I became a widow in 2006, I thought I was destined to be lonely and inactive - then I found the center. A place to go for those that share my age and feelings, it has become a place to build my future and keep my body and mind active and fit." - Jackie Bashore

"My family is very happy for the center. They don't have to worry about me having enough to eat or having others to visit with. Over the years, when I have issues, I know I can go to the center to discuss my problems and they do everything possible to help. Thank you for having this center available to us." - Shirley Kalin

"On my granddaughters 16th birthday she was diagnosed with a brain tumor. For the 8 months that she was in the hospital, they were there for me and my family. They were there for every benefit held for her and sent prayers our way. She is now cancer free. Believe me, what the center did for me and my family means the world to us." - Zondra VanDerwalker

"The golden years can be beautiful. But, you need a purpose in life and the center gives me that. I'm not sure where I would be if not for the center. It scares me to think of it. It's my Emerald Isle at the end of the Yellow Brick Road." - Anne Barry

Those are statements from her folks and that's what the center means to them.

Judy closed with something a lady had written up for them (who did not want to give her name, but she knows Jody knows who this is) - *"A place to go where you can find someone to talk to, a shoulder to lean on, where love is spoken and laughter is heard, where memories are born, held in our hearts, and cherished. This is our center."*

Toni Lyn said listening to Judy speak and the sentiment from the ladies behind her, the teen center is an echo to the senior center; it really is to those that go to participate in our program. Her understanding, and what she has been told over the years and what she feels over the years, and what they've heard, and the embracement of the kids there is very, very similar. That, they would be making choices that would be less than stellar if they didn't have a place to go where they feel the support of their friends, and it feels like a home away from home and people understand them, and they feel embraced and all of those things. So for her, Judy's folks are very eloquent in their feelings; teens have a little bit of harder trouble expressing that, but they truly do feel the same way. So for her, keeping everyone updated on what's happening there she gave a brief summary:

- They are an active place
- 50 to 75 teenagers every day, on an average. They come streaming from CNS, then the junior high, then the Boces programs and then they are taking advantage of the late buses and then leaving, and then they are coming in after play/practice or they are coming in after a school sport and it's a constant turnover of kids that are coming and getting what they need, spending some time
- This weekend they are going on their annual Camping Retreat to Camp Hollis, which the Senior Center does as well.
- They are always trying to find as many services, supports, and opportunities as they possibly can for the teens in our community. Now having said that, they have built a wonderful relationship with the school district and the police department, as well as some

of the other service providers for the teen population. The police department has been bringing in the Driver Simulator and they are now integrated into the school as well and they are working on Teen Safe Driving Week, so they have a big press conference coming up and all of these things are happening with the police department.

- She was also invited to facilitate one of the opening activities for the staff over at CNS before school started. There was well over 150 staff people. That she was able to take one of the activities that she would do with the teenagers and bring them to staff at the high school and run the activity with them was great. She'd get to know them, CNS High School is an awfully big building, and it's hard for them to get to know each other, let alone the teenagers, so it was nice to be included and invited as part of their team. They worked very well together.
- If it wasn't for the support for the people sitting across the dais, (the Town Board), we would be somewhere totally different from where we are. She truly, truly, appreciates all the support - it means everything to them. They wouldn't be able to open the doors every day and watch the kids come streaming in and watch them tell them about their dramas and what's going on in their grades and watch them interact with each other. In today's society that doesn't happen as frequently as it should; they're all on their cell phones, or they are in front of their computers and they're not necessarily learning social skills on how to interact with each other, so this is a place that they can do that as well.
- The support of the Town of Cicero has made it possible for literally hundreds, and almost thousands now of kids over the last 15 years. To be able to have a place similar to the senior center that they feel is second to none in the state. The senior center and the teen center, together, people comment how well we are run and how well the quality of the programs that they provide is offered and that's to their supervision and to the town board giving us the support we need to make that happen for the people in our communities.

She thanked the board and invited them to come down and drop in any afternoon, probably after 2:30 p.m., when the chaos and the traffic has died down a little out there at CNS. They'd love to see them. They are hosting the Optimist Club tomorrow night for their meeting, so it is nice to be able to have the community come and go and for the kids to see the community come and go.

Everyone applauded.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Corl said we have a promotion and a new hire for the police department.

Staff Promotion

Appoint Officer Steven Amyot to the position of Sergeant with the Cicero Police Department

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to appoint Officer Steven Amyot to the position of Sergeant with the Cicero Police Department, effective October 9, 2013 at a pay rate of \$69,352.00. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

Ayes – 4 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

Steven Amyot was sworn in by Tracy Cosilmon, Town Clerk.

Chief Joseph Snell congratulated Steven as the audience applauded. He explained that the Cicero Police Department uses a unique process for their promotions. They do an Assessment Committee. He found the Assessment Committee process many years ago, down South and very few departments in New York State use this process in order to promote. They had four (4) candidates who had passed the test and all four candidates had to go through an index of massive exercises. They sat in a room for 4 hours answering several questions testing their ability on police knowledge, the policy and procedure of the department and then about a week later, all those answers were sent to a hand-picked group of individuals who are considered some of the best law enforcement executives in Onondaga County and they review those reports and then they put an interview committee together. Steve had to sit before this interview committee and pretty much be questioned by some of the best in Onondaga County from other agencies. No one at that committee was from the town of Cicero. The recommendation from the committee was who he picked as the one that's going to be promoted. It was a rigorous process and Steve has earned it, he deserves it and Chief is very glad to have him on board.

Staff Appointment

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution for approval to hire Ashley Smith, effective October 19, 2013 at a pay rate of \$40,374.00 as Full-Time Police Officer. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes – 4 and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

Supervisor Corl congratulated Ashley.

Ashley Smith was sworn in by Tracy Cosilmon, Town Clerk.

The audience applauded.

Chief Joseph Snell explained that Ashley has a Bachelor's degree from SUNY Oswego in Public Justice & Administration. She currently works full-time for Onondaga County Community College Department of Public Safety as a police officer and she also works part-time for North Syracuse Police Department and also works part-time for Syracuse University Department of Public Safety. We are fortunate to have her and our fortunate luck was that the County was going to hire 12 and they only hired 10, which left her behind, so their loss is our gain.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the hiring of David Lauber to the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certified Mechanics position effective October 21, 2013 at a pay rate of \$22.65/hour. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes – 4 and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

Supervisor Corl asked David to stand.

The audience applauded.

Chris Woznica explained that they went through a huge process to try and find somebody as qualified as David. David comes to us with high recommendations from Ohio State Diesel School and numerous Letters of Recommendations.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER A ZONE CHANGE FROM
COMMERCIAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL PLUS FOR THE PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 7800 & 7802 BREWERTON ROAD (ROUTE 11)
TAX MAP NO.036.-04-19.0

Councilor Zambrano moved the adoption of a resolution to set the date for October 23, 2013 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Cicero Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, NY for a public hearing to consider a zone change from Agricultural to General Commercial for the property located at 7800 & 7802 Brewerton Road (Rt. 11), Tax Map No. 036.-04-19.0. Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Ayes – 4 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A ZONE CHANGE FROM NEIGHBORHOOD
COMMERCIAL TO AGRICULTURAL FOR A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 5860 SOUTH BAY ROAD
(Tax I.D. # part of 038.-02-05.2)

Supervisor Corl stated the applicant, Michael McDermott was there. There was a map of the property being shown on the screen. He asked Mr. McDermott to explain to the board what he was asking for.

Mr. McDermott explained that the property was located at 5860 South Bay Road and was 3.5 acres, where he has a law office. What they are proposing to do is subdivide the

property into two (2) lots. One would be approximately 8/10ths of an acre; which would contain his law office and the remaining property would be 2.6 acres, which they are proposing that it be converted to agricultural and the intention is to put up a small barn and house one or two horses for his wife to have behind the office. Currently the zoning in the neighborhood on every other piece of property on South Bay Road (along that area), on his side of the street and the opposite side of the street are all agricultural and this property butts up to the horse farm that's located down along Route 81 and South Bay Road there also. So it would be in character of the neighborhood.

Councilor Zambrano asked how many acres it was.

Mr. McDermott replied presently there is 3 ½ acres and the agricultural part would be 2.6 acres.

Supervisor Corl solicited any further questions from the board.

Board questions – None.

Supervisor Corl stated the Planning Board Chairman was there, who had a meeting on Monday night and made a recommendation that the town board make the switch back to Agricultural. It is indeed part of the overall scheme of the neighborhood and the other thing is, with being neighborhood commercial, we don't really want a lot of commercial there and if an applicant were to come in and apply to the town, to the planning board, it wouldn't be back in front of you and we could very well have more commercial development along South Bay Road, so it really fits with what we are trying to do to consolidate the town into commercial areas and residential. This will actually help protect it against development. (Without the town board's approval to go back to commercial should the day come where we want to move more commercial into that area).

Supervisor Corl thanked Bob Smith.

Proof of publication and posting was presented to the Town board by Town Clerk.

The public notice read as follows:

TOWN OF CICERO PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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, an application to **consider**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing will be held on the aforesaid application at the Town Hall, located at 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, New York 13039, on the **9th** day of **October 2013**, commencing at approximately **6:30 P.M.**, local time, at which time all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

DATED: September 26th, 2013

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

Public Hearing was opened at 7:16 p.m.

Speaking for –

Tom Beaulieu told Supervisor Corl that it was around 10 years ago when he was on the Planning Board when Mr. McDermott came in and there was a little resistance to it but he has an impeccable piece of property; it's well maintained, there's a small barn in the back and any improvements he would make to that area, changing it back to Agricultural would be a benefit to the Town of Cicero and Mr. McDermott is a good resident and a good neighbor to have on that corner.

Someone in the audience asked where exactly this property is on South Bay.

Supervisor Corl explained that this parcel was located right before you go over Route 81, going towards Driver's Village on the left-hand side.

Speaking against – None.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:19 p.m.

Supervisor Corl solicited any comments or discussion from the board members.

Board Comments

SEORA: Councilor Zambrano moved for the adoption of a resolution that the application of Theresa McDermott for a **ZONE CHANGE** from Neighborhood Commercial to Agricultural for the property located at 5860 South Bay Rd., Tax Map No. 038.-02-05.2 is an Unlisted Action with a completed EAF (Environmental Assessment Form, which is the long form). The proposed action involves no other permit granting agency outside the Town. The Town has conducted and closed a public hearing upon the application and received a recommendation from the Town Planning Board and the County of Onondaga. The proposed action **will not** have a significant effect on the environment and therefore **does not** require the preparation on a DEIS (Draft Environmental Impact Statement). Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Ayes – 4 and Noes – 0. *Motion carried.*

DECISION: Councilor Zambrano moved the adoption of a resolution **approving** the application of Theresa McDermott for **ZONE CHANGE** from Neighborhood Commercial to Agricultural for a portion of the property located at 5860 South Bay Road (Tax I.D. # part of 038.-02-05.2). To be known as Local Law 10 of 2013. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

Ayes – 4 and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
N.Y. STATE WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN CONJUNCTION
WITH C.N.Y. STORMWATER COALITION**

Bruce W. Letts, C & S Companies, Town Engineer said by virtue, the Town of Cicero is a member of the Central New York Stormwater Coalition. The town has the ability to opt to participate in a grant application to the NYS DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) for additional monies to enhance their stormwater management program and the more municipalities that sign up to apply for this grant, obviously the more weight it will have with the DEC. It's not going to be any additional costs to the town and if monies are granted by the DEC it will just go further and enhance the town's stormwater management efforts.

Supervisor Corl said his understanding was that they were looking for a Letter of Intent for the town to allow the participation.

Bruce Letts stated that was correct. There's no cost to the town. The town is already a member and is already committed to stormwater management procedures and if more money was available it would just go further to help our management program.

Supervisor Corl asked for confirmation from Bruce Letts that he would be signing the letter upon his review.

Bruce Letts replied yes.

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to submit a letter of intent to participate in the N.Y. State Water Quality Improvement Project, in conjunction with C.N.Y. Stormwater Coalition. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes - 4 and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

APPROVE PROPOSED HYDRANT #13713 IN THE EXISTING HANCOCK AIRPARK WATER DISTRICT

Supervisor Corl stated he had received a letter from OCWA (Onondaga County Water Authority) requesting the placement of a hydrant that will be located very close to the new JADAK facility and that it has been reviewed by our Codes department.

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to approve and for the Supervisor to execute the application for Hydrant #13713 in the existing Hancock Airpark Water District. The Developer, G.F. Frost Construction Co., Inc. will pay for the hydrant installation in conjunction with the 4" Fire Service. Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Ayes - 4 and Noes - 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE THE STANDARD PRACTICE TO MANDATE THE USE OF ALUMINIZED TYPE 2 METAL DRAINAGE PIPE WHEN CONVEYING WETLAND FLOWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY C&S ENGINEERS, INC.

Bruce W. Letts said he had sent the town a letter (as shown below) which he summarized:



October 1, 2013

Town Board
Town of Cicero
Town Hall
8236 Brewerton Rd.
Cicero, NY 13039

Re: Aluminized Pipe

Dear Board Members:

The Totman Road culvert just north of Taft Road was recently replaced by the Town of Cicero Highway Department. This culvert was a concrete bridge on the upstream end that had been extended using a galvanized corrugated metal pipe when the road was widened. We were asked to inspect the condition of the culvert when a hole appeared on the side of the road. Upon inspection, we found that not only was the connection between the concrete bridge and the corrugated pipe in poor condition, but the bottom of the corrugated pipe had been corroded significantly and the pipe was no longer structurally sound. We recommended that this culvert be replaced, and the project was completed quickly. We previously found the same type of problem at Wooderton Path just east of Treeview Circle. The galvanized corrugated metal pipe is severely corroded and is in the process of being replaced by the Highway Department. In both of these cases the drainage is from wetland areas, is slightly acidic, and the galvanizing is not lasting much more than 20 years.

To address this problem, we recommend that the Town of Cicero Minimum Standards for Sanitary Sewer and Drainage Facilities be modified to require aluminized Type II pipe when any part of the drainage is from a wetland. This pipe is more expensive than galvanized pipe and we only recommend using it in these locations. When the drainage area does not include a wetland, aluminized pipe is unnecessary.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,

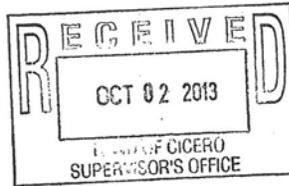
C&S ENGINEERS, INC.

Bruce W. Letts, P.E.
Principal Engineer

DRW/gmm

cc: Mr. Christopher Woznica, Highway Superintendent

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Recently, there has been several instances of culvert failures that the town has had to replace and it was noticed in both of these instances that the culverts that were deteriorated conveyed water from wetlands, which because of the rotting organic matter tends to be corrosive or aggressive in nature, which basically eat through the pipes. There wasn't much left of the piping and he doesn't think they were much older than maybe 20 years old. There was a premature failure because of the wetland drainage, so it's their recommendation, to use a type of pipe that instead of galvanized, has an aluminum coating, (which in testing and field observations has proven to be substantially better at resisting the corrosion from wetland flows). The cost of the pipe is nominally more - maybe 10 – 15%, so it's their recommendation that when the Town Highway department replaces culverts or piping that conveys wetland drainage that they use this type of pipe: Aluminized Type 2 Metal Corragated Metal Pipe in lieu of standard galvanized piping. It's a little more expensive but it could last up to twice as long, as long as thirty or forty years.

Chris Woznica said they are saying an average of 25 to 35 years.

Bruce Letts thinks it is well worth the additional cost and certainly having Chris not to have to go in and do emergency repairs and the activities that surround that.

Supervisor Corl asked Chris Woznica if he was in agreement.

Chris Woznica replied yes.

Councilor Jennings commented that on Bruce's letter the last line reads a little bit different:

This pipe is more expensive than galvanized pipe and we only recommend using it in these locations. When the drainage area does not include a wetland, aluminized pipe is unnecessary.

Councilor Jennings asked if that meant that was only going to be used in certain situations.

Bruce Letts replied that was correct. It was a good point.

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the standard practice to mandate the use of Aluminized Type 2 Metal Drainage Pipe when conveying wetland flows, as recommended by C&S Engineers, Inc. Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Ayes - 4 and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

PURCHASE APPROVALS FOR YOUTH BUREAU, PARKS & RECREATION

Councilor Jennings moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the following Purchase and Staff Approvals for the Youth Bureau, Parks & Recreation Department:

- A. \$2,360.00 to Maxian & Horst for Professional services for park development at Central Park
- B. \$1,000.00 to Palmer Electric to replace security light damaged by wind storm at Skyway Park
- C. \$3,081.02 to National Grid to replace lighting at Central Park through Smartwatt program (energy savings)
- D. Staff Appointment of Tyler Lawrence as a Recreation Attendant at a pay rate of \$7.25/hour, hire date October 7, 2013

Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes - 4 and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MISCELLANEOUS HIGHWAY ITEMS TO BE PUT OUT FOR SEALED BID

Councilor Conway moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the following miscellaneous Highway items to be put out for sealed bid:

- A. 2000 Chevrolet pick-up with rotted frame – as is
- B. 1990 Johnson sweeper – as is

- C. 1987 Auto-car dump truck – as is
- D. 2005 MI-T-M Pressure washer – as is
- E. Approx. 22-Trurck radios- non narrow bandable
- F. 40 ton Manley 933 hydraulic press 6-48
- G. 30 ton Carolina CP100 60,000 shop press
- H. 1975 Binks/Quincy large air compressor

Said sealed bids shall be opened at the Cicero Town Hall on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. with said awards for the bids to be made at the Regular Town Board Meeting to be held on November 13th, 2013. Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes - 4 and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PURCHASE APPROVALS & STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Councilor Conway moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the following purchase approvals for the Highway Department:

- A. \$5,000.00 to Vitale Robinson for 500 yds. of Item#4 Stone

Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.
Ayes - 4 and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

- B. \$2,000.00 Oswego Tool & Steel for 40' of aluminized pipe and 1 band

Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.
Ayes - 4 and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

- C. \$5,428.16 to Steel Sales Inc. for 200' 8 bands of 36' HDPE Plastic pipe

Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.
Ayes - 4 and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

- D. \$3,500.00 to Tracey Rd. Equipment for Emergency Purchase for #93 sewer jet Repair

Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.
Ayes - 4 and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

APPROVE REQUEST FOR THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO ALLOW MR. JOSEPH CHING TO INTERN IN THE OFFICE AND COMPLETE 120 HOURS OF WORK STUDY FOR COLLEGE CREDIT

Councilor Jennings said there was no cost for the intern and they need to look at if there is any liability to the town.

Supervisor Corl explained to Neil Germain that this was not a paid internship and asked if there were any problems they should be concerned with.

Neil Germain replied no.

Councilor Jennings asked if there was nothing with liability.

Neil Germain replied yes there was. There is premises liability, but they have that with anyone else that walks on the premises.

Supervisor Corl said he knew that Judge DeMarche' had interviewed Mr. Joseph Ching a few times.

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to approve the request for the Justice Department to allow Mr. Joseph Ching to intern in the office and complete 120 hours of work study for college credit. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

Ayes - 4 and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

Councilor Zambrano stated the intern was a student at Broome Community College and asked how long of a period of time the 120 hours would be carried out.

Supervisor Corl said he believed the intern was going to start during his break as he goes to Broome Community College and is majoring in Paralegal Studies.

Councilor Zambrano asked if the intern would be supervised by Judge DeMarche'.

Supervisor Corl replied yes.

Councilor Zambrano asked if he would sign a Confidentiality Release Form.

Supervisor Corl said yes, they will make it a requirement.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE OFFICE MATERIALS (DESK STATIONS/IMPROVED
SAFETY MEASURES FOR FRONT DESK SERVICE) AND RENOVATIONS FOR THE
CODES DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Corl stated this was a project that he, Tracy, Councilor Zambrano, Bernie English, and Steve Procopio have been working on for some time now to modify the Zoning Office. The back room has been cleaned and there has been a need for some additional furniture and also for some modifications to the front area where people present their plans. Bernie has made some recommendations for some better layouts for the office to allow also for some different safety features for our clerks who are receiving information from our public.

He pointed out that he did inform the board about some very positive things for our Zoning office. Over the course of the last few years they did estimate revenue for that office in the amount of \$80,000.00. Last year, he believes they were \$40,000.00 over that and this year we are \$67,000.00 ahead of that \$80,000.00 figure. We've already received almost \$150,000.00 so they've been very busy in that office and he thinks it's very necessary to make these improvements.

Supervisor Corl solicited any questions or comments from the board regarding the memo.

Councilor Zambrano explained that with the implementation of the new software a lot of the hard copies of documents are being scanned and will be entered on the computer. There is less need to have all of the filing cabinets that are currently in the office there so those can be moved out. We are also buying equipment and we need space to install the equipment such as a scanner and other copying equipment. The office will be reconfigured and additional work space will be built for the scanners. Another objective is to move the Code Enforcement offices into the back room so that they are not in the line of sight when people come in to the desk. There is also intent to lower the desks so plans and applications could be spread out at the front desk.

Councilor Jennings asked if they already purchased the scanner.

Supervisor Corl stated Tracy had already obtained a grant for \$36,000.00 for a new scanner.

Supervisor Corl solicited any questions from the board.

Board questions – None.

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to retain the services of William Atkins or other low bidder (because they are waiting for one more to come in), for the renovations to the Codes Office in the amount not to exceed \$3,200.00 and to Just the Right Stuff Office Supply Company for office furniture and labor for installation of the office equipment and desks not to exceed \$8,100.00 and for carpeting of the unfinished portion of the office in the amount of \$1,700.00 to JOH Carpets.

Councilor Jennings asked about the removal and disposal of carpeting for both rooms.

Supervisor Corl replied that they were not going to do that. They were just going to get the carpeting for the back room and leave the old carpeting in the front.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Zambrano.

Ayes - 4 and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

Supervisor Corl noted that it is all State Bid and Tracy went above and beyond and got other quotes that were set forth in his memo.

SET PUBLIC HEARING/INFORMATIONAL HEARING FOR OCTOBER 23, 2013,
FOR THE 2014 CICERO TOWN BUDGET

Supervisor Corl explained that since the Town Board has been presented with a budget, the next step is to have an Informational Hearing and Councilor Jennings had some ideas of making that a bit earlier.

Councilor Jennings said that last year they got a lot of backlash because they had an individual that presented something to the board and it took quite a bit of time and there were people that actually left that didn't have time to voice their opinions on the budget. He thinks starting at 5:30 p.m. gives them an hour dedicated to the budget for the public hearing for people to voice their opinions and he thinks it's a fair way to go so they don't end up like last year. His recommendation is that they start at 5:30 p.m. so that the public will be prepared.

Councilor Zambrano suggested that they limit the individuals questionings perhaps to 15 minutes until other people have spoken and once other people have spoken, if there is time left that person can return.

Councilor Jennings disagreed. He said normally at a public hearing he believes it reads that the individual speaks once and they have allowed it for them in the past to come back, but normally you present something one time at a public hearing.

Supervisor Corl said he thinks that at a public hearing that it's protocol, that there's no restraints and asked Neil Germain if that was correct.

Neil Germain replied yes. The typical protocol for a public hearing is the public comes up, they speak, and if you are wanting to hear it you are in control of whether and how you are going to allow them to speak, how much time you are going to allow them to speak, how much time you are going to allot them to speak, that's really within your discretion.

Supervisor Corl said as he mentioned to Councilor Jennings before, he is just concerned about people getting home and getting here so he just suggested that maybe they just go with 6:00 p.m. and keep the agenda...

Councilor Jennings said if they are going to tell people and know they are talking about limitation of time, he thinks that they need the full hour. That way, people can get here. He's sure that if they are interested in the budget they will make every attempt to get here for that hour. As he said to a couple of people, we get to vote on our school budget, so we probably need to allow our residents the same opportunities to voice their opinion. He thinks we need the hour; a half hour is just nothing.

Supervisor Corl replied that he really didn't have a problem one way or the other. He just wants to make sure we publish it. We'll put it on the web and the Star Review.

Councilor Jennings moved the adoption of a resolution to set Wednesday, October 23, 2013 beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Cicero Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero for a public hearing/informational hearing for the 2014 Cicero Town Budget. Motion was seconded by Councilor Conway.

Ayes - 4 and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

Supervisor Corl stated they would have their Regular Town Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

SET PUBLIC HEARING/INFORMATIONAL HEARING FOR OCTOBER 23, 2013
AT 6:30 P.M. TO CONSIDER 2014 FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACTS

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to set Wednesday, October 23, 2013 beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Cicero Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero for a public hearing/informational hearing to consider the 2014 Fire Protection Contracts. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

Ayes - 4 and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

SET TOWN BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR OCTOBER 16TH, 2013

Supervisor Corl said they will also have a Town Board Budget Workshop for board members and the budget officer will be present for it. The workshop is open to the public and anybody can attend.

Supervisor Corl moved the adoption of a resolution to set Wednesday, October 16th, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at Cicero Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero for 2014 Town Board Budget Workshop. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

Ayes - 4 and Noes - 0. *Motion carried.*

NORTH AREA MEALS ON WHEELS SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Councilor Jennings said he wanted to get this done before the seniors left, but it didn't make it. It is informational and Tracy will post it and they will probably get it on the website: The North Area Meals on Wheels will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner at their facility on 413 Church Street, North Syracuse on Tuesday, October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. You can call and if you want to put it on a credit card he understands that they are taking those as well. The phone number is 452-1402, they will have take-out or eat-in. The cost is \$7.00 per person, \$4.00 for children. It's pasta, meatballs, Italian bread, chef salad and deserts. This is a fundraiser for the North Area Meals on Wheels.

PUBLIC INPUT

Don Snyder, Mud Mill Road said there were some changes made from the agenda that was put on the website on Friday, and the one that is on the website now (which is the one that they are using) did not say "revised." He thinks it's typical to put on a document that is out, once we put some changes in it, to put "revised" on it so that people will understand that there have been some changes made and they may want to in fact take a look at that. Regarding #9 on the agenda, those of us that don't really know the town well, it would be nice if when we are talking about changes for Codes and things like that for zones maybe kind of give us an idea of where the place is. On agenda item no.9 it talks about 7802 Brewerton Road and he hasn't got a clue as to where that is. But, if they can say it's next to a certain company or it is across from whatever it might be, he thinks it might help some of us get an idea of whether it is really of any concern to us, so maybe just a little more detail when we do those kinds of things.

Regarding #13 on the agenda, Don Snyder doesn't know why the board even dealt with number 13. The Engineer, the Town Highway Superintendent, and elected official worked very hard together and it sounds like Chris wasn't going to use the pipe unless the board said it was okay. Chris was going to use the pipe. Chris will take any positive recommendations from the engineer on the use of any material and he thinks it really is something, he doesn't think the board ought to get involved in approving a particular pipe in a particular situation. He thinks we have enough big things that the board ought to worry about and he thinks just between Chris and the engineer, because they may change and all of a sudden decide that there's an area where they are going to use plastic pipe. He doesn't think as a board they need to worry about whether they are using plastic pipe or not. If all of a sudden they agree that they are going to use stainless steel pipe everywhere and it's going to cost 4x the cost of the pipe we are going to be using than he can understand why they might want to at least be informed of that and agree or disagree that we want to spend that kind of money. He thinks that we are sometimes wasting our time with some of these things.

Don Snyder wanted to remind the board, regarding agenda item no. 18, and in January of 2012 we said we had no work or very little work in the Code office. We eliminated the Director position, we went through a big legal hassle with that situation, and in the meantime we hired some more part-time help, we hired some full-time help and now we are talking about a Director. And they said we got an additional \$40,000 last year and \$60,000 or so this year, he just thinks that we need to give that whole process a little more thought. They are going to have a budget workshop on the 16th, will the public be able to get on the website and get any changes that they might have made to that preliminary budget that was put out on the 4th of October so we have that information before the hearing on the 23rd.

Supervisor Corl said he didn't know what changes are going to be made but if they are, like they do with everything, they always try to make accommodations and put everything on the web.

Don Snyder asked if there are changes made in the one we received on the 14th, those would be on the website so we have time to analyze them and look at them?

Supervisor Corl replied yes.

Don Snyder said as they know, he has a reason to stand on some corners, he won't say why – it's none of their business. But while he was standing on a corner today in Brewerton the Altman Enterprise went by him with their truck and their trailer. Probably at 35/40 miles per hour and one of their employees was standing on the running board of their truck. Problem no. 1 is that he doesn't think that should happen and he doesn't think OSHA, in fact he knows OSHA wouldn't approve of that. The second thing is not one of their people had a hard hat, had glasses, goggles or gloves. He doesn't know if we built that kind of concern into our contract with them but he would think that we ought to make sure that they in fact do follow OSHA guidelines, as it relates to their operation. The reason he really noticed them is because he had 3 bags sitting in front of his house for 3 ½ weeks and there is no way, based on their schedule that he can have 3 ½ weeks of stuff sitting in front of his house. They did pick it up today and the schedule does say that his is the 1st full week and he thinks it's the 3rd full week. Well, he already had the 3rd full week of last month go by, so he is wondering whether or not in fact if we are getting what we paid for with them and he thinks we just need to have that schedule checked because they certainly didn't do his pick-up for the 2nd time of the month last month.

Supervisor Corl said regarding Altman, that he knows that this is the end of the 5 year contract and some of the safety things that they implemented with the trash service perhaps could be referenced and incorporated in a new bid. What they did with the trash contract was make sure people had good driving records, the hauler had to provide them with their safety records, their safety programs, etc. Unfortunately that was not done with the current contract so potentially as that one expires at the end of the year that could be something to be incorporated next year in the bid spec.

Relative to Codes, Supervisor Corl told Don Snyder that he hit the nail on the head. They are doing well over there and part of it is probably because there is a change of leadership over there. He thinks we are getting more stuff done. We've had our Planning Board Chairman very active with the Codes Department and they have gone above and beyond and the numbers are there to prove it. He was glad Don pointed that out.

Deborah Gardner wanted to mention, regarding the Code enforcement, that from her perspective and the perspective of some of her friends, personally, they happen to think that they are doing a much better job. She knows that there's a long way that this town has to go, but they appreciate everybody's efforts. Secondly, she has been an advocate of the town using college interns for several years. She was involved in an internship program at one of her former employers, Bryant & Stratton, as an instructor. She asked if they had the gentleman's resume.

Supervisor Corl replied that they did. They did not post it on the web because it is considered to be a personnel matter.

Deborah Gardner asked if Judge DeMarche' had given them a plan so that they would have an idea of what this young man will be doing. She said they didn't have to answer that but it may be something that they want to consider because maybe Judge DeMarche' may not be here next year or the year after and they may to get another intern and it gives them a basis. She was really glad to see another intern coming into the town.

Supervisor Corl thanked Deborah.

Tom Beaulieu addressed Supervisor Corl and said again, something near and dear to his heart (and he and Supervisor Corl have gone back and forth on emails and discussions) is that there is some signal work being done down on E. Circle Drive, which he was probably aware of. He asked Supervisor Corl if he could give everyone an update on it. He saw that there is a new pole and set of signal huts that have gone in at the Burdick driveway.

Supervisor Corl replied that Syracuse Signal put those in. The County has been in continued negotiations with Burdick to get those turned over, to make them a public utility.

Tom Beaulieu said he was kind of curious as to why they started with a private driveway and didn't go to, say to South Bay and East Circle which is a part of the public roadway and also, East Circle and Hogan, which he sees that the equipment is parked over there, whether they plan on updating that also.

Supervisor Corl said he thinks that once it becomes a public utility the upgrades would be made but not prior.

Tom Beaulieu said because those are all new signal heads at the Burdick driveway; they are the standard 12" LED lights, not the little globe bulbs that we have at other signals like at Frontage Road, so is that only one that he sees at this time that is going to be upgraded.

Supervisor Corl replied yes. He has not been aware of the other ones being turned over and those necessary upgrades being made. The County has been negotiating directly with Burdick.

Tom Beaulieu said East Circle Drive being a Town road, they have jurisdiction over that signal, so who has made the decision to upgrade it?

Supervisor Corl replied that they were going to see about that. The Town of Cicero does not want to get into the business of owning traffic lights. He asked Chris Woznica if we did.

Chris Woznica quickly said no.

Supervisor Corl said the plan is if they are making the transition over to the County that would be included.

Tom Beaulieu said he hopes that the town is going to be proactive in getting the signals up. The one at Frontage Drive even during the day, he's had a few people comment to him, that you can't even see the green lights; they are so dim from basically being burned out with a plastic lens that after 20/25 years they are pretty much shot.

Ray Schader said on the corner of Taft Road and Rt. 298, 40 years ago there used to be a gas station there. They found contaminated dirt. They dug that dirt out of there and put it in a pile and that pond has been there over a year and it's full of water. Is there ever going to be anything ever done to fill that in?

Supervisor Corl said he could take a look, give him a call and he will check the file on it tomorrow.

Ray Schader said, "Talk about mosquitos – it's been sitting there well over a year, instead of filling the hole back in with contaminated dirt. It just sits there".

Supervisor Corl told Ray they would look into it.

Bob Smith said he was there, not necessarily as the Chairman, but he was pretty irritated about the comments about the Codes Office. He's really getting tired of the politics being pushed into it and he wanted to address some of the comments made. Yes, there was a change in the directorship of the codes office. Everyone is perfectly aware of that. Part of it was done in large measure to save money, which we needed to do. But the rest of the story is, as the speaker is completely aware of, is we had the long legal proceeding, was that the change of leadership tried to come back in a Civil Service position – perfectly well aware of this. There was a long hearing process; by the way, the former director who wanted a job was represented by our former Supervisor who is sitting here perfectly well aware. And he is really upset about this is this was a State hearing. This was no decision of this Town Board. It was no decision of anybody in this room. The hearing officer came from Albany, completely, totally uninvolved in town politics which are played too much of a part of our Codes office. After a lengthy process with testimony, including yours, the hearing officer wrote a letter and a ruling and took that individual off the Civil Service List not only for the one position, but for two positions. He personally thinks that one person bore the punishment, but there is certainly culpability that should have been addressed because one of the comments not to Town Boards, not to Planning Boards, and not to the politicians in town was misconduct, but the worst one was gross mismanagement of the office – that falls on the person and the people that run this town. This Board, all of them, he doesn't care what their party is, have worked very hard for two years to get that Codes office up. The Codes office isn't a lot different than the Police department and the Town is working. We are generating more revenue because the Developers are actually coming back here because you can work in the town of Cicero without knowing somebody or you get treated consistently. It gets worse. We have people that were told how to get around SPDES permits; we have people that build corporate headquarters on a shed permit basically – no review. What's going on in the Codes office for years and he sees one of the former Planning Board Chairmen is sitting here tonight. What's gone on in that office for years shouldn't have gone on and it has caused the town to look the way it does and operate the way it does, and we have the problems that we do. So the money this board has invested, all of them, he doesn't care what party they are, they have invested a lot of money, they've hired the professionalism in that office. Steve Procopio has done

a huge job trying to fix this. But to come in here and try to politicize a real effort on the part of the people that we elected to correct the office, you know the things we've been fixing, is wrong. You guys have done a good job, every single one of you. And the Codes office has done a great job. This isn't about politics; this was totally taken...Civil Service hearing they had ... and the ruling came from Albany and that's their thing "mismanagement of the office", and it doesn't all fall on one person; the money they are spending needs to be spent. We need to get the politics out of the office and we have to get a Codes office that comes up and we have codes that protect the town and make the community work. He's just tired of the politics coming and "we are going to turn this into an issue".

Don Snyder replied no their not. His concern here is that we had problems in the Codes office and the supervisors and this goes way back, many people, there was nothing in this individual's file that said he did not do his job correctly. We don't know which one didn't do, or who. In fact, we hired a man named Bernie English, who he knows personally to come in and look at the Codes office and to make recommendations. His report specifically says this document should not be used as a disciplinary tool for anyone. That became a disciplinary tool you guys used that and then you in fact, sure you got the legal process involved, but he's saying that the individual that we took out of that office did not have his time here and so we've used something that we paid money for to in fact ..was he a hundred percent? No. Mr. Smith I know we've had problems there, but we had problems way back in Jay Seitz' time; which goes way back. He is not trying to politicize anything, I'm just trying to say that what we say comes back to haunt us and Jessica knows some things that she said that are going to come back to haunt her.

Supervisor Corl appreciated everybody's comments. And the report, Mr. English came in and he produced a report that was alarming to me, alarming to the town board and that's what instituted the legal proceeding that we went through to disqualify the Director from the Civil Service List. He was disheartened when I read the report that Mr. English produced – which is public and he will make sure it is public: not issuing our operating permits where families gather, children gather, and our town required not "can" or "should" but "must" issue operating permits and it was never done in the town of Cicero and that was under that director's watch. So you direct that office, you're responsible for that office. It came to his attention that these duties and tasks were not being taken care of and frankly, he doesn't have the patience for that and the town shouldn't have patience for it and now it's a new day. Mr. Smith is working hard, Steve's working hard, the board is working hard, to make that a good office and it will be. Will it be tomorrow? No. It's a great office right now. Could it be better? Yes. Will it be 100% better tomorrow? No. But we have to keep the momentum going. We have to keep heading in the right direction for that office, for the community and we will.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes- 4 and Noes- 0. *Motion carried.*

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

Tracy M. Cosilmon
Town Clerk