

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven J. Walters	Supervisor
Michael Quinn	Councilman
Thomas Best, Jr.	Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Catherine A. Rybczynski, Town Clerk
Mary Dosch, Sr. Account Clerk; Walter Rooth III, Town Attorney; Joe Collins, Deputy Town Attorney; Gregory Wickett, Police Chief; Martin Denecke, Director of Youth, Recreation and Senior Services; Michael Quinn, Engineering Consultant; Tom Best, Sr., Highway Superintendent; Charles Naughton, Human Resource and Labor Consultant

Supervisor Walters calls the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Marty Denecke states that regular part-time is a status that the County Personnel Office offers municipalities for people that don't work full time. They also have seasonal part time which is 40 hours per work for five months only and part time which is 19.5 hours per week. The regular part time is between 20 and 39 hours for the entire year. He would like the Town Board to consider regular part time as a way to bring continuity to his department and reward longtime productive staff members. He manages a large department with not many full time employees. He is asking for 7 positions for people that have been with the Town for a long time doing great work. This will have to be addressed with CSEA and there would be potential benefits involved.

The Town Board, Mr. Denecke and Mr. Naughton discuss the details involved in hiring regular part time employees (RPT) in the Town of Hamburg.

Mr. Denecke comments that PRN submitted a proposal for Physical Therapy Services at the Senior Services Center, the Adult Day Care and/or the therapeutic pool. He met with the Town Board earlier this year and was instructed to put out an RFP so that physical therapists in the community would have the chance to make their own proposal. He did that and sent it out to 10 to 12 local physical therapy providers. He had a few phone calls but no one else put in a bid. PRN is a national company and they are operating in many other facilities throughout the country. He has the proposal and can have the Town Attorney review it. They would post their opportunities for physical therapy services and would meet and make appointments with potential clients. PRN would use space in the Senior Center and would pay rent for it. That would help with the cost of operating the Senior Center. They would be available for occupational services as well.

Councilman Quinn questions if there are any liability issues.

Mr. Denecke responds that they would have to meet the Town's insurance requirements and the requirements of the Frontier Central School District because they still own the building. The Legal Department works with them on insurance requirements to make sure all the requirements are met.

Councilman Best questions how they advertised for bids.

Mr. Denecke responds that they sent them directly to all the physical therapist on the list. PRN was the only one that responded.

The Town Board and Mr. Denecke discuss the issue further.

Councilman Best comments that he would like to know the terms of the lease for the Senior Center and Woodlawn Beach.

Mr. Denecke comments that the next item is a budget adjustment. In account A7310.440 they have supplemental funding for their youth sports groups. He explains the formula that he and the Recreation Advisory Board came up with for funding each group.

The Town Board and Mr. Denecke discuss the amount of funding for the groups. This will not affect the amount budgeted for 2017, the amount given to each group will change.

Mr. Denecke comments that his last item is the golf cart lease extension proposal. They currently have a lease agreement with Nuttall Golf Cars, Inc. This goes through next season. They put together a new proposal that would include next season, 2017, and four more seasons. The advantage to accepting that proposal is that they would get brand new carts at the same cost they are currently paying, for the next 5 years. They cannot rebid now because they still have a contract for next year. If they can do this legally he would recommend doing it because 5 years with no increase and new carts would be a nice addition to the golf course.

Walt Rooth comments that he has a copy of the contract and he will review it.

Councilman Quinn questions if they looked into a veterans discount.

Mr. Denecke comments that he talked to the Advisory Board and they have been honoring the County Veterans Discount cards for golf and the therapeutic pool. They can discuss adding more things to it.

Councilman Best questions what the process would be to do a study on the need for a new therapeutic pool.

Mr. Denecke responds that it would not be up to the Advisory Board. They should do an engineering study and have the legal department look into the lease. The way to determine whether or not to fund a new pool would go through their Recreation Foundation. They have been waiting for the master plan to be completed before they ramp up their fundraising. He would hope to talk to fundraisers soon to fund repairs to the existing therapeutic pool and/or funding a new pool.

Councilman Best comments that on Nov 15th he did walk with Joe Coniglio from the OSEA, Contracted Safety Consultant, and a member of the Corps of Engineers regarding the creeks at Woodlawn Beach. He refers to a letter from Mr. Coniglio stating that they need to do an environmental impact study. He followed up with the NYSDEC which makes available over three million dollars for environmental community impact grants. OSEA would be willing to look into the grants or the Town has its own grant writer, Connie Miner. There is a plan through Assemblyman Ryan's office to build a pedestrian bridge, in the Spring, to get the people over the creek that is there now over to the area where they traditionally have their beach access rights.

Supervisor Walters comments that he feels that if this is something that OSEA is willing to represent the Town on then they should be handling it. This should be a project that is headed up by the NYSDEC or NYS Parks, not the Town of Hamburg.

Councilman Best responds that he agrees and that they need to renegotiate with the State. Over the last year in dealing with the two creeks issue they have been cooperative but seem to be passing the buck.

The Town Board discusses the issue further.

Councilman Best questions if they could set up a meeting in December to discuss union contracts. They have two contracts expiring at the end of the year and one that has been expired.

Christine Noonan, representative of the Buffalo Cattaraugus & Jamestown Railroad, states that they are trying to revitalize the train tracks in the Village of Hamburg that run along Scott Street. In the past couple of months they worked with Zittels to offer train rides from Zittels to the South Creek Bridge. They have also done some adult train rides going from Scott Street depot into the city pointing out different historical sites. The response has been fantastic. They almost sold out every train ride. The weekend of Dec 10th and 11th Santa will be coming and they will be doing a polar express type of thing. At the end of October they were told that the passenger depot was owned by the Town of Hamburg and was up for bid. They would be interested in renting that building in order to have the complete historical event. If anyone is familiar with the Attica and Arcade Railroad, that is what they are trying to bring to the Village of Hamburg.

The Town Board, Town Attorney and Ms. Noonan discuss this idea.

Tom Best Sr., Highway Superintendent, comments that he had spoken to them before concerning the cost of a new plow. At the time he had quoted a price from 3 years ago which was around \$150,000.00. He just priced the same model and the price is up to \$192,000. He is \$40,000 short on the plow he was going to purchase this year.

They have a surplus left in their budget for the gas fund which would allow him to encumber \$20,000 out of this year's budget for the plow and hopefully they will be over budget next year by \$20,000.

The Town Board and Highway Superintendent discuss this issue.

Superintendent Best comments that he will submit a resolution for the next meeting.

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On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilman Best, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Walters, Best, Quinn
 Noes 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board move into Executive Session on a personnel matter, public safety matter, litigation and a contractual matter.