

**TOWN OF NIAGARA
TOWN BOARD MEETING
7105 Lockport Road
Niagara Falls, NY 14305**

MINUTES

**Tuesday, April 19, 2022
6:30 PM**

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Special use permit request of Joseph Casale III to operate an in-home occupation out of his residence located at 7431 Sunnydale Dr. Tax Map # 131.20-3-16.
(Haseley)

OPEN MEETING (Pledge, Roll Call)

Supervisor Lee Wallace called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attached is a Memorial Page of all the deceased Town residents who passed away recently.

Roll Call:

Present: Supervisor Lee S. Wallace, Deputy Supervisor Charles F. Teixeira, Councilman Richard A. Sirianni, Councilman Samuel Gatto, Councilman Marc M. Carpenter

Absent: None

Excused: None

Also, present Melissa Cerrillo, Deputy Town Clerk

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (Announce changes to agenda, if any)

(§50-3 Privilege of the floor. Only members of the public sector are allowed to speak at this time and may address any agenda or non-agenda item.

(3-minute limit)

- Bob Scalzo 8800 Lockport Rd. Spoke out against Amazon because of traffic concerns.
- Charles Corio 2749 Upper Mt. Rd. Spoke about traffic study needed for Amazon.
- Joe Corio 7525 Packard Rd. Spoke out against Amazon. Lancaster already has issues.
- Janine Dantuono 9635-Lockport Rd. Spoke out against Amazon because of traffic.
- A.J. Scalzo 7409-Packard Rd. Spoke out against Amazon, traffic, turnover rate, excess garbage.

- Rob Taylor 8150 Packard Rd. Spoke out against Amazon because of traffic. School busses, garbage pickup, impossible intersection, and wintertime backup on the GI Bridge.
- Tom Webber 7625 Packard Rd. Spoke out for Amazon. Suggested an underground tunnel be built on Lockport Rd. Spoke about plane and drone traffic possibly starting. Cut out tax breaks for Amazon.
- John Kvamme 8820 Lockport Rd. Spoke about tax breaks for the resident that will be impacted by the traffic and noise from Amazon.
- Bill Johnston 8340 Packard Rd. Spoke about the light from Amazon being on all day and night, talked about the pollution and stated he is not against something going on the property, just not something so big/tall that berms and trees won't be able to help block.
- Joe Corio Jr. 7525 Packard Rd. Questioned if the County will do a traffic study since it's a County Rd., has an analysis been done on our roads now to see if they can even handle the construction traffic before amazon is even here, do they think they will be able to fill all the positions when the local business here that are hurting for employees.
- Dave Stillinger 7425 Recovery Rd. Was wondering if we checked with GI to see why it didn't go there.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Town Board Meeting of **March 15, 2021**

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira, second by Councilman Gatto.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

General Fund prepay vouchers [A] \$19,809.72
 General Fund vouchers [A] \$50,714.05
 Sewer Fund prepay vouchers [G] \$5,319.35
 Sewer Fund vouchers [G] \$161,840.78
 Water Fund vouchers [F] \$75,869.80
 Water Fund vouchers prepay [F] \$4,468.94
 Highway Fund vouchers [DA] \$42,143.65
 Highway Fund prepay vouchers [DA] \$70.41
 Fire Protection prepay vouchers [SF] \$48,414.00
 Fire Protection [SF] \$243.28
 Street Lighting vouchers [SL] \$8,963.81
 Street Lighting Pre-Pay vouchers [SL]
 Trust & Agency Pre-Pay vouchers [TA] \$1,000.00
 Trust & Agency vouchers [TA] \$7,597.50
 Capital Projects prepay vouchers [H]
 Capital Projects vouchers [H] \$213,041.80

Motion to approve by Councilman Gatto, second by Councilman Carpenter.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

AGENDA

1. Resolution to revise the payment procedure for the Town of Niagara Planning Board and Zoning Board Members to reflect monthly stipend/payment for only those meetings attended. Meeting attendance to be determined by the monthly meeting minutes submitted by the respective board's secretaries.

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter, second by Councilman Teixeira.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

2. Resolution to purchase Turf TEQ Power Rake for the Parks Dept. from low bidder Bison Turf for \$6,893.00 with funds from the American Rescue Act Funds.

Motion to approve by Councilman Gatto, second by Councilman Sirianni.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried

3. Resolution to approve the granting of a second easement to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (National Grid) to provide electric service for the proposed solar energy installation at the Town Landfill located at 4798 Lockport Road and authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the attached easement document and all other documents needed to authorize and record the assessment.

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira, second by Councilman Gatto.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried

4. Resolution to approve the following budget transfer:

Decrease A1990.4 Contingent Purposes \$35,000

Increase A 1620.4 Buildings Contractual \$35,000

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter, second by Councilman Teixeira.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried

5. Resolution to post and hire (4) temporary general laborers for the Parks Department Effective dates of employment:
Two (2) from April 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022
Two (2) from May 31, 2022 through November 20, 2022

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira, second by Councilman Gatto.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter
Noes – none
Abstain – none

Motion carried

6. Resolution to declare a Negative Declaration on the associated SEQR for the Special Use Permit request of Joseph Casale III to operate an in home occupation out of his residence located at 7431 Sunnydale Rd. Tax Map # 131.20-3-16.

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira, second by Councilman Gatto.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter
Noes – none
Abstain – none

Motion carried

7. Resolution to approve the Special Use Permit request of Joseph Casale III to operate an in home occupation out of his residence located at 7431 Sunnydale Rd. Tax Map #131.20-3-16. (Haseley)

Motion to approve by Councilman Gatto second by Councilman Sirianni.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter
Noes – none
Abstain – none

Motion carried

8. Resolution to approve the following Junkyard License Renewals:
Kach's Auto Service, 4800 Witmer Road
Metalico Niagara, 2133 Maple Avenue
Satarian Auto Parts, 4250 Witmer Road

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira second by Councilman Carpenter.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter
Noes – none
Abstain – none

Motion carried

9. Resolution to purchase (1) 2022 Dodge Durango Pursuit V-6, in the amount of \$35,499.00 from Joe Cecconi's Chrysler Complex minus trade-in of (1) 2018 Ford Expedition SSV valued at \$30,500.00, leaving a residual cost of \$4,577.21. NYS OGS Bid #8804.

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Teixeira.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter
Noes – none
Abstain – none

Motion carried

10. Resolution to approve proposed Amendment #5 to the Water Tower Lease Agreement between the Town of Niagara and Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless. Increasing the monthly lease amount by \$300.00/monthly. Pursuant to the Agreement between the Town of Niagara and Crescendo Trust, this revenue will be split equally between Crescendo and the Town after payment of expenses incurred by Crescendo. The Town of Niagara Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the lease and sign as needed, on behalf of the Town of Niagara.

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira second by Councilman Sirianni.

Ayes – Wallace, Teixeira, Sirianni, Gatto, Carpenter
Noes – none
Abstain – none

Motion carried

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COMMENTS

Councilman Teixeira thanked everyone for the concerns and for pointing out some topics that may have been overlooked with Amazon.

Councilman Sirianni thanked those who put together the Easter Egg hunt in Belden Center and to the residents for coming out to share their opinions on Amazon. Stated that there are those against the project, but there are also residents and unions that are all for Amazon. Also he mentioned they would like any and all information on the project prior to making a decision.

Councilman Gatto stated the same as Councilman Sirianni and added that he would like the best decision for the Town to be made.

Councilman Carpenter stated that Porter Rd needs a right hand turning lane onto Packard Rd., that there needs to be a turning lane for his subdivision, he feels what everyone is feeling about this project and that he would be in favor of Amazon traffic having to use Lockport Rd. instead of Packard Rd.

Supervisor Wallace Stated Amazon is not a done deal, the town handles every project the same and that they moved the May meetings so they could have the traffic studies back.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Teixeira second by Councilman Sirianni. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Cerrillo

Melissa Cerrillo Deputy Town Clerk

THE MONTHLY AGENDA IS ON THE TOWN WEBSITE

www.townofniagara.com

In Memoriam

Judy (Bohnet) Brice

Patricia Joanne Falbo

Richard Stanley Roszel

Gail Jakubowski

Estelle M. Baney

Lawrence Britton

Victor R. Waney

David G. Kerrison

Louise B. Burock

John Anthony Aaron