

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

MINUTES

**Tuesday, October 15th 2024
6:30 PM**

PUBLIC HEARING

1. To consider proposed adoption of Preliminary Town Budget for 2025. The Proposed Budget includes the following salaries for elected officials:

Supervisor	\$48,224.00
Council Members (4)	\$15,754.00
Town Clerk	\$59,319.00
Highway Superintendent	\$68,308.00
Justice (2)	\$32,692.00

Open - 6:30pm
Closed - 6:30pm

OPEN MEETING (Pledge, Prayer, Roll Call) @6:30pm

(Residents who passed away since our last meeting are Memorialized at the end of this Agenda)

Supervisor Sylvia Virtuoso 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 Sylvia Virtuoso, Deputy Supervisor Marc Carpenter, Councilman Mike Lee, Councilman Johnny Parks
Councilman Charles Teixeira

Absent:

Excused:

Also, present Melissa Cerrillo, 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)

Suzanne Rizzo-7310 Colonial Drive. Suzanne stated that she felt the article in the paper was done in poor taste. They don't want to stop progress because of lights in front windows, it is because of flooding, street traffic, the ditches, and safety of children. She would like to see the lots mirror the lots behind them, not have two yards back up to one. This project would violate

10 Town Codes, and she stated that the corner on Miller is not up to Town Code as we speak. Suzanne also mentioned they have a Facebook page called Concerned Citizens for the Towns of Niagara/Lewiston and over 300 members have joined.

Roger Spurback-6920 Colonial Drive. Roger addressed his speeding concerns, and the uptick in electric scooter usage in the Town. The cars fly down the streets of the Town and someone is going to get hurt or worse. There are 10 and 12 year old kids riding these scooters, some with no helmets on and this is all just an accident waiting to happen. Then, with all the cars parked on the sides of the road, drivers can't see when a child or adult is going to go out in to the road. He would like the speed limit to be lowered.

Russell Daniels-7105 Colonial Drive. Roger appreciated the phone call he received because there are more issues than just the lights in the window and because of the phone call he understands that the article was printed out of context.

Alexis Ortez-7110 Colonial Drive. Alexis spoke from her seat and just wanted to say that they are first time home buyers, and love the suburban type neighborhood and would hate to see it change.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Town Board Meeting of September 17th, 2024

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

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

General Fund Pre-Pay vouchers [A] \$15,988.41
General Fund vouchers [A] \$70,008.09
Sewer Fund Pre-Pay vouchers [G] \$763.02
Sewer Fund vouchers [G] \$2,057.73
Water Fund Pre-Pay vouchers [F] \$646.61
Water Fund vouchers [F] \$102,799.22
Highway Fund Pre-Pay vouchers [DA] \$462.38
Highway Fund vouchers [DA] \$81,209.23
Fire Protection Pre-Pay vouchers [SF] \$0
Fire Protection vouchers [SF] \$270.94
Street Lighting Pre-Pay vouchers [SL] \$6,442.13
Street Lighting vouchers [SL] \$0
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay vouchers [TA] \$17,648.48
Trust & Agency vouchers [TA] \$11,493.79
Capital Projects Pre-Pay [H] \$0
Capital Projects vouchers [H] \$63,135.82

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

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

AGENDA

1. Resolution to adopt the 2025 Town of Niagara Budget. The Proposed Town Budget includes the following salaries for elected officials: (Virtuoso)

Supervisor	\$48,224.00
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Council Members (4)	\$15,754.00
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Town Clerk	\$59,319.00
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Highway Superintendent	\$68,308.00
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Justice (2)	\$32,692.00
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Motion to approve by Councilman Parks second by Councilman Lee

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

2. Resolution to approve unpaid accounts for water, sewer, and other unpaid town services as indicated on the attached Letter of Authorization, by placing a lien upon the real property for which such services were provided. Total will be available by the Town Board Meeting October 15th, 2024.

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Lee.

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

3. Resolution to accept the resignation of Roberta Mojeski from the Town of Niagara Board of Assessment review Board and appoint Christina Kramp a Licensed Real Estate Salesperson with Howard Hanna WNY Inc.

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Teixeira

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

4. Resolution to approve the following Budget Transfers Amendments to the 2024 Budget as per attached:

GENERAL FUND BUDGET TRANSFERS

A00-1110.02	JUSTICE EQUIPMENT	1,400.00
A00-1330.04	TAX COLLECTOR CONTRACTUAL	4,000.00
A00-1356.04	ASSESSMENT REVIEW CONTRACTUAL	1,800.00
A00-1440.04	ENGINEER CONTRACTUAL	5,000.00
A00-1460.04	RECORDS MGMT CONTRACTUAL	1,000.00
A00-1640.04	CENTRAL GARAGE CONTRACTUAL	35,000.00
A00-1989.04	GENERAL GOVNMNT SUPPORT	8,000.00
A00-1990.04	CONTINGENT PURPOSES	23,661.00
A00-3120.02	POLICE EQUIPMENT	35,000.00
A00-3310.01	TRAFFIC CONTROL PAYROLL	3,500.00
A00-3510.04	CONTROL OF DOGS	2,000.00
A00-7550.04	CELEBRATIONS CONTRACTUAL	10,000.00
A00-8030.04	RESEARCH CONTRACTUAL	2,500.00
A00-8540.04	DRAINAGE CONTRACTUAL	2,000.00
	TOTAL	134,861.00

A00-1110.04	JUSTICE CONTRACTUAL	5,000.00
A00-1420.04	ATTORNEY CONTRACTUAL	5,000.00
A00-1910.04	UNALLOCATED INSURANCE	8,530.00
A00-3120.04	POLICE CONTRACTUAL	41,031.00
A00-7110.04	PARKS CONTRACTUAL	20,000.00
A00-7310.04	YOUTH PROGRAMS PAYROLL	35,000.00
A00-7510.04	HISTORIAN CONTRACTUAL	150.00
A00-7620.04	ADULT RECREATION CONTRACTUAL	20,000.00
A00-8160.04	GARBAGE AND REFUSE CONTRACTUAL	50.00
A00-9045.08	LIFE INSURANCE	100.00
	TOTAL	134,861.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENTS

INCREASE:

A00-2001.00	MINI GOLF	10,000.00
A00-2012.00	RECREATION CONCESSION STAND	15,000.00
	TOTAL	25,000.00

INCREASE:

A00-7140.04	CONCESSION STAND SALES	7,500.00
A00-7310.01	RECREATION PAYROLL	17,500.00
	TOTAL	25,000.00

HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET TRANSFERS

DA0-5142.01	SNOW REMOVAL PAYROLL	35,000.00
DA0-5142.04	SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTUAL	30,000.00
	TOTAL	65,000.00
DA0-5110.04	GENERAL REPAIRS CONTRACT	15,000.00
DA0-5130.04	MACHINERY CONTRACTUAL	20,000.00
DA0-9040.08	WORKERS COMP	30,000.00
	TOTAL	65,000.00

SEWER FUND BUDGET TRANSFERS

G00-8120.04	SANITARY SEWER CONTRACTUAL	5,000.00
G008120.02	SANITARY SEWER EQUIPMENT	5,000.00

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira second by Councilman Lee.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

5. Resolution to approve the request of Leadership Niagara Community Action Project to hold a special 5K Run event on Sunday, November 16th, 2024 to raise funds for the Niagara Gospel Mission specifically to support their efforts in building a shelter for homeless women in our community.

Motion to approve by Councilman Parks second by Councilman Carpenter.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

6. Resolution to accept the Bri Estates Draft Environmental Impact Statement as complete and acceptable for public review.

Motion to approve by Councilman Lee second by Councilman Teixeira.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

7. Resolution to post and hire for an MEO position in the Highway Department starting November 1, 2024 due to a retirement.

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Teixeira.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

8. Resolution to declare a negative declaration on the associated SEQR for the special use permit request of Tahir Mahmood to operate an in home occupation / Apex International Trading LLC at 2160 Robert Drive – Tax Map #146.17-1-42.

Motion to approve by Councilman Lee second by Councilman Teixeira.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

9. Resolution to approve the special use permit request of Tahir Mahmood to operate an in home occupation / Apex International Trading LLC at 2160 Robert Drive Tax Map # 146.17-1-42.

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira second by Councilman Parks.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira
Noes – none
Abstain – none

Motion carried.

10. Resolution to approve the Part Time Police Officer Contract (UPSEU) to expire December 31, 2026.

Motion to approve by Councilman Lee second by Councilman Carpenter.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira
Noes – none
Abstain – none

Motion carried.

TABLED

COMMENTS No comments at this time from Councilman Lee and Councilman Teixeira.

Councilman Carpenter wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween. Councilman Parks stated that Trunk or Treat is on Monday 10/21/2024 at the Town Park. On Halloween if everyone could light up their yards and make it bright for those going trick or treating. He wanted to thank the Police for always keeping us safe, and he welcomed Christina to our family. Supervisor Virtuoso spoke about Noel at Niagara, it will be held on November 23rd, with Sabre Tooth and Santa flipping the switch. She thanked Christina for joining our assessment review board. Supervisor Virtuoso mentioned the changes made to the plans for Bri Estates have been guided by lawyers and engineers. This development would welcome 113 families to the Town.

ADJOURNMENTS

**Motion to adjourn by Councilman Carpenter, second by Councilman Teixeira. All in favor.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:01pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Cerrillo

Town Clerk

THE MONTHLY AGENDA IS ON THE TOWN WEBSITE

www.townofniagara.com

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT 10/31 4PM-7PM



In Memoriam

Marion Dorisi

Thomas J. Kaczynski

Debbie A. Miller

Linda M. Stackow

Nino J. Rossi

Robert R. Naughton

Dr. Timothy R. Bronson

Francis Kulbago

Daniel J. Zimmer

Marjorie G. Garrow

