

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

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 18th, 2025  
6:30 PM**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**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)*

Gary Haseley of 10420 Lockport Road spoke about his thoughts on the Town's re-assessment. He feels that his reassessment is way out of line, he would like to get an actual realistic figure. He wonders why we are doing this and what did the company that did the reassessment base it on.

Dave Barnet from GAR Associates got up and spoke about the process that has taken the company approximately 2 years to complete. The different phases of the reassessment were explained, and he also mentioned the paperwork that was mailed out to the Town residents that listed the process of how to contact them to challenge their assessments. He also mentioned that since this has been done, that the Town's assessments should be updated yearly to keep things on track and not to fall so far behind.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **1. Town Board Meeting of February 18th, 2025**

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

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

## **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

General Fund Pre-Pay vouchers [A] \$14,734.79

General Fund vouchers [A] \$78,598.66

Sewer Fund Pre-Pay vouchers [G] \$762,250.83

Sewer Fund vouchers [G] \$5,940.50

Water Fund Pre-Pay vouchers [F] \$969.42

Water Fund vouchers [F] \$2,697.82

Highway Fund Pre-Pay vouchers [DA] \$1,513.22

Highway Fund vouchers [DA] \$83,533.52

Fire Protection Pre-Pay vouchers [SF] \$0

Fire Protection vouchers [SF] \$101.26

Street Lighting Pre-Pay vouchers [SL] \$99.73

Street Lighting vouchers [SL] \$0

Trust & Agency Pre-Pay vouchers [TA] \$0

Trust & Agency vouchers [TA] \$268.00

Capital Projects Pre-Pay [H] \$0

Capital Projects vouchers [H] \$58,969.84

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

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

## **AGENDA**

1. Resolution to approve payment of \$6,000.00 to C&S Companies to perform the 2025 Groundwater Sampling, Site-Wide Inspection, and Periodic Review Report NYSDEC Site No. C932174 for 4435-4445 Military Road. (Virtuoso)

Motion to approve by Councilman Teixeira second by Councilman Lee

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

2. Resolution to authorize the Town of Niagara to grant an easement to National Grid to install an electrical pole on Town property and lines extending from the pole to the National Grid system and from the pole to the Town pole barn to provide electrical service to the Town pole barn.  
(Risman)

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Parks.

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

3. Resolution to hire J. Michael Corcoran as a part-time police officer effective March 18, 2025.  
(Guiliani)

Motion to approve by Councilman Lee second by Councilman Carpenter

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

4. Resolution to hire Danielle Pasnik as Full Time Justice Clerk for Anthony Restaino effective March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. (Virtuoso)

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Teixeira.

Ayes – Virtuoso, Carpenter, Lee, Parks, Teixeira

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

## **TABLED**

1. Resolution to approve the updated Employee Handbook. The Handbook will be distributed to each employee and all new hires, full, part-time and seasonal where their signature is required for a receipt. (Virtuoso)

## **COMMENTS**

**Councilman Teixeira read a letter speaking of the honor and privilege he has had in being able to serve on the Town Board for the past 19years. He stated that he has come to the decision to not seek re-election, and that he will finish up his term at the end of this year. Councilman Carpenter, Councilman Lee, Councilman Parks and Supervisor Virtuoso all congratulated Councilman Teixeira on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for all his years of service.**

**ADJOURNMENTS**

**Motion to adjourn by Councilman Teixeira, second by Councilman Parks. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned at 7:03pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Melissa Cerrillo*

**Town Clerk**

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**In Memoriam**

Rose M. Wilson  
Gwendolyn A. Gurman  
Jeffrey M. Villont  
Barbara L. Crow  
James Kenneth Ryan, Sr.  
Lyle K. Baker  
Robert E. Timm  
Susan Lynn (Gold) Solomon

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Town:

I come before you with a heart full of gratitude and humility. For the past 19 years, I have had the honor and privilege to serve as your Town of Niagara Councilman. Over the years, I have tried my best to listen to the concerns of all the residents and fellow business owners and I have strived to make the best decisions for all those I represent. It has been a journey filled with challenges, triumphs, and invaluable lessons that I will carry with me the rest of my life. I have met some truly wonderful people, whose kindness and dedication have inspired me and shown me the true meaning of community and for that, I am forever grateful.

That being said, I've also encountered my share of adversity, having come face to face with people whose intentions were far from honorable. Yet, even in those moments, I have found strength in my faith and in the belief that God has a plan for my life. Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us, "trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight".

And now, after much prayer and reflection, I have come to the decision that I will not be seeking re-election. I will be finishing out my term until the end of the year. While this chapter of my life is ending, I am confident that God is

leading me towards new opportunities to contribute and serve Him. As

Ecclesiastes 3:1 states, "to everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven".

I want to thank each one of you for putting your trust and support in me.

Serving on the Town board has been one of the greatest honors in my life and I will cherish the memories and relationships I have built.

I will continue to pray for the town's future and may God Bless each and every one of you.

Letter from Chuck Teixeira