

**THIS MEETING IS DEDICATED TO HONOR PAT PIERCE ON HER 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY. PUBLIC HEARING, REGULAR MEETING, GREAT VALLEY TOWN BOARD, FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

The Great Valley Town Board held a public hearing and a regular meeting on February 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Great Valley Town Hall with the following members present:

PRESENT	Supervisor	Dan Brown
	Councilwoman	Sandra Goode
	Councilman	Gerry Musall
	Councilwoman	Becky Kruszynski
	Code Officer	Rich Rinko
	Supervisor's Clerk	Hildagarde Krause
	Planning Brd Chair	Chris Schena
	Attorney	Peter Sorgi

ABSENT: Highway Supt. Jack Harrington

OTHERS: Eli Rust (Catt Co DOH), Caleb Henning (MDA Engineers, PLLC), County Legislator Dave Koch, Al Puszcz, Catherine Rees (RCAP Solutions, Inc.), Kallen Quigley, Salamanca Press, Allison Auge.

Supervisor Brown opened the public hearing to hear the Engineering Report for the KillBuck Sewer Study, which was paid for through a CDBG Grant, at 7:02 pm, and introduced Caleb Henning.

Mr. Henning described the process of completing the sewer study, and stated they first identified the area of the study to include any residences that are in danger of a failed septic system and do not have any room to install a new system. The funding sources stated that none of the current grant money could be utilized to study the area contained within the Seneca Nation Reservation.

The Engineers began the study process by evaluating the age of current septic systems, along with the density of houses and the soil mapping (which shows heavy clay in a large part of the study area). The study identifies 111 EDU's (Equivalent dwelling unit) with the proposed district.

The solutions for the area are limited because there is not much room in the area for a treatment plant, and the soils would not allow a sand filter septic system to function properly. This results in the best option being sending waste to the City of Salamanca for treatment.

The three options to accomplish this are:

Conventional Gravity System \$3.5 Million + \$71,000 ann. Cost +\$7500 SLAR

(SLAR is Short Lived Assets Reserve)

Low Pressure System – whereby each home would have a small grinder pump installed, which would allow for smaller diameter piping \$3.37 Million + \$60,000 ann. Cost + \$1225 SLAR

Septic Tank Effluent System with a treatment plant \$4.395 Million + \$81,000 ann. Cost + \$1500 SLAR

Eli Rust then reported that for those houses on record with the Health Department, within the study area, septic tank ages of 39 are 20 years or older, 23 are less than 20 years. He added that the Health Department found discharge into the creek within the last month, so this is something that must be addressed as soon as possible.

Catherine Rees explained that this second hearing was required to discuss the study findings.

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Supervisor Brown brought up discussions between the City of Salamanca and the Seneca Nation, and the Town Board has agreed that it is in everyone's best interest to invite Ricky Armstrong, SNI President to meet and discuss ways that all three entities might work together. Supervisor Brown asked for further questions, no further questions or comments, and closed the Public Hearing at 8:10 pm.

Supervisor Brown called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:10 pm. MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilman Musall to dedicate this meeting in honor of Pat Pierce, long-time Great Valley resident, on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. All in agreement.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Councilman Musall to conduct a Special Meeting Friday, February 14, 2020 at 5:00 pm at the Great Valley Town Hall to review the SEQR comments about developing a KillBuck Sewer District. All in agreement.

### MINUTES

MOTION was made by Councilwoman Finch, seconded by Councilman Musall to accept the minutes of the January 13 meeting. All in agreement.

MOTION was made by Councilman Musall, seconded by Councilwoman Finch to accept the Supervisor's Report for January. All in agreement.

Supervisor Brown noted that no interested parties came forward in person or in writing to volunteer to serve on the Recreation Area Committee, and so named the following members to the committee: Dan Brown, Gerry Musall, Becky Kruszynski, Lori Finch, Sandy Goode, Chris Schena, Lynn Eddy, with more members to be added if needed. The first committee meeting is scheduled for March 9 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Brown announced that on January 28<sup>th</sup> the Town received a NYS Sales Tax payment of \$153,712.15.

### REPORT FROM TOWN OFFICIALS

Assessor –Supervisor Brown reported the following for Kate Harrington;

- Completed renewal exemptions, and exemption applications, busy but successful.
- The Assessor's Office corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions
- Five property transfers were added for the month of December.
- Grievance Day is schedule for June 1 this year.

Planning Board – Chris Schena reported the following:

- Meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, 1 minor subdivision.
- Bruce Savino brought an Art78 suit against the Town Zoning Board, and the ruling was in favor of the Town.

Zoning Board of Appeals –No report

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Building Code Officer – Rich Rinko reported the following:

- Proceeding with Savino, he has the right to reapply for a variance, and if he does, the Town cannot take any action. If he does not reapply within a week or two, the Town can resume action against him.
- Issued one building permit to Jay Curtis in the amount of \$160.00
- Concerning property maintenance, can enforce through use of Junk Yard Law.

Highway Superintendent – No report.

### OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Brown noted that there was an issue of BonnVal running out of water over the weekend, due to a heavy rented weekend. This should not be a problem in the future.

Councilwoman Goode mentioned a meeting about the proposed bike path in which each Town and the Seneca Nation were represented. There will be several public outreach meetings, and two preliminary meetings, before the two final meetings. They will need a commitment from the Town Board for \$2500 in March. Contact person is Kate O’Stricker.

Supervisor Brown mentioned that Travis Baugh still has the intent to create a small community area on the old New York State Residential Site on Mutton Hollow, and hopes to turn this area over to the Town once clean up and asbestos abatement have been completed. The Town Board is still interested in acquiring this site.

### NEW BUSINESS

Allison Auge-representative from the Salamanca Sabres Youth Football and Cheerleading Program notified the Town Board the group is being displaced from Crowley Park this year for all practices and games due to reconstruction at Veteran’s Park. They are asking for use of the KillBuck Pavilion Grounds from August 1 through November 1. The Town Board invited her to come back in the spring and look at the Town Hall lawn, which may be more suitable for games, and at KillBuck Pavilion and then the organization can decide what would best suit their purposes.

Supervisor Brown advised the Board he was approached by Jack Snyder, who is working towards his Eagle Scout project. He was hoping to do some type of construction to benefit the Food Pantry. Supervisor Brown asked for Board approval to research remodeling the Town Hall, specifically by moving a doorway and creating a storage area in the existing hallway. The Board advised the Supervisor to proceed with information gathering on the project.

### AUDIT

Claims No. 43 through No. 65 General Fund totaling \$7,579.76 were audited.

Claims No. 25 through No. 38 Highway Fund totaling \$32,757.81 were audited.

Claims No. 10 through No. 16 Special Districts totaling \$3,086.66 were audited.

MOTION was made by Councilman Musall, seconded by Councilwoman Kruszynski to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. All in agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_, Toni Evans, Town Clerk