

TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Somerset, County of Niagara and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 8700 Haight Road, Barker, New York on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.

Present: Daniel M. Engert ----- Supervisor  
Robin R. Jansen ----- Councilwoman  
Jon Hotaling ----- Councilman  
Gail Damon ----- Councilwoman  
Tracy L. Carmer----- Town Clerk  
Mindy Austin ----- Confidential Asst. to the Supervisor  
David Haylett----- Attorney  
Brian Sibiga ----- Engineer

Excused: Jeffrey M. Dewart ----- Councilman  
Michael M. Flint ----- Supt. of Highways  
Jonathan D. Dewart ----- Supt of Water/Sewer/Grounds

Attended by: 7 residents

Supervisor Engert called the meeting to order at 6:00PM with the Pledge to the Flag and a prayer for guidance.

RESOLUTION 74-2019

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On a motion of Councilwoman Jansen, seconded by Councilman Hotaling, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Engert, Jansen, Hotaling, Damon  
Nays 0

Resolved the minutes of the previous meeting on July 10, 2019 are accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 75-2019

**APPROVAL OF THE SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

On a motion of Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilwoman Damon, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Engert, Jansen, Hotaling, Damon  
Nays 0

Resolved the Supervisor's Monthly report be accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 76-2019

**WATERFRONT PARK FEASIBILITY**

On a motion of Councilwoman Jansen, seconded by Councilwoman Damon, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes 4 Engert, Jansen, Hotaling, Damon  
Nays 0

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**WHEREAS**, in June 2019, the Town authorized the Supervisor to enter into contract number T1001348 Waterfront Park Feasibility Study and Master Plan with the New York State Department of State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town received a proposal from Wendel WD Architecture, Engineering, Surveying & Landscape Architect, P.C. dated August 7, 2019 to provide professional services to assist with the development of the Master Plan for the Waterfront Park in the amount of \$48,600.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal is consistent with the requirements under contract number T1001348 between the Town and the Department of State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of State grant will cover \$36,450.00 of the cost of the preparation of the Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal for professional services is not subject to the competitive bidding requirements of the Town's Procurement Policy;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Somerset hereby retains Wendel to provide planning, design, cost estimating for the Waterfront Park Master Plan pursuant to Wendel's proposal dated August 7, 2019; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Somerset hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor to execute any and all documents in such form as is satisfactory to the Town Supervisor and the Town Attorney, and take whatever other actions may be necessary to give effect to this resolution.

RESOLUTION 77 -2019

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On a motion of Councilwoman Jansen, seconded by Councilwoman Damon, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes                    4            Engert, Jansen, Hotaling , Damon  
                 Nays                    0

Resolved that the bills have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 252 through No. 293	\$ 43,900.26
Highway Fund	No. 80 through No. 87	\$ 20,723.27
Sewer Fund	No. 64 through No. 75	\$ 4,529.20
Water Fund	No. 58 through No. 62	\$ 11,410.95

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Betty Wolanyk advised the board of an informational session being held tomorrow, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7PM to provide an update on the wind project. They will be showing part of a movie about what is happening in the Southern Tier.

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Steve Royce provided information on turbine performance. Of the 54 summer days, there have been only 6 days that turbines in New York State have produced 30% efficiency and they are running at 15% capacity.

Jim Hoffman said the Inter-Governmental UN Committee on Climate Change discussed land use and land management and said to let the forests and the green things grow to help prevent global warming. Also, there is a letter submitted by Jim Simon on the DPS site that has a link to details of a movie titled "Planet of the Humans" that is worth viewing.

Supervisor Engert said there seems to be some realization that this is nothing more than a corporate scam. He stated there was a quote from someone who has been promoting renewables saying that it is difficult to come to terms with how wrong we have been.

Supervisor Engert stated that there is a public information meeting in Hartland tonight regarding a large solar farm proposal.

On a motion of Councilwoman Jansen, seconded by Councilman Hotaling, the meeting adjourned at 6:15P.M. subject to the Call of the Clerk

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Tracy L. Carmer, RMC  
Town Clerk