

**TOWN OF DRYDEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 17, 2019**

Present: Supervisor Jason Leifer, Cl Daniel Lamb, Cl Linda Lavine,
Cl Kathrin Servoss, Cl Alice Green

Elected Officials: Bambi L. Avery, Town Clerk
Rick Young, Highway Superintendent

Other Town Staff: Ray Burger, Planning Director
Khandi Sokoni, Town Attorney

Supv Leifer opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Board members and audience recited the pledge of allegiance.

TOWN CLERK

RESOLUTION #138 (2019) – APPROVE MINUTES

Supv Leifer offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby approves the meeting minutes of September 12 and September 19, 2019.
2nd Cl Green

Roll Call Vote	Cl Lavine	Yes
	Cl Green	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

GAME FARM ROAD SPEED LIMIT

Cl Green explained the board had passed a resolution requesting a speed limit reduction on Game Farm Road to 45 mph because of the new rail trail crossing. There was not enough detail in that resolution, and she has prepared another resolution for consideration tonight.

RESOLUTION #139 (2019) – REQUEST SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION – GAME FARM ROAD

Cl Green offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Dryden places a high priority on completion of the Dryden Rail Trail, which will connect with the East Ithaca Recreation Way at Game Farm Rd, and

WHEREAS, completion of the 10.5 mile Rail Trail is a priority action in the 2014 Tompkins County Priority Trail Strategy, and

WHEREAS in 2017 the Town of Dryden was awarded a \$182,000 grant from NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) to build the trail from Pinckney Rd. to Game Farm Rd., and

WHEREAS in 2019 the Rail Trail was awarded a \$1.5 million Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant from the NYS Department of Transportation to build a pedestrian bridge across Route 13 and to complete trail surfacing on sections adjacent to that bridge, and

WHEREAS, the Town is slated to substantially complete and open the section of the Rail Trail from Route 13 to Game Farm Road by 2020, and

WHEREAS, due to the high volume of users on the East Ithaca Recreation Way, and the likely high volume on the newly opened Dryden Rail Trail, it is anticipated that Game Farm Road will have a dramatically higher number of pedestrians and bicyclists crossing at the connection of the two trails, and

WHEREAS, a parking lot adjacent to the East Ithaca Recreation Way on Game Farm Road has increased the number of vehicles pulling in and backing out at the crossing, and

WHEREAS, the impaired sight lines north of the trail make it difficult for drivers travelling 55 miles per hour to see and stop in time for crossing trail users and cars entering and exiting the parking lot, and

WHEREAS, the East Ithaca Recreation Way by Game Farm Road is situated within a designated Tompkins County Unique Natural Area Inventory Site (Cascadilla Woods and Fish Ponds #128), and therefore is a valued riparian corridor that should be protected from adverse alteration, and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Dryden and Ithaca each own the crossing to the center line of Game Farm Rd., and

WHEREAS, representatives of the two Towns met in June 2019 with officials from Tompkins County Highway, Planning and Board of Representatives, Cornell Transportation, and Cornell Botanic Gardens, to discuss the safest, most environmentally appropriate and most cost-effective way of allowing trail users to cross Game Farm Road, and

WHEREAS, it was the consensus of that group that, following an appropriate traffic study, an at-grade crossing should be installed between the two trails, and that a request be made to reduce the speed limit on Game Farm Road from 55 MPH to 45 MPH, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Town Board sends a request to the County Highway and State Department of Transportation to do a traffic study for a speed limit reduction on Game Farm Road from 55 MPH to 45 MPH.

2nd Cl Lavine

Roll Call Vote	Cl Lavine	Yes
	Cl Green	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

Cl Green will share this resolution with the Town of Ithaca.

PUBLIC HEARING

LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY CAP

Supv Leifer opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. One typo was corrected: the word adjusted was changed to adjudged. There was no public comment and the hearing was left open.

WATER/SEWER CONSOLIDATION

Supv Leifer said the Apple Orchard PRV will be voted on by the Town of Ithaca on Monday. The value for that has been included in the consolidation agreement. The plan will not change, but the asset will be added.

RESOLUTION #140 (2019) – ADOPT CONSOLIDATION PLANS FOR WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS

Supv Leifer offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby approves the consolidation plans for water and sewer districts and sets the public hearing for November 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

2nd Cl Green

Roll Call Vote	Cl Lavine	Yes
	Cl Green	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The board has been previously provided with and reviewed the proposed policy.

RESOLUTION #141 (2019) – ADOPT POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION & HARASSMENT

Supv Leifer offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby adopts the attached Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment.

2nd Cl Lamb

Roll Call Vote	Cl Lavine	Yes
	Cl Green	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

CITIZENS PRIVILEGE

David Weinstein, 51 Freese Road, said no amount of money from Trinitas would be worth the destruction of community, which is exactly what that project would do.

Laurie Snyder, 36 Freese Road, said she understands there are red flags on the Freese Road bridge and it will be closed for a few days next week for repairs of those elements. She asked that the board ask the engineers to research what it would cost to repair and rehabilitate the bridge. She fervently believes that is still the best option for Freese Road. Game Farm Road is a good example of how traffic flies through when you have a two-lane bridge.

BROADBAND STUDY

Supv Leifer said there is a second draft of the broadband study and there are still some numbers to be added. Survey data shows 96% of responses were from residences. Most people receive a 0-10 mbps speed. There is 96.8% interest in the town being able to provide 100 mbps speed at or below market cost. There was about a 15% response rate to the survey, which is really good.

Cl Green said she appreciates the initiative and the study, and the detail is helpful. There are still decisions that need to be made and she asked if there was a plan for next steps and the procedure for the board. Supv Leifer said the town would need to pick a business model, choose a funding source or combination of sources, and that will be driven by how it is rolled out.

Cl Lamb said if the town could come up with the initial \$200,000 or so through grants or loans, and then if you look at the projections, funds start coming in at year 5 in excess of a million dollars. There will be a cash flow issue initially. If projections are correct, it will pay for itself and be a revenue source for the town in the future. Supv Leifer suggested having a meeting after budget time to just focus on this. The board could set up a subcommittee or advisory board, including experts, to work on this project, probably at the December meeting.

Supv Leifer stated he has still been unable to get a response from Spectrum about the increased franchise fee charges on customer bills.

FREESE ROAD BRIDGE

Cl Servoss said a letter was received from State Historic Preservation Office that basically says that the portions of the bridge that are historic are the top and bottom chords, the end posts, the post diagonals and the substructure. SHPO found that the town's preferred alternative (alternative 9) will have an adverse effect on the resource. They also stated the rehabilitation of the existing bridge (alternatives 2, 3 and 4) may also have an adverse effect on the historic structure. They say significant intervention is needed to meet the minimum safety requirements if the town went with rehabilitation. Because there are no additional historic resources near the bridge, it does not serve as a historic setting for another eligible or listed resource. The only alternatives that SHPO say may not have any adverse effect are alternatives 7 (single-lane conventional bridge using existing truss as separate pedestrian bridge), 10 (two-lane conventional bridge, existing truss to be used as a separate pedestrian bridge), and 13a (new offline conventional bridge with existing truss to remain in place as a pedestrian bridge). SHPO's preferred options all involve using the existing bridge as a pedestrian bridge (twinning).

Since receipt of SHPO's letter NYS DOT has inspected the Freese Road bridge and it has received one yellow flag and two red flags. This means there needs to be a plan to mitigate the issues within six weeks. The county will close the bridge for a few days next week, evaluate and likely make a few repairs.

Cl Servoss said the reasons for the flags may have an impact on the board's decision and reviewed the details of the flags (posted on the town's website). The most significant item may be that the inspectors could not locate the foundation of the pier in the middle of the bridge.

The town's consultant does not believe that the town will not be able to move forward with its chosen alternative. The board reviewed the cost of alternatives 9, 10, 12, 13a and

13b. Only alternatives 9 (\$2.4 million) & 13b (\$2.4 million) would fall within the BridgeNY funding.

Comments:

- TAP funding could be available to do help rehab pedestrian bridge.
- Twinning options would mean a bigger footprint.
- The County will not cover the expense maintaining a pedestrian or using elements of the old bridge on the new bridge.
- Should the town move forward with its preferred alternative or choose from SHPO's recommendations?
- The existing bridge is longer than the new bridge; how would you accommodate the old trusses?
- Can we get a figure to rehabilitate the existing bridge?
- If rehabilitated, a lot of the historic portions would have to be replaced because of deterioration and it would not have as long a life span as a new bridge.
- The town made a statement with its findings statement and the engineers will help the town work toward that.
- SHPO will respect what the town ultimately decides; an adverse impact does not mean that the project can't go forward.
- One of the least costly alternatives is #11 – need an updated estimate.
- Storing and protecting the old bridge for future use would preserve much of the historic value.
- A new bridge could have an unlimited weight limit.
- The weight limit for the *road* is 5 ton.
- There is concern about speed on a two-lane bridge.
- Perhaps the width of the pedestrian corridors could be reduced, and the old bridge rehabbed and moved downstream for a pedestrian bridge.
- The board has voted on a findings document and made its views clear.

Cl Lamb proposed that the town respond that since the town's efforts to appeal to SHPO with the truss style façade on #9 were not seen as significant, the town would rather go with its true preferred option, #11, which would be less costly and less maintenance. He said that is what the town needs and that neither the town board nor the residents are in favor of a twinning option.

There is concern about pedestrian corridors on #11. Would it be possible to remove the corridors to reduce the width and preserve the existing bridge and move it to the downstream side? There are no designated pedestrian paths leading up to the bridge.

Cl Lamb will draft a letter that the town prefers to go with option #11. L Snyder suggested using the truss as decoration and having signage that it is the site of a former Groton bridge.

HIGHWAY/DPW DEPT

R Young reported they are finishing up summer work. He has finished the grant applications for street lights and the charging station. He has received an email that the grant for \$155,000 for next year is ready to go and he should have an answer soon. They are preparing the trucks for winter and snow removal.

COUNTY BRIEFING

Mike Lane reported that at the facilities meeting Jeff Smith talked about the flags on the bridge. The decking is badly deteriorating, and they plan to work on that. Another problem is the center pier, and they are trying to find the foundation. There are different kinds of flags and County has 8 weeks to respond on how they intend to remedy the flagged problem. They are trying to come up with a way to have the pier repaired, and the state will have to approve that. They are moving along on the project and trying to keep the bridge open. It will be closed days to repair the steel.

Etna Lane bridge replacement schedule – they are looking now at design and field work is in progress with a goal of construction between May and November of 2022.

There is concern with the state bridge on Route 34 in Lansing. The Ludlowville Road bridge will be vital as a detour when they close the big bridge. They will move that Ludlowville bridge ahead for sooner construction.

The County is planning to complete paving on Ellis Hollow Road before the end of the year.

The airport project continues, and 80 people were working on that today. They have now installed one jet bridge and are working on the second of four. They are hoping to have a grand opening between Thanksgiving and Hanukah.

On the DOT site at the airport area, the initial bidding failed because the bid came in so high. The state re-bid it and got an acceptable bid. It will go to the comptroller for approval of the contract and they should hear any day that it has been approved. The contractor will begin site preparation as soon as it is approved. There will be joint fuel farm on the airport property for state and municipalities. When the former DOT site in Ithaca is cleared there will be some remediation measures necessary.

2020 Census – There are positions available for part time work. There will be up to 200 positions in the Ithaca area. Tompkins County Workforce Development is holding a session on Thursday 11-2 for this.

The county has adopted their tentative budget with amendments. There is a proposed levy increase of 2.75%. The tax rate will go down slightly on the value of median house. They will hold a public hearing on a capital improvement tax reduction for residential properties that a property owner can apply for when they do an addition on their property.

Housing continues to be more expensive. The population in the jungle has increased. Eighteen people died of overdoses in Tompkins County last year. CARS has announced they will do a methadone clinic which has not been done in Tompkins County before.

Cl Lamb said TCAT has received a NYSEDA grant for doing a first mile last mile study to bring bus service to rural areas. They are looking at ways to reduce barriers to rural folks to getting on the existing bus lines.

Community Housing Development Fund – The town was asked to pledge \$50,000 toward this fund. Supv Leifer said the town can affirm its participation, but not necessarily budget it for 2020. Cl Green will bring a resolution to the board next month.

There were no further comments on the proposed local law to override the tax levy cap and Supv Leifer closed the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

RESOLUTION #142 (2019) – ADOPT LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY CAP

Supv Leifer offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby adopts the following local law and directs the Town Clerk to file the same with the Secretary of State:

**LOCAL LAW # OF 2019 – A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT
ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Dryden as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent: It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Dryden, County of Tompkins pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Dryden, County of Tompkins to adopt a town budget for (a) town purposes, (b) fire protection districts, and (c) any other special or improvement district, and Town improvements provided pursuant to Town Law Article 12-C, governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority: This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override: The Town Board of the Town of Dryden, County of Tompkins is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability: If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date: This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

2nd Cl Green

Roll Call Vote	Cl Lavine	Yes
	Cl Green	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

Water/Sewer Consolidation

Proposed resolutions for consolidating the water and sewer districts were distributed and reviewed by the board.

RESOLUTION #143 (2019) – RESCIND RESOLUTION #140

Supv Leifer offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby rescinds Resolution #140 adopted earlier in this meeting.
2nd Cl Green

Roll Call Vote	Cl Lavine	Yes
	Cl Green	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

Atty Sokoni explained that the procedure in this matter is to adopt the plans for consolidation of the water and sewer districts and then set a public hearing for each matter. The plan is then published and open to public comment. Supv Leifer read the resolutions aloud prior to adoption.

**RESOLUTION #144 (2019) - CALLING PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE
PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF SEWER DISTRICTS NOS. SS2, SS4, SS5, SS6 and SS7
TO BE DESIGNATED AS CONSOLIDATED SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE
TOWN OF DRYDEN PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 206 AND 206-a OF THE TOWN LAW OF
THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

Supv Leifer offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Town of Dryden Sewer Benefit Districts SS2, SS4, SS5, SS6 and SS7 are separate and distinct special improvement districts of the Town of Dryden ("Town"), established at different times pursuant to Article 12 and/or Article 12-A of the New York State Town Law (Individually "District" and collectively "Districts"); and

WHEREAS, the Districts currently serve separate areas within the Town but are contiguous, and their systems are interconnected; and

WHEREAS, each of the Districts has separate debt service obligations and separate sewer rate structures; and

WHEREAS, management of each District has three separate components, to wit: administrative, financial and operational, which are handled respectively by the Town Clerk; Town Supervisor and Town Bookkeeper; and

WHEREAS, all present indebtedness of said districts and extensions will be paid in full during the current calendar year, and

WHEREAS, presently the cost of the proposed extensions is often extremely high relative to the available assessment base so that the cost constitutes an undue burden on the property therein.

WHEREAS, it appears that certain benefits would accrue if all of said districts and extensions were consolidated, namely:

- a. Bookkeeping and budgeting would be facilitated without the necessity of inter district transfers and adjustments.

- b. The costs of future repairs for emergencies will be spread over the entire consolidated district and not borne only by the area involved.
- c. The costs of future expansion of sewer service will be spread over the entire consolidated district and not just the new area involved.
- d. Revenues produced by water production would be shared by the entire consolidated district.
- e. All future expenses of maintenance, operation and improvements of the consolidated district would be raised and paid for by all properties within the consolidated district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dryden in regular session duly convened as follows:

- a. The plan for consolidation of Sewer Districts Nos. SS2, SS4, SS5, SS6 and SS7 of the Town of Dryden is hereby adopted.
- b. A public hearing be and the same hereby is called on November 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Dryden Town Hall, at 93 East Main Street, Dryden, New York to consider the proposed consolidation of Sewer Districts Nos. SS2, SS4, SS5, SS6 and SS7 of the Town of Dryden pursuant to sections 206 and 206-a of the Town Law of the State of New York.
- c. The Town Clerk shall give notice of said hearing, by publication of a notice in the Ithaca Journal, the official newspaper of the Town, at least ten (10) days prior to the time fixed for such public hearing and shall post one copy of said notice on the Town Clerk's signboard at least ten (10) days prior to the time fixed for such public hearing.

2nd Cl Servoss

Roll Call Vote	Cl Lavine	Yes
	Cl Green	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

**RESOLUTION #145 (2019) - CALLING PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED
CONSOLIDATION OF WATER DISTRICTS SW1, SW2, SW3, SW4 SW5 and SW6 TO BE
DESIGNATED AS CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE TOWN OF DRYDEN PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 206 AND 206-a OF
THE TOWN LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

Supv Leifer offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Town of Dryden Water Districts SW1, SW2, SW3, SW4 SW5 and SW6 are separate and distinct special improvement districts of the Town of Dryden ("Town"), established at different times pursuant to Article 12 and/or Article 12-A of the and

WHEREAS, the Districts currently serve separate areas within the Town but are contiguous, and their systems are interconnected; and

WHEREAS, each of the Districts has separate debt service obligations and separate water rate structures; and

WHEREAS, management of each District has three separate components, to wit: administrative, financial and operational, which are handled respectively by the Town Clerk; Town Supervisor and Town Bookkeeper; and

WHEREAS, all present indebtedness of said districts and extensions will be paid in full during the current calendar year, and

WHEREAS, presently the cost of the proposed extensions is often extremely high relative to the available assessment base so that the cost constitutes an undue burden on the property therein.

WHEREAS, it appears that certain benefits would accrue if all of said districts and extensions were consolidated, namely:

- a. Bookkeeping and budgeting would be facilitated without the necessity of inter district transfers and adjustments.
- b. The costs of future repairs for emergencies will be spread over the entire consolidated district and not borne only by the area involved.
- c. The costs of future expansion of sewer service will be spread over the entire consolidated district and not just the new area involved.
- d. Revenues produced by water production would be shared by the entire consolidated district.
- e. All future expenses of maintenance, operation and improvements of the consolidated district would be raised and paid for by all properties within the consolidated district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Dryden in regular session duly convened as follows:

- a. The plan for consolidation of Water District Numbers SW1, SW2, SW3, SW4 SW5 and SW6 of the Town of Dryden is hereby adopted.
 - b. A public hearing be and the same hereby is called on November 7, 2019, at 6:00 at the Dryden Town Hall, at 93 East Main Street, Dryden, New York to consider the proposed consolidation of Water District Numbers SW1, SW2, SW3, SW4 SW5 and SW6 of the Town of Dryden pursuant to sections 206 and 206-a of the Town Law of the State of New York.
 - c. The Town Clerk shall give notice of said hearing, by publication of a notice in the Ithaca Journal, the official newspaper of the Town, at least ten (10) days prior to the time fixed for such public hearing and shall post one copy of said notice on the Town Clerk's signboard at least ten (10) days prior to the time fixed for such public hearing.
- 2nd Cl Green

Roll Call Vote	Cl Lavine	Yes
	Cl Green	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Trinitas Update - R Burger reported the application is still under review. There are some issues to resolve before it can be called complete. It will continue to be evaluated over the coming weeks and he will advise as soon as it has been declared complete. The town can then declare lead agency. Issues include the consolidation of lots and the two lots on the Fall Creek side of Route 366 and whether they are to be a park feature or for single family homes. There may be an issue with respect to green space. One of the conditions of sketch plan

approval was to make a proposal concerning housing on those two lots. They were responsive to that and now there is a question of green space that would have been provided by those properties had they been parkland instead. It was clarified that when the application is deemed complete, the 62-day clock starts. Declaration of lead agency status must take place within that 62-day period.

Special use permit applications expected for future hearing:

- Kennel/doggy daycare next to the old Book Barn where a veterinary practice is going in. They are working out an issue with DOT and R Burger said they may be ready for site plan/special use permit on November 21.
- I-Deal Storage expansion – this application will probably be in order for November 21.

Mill Creek Subdivision – R Burger reported the 40 residential lots went on the market and the majority of lots are already sold.

ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

Safety & Preparedness – J Bretscher reported they held a citizens preparedness training last month and had 50 people in attendance. It was very well done, and everyone went home with a backpack full of supplies should they need to shelter in place or shelter elsewhere. They are grateful that the Rotary Club of Ithaca awarded them \$1,000 and that will pay for uniforms for 6 CERT members. They have applied for another grant. Dana Magnuson has opened a bank account for them at AFCU and they have a bookkeeper to do their accounting. Basic CERT training is in progress with ten participants. Katie Quinn-Jacobs would like one of their group to be involved in the comprehensive plan update. D Weinstein will bring this up at the next meeting on the consultants.

Planning Board – has formed a subcommittee to try and reconcile zoning with the Varna Plan. They discussed short-term rentals.

Conservation Board – discussed the possibility of a deer control program for the town and how to improve management ditches. Could we implement a test program as described by Rebecca Schneider? They also discussed a system for monitoring conservation easements; a report should go to the town board.

Recreation & Youth Commission – There was a preliminary discussion about a proposal from the Village of Freeville to take over their summer camp. DRYC requested additional information and after receiving that, it looks like the Rec Dept will take over that camp. There was talk of a DRYC group travelling to take a look at the 3.5 acres given to the town in the Mill Creek subdivision. They also discussed town participation in the holiday celebration in the Village of Dryden on December 6.

Ag Committee – is reviewing ag district maps with Monika Roth of Cooperative Extension. They will be also be involved with the comp plan review.

Rail Trail Task Force – They have requested expressions of interest from firms that would potentially be involved in the TAP grant work. They had a great conversation with someone from the City of Ithaca who advised them that they could use the consultations with applicants who express interest to help define the scope of the work on the TAP grant. Those expressions of interest are due November 1 and a subcommittee of the task force will meet to review those. Cl Green had a discussion with Jeff Smith of Tompkins County Highway about the Memorandum of Understanding discussed last month. He indicates that he originally wrote that memorandum to go to both the Town of Dryden and the Town of Ithaca. He was

advised that the county would prefer a memorandum of understanding with only one party. Cl Green said the town feels strongly that both Dryden and Ithaca both benefit from a good agreement at the crosswalk. He said it would be acceptable for the two towns to do their own memorandum regarding responsibility for the crosswalk. She also asked him about the requirements for the study of alternatives at the crossing and the requirement in the MOU that required someone with a pretty high level of highway engineering to conduct that study. He was quite insistent that we do need to have a firm rather than a pro bono highway engineer be responsible for the oversight of that. She is suggesting that we do the same thing with the crossing as with the bridge and ask for expressions of interest or do an RFP for firms that might help us design what needs to be in the crossing study. She recommends that we get expressions of interest and talk with potential firms about what the cost of that study will be before approaching the Town of Ithaca to discuss a cost-sharing memorandum of understanding.

BUDGET

After discussion about where to cut another \$80,000 to \$90,000 from the preliminary budget, it was decided Supv Leifer will email R Young requesting that he find another \$80,000 to \$90,000 reduction in his budget.

There being no further business, on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bambi L. Avery
Town Clerk