

The regular meeting of the Mendon Town Board was held at 7:00PM, Monday, August 9, 2021, at the Town of Mendon Falls Post #664 Community Center, 167 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls, NY.

PRESENT: John D. Moffitt, *Supervisor*
 Cynthia M. Carroll }
 Thomas G. Dubois } *Town Board*
 John L. Hagreen } *Members*
 Karen R. Jenkins }

ABSENT: None

RECORDING SECRETARY: Bonnie M. Toomey

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheldon W. Boyce, Jr. *Town Attorney*, Andrew Caschetta, *Highway Superintendent*, Danny Bassette, *Zoning Board Chair*, and the following members of the Citizens Advisory Committee for a Military Memorial: Muffy Meisenzahl, *Chair*, Peter A. Lehning, and Myron Lemperle, and Teresa DaGama, *Family Liaison to that Committee*.

Supervisor Moffitt called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA
(Resolution 21-174)

A motion was made by Mr. Dubois, seconded by Mrs. Carroll, to adopt the agenda as presented.
Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mr. Hagreen, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment.

COMMUNICATIONS

Town Clerk’s Office

Mrs. Toomey reported on the sale of conservation licenses.

Town Board

Mrs. Carroll reported on the Library.

Mr. Dubois reported that he and Mrs. Jenkins audited the Court financial records and found everything to be in order.

Mr. Hagreen reported on a meeting at the Ambulance facility.

Supervisor

Supervisor Moffitt reported on the Mendon Fireman’s Carnival parade; new lights on the Falls; a webinar on the Open Meetings Law; the Youth Center; a meeting with the new Library Director; and the Summer Recreation Program, particularly commending Kim Roberts for her work with the Program this year.

SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT

(Resolution 21-175)

A motion was made by Mr. Hagreen, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, to acknowledge receipt of the Supervisor’s Monthly Report for July 2021.

Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mr. Hagreen, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT***(Resolution 21-176)***

A motion was made by Mrs. Jenkins, seconded by Mrs. Carroll, to acknowledge receipt of the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for July 2021, showing receipts and disbursements in the amount of \$6,447.60. Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mr. Hagreen, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

MINUTES***(Resolution 21-177)***

A motion was made by Mrs. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Hagreen, to approve the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting held on June 14, 2021 as presented. Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mr. Hagreen, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

BUDGET TRANSFERS/ADJUSTMENTS***(Resolution 21-178)***

A motion was made by Mrs. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Dubois, to approve the following budget adjustments:

From:	ARPA		\$3,743.19
To:	L7410.410	Library Operations	\$3,743.19
From:	A3510.430	Veterinary Services	\$180.00
To:	A3510.440	Equipment	\$180.00
From:	B8020.41	Planning Engineering	\$150.00
To:	B8090.1	ECB Personnel	\$150.00
From:	B9950.2	Sidewalk Reserves	\$3,000.00
To:	B8023.440	Comp. Plan Update	\$3,000.00
From:	B7320.4	Joint Recreation	\$2,000.00
To:	B3620.120	Dep. Building Inspector	\$2,000.00
From:	B7610.404	Program for the Aging	\$4,700.00
To:	B3310.2	Traffic Control Equip	\$4,700.00

Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mr. Hagreen, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

VOUCHERS**General Abstract*****(Resolution 21-179)***

A motion was made by Mrs. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Dubois, to approve all claims on vouchers numbered 21-519 to 21-579, on General Abstract 21-08, in the amount of \$152,628.69

Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mr. Hagreen, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

Library Abstract

Library vouchers numbered 21-091 to 21-105, on Library Abstract 21-08, in the amount of \$5,037.12 were presented to the Town Board for payment.

REPORT FROM THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A MILITARY MEMORIAL

Committee members Muffy Meisenzahl, Peter A. Lehning, and Myron Lemperle appeared before the Board.

Ms. Meisenzahl presented the following remarks:

“Good evening. Myself, Peter Lehning, and Myron Lemperle, together with Board Members Cynthia Carroll and Tom Dubois are here to present our Report. We are members of the *Citizens Advisory Board for a Military Memorial* you established in your March 8th Resolution, “to explore options...and make

recommendations to the Town Board,” that will honor the lives, memory and sacrifice of National Guardsmen CW5 Steven Skoda, CW4 Christian Koch and CW2 Daniel Prial.

Our Report is before you in hardcopy; you previously received it electronically; and, it is projected for reference.

This comprehensive report assures that we met your Charge. We document verification of procedural requirements and include reference materials together with our recommendations of “an overall memorial concept that can be presented by you to the family, the public, and then to designers, architects and contractors to begin the building process.”

We acknowledge value-added contributions from Teressa Da Gama (Mrs. Christian Koch), who graciously represented the Guardsmen’s families, Town Officials and Town Staff who provided Records, supported our committee work and facilitated communication among us and our public interface.

We include a Glossary and draw your attention here as we define our use and meaning of some familiar terms.

Across seven (7) meetings, we established priorities and considered family suggestions as we focused our attention to identify concepts that would guide design for a Memorial and lead us to recommend an appropriate site.

As we gained clarity and consensus, we began to visualize how our concepts might be configured for a Memorial and sited on Town Property. We examined an inventory of Town Property – Table 1, on page 3, and began to cross-reference our concept components for access, geography, current use, existing infrastructure and supporting amenities.

Our recommendation includes two (2) proposals for your consideration. You will note that on Table 2. Page 4, they both meet these concept components.

#1. Our Primary Proposal sites the Memorial within the Parklands that surround the Highway Garage on Semmel Road.

Space, infrastructure, supporting amenities and active recreational uses lend this site to existing family-friendly uses and recreational pursuits for all ages. There is adequate space, ease of public access and ready availability for Town forces who can maintain the site.

We are aware the Town is considering additional recreational features on this site. Additional features will attract more visitors and potentially draw them to the Memorial. Learning about the Guardsmen, their Mission and their sacrifice will be available to all who come to this active and vibrant Town Parkland.

#2. Our Alternate Proposal sites the Memorial in a quieter, more reflective environment – the front yard of the Old Library at 15 Monroe Street, now the home of the Mendon Youth Center.

This site is more accessible to pedestrian traffic. It is located in the Village of Honeoye Falls, served by Public Sidewalks and linked by a separate sidewalk that connects the site to the public parking lot at the current Mendon Library.

Unlike the Semmel Road Parkland, this site has space limitations defined by the property’s footprint. This site is a distinct contrast in personal experience from our Primary Proposal.

This Report includes an Addendum highlighting a number of suggestions that emerged from our discussions and that you may want to share across your interface with community organizations.

Our Report formally documents our due diligence and conveys our recommendation. However, the nature of our effort and our rationale is not fully disclosed by ink on paper. The Memorial Graphic designed by Sara Martin, captures the essence of what words alone cannot fully express. Her work is our Dedication page and it stands alone as an Epigraph at the front of our Report.

Please refer to it as fellow Committee Member and Retired Army Colonel Peter Lehning, a former member of the General Support Aviation Battalion, shares the Unit's Mission and Mantra depicted on the graphic so you may better understand our Proposal as a tangible reflection to honor the lives, memory and sacrifice of Guardsmen Skoda, Koch and Prial."

Col. Lehning presented the following remarks:

"Good evening and thank you for hearing our committees finding on honoring these men that on 20 January 2021 paid the ultimate price in their service to our nation.

I did not personally know CWS Steven Skoda, CW4 Christian Koch or CW2 David Prial but I know I would have loved to have worked with them. I have had the privilege and honor to command, work with, fly with and deploy with thousands of Soldiers over my career but the Warrant Officers are the most distinctive and skilled. Warrant officers are the unique breed of Soldier that are true artisans of their craft, everyone looks to them for their knowledge and skills and are the strength of Army Aviation and the Medical Mission of MEDEVAC.

Aviation itself is dangerous and I would suggest Army Aviation and the MEDEVAC mission is one of the most challenging. Helicopter pilots will tell you, helicopters do not fly but they beat the air into submission. Aviators are proud of their skills and these pilots had immense experience and resumes to back it up. Between them they had at least 5 combat deployments and 8,000 flying hours, that is akin to taking off today and not landing until next July 9th. That is an amazing level of experience, dedication and skill. They obtained this skill and experience through real world action and training. But training comes with risks and the Army loses Soldiers every year in training accidents. In 2021 alone the Army has had a challenging year losing 11 lives to date in Army Aviation accidents to include the 3 men we honor here today.

Taking a step back we must also remember we have an all volunteer military and it has been that way since the end of the draft in 1973. Men and Women serve today as a sense of duty, a means to better life, a path to college, a sense of adventure or a multitude of other reasons but the simple unifying fact is they volunteered to serve in the United States Military. I do not know why Skoda, Koch or Prial served but that is really not the story, the story is they served with honor, humility and dedication with a combined 63 plus years of service between them.

All that choose to serve are bound by the Army Values of Leadership, Duty, Selfless Service, Integrity, and Personal Courage. These values are a foundation for every Soldier to build on, values to hold us together, values that give a sense of unity and singular sense of purpose. Values that I believe.

LOYALTY - Bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, unit and other Soldiers.

DUTY -Fulfill your obligations.

RESPECT -treat others with dignity and respect while expecting the same of others SELFLESS SERVICE

- Put the welfare of the nation, the Army and your subordinates before your own.

HONOR - Live up to Army values.

INTEGRITY - Do what's right, legally and morally

PERSONAL COURAGE -Face fear, danger or adversity (physical or moral)

Chief Warrant Officers Skoda, Koch and Prial embodied all these values and clearly set the standard for others to follow.

These men all served in a Medical Evacuation Unit, a mission that is near and dear to my heart. MEDEVAC or better known by the radio callsign "DUSTOFF", has a tremendous legacy that started back with the use of helicopters for evacuation in the Korean War. The US military is the only military in the world that has dedicated helicopter assets whose full time duty is to evacuate the wounded off the battlefield. DUSTOFF helicopters carry no weapons beyond those for personal protection and only have the big red crosses on their side in hopes the enemy respects the Geneva Convention.

As I conclude, The MEDEVAC mission that these officers choose to be a part of can be summed up in the immortal words of DUSTOFF pilot Major Charles Kelly. In 1964, as commander of the 57th Medical Helicopter Detachment, Kelly approached a hot area in South Vietnam to pick up wounded only to find the enemy waiting with a withering barrage of fire. Advised repeatedly to withdraw, he calmly replied to the ground element, "When I have your wounded." This has been the mantra of MEDEVAC pilots around the world as they strive to save every life they can, many times to their own extreme peril.

CW5 Skoda, CW4 Koch and CW2 Prial all had volunteered to be MEDEVAC pilots and carry on the legacy of saving lives on the battle field and we all owe them a debt of gratitude for their service and ultimate sacrifice to our country on 20 January 2021. Thank you for your time today as we look to honor these great American Soldiers – DUSTOFF”

Ms. Meisenzahl continued her comments:

“As we submit our Report, we conclude this Committee’s responsibilities. Thank you for the opportunity to join the community in exploring options for a Town Memorial to honor these special Soldiers.”

Each member of the Board thanked the Committee for their work and their words. The Board briefly discussed the project and possible funding sources for the memorial.

SCHEDULE SPECIAL MEETING – RESPONSE FROM THE TOWN FOR THE MILITARY MEMORIAL

(Resolution 21-180)

A motion was made by Mrs. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Dubois, to schedule a Special Town Board Meeting 7:00PM, Monday, August 23, 2021, at the Town of Mendon Falls Post #664 Community Center, 167 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls, NY to address the Town response to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a Military Memorial.

Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mr. Hagreen, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

CONTRACT WITH LABELLA TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR PUD CHANGE

(Resolution 21-181)

A motion was made by Mr. Hagreen, seconded by Mrs. Carroll, to contact with LaBella to amend the Comprehensive Plan Map regarding Mendon Green. Amount to be paid from account number B8023.440, not to exceed \$500.00.

Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mr. Hagreen, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

GENERAL CODE- CODE SUPPLEMENT

(Resolution 21-182)

A motion was made by Mr. Dubois, seconded by Mr. Hagreen, to update the Town Code with two supplements regarding Local Law No. 1-2020 and Local Law No. 1-2021. Amount not to exceed \$595.00 to be paid from account B8023.410.

Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mr. Hagreen, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER***(Resolution 21-183)***

A motion was made by Mr. Hagreen, seconded by Mrs. Carroll, to appoint Thomas G. Voorhees and Timothy Fess as Deputy Building Inspectors and Code Enforcement Officers, terms to expire December 31, 2021. Payment will be \$25.00 per inspection, to be paid from account B3620.120.

Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mr. Hagreen, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

PURCHASE OF TWO SPEED RADAR MONITORS***(Resolution 21-184)***

A motion was made by Mrs. Carroll, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, to purchase two Radar Speed Monitors from traffic Logix, at a cost not to exceed \$4,700.00 from account number B3310.200.

Supervisor Moffitt explained that these are solar powered and can be placed on any Town road. County and Town road placement would require their respective permissions.

Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mr. Hagreen, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

RIDINGS OF MENDON – RELEASE MAINTENANCE BOND***(Resolution 21-185)***

A motion was made by Mrs. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Dubois, to release the Maintenance Bond on Ridings of Mendon, Phase 1, to DiFelice Development, Inc. in the amount of \$23,424.80

Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mr. Hagreen, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

ACCEPT ESTIMATE TO REFINISH DOORS AT TOWN HALL***(Resolution 21-186)***

A motion was made by Mr. Dubois, seconded by Mrs. Carroll, to accept estimate from Carver Creek Woodworks to refinish the Wood doors at Town Hall. To be paid from account A1620.411, not to exceed \$5,040.00.

Supervisor Moffitt explained the constant weathering the doors take on that side of the building, and the fact that they need to be refinished every two to three years.

Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mr. Hagreen, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

ACCEPT DONATION FROM JOHN D. MOFFITT - LOCATION AND MILITARY RECORD OF MENDON CEMETERIES***(Resolution 21-187)***

A motion was made by Mr. Hagreen, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, to accept the donation from John D. Moffitt of the book Location and Military Record Town of Mendon Cemeteries.

Supervisor Moffitt explained that a resident had alerted him to this book for sale on eBay. Knowing it was Town property, he was able to secure it using his own funds. He is donating it to the Town to return it to its rightful place.

Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mr. Hagreen, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Bassette, 20-1 East Street, commented on the Open Meetings Law webinar.

ADJOURNMENT***(Resolution 21-188)***

A motion was made by Mr. Hagreen, seconded by Mrs. Carroll, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58PM.

Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mr. Hagreen, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.