

**TOWN OF DRYDEN  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
May 15, 2014**

Present: Supervisor Mary Ann Sumner, Cl Gregory Sloan, Cl Joseph Solomon, Cl Jason Leifer, Cl Linda Lavine

Elected Officials: Bambi L. Avery, Town Clerk

Other Town Staff: Mahlon Perkins, Town Attorney  
Jane Nicholson, Director of Planning

Supv Sumner opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. and board members and guests participated in the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING  
TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SPRING HOUSE ROAD**

Supv Sumner opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. and explained that, as in previous years, there has been a request that Spring House Road be closed for a couple of hours during a fundraiser race to benefit the Dryden lacrosse teams. The event will be June 8 and the road will be closed from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. There were no comments or questions from the board or audience, and the hearing was left open at 7:13 p.m.

**TOWN CLERK**

**RESOLUTION #79 – APPROVE MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby approves the minutes of April 10 and April 17, 2014.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Leifer

Roll Call Vote	Cl Solomon	Yes
	Supv Sumner	Yes
	Cl Leifer	Yes
	Cl Lavine	Yes

**CITIZENS PRIVILEGE**

**Hilary Lambert**, 1676 Hanshaw Road, made the following statement:

I am speaking to request that the Dryden Town Board please vote to support the Tompkins County Legislature’s resolution regarding the deeply flawed proposed New York State Energy Plan.

I have not been as involved as others but have attended two presentations, one by Tony Ingraffea and one by an attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council.

I was startled to find out that a plan so important to our state's future is sadly lacking in innovation regarding bringing more renewable energy sources into the mix. At both the start and end dates of the plan, the proposed relative percentages of gas, coal, nuclear, and a tiny percentage of renewably-sourced energy production, remain unchanged.

It is surprising that this plan is not even attempting to match the urgency of the climate change planning coming out of NY City and other communities. The draft state plan largely ignores the reality of climate change and implications for necessary innovation.

I heard a great presentation by engineer Tony Ingraffea recently where he unveiled a proposed plan for transitioning to 100% renewably sourced energy for NY State within a few decades. That is more like the kind of visionary thinking that we need to be encouraging New York state to go for.

While Ingraffea's suggestions will require the test of time and funding, I do hope that the Dryden Town Board can get behind supporting the county's statement of concern regarding the present plan. This is just a first step. It is small, solid and realistic, and important to help move our state forward toward a healthier, sustainable and renewables-based energy future.

**Victor Tiffany**, Statewide Coordinator for Move to Amend, Danby, New York

After Los Angeles City Council passed a resolution similar to the one before this board this evening Council President Eric Garcetti said, "Every struggle to amend the constitution began as just a group of regular Americans who wanted to end slavery, who thought women should vote, who believed that if you're old enough to be drafted, you're old enough to vote. These are how American amendments move forward from the grassroots when Americans say enough is enough."

Do you want elections where speech only matters if we have millions and millions of dollars? Do we really want corporations with their limited liability and massive resources deciding who gets funding to run for office?

Regarding the Citizens United decision, retired Justice John Paul Stevens has written lately "Essentially, five justices were unhappy with the limited nature of the case before us, so they changed the case to give themselves an opportunity to change the law."

It's puzzling why conservatives would speak out against this resolution as they are usually opposed to this kind of blatant judicial activism. Even Glenn Beck believes that rights are for individuals only.

A New York federal judge on April 24th reluctantly struck down New York's limits on donations to independent political action committees as unconstitutional, potentially ushering in a new era of "super PACs" in state campaigns. "I think there is a risk of quid pro quo corruption, but the Supreme Court has not recognized it," he said.

The Supreme Court is paving the way toward an oligarchic form of society in which a handful of billionaires like the Koch brothers, Sheldon Adelson, George and Jonathan Soros and Tom Steyer will have control over our political process. We have got to defend American democratic order.

Sooner or later, some group, some oil and gas company will come after your jobs. It's just a matter of time.

The Roberts five have voted to legalize corporate plutocracy. Tonight, it's your turn to vote.

**Jim Skaley**, said he has read the resolution to congress and strongly supports it and urges the board to approve it and move it forward to the state and the congress. This is a way that the people can finally through local representation and by direct petition to congress express their disappointment with way the courts are viewing the notion of who has the rights of citizenship and who does not. Certainly corporate interests are important but should not be greater than citizens who have the right and privilege of voting.

He also supports the resolution with respect to the sustainable energy policy. The town has been working with this in the comprehensive plan and working with other parts of the county in developing things. The Varna Community Association has a new program on introducing Tompkins Solar projects which will be useful to citizens. The town's efforts to support that effort would be commendable.

**Janet Morgan**, 940 Dryden Road, said she agrees with the previous speakers on these big topics.

She is serving as chair of the Varna Community Association. They are hopeful they will be one of the wifi hotspots for internet access in the Town of Dryden. They hoping for a decision soon and are anxious to get it up and running.

**Joe Wilson**, Hunt Hill Road, regarding the 2014 draft energy plan, he hopes the board will pass the resolution. The plan states good goals, but provides no meaningful structure. The goals call for substituting renewable resources over the next 23 or 33 years so that we could be at a place where we are relying less on fossil fuels. However, the plan has two huge flaws. One flaw is that it has no specifics about how this will be accomplished and no deadlines for adherence. The other flaw is that the plan makes it clear that the real goals are to dramatically expand fossil fuel infrastructure and dramatically increase fossil fuel use. Both are counter to what scientists tell us is going on with regard to climate change, global warming, and the need to dramatically reduce use of fossil fuel.

With regard to the resolution directed to Congress, he thinks that notion that corporations, artificial creations of the state, can somehow be converted into human beings with all the rights and privileges given to us human beings under the Constitution is an unbelievably absurd and stupid exercise of judicial activism. He urged the board to pass the resolution requesting Congress to look at this principal again because it's absurd.

**Judy Pierpont**, 111 Pleasant Hollow Road, urged the board to submit a resolution to the state, to NYSEDA in particular, requesting that it revise its draft state energy plan. The state and federal government are not responding to or planning adequately for the realities of climate change. Citizens need to speak through local governments by resolutions as well as to speak and write to their state representative. We want to see our governments incorporate the necessary shifts in policy to mitigate climate change. It is happening now in unprecedented ways. Huge parts of Antarctic ice sheets are breaking away and sea levels are predicted to rise 3 feet by the end of this century. We will also experience floods, droughts, fires, extremely powerful storms and other disturbances. Food is getting expensive because of droughts and floods. New York needs to do its part in mitigating the effects of climate change as much as possible. We need to cut emissions of green house gases, the most potent of which is unburned methane, or natural gas. While New York State Energy Plan in its draft form sets out good intentions in reducing carbon dioxide, it lacks specific steps to achieve the goals. It ignores the known impact of methane as a heat trapping green house gas. The plan proposes a large increase and acceleration in the use of natural gas, which is mostly methane, for both household gas and electrical generation. The policy is based on the fact that the gas is cheaper than other fuels at the moment. The price of gas is unstable and is already rising. If more export facilities are permitted, the price will rise to global levels and we'll be stuck with a dinosaur of gas infrastructure. The plan doesn't anticipate this.

Methane leaks into the atmosphere unburned at every stage of production, transport, and use. Dialing back is now possible and the plan should include real planning for renewable sources of energy and a projected timeline for upgrading the grid. Solar energy is now almost at parity with electricity generated by fossil fuels. As soon as fossil fuels become more scarce and expensive, solar energy will be cheaper. We need to get busy doing what is possible.

**Martha Ferger**, 6 Union St., said she supports the previous speakers and changes in the New York State Energy Plan. She is also in favor of the resolution for the move to amend initiative and getting money out of politics. It is important to democracy to get rid of pure money being able to determine the results of our elections.

Supv Sumner said she read a lot of the energy plan in the last week while working on the resolution. The plan was written by the NYS Energy Planning Commission. They've been working on this since 2010. The board includes a representative from NYSERDA, Commissioner Martens of DEC, and representation from several other state agencies. The plan itself is fairly brief and very disappointing. Part II got her attention. There is an astonishing amount of attention to environmental justice and the impact of high energy rates and high density air pollution in low income communities. She was also surprised to see there are creative things including micro grids and community distribution systems. The plan is in need of vast improvements, but there are a few things to compliment them on.

Cl Sloan arrived at 7:30 p.m.

**Marie McRae**, 710 Irish Settlement, said she supports the move to amend resolution and any comments that can be made on the NYS energy plan. Several people have mentioned solar energy. The Solarize Tompkins program has a goal this year of doubling the installed kilowatts in Tompkins County. They had 112 installations last year in Dryden, Caroline and Danby. They will be sending information on a series of dates for solar tours and community education meetings at the Varna Community Center and at the Dryden fire hall.

Supv Sumner closed the public hearing regarding temporary closure of Spring House Road.

#### **RESOLUTION #80 (2014) – CLOSE SPRING HOUSE ROAD**

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

WHEREAS, the Dryden boys and girls lacrosse programs are sponsoring a 5K road race as a fundraiser for their teams and desire to use Spring House Road as part of their course, and

WHEREAS, the safety of the public and race participants is best protected by a temporary closure of the road during the road race, and

WHEREAS, Town Law section 64 (10-b) authorizes the town board to set terms and conditions for issuance of a permit by the town superintendent of highways to hold a road race on Spring House Road and temporarily block such road during the event, and

WHEREAS, the road, although blocked, will still be open to authorized emergency or hazard vehicles, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby authorizes the temporary closure of Spring House Road on June 8, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to accommodate the "Run for the Pride" 5k road race, with the condition that race personnel be posted at each end of

Springhouse Road to notify drivers of the reason and expected duration of the road closure and any requirements of the Town Highway Superintendent are complied with.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Leifer

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sloan	Yes
	Cl Solomon	Yes
	Supv Sumner	Yes
	Cl Leifer	Yes
	Cl Lavine	Yes

**SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Bolton Point is planning a transmission main upgrade under Route 13 near Triphammer Road. It feeds the East Hill water tank that feeds most of Dryden. The Village of Lansing also has a need for a sister main and they have come to an intermunicipal agreement to share one 18” main that the village will use as its transmission main and the Commission will be able to use it in the event of an emergency.

TCCOG is working on a response to the Governors new tax freeze. Residents of municipalities that stay within their state-imposed tax levy cap will receive a refund/rebate from the State. If the Town of Dryden stays within its tax levy cap in 2015 each resident will receive the greater of either any increase in their taxes that would occur as a result of a rise in the tax levy increase, or the amount that the state said the levy could rise. The Town of Dryden has for years kept the tax rate flat. The total assessment goes up about 1.66% annually. The levy goes up, but the assessment goes up, so the rate stays the same. Someone who has not made any improvements has paid the same town tax for the eight years she has been in office. The taxpayer would get their 1.66% anyway, even though their taxes did not go up. They will receive a payment from the state of the greater of 1.66% or however much the taxes increased. For an average home in the Town of Dryden (\$150,000) the rebate will be \$3.56. Supv Sumner said she doesn’t understand how they believe this is going to address government efficiency or the economy in any way. TCCOG is meeting tomorrow to talk about the next phase. Municipalities are required to analyze and report any shared services that promote government efficiency and reduce costs to taxpayer. The expense of gathering the information for this reporting is another unfunded mandate.

A handout was distributed about a project at the Ithaca Area Wastewater Treatment Plant. They are working with Clear Cove Systems in a demonstration project of a new waste water treatment technology. Using less energy produces cleaner water and a very carbon rich sludge which can be used to produce methane and generate electricity. The plant is now generating in the neighborhood of 200,000 kilowatt hours a month. They are now soliciting carbon rich waste streams (truck waste) to increase the ability to generate electricity and with eye toward forming a community energy improvement district. The company is extremely innovative and on the cutting edge. They were very complimentary of IAWWTP and their efforts for a plant its size. They will be generating in the millions of kilowatt hours eventually and it would otherwise have been a greenhouse gas escaping from the planet.

**SUSTAINABILITY PRESENTATION BY NICK GOLDSMITH**

Nick Goldsmith explained that he worked for the town for 20 months, and this is a presentation of the highlights of the project and preliminary findings of government energy inventory. This position was funded by a grant mostly through the Park Foundation, with the planner splitting his time between the Town of Dryden and Town of Ithaca for 32 months.

See attached PowerPoint.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Jane Nicholson thanked Nick Goldsmith for working with the Planning Department on the Comprehensive Plan analysis. He did a fantastic job and she appreciates his help.

**Hazard Mitigation Plan** – J Nicholson explained that Tompkins County has completed a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. It was adopted by the County in 2013 and was a joint effort by all municipalities. If towns in the county choose to adopt it, it will replace any pre-existing plan. Adopting the plan makes our community eligible for predisaster mitigation funding from FEMA. It is a FEMA approved plan. There are four or five municipalities that have adopted it and others are in the process. No public hearing is necessary, but is recommended to give the community a chance to become familiar and comment. The official document will be in the Town Clerks office. It is also available online at Tompkins County’s website.

Supv Sumner said Dryden’s plan was last adopted in 2000. This multi-jurisdictional plan identifies hazards and associated risks. Extreme weather is a major threat. At the bottom of the list of hazards is civil unrest. She thanked Dave Sprout for his help on this project. The board agrees a public hearing should be scheduled.

**RESOLUTION #81 (2014) – SET PUBLIC HEARING ON HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

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

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby sets a public hearing on the adoption of the Tompkins County Hazard Mitigation Plan for June 19, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Leifer

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sloan	Yes
	Cl Solomon	Yes
	Supv Sumner	Yes
	Cl Leifer	Yes
	Cl Lavine	Yes

**Sketch Plan Review - 478 Lower Creek Road** – Board members have the Planning Department report and sketch plan map. This is a strength and fitness facility in a building at the corner of Lower Creek Road and Route 13. There is no change to the footprint of the site, building, or parking. Based on the sketch plan and the Planning Department report, the Town Board can waive full site plan review (recommended). The area is zoned light industrial and the special use application is complete. Applicant states this is not a gym with a lot machines. It is basically warehouse space with rubber mats on the floor. Ten to twelve strength and fitness classes per week are held. The board had no questions on the sketch plan.

The board reviewed the short form SEQR

**RESOLUTION #82 (2014) – NEG SEQR DEC – 478 LOWER CREEK ROAD**

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

WHEREAS,

A. The proposed action involves consideration of the sketch plan of JC Leasing, LLC in connection with an application for a special use permit to operate a strength and fitness training business at 478 Lower Creek Road.

B. The proposed action is an Unlisted Action for which the Town Board of the Town of Dryden is the lead agency for the purposes of uncoordinated environmental review in connection with approval by the Town.

C. The Town Board of the Town of Dryden, in performing the lead agency function for its independent and uncoordinated environmental review in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law – the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR), (i) thoroughly reviewed the Short) Environmental Assessment Form (the “Short EAF”), Part I, and any and all other documents prepared and submitted with respect to this proposed action and its environmental review, (ii) thoroughly analyzed the potential relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, including the criteria identified in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c), and (iii) completed the Short EAF, Part II;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Dryden, based upon (i) its thorough review of the Short EAF, Part I, and any and all other documents prepared and submitted with respect to this proposed action and its environmental review, (ii) its thorough review of the potential relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, including the criteria identified in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c), and (iii) its completion of the Short EAF, Part II, including the findings noted thereon (which findings are incorporated herein as if set forth at length), hereby makes a negative determination of environmental significance (“Negative Declaration”) in accordance with SEQR for the above referenced proposed action, and determines that neither a full Environmental Assessment Form, nor an Environmental Impact Statement will be required, and

2. The Responsible Officer of the Town Board of the Town of Dryden is hereby authorized and directed to complete and sign as required the determination of significance, confirming the foregoing Negative Declaration, which fully completed and signed Short EAF and determination of significance shall be incorporated by reference in this Resolution.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Solomon

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sloan	Yes
	Cl Solomon	Yes
	Supv Sumner	Yes
	Cl Leifer	Yes
	Cl Lavine	Yes

**RESOLUTION #83 – ACCEPT SKETCH PLAN AS THE SITE PLAN AND WAIVER FURTHER SITE PLAN REVIEW – 478 LOWER CREEK ROAD**

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

WHEREAS, JC Leasing, LLC has submitted a Sketch Plan Review application for a strength and fitness center at 478 Lower Creek Road per Article XI of the Town of Dryden Zoning Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds the project to be consistent with the zoning, design guidelines and comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the Sketch Plan and approves said Sketch Plan as the Site Plan, and hereby waives further Site Plan Review, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Dryden having reviewed the Sketch Plan and found it satisfactory, hereby waives further Site Plan Review for the proposed strength and fitness center at 478 Lower Creek Road and accepts the Sketch Plan as the final Site Plan.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Solomon

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sloan	Yes
	Cl Solomon	Yes
	Supv Sumner	Yes
	Cl Leifer	Yes
	Cl Lavine	Yes

**RESOLUTION #84 (2014) SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – 478 LOWER CREEK ROAD**

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

RESOLVED, that this Town Board, after review of the sketch plan and special use permit application, and upon recommendation of the Planning Department, hereby schedules a public hearing on the application of JC Leasing, LLC for a strength and fitness center at 478 Lower Creek Road, for June 19, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Solomon

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sloan	Yes
	Cl Solomon	Yes
	Supv Sumner	Yes
	Cl Leifer	Yes
	Cl Lavine	Yes

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Yellow Barn Water District** – Board members have received a letter from the Town engineer explaining that the bids received for construction were higher than anticipated in the Map, Plan and Report. The town will need to hold another public hearing for comment on the increased cost. Then there will need to be another bond resolution to increase the amount of funding. The Yellow Barn Water Company board meeting is next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Supv Sumner will attend to answer any questions property owners might have. She believes they will support moving ahead. The board will hold a special meeting on May 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION #85 (2014) - SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT TO BE EXPENDED FOR YELLOW BARN WATER DISTRICT WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.**

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Dryden, Tompkins County, New York (the "Town") has caused a map, plan and report (the "Maps and Plans") to be prepared in connection with the proposed establishment and improvement of the Yellow Barn Water District (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the District are set forth on Appendix A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Town proposes to acquire, construct and install a water supply and distribution system and related facilities in the District (the "Improvements"), consisting of the acquisition, construction and installation of water transmission mains and lines, and acquisition of furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required in connection therewith, all as more particularly described in the Maps and Plans; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on January 17, 2013, the Town Board authorized the establishment of the District and the acquisition, construction and installation of the Improvements at a maximum cost of \$524,920, with the first-year cost to the typical property owner in the District to be approximately \$1,045.01 per year; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2013, the New York State Comptroller approved the establishment of the District at a cost not to exceed \$524,920; and

WHEREAS, based upon bids received for construction of the Improvements, the Town Board has determined that the maximum cost of the Improvements will be \$640,000, constituting an increase of \$115,080 over the original estimated maximum cost; and

WHEREAS, based upon the increase in the maximum cost of the Improvements, the first-year cost of the District to the typical property in the District is now estimated to be approximately \$1,157.98 per year; and

WHEREAS, the method of financing the costs of the Improvements will consist of the issuance of serial bonds and bond anticipation notes of the Town to mature in annual installments over a period not exceeding 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the Maps and Plans describing the foregoing, including a detailed explanation of how the estimated cost of the District to the typical property was computed, have been filed in the Town Clerk's office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board will hold a public hearing to hear all persons interested in the proposed increase in the maximum cost of the Improvements to the District, which public hearing shall be held in the Town Hall, 93 East Main Street, in the Town of Dryden on May 29, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.; and be it further

RESOLVED, and ordered that the Town Clerk give notice of such hearing by publishing in the official Town newspaper a copy of this resolution and by posting a copy of this resolution on the Town's official sign-board not less than ten nor more than twenty days before such hearing.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Leifer

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sloan	Yes
	Cl Solomon	Yes
	Supv Sumner	Yes
	Cl Leifer	Yes
	Cl Lavine	Yes

Mike Lane said there are houses being transferred in Yellow Barn and asked if there was a fact sheet available to new owners.

**Resolution to Amend Constitution** – Cl Lavine has revised the resolution provided by Move to Amend. She said this shorter version is sufficient and it doesn't make her feel as if she needs to be personally knowledgeable about all the details. It says what needs to be said. Cl Sloan read the resolution for the audience.

**RESOLUTION #86 (2014) – REQUEST CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

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

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission set in motion the potential for corrupting the democratic process in all elections, large and small, from Town Boards elections such as our own in Dryden, to State elections, and Federal elections for Congress and President.

WHEREAS, given our serious investment in the democratic process and its role in creating a civil society at all levels, we, as members of the Dryden Town Board, wish to express our concern and suggest that our representatives in Congress take action to remedy this issue.

WHEREAS, Congress has the authority to propose a Constitutional Amendment, which would then be subject to ratification by the States, making clear that the Constitution did not intend for money to be construed as free speech; nor for corporations to be given the constitutional rights of natural persons. There may be other remedies as well.

WHEREAS, the Town Board does not have the authority to directly affect this outcome, we, as locally elected officials of the Town of Dryden, believe that this issue rises to a level that should command the attention of our CONGRESSIONAL Representatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Dryden respectfully requests that the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate propose a Constitutional Amendment making clear that the Constitution did not intend for money to be construed as free speech; nor for corporations to be given the constitutional rights of natural persons.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Lavine

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sloan	Yes
	Cl Solomon	No
	Supv Sumner	No
	Cl Leifer	Yes
	Cl Lavine	Yes

Supv Sumner explained it was necessary to approve three vouchers which were not included in last week's abstract. One is for ambulance workers comp coverage, one is registration for Highway School, and one is for glass repair.

Supv Sumner explained that the Town gets workers comp through PERMA, and there are special rates for volunteer firefighter coverage. We pay about \$58,000 a year for that coverage. In this case \$19,076 is for volunteer ambulance drivers and responders. The ambulance company has its own workers comp for their paid drivers and responders, but it doesn't cover the volunteers.

**RESOLUTION #87 (2014) – APPROVE PAYMENT OUTSIDE ABSTRACT**

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

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby authorizes payment outside the abstract as follows: PERMA \$19,076.00; Choice Auto Glass \$160.00; and Association of Towns \$100.00; totaling \$19,336.00.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Leifer

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sloan	Yes
	Cl Solomon	Yes
	Supv Sumner	Yes
	Cl Leifer	Yes
	Cl Lavine	Yes

**RESOLUTION #88 (2014) – APPROVE BUDGET MODIFICATION**

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

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby approves the following budget modification:

From SM 599 to SM 9040.8 in the amount of \$19,076.00.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Solomon

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sloan	Yes
	Cl Solomon	Yes
	Supv Sumner	Yes
	Cl Leifer	Yes
	Cl Lavine	Yes

Attorney Perkins arrived at 8:40 p.m.

Supv Sumner said she objects to the way the rate for volunteers is calculated. She will be asking NY Comp Alliance for a bid. The town is currently with NYMIR. She has also spoken with Lee Shurtleff in the County Emergency Planning Office, who is trying to introduce some sort of intermunicipal savings across the municipalities.

Mike Lane said at one time the town covered all of the workers comp including WB Strong and Neptune. Then there was a state audit (around 1980) and the town was informed this was not proper and it shifted to the villages.

Supv Sumner explained that the Dryden Youth and Recreation Commission has reviewed applications for the \$15,000 in Community Grant funds in this year’s budget and made recommendations for funding. There were 19 applications in all.

**RESOLUTION #89 (2014) – AUTHORIZE RECREATION GRANTS**

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

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby approves the recommendations of the Dryden Recreation and Youth Commission for funding as follows:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Award</b>
Dryden Community Center Café	Music	1,481.00

Dryden Farmer Market	Advertising	500.00
Dryden United Methodist Church	Community dinners	500.00
Dryden Veteran's Memorial Home	Roof	4,500.00
Ellis Hollow Community Center	Poolside Lighting	814.00
Friends of Dryden Wrestling	Singlets	700.00
Neptune Fire Company	Jr Fire Academy	1,615.00
Neptune Fire Company	Jr Fire Academy	1,390.00
Southworth library	Teen Programming	1,300.00
Dryden Historical Society	Festival	1,500.00
Varna Community Center	Programming	700.00

And the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute the necessary agreements.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Solomon

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sloan	Yes
	Cl Solomon	Yes
	Supv Sumner	Yes
	Cl Leifer	Yes
	Cl Lavine	Yes

Supv Sumner has a request from a resident for relief from a large water bill that resulted from a leak and noted that the board has denied this type of request for customers in previous situations. The owner is responsible, and the town has paid Bolton Point for the water. The board is in agreement that it will not grant any relief on this bill, and Supv Sumner will respond with a letter.

**NYS Energy Plan** – Supv Sumner said she drafted this resolution from what was provided by Cl Lavine and what other municipalities have passed, and read portions of the resolution. She recommends reading as much of the plan as you can, and applauds them for a lot of the work. It is inadequate, but a good starting place. Cl Leifer said he would like to see a headline that ¾ of our energy comes from renewable resources, like Germany.

**RESOLUTION #90 (2014)  
 PROVIDING COMMENTS ON AND RECOMMENDING IMPORTANT REVISIONS TO THE  
 2014 DRAFT NEW YORK STATE ENERGY PLAN**

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

WHEREAS, the 2014 Draft New York State Energy Plan (Draft Plan), which sets forth a vision for New York’s energy future, was released for public comment on January 7, 2014, with a revised deadline for comments on May 30, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dryden applauds the planners’ acknowledgement of the disproportionate impact of high energy costs and high density air pollution on low-income residents, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dryden appreciates the State’s reaffirmation of its commitment to an 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, with an interim goal of a 50% reduction by 2030, and

WHEREAS, success in meeting these goals will require measurable targets and specific actions for transitioning to renewable energy sources and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and

WHEREAS, the Regional Sustainability Plans developed for all ten regions of New York State in 2013 required each region to develop such measurable targets and specific actions to achieve those targets, and

WHEREAS, many actions needed to reach the State’s greenhouse gas emission reduction goals can only be undertaken at the State level, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Town of Dryden calls upon the Governor, the NYS Energy Planning Board, and the State Legislature to revise the Draft Energy Plan to include measurable targets and specific actions, in particular those specified in the attached list, that must be undertaken across all sectors to transition to a renewable energy future and to meet the State’s goals for greenhouse gas reductions, and

RESOLVED further, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Chair of the New York State Energy Planning Board; John B. Rhodes, NYSERDA President and CEO; Governor Andrew Cuomo; Senator Dean Skelos and Senator Jeffrey Klein, Senate Republican Conference Majority Leaders; Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senate Democratic Conference Leader; Assemblyman Sheldon Silver, Majority Leader; Assemblyman Brian Kolb, Assembly Minority Leader; Audrey Zibelman, Chair, New York State Public Service Commission; Senator George D. Maziarz, Chair of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee; Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, Chair of the Assembly Energy Committee, Senator James Seward; and Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20

2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Sloan

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sloan	Yes
	Cl Solomon	Yes
	Supv Sumner	Yes
	Cl Leifer	Yes
	Cl Lavine	Yes

Attachment to Resolution No. 90 (2014) from the Town of Dryden: Providing Comments on and Recommending Important Revisions to the 2014 Draft New York State Energy Plan

Draft Plan Elements Supported by Town of Dryden:

- The commitment to an 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, with an interim goal of a 50% reduction by 2030
- Recognition of the disproportionate impact of high energy cost and high density air pollution on environmental justice communities
- Emphasis on building resiliency to the impacts of climate change
- Initiative to expand microgrids
- Initiatives to transition to renewable energy sources
- NYSERDA initiatives to assist communities to integrate and cross-reference land use, smart growth and transportation capital projects for consistent outcomes.

Revisions Suggested to the Final Energy Plan

- Include specific measures to provide assistance to community efforts to meet the state’s goals. Any plan meant to establish “bold solutions” to new challenges must meet those challenges with new solutions by making sure that new opportunities and incentives are available in communities that have built their employment and tax base on the older

technologies; renewable technology incentives should be offered to companies to build in those communities formerly housing fossil fueled or nuclear fueled plants.

- Include a greater level of detail about reductions in demand that could be achieved through energy efficiency improvements and demand-response requirements.
- Establish interim targets with reductions every five years to reduce NYS reliance on fossil fuels including natural gas and increase investment in clean, renewable energies. Include specific activities to promote continuous action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Establish defined targets for clean vehicular transportation to achieve and surpass the Zero Emissions Vehicle memorandum of understanding recently signed by Governor Cuomo with seven other states.
- The Draft Plan emphasizes market-based solutions to our energy transition. A balanced approach that includes regulatory or tax policies aimed at penalizing polluting energy sources and encouraging efficiency and renewable energy will be necessary to dramatically change the market in favor of renewable energy and efficiency in time to meet the State’s greenhouse gas reduction goals; this complementary approach should be incorporated in the Final Plan.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the board moved into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual at 8:55 p.m. The board moved back to public session at 9:08 p.m. and passed the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION #91 (2014) – REQUEST UNEMPLOYMENT HEARING**

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

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to request a hearing in the matter the unemployment claim of Melissa Bianconi.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cl Solomon

Roll Call Vote	Cl Sloan	Yes
	Cl Solomon	Yes
	Supv Sumner	Yes
	Cl Leifer	Yes
	Cl Lavine	Yes

There being no further business, on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bambi L. Avery  
Town Clerk