

**TOWN OF WALWORTH – INFORMATIONAL SESSION
MARCH 3, 2006**

An informational session by Supervisor Plant, The Town Board and Senator Mike Nozzolio was held at the Walworth Town Hall, 3600 Lorraine Drive, on March 3, 2006, at 2:15 P.M.

Board members present:	Patti Marini	Councilwoman
	Suzi Hawkins-Mance	Councilwoman
Other town employees present:	Michael Frederes	Highway Superintendent
	Linda Kleeman	Deputy Town Clerk
	Susie Jacobs	Town Clerk

Supervisor Plant presented grant requests to Senator Nozzolio and reviewed items with him as follows:

1. Stand-by generator at the Town Hall building. With a generator and other equipment, the Town Hall could become an emergency center command post. Supervisor Plant submitted a quote in the amount of \$56,000.00
2. A new salt shed for the Highway Department. Highway Superintendent Frederes quoted an amount of \$350,000.00.
3. A new roof for the Town Hall. Supervisor Plant quoted the cost of \$55,000.00 to \$70,000.00.
4. A new building for the Library on Town property. Supervisor Plant quoted approximately 2 million dollars for this project.

One of the issues discussed regarding the generator was that the State Police are tenants in the Town Hall. Senator Nozzolio stated that he felt based on the information given the generator should be a high priority.

Supervisor Plant raised a concern whether the current salt shed would last another year. Mike Frederes questioned the possibility of any DEC grants being available. Senator Nozzolio stated he wasn't sure but it was something the Town should look into. He also suggested that the Town pursue a possible Highway grant and then transfer unused highway funds to salt shed funding.

Supervisor Plant stated that the current roof is 14 years old and has need of repair / replacement. Many of the shingles have been blown off due to the high winds. Supervisor Plant would like to have a metal roof installed. There are no funds available for this purpose.

Several issues were discussed regarding the library. Based on the different hours kept by the Library and the Town Hall, security was one of these concerns. The Library and Town Hall are both running out of space, so separating these facilities would allow more growth. Senator Nozzolio said he understands our needs but research would have to be done. How many people will the library serve? He mentioned if it was something that was used as a community center, Congressman Walsh could see if there was some federal assistance available. He suggested that we start with some community fundraising to see what kind of funds the community would come up with. He also said that before we approach the community, we should focus on a goal - come up with a plan so the community has a goal that can be visualized. Senator Nozzolio proposed that we visit other libraries such as Webster and Seneca Falls. Pat Crow was the property manager for the Seneca Falls library.

The Senator recommended that we all read a very good book titled, "A Team of Rivals." He also suggested that we contact Joan Grid (315-568-9816) at his office and let her know that we are working together on a project; she will be very helpful.

In summary, the session was very informative for us and for the Senator. At this time, no decisions or commitments have been made regarding any of the above proposed grants.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie C. Jacobs
Town Clerk