

Michael Black issues decision to federally recognize Halftown's faction: Cayuga Nation Council

Friday, July 14, 2017 Michael Black, Assistant Bureau of Indian Affairs Secretary decided to federally recognize a faction led by Clint Halftown, Cayuga Nation Council, as a governing body. Halftown said Black's decision was based on a "Statement of Support". Other members are: Gary Wheeler, Donald Jimerson, Timothy Twoguns and Michael Barringer. Halftown had a written statement saying, "On behalf of the citizens of the Cayuga Nation, we are greatly pleased by this decision." "... it represents a new beginning where we can all work together to the betterment of our people." Halftown also stated, "We believe we went about resolving this long-standing dispute the right way, by asking the people. And now our citizens have spoken." Halftown said that 60 percent or more of the tribal members and Nation members supported his group over the Unity Council. Not everyone was as please. Attorney Joseph Heath, representing the Unity Council, stated that Black

did not have the authority to issue this decision since he has been reassigned to another position "If he were to issue a decision, it would be highly suspect, given his lack of authority after the reassignment." Stated Heath The Unity Council is seeking to be federally recognized as well. Making up of the Unity Council is Samuel George, William Jacobs, Karl Hill, Chester Isaac and Justin Bennett. This council will likely challenge the ruling. The battle between Cayuga Nation Council and Unity Council and who will govern the tribe began roughly 10 years ago. "Further, he was improperly involved with the secret ex parte meeting with Mr. Halftown, his lawyers and lobbyists for at least six months before June of 2016 when Mr. Maytubby announced that Halftown's bogus statement of support campaign was an acceptable method to determine Cayuga leadership." Heath stated. "This is yet another improper ruling both procedurally and substantively and it will be appealed."



Seneca Falls appoints David Foster as Town Attorney

Wednesday, July 12, 2017 the Seneca Falls Board met for what they called a personnel issue. This was the cloak for accepting Patrick Morrell's resignation with a 5-0 vote. Morrell stated "This was not my idea. I was asked to resign." Morrell was the Seneca Falls Town attorney for the past 15 years. He met with Supervisor Greg Lazzaro and another board member and they asked Morrell to submit his resignation. No

comments were made by the board members but Morrell stated, "This was not expected or anticipated." David Foster was appointed with a unanimous vote. Foster stated that communication is key, "I plan to meet with each one of you individually to get your perspectives." Foster was the Geneva City Attorney for 7 years (2007-2014). Foster, wanting to be transparent, said "I want everyone to get comfortable and confident with me."

SENECA FALLS – Seneca Meadows, Inc., recently hosted the Waste Connections Hudson Valley Division annual Heavy Equipment Rodeo. Eleven employees throughout the division spent several hours competing through a series of challenges operating heavy equipment, which included an obstacle course, timed loading and dozer tasks, and other skill set tasks needed to operate heavy equipment safely and effectively. Family, friends and co-workers cheered the "competitors" and gathered for a cookout and fun throughout the afternoon competition. As the employees earned points the final tally put Seneca Meadows employee and local resident Bob Brunskill on top, and the winner of the division, which will send him and his family to Tennessee for a regional competition amongst other division winners. "Seneca Meadows is a great place to work."

Connections heavy equipment rodeo is a great team building event for our employees to take extra pride in their work, and share with their friends and families the skills needed to operate heavy equipment safely and effectively." Local residents can get a first hand look at the heavy equipment at the upcoming Seneca Meadows open house on July 30. Seneca Meadows, Inc. is dedicated to the preservation and advancement of the environment: recycling up to 2 million tires per year, partnering in the production of methane generated renewable energy, supporting wetlands conservation and environmental programming, and providing free residential recycling and electronics recycling drop off services. For more information visit senecameadows.com or call 315-539-5624.

Other recent Board of Supervisors action

July 11
Walt Prouty of Ovid absent

proposal (RFP) for a preliminary engineering report of special districts.

the positions of assistant county attorney and deputy commissioner of social services and providing for a public hearing.
Approved appropriate \$5,000 to create a system to receive complaints of offensive odors (Pages 4-6)

authorized for Seneca County transportation corps.
Mileage subsidy authorized for retired and senior volunteer program drivers.
Accepted contract 2017-2018 authorized for...