

Town Board Meeting

May 1, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Lanning, Councilor Brace, Councilor Howard, Councilor Badami, Councilor Coville, Attorney Smith.

Also Present: Rob Howard, Sue Murphy, Bridgett Winkelman, Allan Wellington, Beth Battle, Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Mark Tucker, Jason Slottje, Daniel Heinrich.

Pledge of Allegiance: Beth Battle said before we say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag tonight let us keep in mind that the Navy aircraft carrier, the Car Vinson, is in dangerous waters off the country of North Korea and that we have, Seamus McGinn, a man from Skaneateles stationed on that ship. She said may he and all others on that ship be safe.

Department Reports

▪*Highway, Water, Transfer Station:* Allan Wellington reported that they removed the snow equipment on all but two trucks, made lawn repairs, patched potholes, replaced multiple road signs, installed driveway culvert and installed catch basins and pipe. In the Water Department they retired the water service at the Mackes property on Genesee Street, repaired several damaged curb boxes, replaced multiple MXU's for residential water meters, and took delivery of a new Bobcat Excavator. At the Transfer Station they rebuilt the bottom rails for one of the original recycling compactors. The Town Constable and DEC Officer were checking secured loads and hang tags last week. A total of 28 bales of cardboard have been made. Supervisor Lanning asked that the recycling board be updated to include the new items such as yogurt containers if it already hasn't been done.

▪*Parks:* Sue Murphy reported that opening day for baseball is Saturday, May 6th. The Lakeshore Baseball group had a cleanup day at Austin Park on Saturday. She submitted permits to the Village Codes Officer for upgrades to Austin Park. The Skaneateles Garden Club flowering crab apple trees are in. She is still doing interviews for summer positions. Playday registrations are coming in and the Farmers Market begins on Thursday, May 18th and Saturday, May 20th. The Charlie Major Nature Trail clean-up day is May 6th. She submitted a sign permit that would state that the park is open from dawn to dusk. She said the school boy's tennis coach suggested a program where kids would teach younger kids. She will follow up with him on that.

Supervisor Lanning said he contacted the City of Syracuse regarding the pump house on the Charlie Major Nature Trail. They replaced the lock with a new one. He also asked the Sheriff's office if they could provide more proactive patrols on the trail.

Budget: Bridgett Winkelman reported that she completed the 9th payroll and billed water district #3. She attending the solar farm meeting in Clay with the Supervisor and has been working on the DASNY grant for the Sims building.

Supervisor Lanning said that CNY Regional Planning & Development Board (CNYRPDB) vetted 12 vendors and that one stood above all the rest. He said that there are very competitive rates. National Grid recently requested a 10% rate hike. Three years ago they requested a 14% rate hike. Solar rates are down so this is a very good time to be looking at this.

Codes, Planning & Zoning: Councilor Badami reported that there were 5 open projects with the Planning & Zoning Boards and 18 permits issued in April in the Codes Department.

Historian: Beth Battle said that the new memorial at Shotwell Park to commemorate Skaneateles residents who have served from the Persian Gulf War to present is being casted and the Veterans Memorial Committee is hoping to have the dedication on Memorial Day. She presented a report (attached) on the 100th anniversary of World War I.

Resolution #17-088

Minutes: Councilor Badami noted a change in who accepted the April 3rd minutes. Councilor Coville made a motion accepting the minutes of April 17th with the change as noted, seconded by Councilor Howard and unanimously (5-0) approved by the Town Board.

Solar Farm Update: Supervisor Lanning said that 23 municipalities participated and 42 universities. He also noted that once (CNYRPDB) chooses a vendor the Town can still negotiate with the company. He said solar is continuously changing and that it is in the best interest of the contractor to upgrade as technology changes. He is optimistic and excited about this project.

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Open Space: Councilor Howard said there are 8 people on the Open Space Committee, Scott Winkelman, Mark Tucker, Dave Laxton, Bob Dewitt, Andy Ramsgard, Rob Howard, Kathy McCarthy and herself. She said a fund was established in 2004 that currently has \$175,000 to preserve open space and farmland. The fund was not generated by tax dollars but from residents who don't meet the minimum open space requirements for their project. The Development Rights Acquisition Fund (DRAF) provides a property owner with the option to make a monetary contribution to the DRAF equal to the cost to protect 10 square feet of land with a conservation easement, for each square foot of impermeable surface coverage greater than the area permitted to bring the lot into compliance. The Committee has looked at many properties and has narrowed it down to one property for their first recommendation. The property is owned by Ken Karlik and the recommendation from the Open Space Committee is to purchase the development rights of 10 prime acres of land with lake views bordering Heifer Road and Rt. 41A for \$10,000 an acre. Mr. Karlik has had pressure to develop his farm and he recently sold 2 acres for \$120,000. The Town hired Stoyell Appraisal to appraise the property and \$10,000 an acre is a very fair price.

Supervisor Lanning said that the development rights would stay with the property in perpetuity. Mr. Karlik can sell the land but the development rights would go with the deed.

Attorney Smith recommended that the next step should be to have a survey of the 10 acre lot using a metes and bounds description. He said that the DRAF is a reserve fund and would require advertising the transfer subject to the permissive referendum requirements of Town Law.

Rob Howard said that he wanted to amplify that no tax dollars were used to support this fund. This helps the lake. He said the Karlik land is bisected by a creek and that the Town is getting a good bang for their buck. He said this is a good start for the Town.

Supervisor Lanning said that the City of Syracuse bought a lot of Conservation Easements years ago.

Councilor Badami asked if there were other properties. Councilor Howard said that other farmers are interested but no one is as far along with their decision to do this as Ken Karlik.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Open Space Committee proposal to purchase the development rights to 10 acres of Ken Karlik's property on the corner of Heifer Road and Rt. 41A in the amount of \$100,000 was accepted and Supervisor Lanning was authorized to contract with a surveyor to plot the 10 acres and provide a description.

Resolution #17-090

Network Infrastructure Upgrade Proposal: Janet Aaron reviewed the proposal in the amount of \$4,269.90 submitted by Syracuse Innovations Group, the Town's computer support company to improve computer security by upgrading the sonic wall and router. The warranty on these devices ends this month. The upgrade will also switch our internet connection from Time Warner to Verizon providing a much faster internet speed. She said over the last couple of months we have had outages with our internet. The ups and downs of the system prompted us to look into the causes which led to the request for proposal.

Bridgett Winkelman said that the amount has been budgeted and that Bob Slivinski at Syracuse Innovations Group will provide all the communication with Verizon and the two systems will run parallel. The transfer should be seamless.

Councilor Brace expressed with agreement from the Town Board, that training should also be offered to employees on security issues for email and the internet. Attorney Smith said he would look at the one-on-one programs that Bond, Schoeneck and King use.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the Syracuse Innovations Group proposal in the amount of \$4,269.90 was authorized.

Miles Property Donation: Attorney Smith said he reached out to Mr. Miles who is fine with the changes the Town required at the last meeting. He is schedule to meet with him on May 11th and he will present the deed for the Town Board to consider executing at the next meeting.

Resolution #17-091

Resolution to Approve Funding for Sims Building: Bridgett Winkelman said that the \$80,000 DASNY grant requires a resolution from the Board that if this project moves forward the Town will fund the balance of the project. This would not obligate the Town to move forward with the project if the bids come in higher than anticipated. The funding for this project, if the Board agrees, would come from the unappropriated fund balance.

On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, authorization was given that should the project go forward the Town will fund the cost of the new Sims Building that will house new bathrooms and storage at

Austin Park, where costs exceed the \$80,000 DASNY grant funding, and that the funds will come from the unappropriated fund balance.

Skaneateles Marina Proposal: Supervisor Lanning reported that he received notification on April 28th from the NYS Office of General Services (NYSOGS) regarding the intent of the Skaneateles Marina to install floating docks for slip storage. He followed up by requesting more information and a drawing of what was being planned. Daniel Heinrich provided sketch plans and was present at the meeting. He stated that he would be able to provide a GIS map of the docks.

Supervisor Lanning said that currently the Marina has 40 boats that are moored, 40 boats stored onshore and 40 boats on a waiting list. The proposed plan calls for a 135 slip dock system. He said he is concerned about the encroachment on Town property. The decision appears to rest entirely with NYSOGS as the Town authority ends at the waterline. NYSOGS submitted notification that allowed for a 20 day comment period. The two properties south of the Marina are owned by the Marina owner, John Cherundolo.

The Town Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the impact on neighbors, expressed concern that the application was submitted in January/February but the Town was not notified until April, concern about where all the cars will park that use the Marina, encroachment on Town property, the need to see a more substantive engineering plan, and the amount of debris and noise that will be generated.

Attorney Smith said that there are 8 factors that OGS has to consider when making their decision on this application. He said all decisions are subject to SEQR.

On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Attorney Smith was authorized to draft a letter to NYSOGS for Supervisor Lanning's signature that would include the concerns of the Town Board, that there was insufficient data provided in order to make a comment, the property lines were not shown on the sketch that was provided, that a detailed plan needs to be submitted and more time needs to be given to comment on this project.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

- *Update on Transfer of Austin Park to the Town:* Attorney Smith said that the transfer is on track and everything is going according to plan.
- *Update on Time Warner Cable Negotiations:* Councilor Badami said negotiation should resume now that they have finalized their agreement with the Village.
- *Update on the Comprehensive Plan:* Supervisor Lanning said that the Town is moving forward with proposed zoning updates.
- *Randall Arendt's report:* Supervisor Lanning said he would contact Mr. Arendt regarding his final report.
- *Hamlet Meetings: 7 p.m. May 3rd at Ken & Joan Scott's barn Shepard Settlement*
- *Update on Dry Hydrants:* Supervisor Lanning said that engineering is being done by C & S Engineers and they have been in contact with the Village engineer. While engineering is being

done for both Thayer & Clift Parks a dry hydrant may only be installed in Clift Park due to funding.

▪ *Update on Recreation Easement – Mill Road/Old Seneca Turnpike City of Syracuse Property:* Attorney Smith said he would make this his top priority.

Resolution #17-092

Budget Amendments/Adjustments: On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following budget amendments were authorized:

General Fund

\$ 2,000.00 Increase 016201.01.001.00 Building – P/S
\$ 2,000.00 Decrease 019904.01.004.00 Contingency
Cost associated with renovations to meeting room and Bath Room

\$ 150.00 Increase 085101.01.001.00 Community Beautification – P/S
\$ 150.00 Decrease 085104.01.004.00 Community Beautification – C/E
Cost of Town Employees doing maintenance on site

Resolution #17-093

Abstract #17-09: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board voucher #17-0532 to #17-0596 were authorized from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$ 55,120.84	Part Town:	\$ 69.27
Highway:	\$ 7,694.81	Hwy P/T:	\$170.52
Fire:	\$148,969.86	Water:	\$345.19
Sewer #6:	\$ 3.08	T & A:	\$222.56

Total: \$212,596.13

Public Comment: Supervisor Lanning said he felt blindsided by the Skaneateles Marina proposal. Jason Slottje, adjacent property owner north of the Skaneateles Marina expressed his concern about their proposal. The letter he received from NYSOGS was only one page and only stated that they were installing floating docks for slip storage without any further detail.

Councilor Brace said a couple of years ago the Town Board started the process for all municipalities around the lake to have Home Rule. Unfortunately, that never proceeded.

Mr. Slottje said that the existing Marina is not a good steward of the lake. Gas pumps overflow and the employees and seasonal help are not properly trained. He was the only one to receive notification of this project. He said the Town property and Town boat launch should not be used for commercial purposes. He also has issues with boats coming across in front of his property when they launch or return. With the amount of boats in an out and idling there is a lot of gas in the water making it a health issue for swimming and his drinking water.

Supervisor Lanning recommended having a Hamlet Meeting in Mandana so that the neighborhood is aware of this project.

Mark Tucker said that Mr. Cherundolo came before the Planning Board a few years ago and had purchased property south of the Marina. He was told he couldn't put boats on that property. He was also denied storage buildings a few years ago.

Mark also said he wanted to clarify the impermeable surface coverage (isc) since he is on the Open Space Committee. It is not a variance that homeowners are getting it is a fee that homeowners pay for open space to get their isc down to 10%. This year the fee was raised.

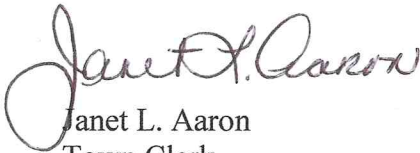
On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board a Hamlet Meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on either May 22nd or May 24th at the Mandana Inn depending on what date was available.

Resolution #17-094

Executive Session – Private Property Legal Issues; Personnel: On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss private property legal issues and a personnel issue.

Meeting returned to open session at 7:50 p.m. and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk