

**Town Board Meetings**  
**June 19, 2017**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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

**Also Present:** Bridgett Winkelman, Sue Murphy, Allan Wellington, Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Kevin McCormack, Dessa Bergen, Rob Howard.

**Department Reports**

*Highway, Water, Transfer Station:* Allan Wellington reported that they are doing truck repairs, mowing roadsides and clearing fallen limbs, cleaned cross culverts, made blacktop repairs on several roads, and replaced two driveway culverts. Allan attended Cornell Road School from June 12<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. At the Transfer Station they made repairs to the front end loader, DeMarco Landscaping trucked approximately 30 loads of mulch. 60 bales of cardboard are ready for transport. In the Water Department District #1 hydrants are being flushed, there was a water main break on Mottville Road and multiple water service breaks at a single location on Rt. 20 East. He reviewed the engineering for Old Seneca Turnpike water line upgrades.

*Parks Department:* Sue Murphy reported that an attendant stationed at the Mandana Parking lot for Saturday's and Sunday's. The first weekend 11 residents and 21 non-residents used the parking lot. She did not have the report on the second weekend. The NYS Boat Launch opened early on Saturday due to Bass Fishing opening day and an attendant was there from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Austin Park the picnic shelter has been busy and everything ran smoothly at the Rotary's Father's Day Pancake Breakfast. They are preparing the Arena for the high school graduation, should it rain. The rafts and lifeguard chairs went in today with the help from the Village Water & Electric Departments. The first day of swim is June 21<sup>st</sup>. Sue thanked Bridgett Winkelman for all her help with the new and returning employees in completing their paperwork for payroll information. All Playday counselors have taken and passed their CPR/First Aid/AED training. Playday starts on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Budget:* Bridgett Winkelman reported that there were 30 new and returning employees to process. She was working with Cuddy and Ward to close the water and sewer accounts that the Town Board authorized at the last meeting.

*Fire Department:* Supervisor Lanning reviewed the Skaneateles Fire Department June report showing 4 trainings in June and 4 meetings. Three firefighters successfully completed their one year probationary period and are now full-fledged members of the department. They also welcomed two new probationary firefighters. High Stakes Money Drawing tickets are available, and the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Casino Night will be held September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Skaneateles Station #1. For the month of May they had 27 calls and 142 year to date.

**Public Comment:** Fran Rotunno Fish said if the Town must allow out of town residents to park at the Mandana parking lot she believes she has a plan that would work to allow for that. She

said she would be glad to share her ideas with the Board. She believes any property the Town owns for purposes like parking should be delegated to Town residents and there should be better signage to indicate that. Supervisor Lanning said he would be happy to meet with her.

*Resolution #17-119*

**Minutes:** Councilor Howard made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Lanning and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the minutes of June 5, 2017 were accepted with the change on page #4 that Councilor Howard not Councilor Brace “questioned if SMTC had provided recommendations on how to safely cross Old Seneca Turnpike in order to continue the trail to the Village”.

*Resolution #17-120*

**Office of Children & Family Services Program Application For Funding:** On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Lanning was authorized to sign the application with Office of Children & Family Services for funding to support the PlayDay program.

*Resolution #17-121*

**Approve Beach Safety Plan:** On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the 2017 Beach Safety Plan was approved as presented.

*Resolution #17-122*

**Authorize additional duties for Andre Tanguay - Seasonal help in the Water Department:** On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Andre Tanguay who is a seasonal laborer with the Cemetery Department, was assigned additional seasonal duties in the Water Department to paint fire hydrants.

*Resolution #17-123*

**Conservation Area Memorial Dedication For Original Committee Members:** Supervisor Lanning noted that a plaque has been placed in the Conservation Area near the Pavlus Pond recognizing the original members of the Conservation Committee. The dedication ceremony is 11 a.m. on July 8, 2017.

*Resolution #17-124*

**Re-Schedule September Town Board Meeting:** On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was changed to 6 p.m. on September 11, 2017.

*Resolution #17-125*

**Schedule Bid Opening:** On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the bid opening to upgrade the Old Seneca Turnpike Waterline was scheduled for 10 a.m. on July 12, 2017.

**Mandana Parking Lot:** Supervisor Lanning reported that a temporary fence has been added at the Mandana Parking lot to delineate where the Town property ends and the fire department property begins. On weekends, there is an attendant on duty tracking residents and nonresident use of the lot. The current Local Law language for this parking lot is confusing and is unclear

whether it was intended for just residents. The Town Board agreed to monitor the use of the lot through July 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Resolution #17-126*

**Consider Hiring 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable:** With the resignation of part time Constable Charles Augello, Constable Adessa recommended hiring a replacement that would be available when he isn't. On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Clerk was authorized to place an ad in the Skaneateles Press and to advertise on the Town's website for a part time Constable.

### Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

- *Update on Transfer of Austin Park to the Town:* Attorney Smith said the return date is July 18, 2017. The Cy Pres is before Judge Greenwood.
- *Update on Time Warner Cable Negotiations:* Councilor Badami said negotiations would begin in the fall.
- *Update on the Comprehensive Plan:* Nothing to report.
- *Update on Town Hall Relocation:* Nothing to report.
- *Update on Bill Miles Property Donation:* Attorney Smith said the purchase agreement has been executed and he is drafting the deed to submit to Mr. Miles. He said closing should be shortly after the deed is finalized.
- *Update on City of Syracuse Easement:* Attorney Smith said he has been in communication with the City of Syracuse.
- *Update on Dry Hydrant Project:* Pictures were displayed showing how they drilled down 20 feet for soil samples in Clift Park. This is the first step needed before the dry hydrant can be installed. Samples showed mostly clay and silt which should be easy to drill through. A line will be installed going from the lake to the hydrant allowing the fire department to have access to lake water to fight fires.
- *Children's Fishing Derby – 9am – Noon July 15, 2017:* Located at the Conservation Area Pavlus Pond just east of the Transfer Station.
- *Update on Skaneateles Marina Proposal:* Supervisor Lanning said at the Hamlet Meeting John Cherundolo presented a plan for 60 boat slips and now there has been a plan presented for 96. NYSOGS only has the plans that were originally submitted. He said there should be an agreement between the Marina and Town that any boats on land that are put in the water are not replaced with additional boats to fill their spots on land. He said they will not be building this docking system this year. The 96 slip plan is a better plan for fueling but it is a lot of boats in the water.

Councilor Brace said looking at the site plan and said there is a grade change from 41A, but the parking layout may reflect that. It is not clear without more information. She also said that the adjacent property is not meant to be a storage site. She questioned the signage.

Allan Wellington said that there is no parking on the north side of Lacy Road and there are no signs on the south side. Councilor Brace said that the south side of the road should be for use by the public and not marina customers.

Councilor Brace suggested referring this to the Planning Board for their review and input on parking.

Attorney Smith said he would discuss this with Attorney Molnar to get feedback from the Planning Board.

▪*Karlik Farm:* Attorney Smith provided to the Town Board the survey of the Karlik property along with the Conservation Easement Agreement. Surveyor, Paul Olszewski will also be submitting the property description. He recommended sending the survey and the draft agreement to Mr. Karlik. Clerk Aaron said she would send it to Mr. Karlik. Attorney Smith said that the one thing to focus on in this agreement is the prohibited uses as stated would prohibit ingress or egress driveways.

Councilor Brace asked about a possible scenario should Mr. Karlik sell his farm and asked if he could use this conservation easement and open space to do more development on the rest of his property. Attorney Smith said it is really up to the Planning Board if they would give someone credit for this. His kneejerk reaction is no. The way the agreement is written now doesn't prohibit the use of the property for recreation such as hiking trails, and nothing prohibits them from letting the property go wild, it just prohibits development and structures. He could conceive of a scenario where 50 years from now they decide to do a cluster development on the other side of the property and part of the deal could be to let this parcel go back to woods or something else.

Councilor Brace said the Town has spent years collecting monies in this fund and it doesn't seem right that in the future the open space could be used to allow more development. She questioned if a clause could be added to this agreement. Attorney Smith said the only downside he would see is a lack of flexibility for the Planning Board in the future.

Supervisor Lanning said that the proposal is to maintain view sheds from Heifer Road and to preserve agriculture in this instance. Here is a small struggling farm that is feeling the pressure to sell his property to developers.

On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Lanning and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board a public hearing was scheduled for 7 p.m. on July 10, 2017 to consider the purchase of the development rights on the Karlik farm and to consider the terms of the Conservation Easement Agreement.

*Resolution #17-127*

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

General Fund

\$ 300.00	Increase	012204.01.004.00	Supervisor – C/E
\$ 300.00	Decrease	019904.01.004.00	Contingency
Cost associated with Town Wide mailing			
\$ 150.00	Increase	013304.01.004.00	Tax Collector – C/E
\$ 150.00	Decrease	019904.01.004.00	Contingency

Cost associated with training

\$ 50.00	Increase	016201.01.001.00	Building - P/S
\$ 100.00	Increase	016202.01.002.00	Building Equipment
\$ 150.00	Decrease	019904.01.004.00	Contingency

Cost associated with renovations to meeting room and Bath Room

\$ 750.00	Increase	016802.01.002.00	Central Data Processing – C/E
\$ 750.00	Decrease	016802.01.002.93	Central Data Processing – C/E - Reserve

Cost of Town Employees doing internet upgrade

*Resolution #17-128*

**Abstract #17-12:** On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board voucher #1709762 to #17-0851 were authorized from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$103,387.44	Part Town:	\$ 7,122.23
Highway:	\$ 9,211.80	Highway P/T:	\$40,462.45
Water:	\$ 5,506.59	Sewer #6:	\$ 28.07
T & A:	\$ 1,397.49		

Total: \$167,116.07

**Public Comment:** Fran Rotunno Fish commented regarding the dock proposal by the Marina saying that the docks will provide easier access for people and there will be no manager or security there after hours and she has concerns about the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. Cameras will do little to identify someone if there is a problem. She said it is a stretch of truth that Mr. Cherundolo lives in Skaneateles. She said he may have a home next door but he is not a permanent resident of Skaneateles. She is uncomfortable about what can be expected for peace and quiet and the safety of our lake. She said he still has boats on his residential properties even after it was pointed out to him. It makes her very uncomfortable about what the neighbors can expect if this is approved. The dock system provides a mechanism for easy access for people to use the boats any time of day or night under safe or unsafe conditions.

Councilor Badami commented that Mr. Cherundolo previously said he would lock up the docks at night.

Jason Slotje said that a 60 slip dock would be a 50% increase of the moorings currently in the lake. He talked to Mr. Cherundolo and asked him to consider a reducing the plan for a 40 slip saying that it would be cleaner, neater and safer. But what followed was a proposal showing a 96 slip dock that would be a 140% increase over what is there now. There are still boats on the adjacent property. Councilor Brace said that also poses a safety hazard. He responded to Councilor Badami's comment saying if people are out on the lake at night, how will they get back to shore if the docks are locked. He questioned if it will be ADA compliant and if there will be a fire suppression system, saying the system requires chemicals. He said that anything that is done there has to be documented and there has to be consequences if agreements are not met. He said the Town needs an iron clad agreement with the Marina regarding parking and parking boats on adjacent properties. He also understands that Mr. Cherundolo is negotiating

with the Mandana Inn to trade using their parking lot by allowing boat people to park on the Mandana Inn's property during the day and have the Mandana Inn use the Marina property for parking at night. After all the discussions at the last meeting there are still boats on the adjacent property. Councilor Brace thanked Mr. Slotje for the information regarding sharing parking between the Mandana Inn and the Marina. She said that poses a safety hazard on a very busy State Highway when people are crossing back and forth. Attorney Smith will communicate on this issue with Attorney Molnar and report back to the Town Board.

Dessa Bergen said that the marina at the south end of the lake (Seveys) is closed and we are really hurting to have a marina on the lake. She said if a second site could be opened then maybe there would not be so much pressure on Skaneateles Marina to expand. Supervisor Lanning said he has been told that Seveys does not sell gas anymore but does charge to launch boats from there.

**Executive Session – Personnel:** On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue.

Returned to open meeting at 7:33 p.m. and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet L. Aaron  
Town Clerk