

Town Board Meeting
July 6, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Sennett, Councilor Murray, Councilor Robinson, Attorney Taylor. Absent: Councilor Greenfield, Councilor Brace.

Also Present: Sue Murphy, Allan Wellington, Jonathan Monfiletto (Skaneateles Journal), Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Jim Lanning, *Dave Colegrove.

Department Reports

Highway, Water, Transfer Station: Allan Wellington reported that the Highway Department did road repairs, cleaned up downed trees, mowed roadsides, installed culvert pipes and did machinery repairs. In the Water Department they repaired a leaking hydrant valve and did regular water sampling and meter reading. In the Transfer Station the brush grinding is scheduled for this week and they are doing normal activities and maintenance.

Parks Department: Sue Murphy said that the Rotary Pancake Breakfast and the Garden Club tour all went off without a hitch despite the rain. The Playday program is in its second week. This week they will be doing tours of the community at the Creamery, Police Department and Fire Station. He said on Saturday, before swimming could be opened at Clift Park she and the lifeguards pulled out 18 bags of debris that the wind blew into the swimming area, including drift wood and dead fish. That caused the waterfront to be delayed in opening that day. Sue gave thanks to the lifeguards that worked on July 4th so that the waterfront could be open. She said that the boat launch had a very busy weekend but they were staffed and prepared. They are now preparing the Arena for the Methodist Church Antique Show. The Fishing Derby is scheduled for July 18th and everything is pretty much finalized for this event. She has a final meeting with the Conservation Committee before the event.

Dog Control: Supervisor Sennett reviewed the June Dog Control Report showing 17 calls during the month.

Codes/Planning/Zoning: Supervisor Sennett reviewed the June permit report showing 22 permits issues for a June value of \$699,629 and \$4,940 in permit fees. The Planning and Zoning Departments have 11 open projects.

Resolution #15-100

Minutes: Councilor Howard made a suggestion to remove the word “optic” on page 2 under Robert Werner’s Skaneateles Lake Monitoring Report.

On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (3-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of June 18, 2015 were accepted with the change as noted.

Resolution #15-101

Lake Monitoring Committee Appointment: Supervisor Sennett said that the current members of this committee are Robert Werner, Charles Driscoll, and Christopher Schultz. The committee is requesting that the Town Board appoint Dr. William Dean to replace John May. Robert Werner wrote that Dr. Dean has a PhD in biochemistry. He worked for most of his career in the

rapidly developing field of genetic engineering and biochemistry in California. He is an excellent scientist and would add a dimension to the committee that is currently missing.

Councilor Howard said that Dr. Dean is a great scientist and person and is a committed community member and would be a wonderful addition to this committee. The Board agreed.

On a motion of Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (3-0) of the Town Board, Dr. William Dean was appointed to the Skaneateles Lake Monitoring Committee.

Resolution #15-102

Authorize Hiring Lifeguards: On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (3-0) affirmation of the Town Board Thomas Hagen, Jake Johnson and Kristina Klosowski were authorized to be hired as seasonal lifeguards.

Resolution #15-103

Symphoria Contract: On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (3-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Sennett was authorized to sign the agreement with Musical Associates of Central New York, Inc. (“Symphoria”) and the Skaneateles Music Guild for Symphoria concert at Austin Pavilion on July 23, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Resolution #15-104

Standard Work Day Resolution: Janet Aaron explained that she and Bridgett Winkelman have reviewed the report and resolution and consider it to be correct. She said that the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution ensures days worked that are reported to the NYS Retirement System are correct. It establishes the number of hours in a standard work day for each elected or appointed office.

On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (3-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Standard Work Day Resolution was adopted.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

▪ *Joint Public Hearing Comprehensive Plan – 7 p.m. July 13th at the Fire Department*

▪ *Western Gateway Landscaping Update:* Councilor Murray has been in discussion with NYSDOT regarding the removal of trees that did not survive the winter and the transplanting of the trees from Rosalie’s to a new location. She is working on the plaques for the trees and has three perspective people who may purchase additional trees. The bench in front of Mirbeau should be going in soon and another bench is being considered for the corner of Transportation Drive and Rt. 20.

▪ *Notice of Public Hearing – NYS Public Service Commission:* Supervisor Sennett said that NYS Department of Public Service has scheduled several meetings across the state regarding telecommunications in NYS.

▪ *Notification from County Legislator Plochocki - \$7500 funding for repairs to Milfoil boat.* Supervisor Sennett said it was too bad this announcement was not ready to be announced

at the last meeting when Bob Werner was making a presentation. Regardless, it will support the milfoil project that the Skaneateles Lake Association is doing.

▪*Continued Discussion on Proposed Legislation - Shoreline Structures:* Supervisor Sennett reported that the Town Board has been in receipt of the proposed legislation on shoreline structures drafted by Attorney Scott Molnar. If the Town Board has any questions or concerns they should direct them to Attorney Molnar who will be sending this legislation to the Towns of Spafford, Niles, Scott, Sempronius, and the Village of Skaneateles for their consideration. Attorney Taylor said that the legislation is very thorough and comprehensive. Gaining support from all communities around the lake will be important because this will have to go to the State for legislation because now New York State has jurisdiction over shoreline structures.

▪*Dede Washington Letter re: Skaneateles Garden Club Tour & Boutique:* Supervisor Sennett referred to a letter written to Sue Murphy from Dede Washington, Chairman of the Skaneateles Garden Club thanking the Town Board for allowing use of the Austin Pavilion for the garden tour and boutique and reporting that 360 people attended the event and they raised \$5,000 that will go towards the crabapple tree replacement at Austin Park.

▪*Rotary Club Letter re: Father's Day Pancake Breakfast:* Supervisor Sennett noted the letter to the editor from Robin Jowaisas, chair of the Skaneateles Rotary Club giving thanks to the many volunteers including the Town Parks Department for another successful Father's Day Pancake Breakfast where they served almost 3,000 people. Supervisor Sennett said that Robin personally came in to see her to praise the Parks Department stating that the Arena was in the best condition they have ever had it. She thanked Sue Murphy for the good work in her department.

Resolution #15-105

Abstract #15-13: On a motion of Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (3-0) affirmation of the Town Board, voucher #15-0774 to #15-0827 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$17,632.64	Part Town:	\$ 5,644.28
Highway:	\$ 2,685.73	Highway Part Town:	\$80,912.94
Lighting:	\$ 1,193.83	Water:	\$ 933.36
Sewer:	\$ 8.28	Limeledge:	\$ 1,751.18
T & A:	\$ 562.50		

Total: \$111,324.74

Resolution #15-106

Executive Session: On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Howard, and with unanimous (3-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss pending litigation:

On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Murray, and with unanimous (3-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board returned to open session at 7:30 p.m.

Resolution #15-107

Settlement of Assessment Litigation: On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Howard, and with unanimous (3-0) affirmation of the Town Board it was authorized to settle the pending assessment litigation on the Ruprecht Trust (Steven Kenan and Julie Abbot-

Kenan) property tax map #015.-01-07.2 located at 1 Polley Lane, Skaneateles NY by reducing the assessment from \$1,038,100 to \$747,000.

Attorney Advice: On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (3-0) affirmation of the Town Board the Board adjourned to Attorney Advice at 7:33 p.m.

Meeting reopened and adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet L. Aaron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk