

Town Board Meeting
September 17, 2015
7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Sue Murphy, Peter Buehler, Dana Pickering, Allan Wellington, Jonathan Monfiletto (Skaneateles Journal), Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Bridget Scholl, Robert Harris, Tanya Smolinsky, Beth Batlle.

Department Reports:

▪*Highway, Water, Transfer Station:* While pictures were being displayed on the progress of the Fennell Street Bridge, Allan Wellington reported that the only thing they have left to finish the bridge is to add guardrails, and then do grading and paving. He said they started the project on July 27th and have not had one rain day. The water department repaired lawns from previous water breaks, performed some equipment maintenance and helped with the bridge work. The Transfer Station is busy with normal operations.

▪*Parks:* Sue Murphy reported that the waterfront was closed and all the rafts and equipment have been removed from the lake. They are busy mowing and lining fields for soccer. The Austin Pavilion Committee met Monday night to continue discussion on the future of the Pavilion. She is receiving good feedback on the winter farmers market.

▪*Historian:* Beth Batlle said she has been busy with many requests. Supervisor Sennett thanked Beth for providing historical information on the fire lanes for the Planning and Zoning Boards. Beth Batlle reported that Jim Buff gave a box to her and the Village Historian, Jorge Batlle with information on Mary Elizabeth Loveless who they are still researching. She was the first woman in Skaneateles to further her education by attending Wesley College and Harvard. She was in her 90's when she died in 1951. Ms. Batlle also reported that the Skaneateles 4th grade teachers requested 25 copies of her book. She said that tomorrow, September 18th is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. In 1988 the first official POW/MIA flag flew over the White House and now is displayed in the Capitol Rotunda. She said that Geoffrey Shumway from Skaneateles was a Lieutenant with the US Navy when he went MIA on June 25, 1972. His remains were returned to the USA August 3, 1993 and identified on June 12, 2002 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. The Skaneateles American Legion will be holding a ceremony on September 18th to honor those who were MIA and POW's.

▪*Fire Department Monthly Report:* Pete Buehler referred to the new report from the software program that was just added at the fire department allowing the Chief to easily input new information and track training hours and calls. For August they had 39 alarms and 24 mutual aid calls with 412 hours of drills and training. They have four meetings scheduled for September. Through a collaborative effort of the Mottville Fire Company, the Town Highway Department and the Skaneateles Fire Department, a dry hydrant is in the process of being installed along Fennell Street where the new bridge is being installed. Both fire departments will now have access to the Skaneateles Creek year round. They are working closely with Codes Enforcement Officer Hall on a property on East Genesee Street Road that has been vandalized and remains

unsecured at this time. The fire department approved Quinn Costello and George Dobrovosky as probationary firefighters.

▪**Budget:** Supervisor Sennett reported that the Board is working with Bridgett Winkelman in reviewing the 2015 budget. She said that the State's Property Tax Cap limits the amount local governments and most school districts can increase property taxes, which is the lower of either 2% or the rate of inflation. This year the rate of inflation is lower so the Town will be held to .73%.

Resolution #15-158

Minutes: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Murray and with a unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of September 3, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Resolution #15-159

Project Proposal For CNY Arts Individual Artist Commission Grant Program –

Tanya Smolinsky: Tanya Smolinsky outlined for the Board the project she is proposing for the Charlie Major Nature Trail. She has spoken to Charlie Major extensively about this and he is in favor. The art project is site specific and focuses on four sites situated along the Trail. The sites will encompass fragments of the ambiguous, sculptural-like remains of the factories, which are now embedded in the natural landscape and to recognize them as pieces of art. She said the factory remains are sculptural quality that evokes a sense of growth and deterioration. The remains convey the earth's resilience in the face of humanity's devastating impact on the environment brought about by two centuries of rampant industrialization. Through the project they explore the notion of visibility and invisibility. The sites they identified are easily visible to those walking the trail yet go unrecognized for their potential as art works.

She said the project has three major components. 1.) Identifying the four sites along the Charlie Major Nature Trail. 2.) An app that provides information about the project. 3.) The online "community gallery" where anyone can post their own images. She said that discrete markers will be placed along the Trail locating each of the four sites. Using a QR code, the markers will refer people to an app which they can view on their mobile devices as they're walking along the Trail. The app will provide information about the art form known as Earthworks and the history of that particular area of the Trail. The app will also provide links to images of the industrial facilities that once dotted the landscape.

Ms. Smolinsky said that this site will be supported through grants from CNY Arts Grant and through other grants such as the Community Arts Grant. There will be no cost to the Town of Skaneateles.

Councilor Brace said that this is a great idea and she was impressed with the explanation of the project. This will be a great addition to be viewed and enjoyed by people of all ages.

Tanya Smolinsky said that in the future the project could add a website or do Instagram. She would like to advertise the project in the local visitor guides. The project could generate 100's of images.

Councilor Howard commented that this was a great gift to the community and it will be wonderful for people to read about the history in that area. She believes that the Skaneateles Festival could connect to this project as well.

Supervisor Sennett said everyone sitting at the Board table cherishes the Charlie Major Nature Trail.

Councilor Brace said that she would love to get together with her to help identify the sites. Other Board members agreed.

Supervisor Sennett made a motion seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, to approve this project and to authorize the Town Clerk to certify to the resolution of the Town Board for Ms. Smolinsky's grant application to the CNY Arts Grant and the Community Arts Grant.

Announcements

▪*September 12, 2015 Letter From Steve McGlynn:* Supervisor Sennett said that Steve McGlynn submitted a letter regarding the Comprehensive Plan process that Attorney Taylor plans to respond to in writing.

▪*Paper Shredding at Transfer Station 9-noon Oct 3rd – Only Town Residents with a valid Transfer Station Permit*

▪*Zoning Audit Update:* Councilor Brace said that two proposals were received in regards to reviewing the zoning in relation to the Comprehensive Plan. The candidates were interviewed. One has a conceptual plan and the other is more broad-based. The Town Board may refine their proposal and send it out to the two candidates to re-present their proposals.

▪*Solarize CNY – September 30, 2015- Skaneateles Fire Department 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.* Supervisor Sennett said this is a wonderful opportunity for anyone to find out about tax incentives and to sign up for a free, no obligation assessment.

▪*Meals on Wheels Informational Meeting on October 15, 2015.* Supervisor Sennett said that the Meals on Wheels will soon serve Skaneateles again. An informational Open House will be held at the Skaneateles United Methodist Church, 26 Jordan Street, on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

▪*Flowering Crab Trees – Austin Park:* Sue Murphy reported that there are a number of caution cones placed at upper Austin Park where the new crab apple trees will be planted and to prevent people from parking in that area. The trees are arriving on October 5th and will be staggered so that there will be a walkway in between the trees. The crab apple trees being planted are called Robinson Crab Apples.

Councilor Brace asked if they would be using water gators. Bridgett Winkelman said she would check into the cost of buying or renting these.

Resolution #15-160

Budget Amendments/Adjustments: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following budget amendments/adjustments were approved:

Part Town

\$ 650.00	Increase	016804.02.004.00	Central Data Processing
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\$ 650.00 Decrease 016704.02.004.00 Central Print
Additional expenses associated with copier and fax

Budget Adjustments

General Fund

\$ 500.00 Increase 013402.01.002.00 Budget Equipment
\$ 500.00 Decrease 013404.01.004.00 Budget – C/E
Cost associated with purchasing a printer

Resolution #15-160

Abstract #15-18: On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Supervisor Sennett, voucher #15-1138 to #15-1227 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$108,675.72	Part Town:	\$22,371.25
Highway:	\$ 8,521.69	Hwy P/T:	\$ 7,947.12
Water:	\$ 37,581.78	Sewer:	\$ 1,213.55
Sewer #6:	\$ 228.83	Limeledge:	\$ 496.93
T & A:	\$ 3,804.81		

Total: \$190,841.68

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk