

Skaneateles Town Board Meeting
October 1, 2015
7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Sue Murphy, Robert Harris, Randy Nonemacher, Robert Sykes, Jonathan Monfiletto (Skaneateles Journal), Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Pres), Bridgett Winkelman, Allan Wellington, Karen Barkdull.

Department Reports:

▪*Highway, Water, Transfer Station:* While pictures were being shown on the progress of the Fennell Street Bridge, Allan Wellington reported that they installed the guardrails, finished grading the road bed in preparation for paving on October 7th or 8th, and installed a dry hydrant near the bridge. In addition, they mowed along roadsides, repaired washed out road shoulders and made equipment repairs. In the Water department they removed the temporary waterline at the Fennell Street Bridge, repaired a hydrant and received quotes for an automatic flushing hydrant to be installed at the north end of District #1. At the Transfer Station they graded the hard fill and brush site and made repairs to a compactor. The NYSDEC officer issued several tickets for uncovered loads on Saturday.

▪*Parks:* Sue Murphy reported that the area has been prepared for the planting of the flowering crab apple trees at Austin Park on October 5th. They also extended and widened the walkway through this area and added stone. The last Saturday Farmers' Market will be on October 10th and the last outside Thursday market will be October 8th. Starting October 15th the Thursday market will move inside the Austin Pavilion.

▪*Budget:* Bridgett Winkelman reported that the Tentative Budget was being formally submitted to the Town Board tonight. An additional budget meeting would need to be scheduled to continue review of the budget. During the week she along with Supervisor Sennett and Janet Aaron met with Steve Wladis from the Wladis Company to review health care options for the employees beginning in 2016. She also billed water district #2.

▪*Codes, Planning & Zoning:* Councilor Brace said that there were 8 open projects in the Planning and Zoning Departments. Karen Barkdull, who was in attendance, commented that 3 more projects had been submitted late this afternoon. 19 permits were issued in September in the Code Office totaling \$7,837 in building permit fees and \$41,209 year to date.

Conservation Committee: Randy Nonemacher, Chair of the Conservation Committee reviewed the recent project at Guppy Falls while pictures were being shown. The railing project was an Eagle Scout project by Matt Winoski with the help of Marcellus Troop 66 Boy Scouts. The Scouts also want to do a project at the Federal Farm Conservation Area to add stairs to the observation deck and update maps through GPS and provide actual distances on each trail. He explained that Black Locust lumber was cut on Bob Sykes property and then taken to Mr. Syke's mill where the logs were milled into 6 inch square by 6 feet long posts and then boards were milled for the railings. Matt Winoski was involved from start to finish and other Scouts and Scout Leaders also helped. It was hard work because they had to haul all the lumber, gravel and equipment up the stairs to the top of the trail. Many of the holes that they dug had to have large

rocks removed which was labor-intensive work. Randy requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Scout, Matt Winoski and Troop 66 from Marcellus.

The Town Board praised this project and thanked Randy Nonemacher for arranging for this project and for the generosity of Bob Sykes in providing the wood and the milling. Supervisor Sennett said that it was a gift to the community and made that area much safer for viewing the falls.

Resolution #15-162

Minutes: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of September 17, 2015 were accepted as presented.

2015 Tentative Budget: The Tentative Budget was filed with the Town Clerk on September 30th and submitted to the Town Board at this meeting. Supervisor Sennett said as Bridgett Winkelman said in her report, that the Town Board will need to schedule another budget work session to continue their work with Bridgett on what is now the Preliminary Budget.

Resolution #15-163

On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, a Special Meeting was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on October 13th to continue review of the preliminary budget.

Resolution #15-164

Supervisor Sennett said that the Preliminary Budget would be available to the public on October 21, 2015 and made a motion, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board to schedule the public hearing on the 2016 budget for 7:15 p.m. on November 5, 2015.

Clift Park Waterfront Repairs: Supervisor Sennett said that Sue Murphy brought to the Town Board's attention that sections of the swim area at Clift Park are deteriorating. Specifically the steps and seawalls have loose stones and there is a clear need for repair. The Town estimates that over 2500 people swam in this area over the summer and that there are a lot of users both residents and non-residents. Representatives from C & S Engineers met with Sue Murphy at the swim area to review the issues and at 5 p.m. today C & S submitted their proposal in the amount of \$18,250 to obtain the permits and prepare an estimate for a biddable set of documents for the repairs. Supervisor Sennett said that she suggests that the Town Board review it and decide at the next meeting.

Councilor Brace said that she had the opportunity to review the proposal and said it is very thorough and believes they found a cost effective way to reduce costs by using photographs with annotations. She said she is pleased with the proposal.

Claire Howard asked if there is a time factor. Councilor Brace said that the work probably will not get done this year because the permit process through the NYSDEC and Army Corp of Engineers can be lengthy.

The Town Board agreed to table this to the October 15th meeting.

Hamlet Meetings: Supervisor Sennett said that the Town Board would be holding a Hamlet meeting at 7 p.m. on October 5th at Ken & Joan Scott's barn on Foster Road. The Board wants to continue the Hamlet Meetings in Mandana and Skaneateles Falls. As soon as dates and places are set the Board will make the announcement.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

▪*Update – Solarize CNY:* Supervisor Sennett said that there were about 75 people in attendance and she was pleased with this great turnout. Katelyn Kriesel from Solarize CNY gave good information and answers. There are incentives through NYSEERDA and this is a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in solar to take advantage of these incentives. In order to take advantage you have to register with Solarize CNY for an assessment before the end of October. The assessment will provide a proposal on cost, the incentives, the expected savings, and the design of the system. She said the program was very well received.

Councilor Howard said that initially there is an investment that in most cases can be paid off in 5 to 7 years based on the incentives and price strategy with credits from NYSEERDA and tax credits. The resident still has to be connected to Nation Grid which requires a minimal monthly service charge of approximately \$17 for maintaining the power lines. She said there is a time factor in order to qualify for the incentives.

Councilor Brace thanked Supervisor Sennett for pushing this and providing the opportunity for Solarize CNY to hold a workshop in our community so that our residents would learn about the opportunities with solar energy.

▪*Shepard Settlement Hamlet Meeting 7 p.m. October 5th at Scotts Barn, Foster Road*

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

Resolution #15-165

Budget Adjustments

General Fund

\$ 500.00 Increase 071104.01.004.67 Summer Rec. - Training

\$ 500.00 Decrease 071101.01.001.00 Summer Rec. – P/S

Cost associated with Destination training – Farmers Market

Part Town

\$ 200.00 Increase 080204.02.004.65 Planning - Advertising

\$ 200.00 Decrease 080204.02.004.00 Planning – C/E

Additional expenses associated with Legal Notices

Budget Amendments

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

Water Consolidated

\$ 2,195.00 Increase 083102.08.002.00 Water Admin – Equipment
\$ 2,195.00 Decrease 083102.08.002.00 Water Admin – C/E
Purchase Safety Equipment

Abstract #15-19: On a motion of Councilor Greenfield, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, voucher #15-228 to #15-1273 were paid from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$12,614.21	Part Town:	\$ 1,111.29
Highway:	\$ 2,549.06	Fire:	\$56,425.00
Lighting:	\$ 1,025.46	Water:	\$ 2,303.10
T & A:	\$ 5,209.10		

Total: \$81,237.22

Resolution #15-166

Executive Session: On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Howard, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the meeting was returned to open session at 7:50 p.m.

Resolution #15-167

Bruce Famoly Request: On a motion from Councilor Howard, seconded by Supervisor Sennett and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the request from Bruce Famoly in his letter of August 13, 2015 for health insurance reimbursement was denied.

Resolution #15-168

Attorney Advice: On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Howard, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned to Attorney Advice at 7:55 p.m.

Meeting returned to open session at 8:52 p.m. and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted



Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk