Town Board Meeting November 5, 2015 7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Bridgett Winkelman, Beth Batlle, Jim Lanning, Michael DalPos, Jonathan Dalpos, Jonathan Monfiletto (Skaneateles Journal), Steve Ladd, Lisa Byrne, Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Rob Coville, Dana Pickering.

Department Reports:

•*Highway, Water, Transfer Station:* Supervisor Sennett reported that Allan Wellington had surgery and came home today. They have great Foremen in each department who are keeping things going.

•*Parks*: Supervisor Sennett reported that the Parks Department will be keeping the walking path clear during the winter. While pictures were being displayed, Supervisor Sennett said that the Parks Department had installed drainage at the portion of the path near the Austin Pavilion to alleviate the icing problems on the path. Sue Murphy and Gene LaForte had their yearly dinner with the Farmers Market vendors to discuss plans for next year's market. Sue Murphy will be attending a Farmers Market Conference in Cobleskill next week. All nets have been removed from the tennis courts and the Sims Building is closed for the season. Sue Murphy gave a special thanks to Bridgett Winkelman for her help with this year's budget.

•*Budget:* Bridgett Winkelman said the 2016 tax cap was filed which was actually just over 1%. 175 parcels were sent to Onondaga County for overdue water accounts in the amount of \$45,000 which was down by \$20,000 from last year.

•*Codes, Planning & Zoning:* Councilor Brace reported that there are 17 open projects with the Planning Board. Councilor Howard questioned the barns at Lakelawn Properties. Karen Barkdull said that they are saving some historical aspects of the barns to incorporate the architectural details. Supervisor Sennett said that from the workshop given by Solarize NY 33 people did home energy assessments which should increase the number of people adding solar to their properties.

•*Historian:* Beth Batlle reported that she gave tours at the Skaneateles Historical Society to two women from Ireland. She is working on a project with CNY Regional Planning and Development on a list of vistas in the area. She and her husband, Jorge spent two hours working on an inquiry about the Skaneateles Marble Company. She will be displaying the various hats of the armed services at the Creamery for Veteran's Day. She announced that there will be a dinner at the American Legion for Veteran's Day.

•*Animal Control:* Councilor Greenfield reviewed the 6 calls during the month of October. Dave Wawro also reported that the van needed repairs and the Town Board agreed that this should be done.

Resolution #15-183

Minutes: On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) approval of the Town Board, the minutes of October 19th were accepted as presented.

Resolution #15-184

2016 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing: Supervisor Sennett noted receipt of the affidavit of posting dated October 19, 2015 and affidavit of publication dated October 28, 2015. No one requested to have the public notice read.

Bridgett Winkelman reviewed the budget while graphs displayed were highlighting expenses and revenues of the four main funds as follows:

General Fund – Expenses and Revenues –

General Government

Town News Letter, at a much reduced cost; Assessors Data Collection Program; Town Board Engineer, to support municipal projects. The Constable will continue to be visible at the State Boat Launch. SAVES will see support of \$97,652.

Parks

Over all a reduced budget, due to the elimination of ice activity. Currently budgeted to replace Gator and Pickup truck and resurface Tennis Courts. All purchases will be paid through reserves.

Home and Community

Largest part of this portion of the budget is the Transfer Station. The Transfer Station will be purchasing a pickup truck from reserves.

Planned Studies will be supporting a program on Skaneateles Lake to monitor tributaries - \$25,000.

All unused funds raised in 2015 for the expenses associated with the Comprehensive Plan will be encumbered to be used in 2016.

Personal Services

66% of all payrolls for the Town run through the General Fund. 34.5% of the General Fund Budget is Personal Service Expenses.

Average increase for the Full Time Employees is 1.75%

New York State Retirement has decreased for the employer contributions, 18.2% to 15.5%.

Revenues

Biggest change is the loss of \$30,000 of Ice Revenue, there is a reduction of expenses also. Small changes are also shown for both Recycling income and Mortgage Tax income.

Overall

Overall increase in the amount to be raised in taxes \$21,398, less than 1% of an increase.

Part Town - Expenses and Revenues-

This fund deals with Planning, Zoning and Codes.

The Codes department decrease overall by utilizing part time staff. Planning and Zoning shifted Personal Service expenses, when they hired a part time employee.

The Part Town budget will also encumber all unused funds raised in 2015 for the expenses associated with the Comprehensive Plan, to be used in 2016.

The revenues have very little change, an additional \$5,000 from Franchise Fees.

Overall

The budget decreased by \$17, 132.

Highway Town wide and Highway Part Town - Expenses and Revenues -

Highway Town Wide will be purchasing a new Plow truck in 2016, \$191,000, from reserves. They will also be looking to replace a pickup truck from reserves in 2016.

Highway Part Town has proposed 5 roads for major work to be done in 2016. Manor Heights will be the CHIPS road in 2016. The State Aid for the CHIPS road is \$89,500.

There is a shift in payroll between funds. In 2015 the Bridge work was reflected in Highway Town Wide, which is now completed, so the personal service will be shifted back to Highway Part Town.

Overall

The net effect is an increase for the two budgets of \$27, 151.

Four Major Fund Overview -

46.8% of the whole budget is Personal Service expenses The reduction in New York State Retirement from 18.2% to 15.5% saved the Town \$53,000. The Town carries less than 1% debt service in these four accounts. Tax Rate: 2015 - 2.3582 2016- 2.3569, a change of .0013 in tax rate We are raising a total of \$45,717 more than we did in 2015. The tax rate has been stabilized by an assessed value increase.

Supervisor Sennett thanked Bridgett Winkelman saying that she is a tremendous asset to the Town and offers great assistance to the Town Board and department heads.

On a motion of Councilor Greenfield, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the public hearing was opened.

Supervisor Sennett asked if anyone wished to comment on the 2016 preliminary budget. Jim Lanning asked what long term debt the Town had. Bridgett stated that the Town had a bond on a Jordan Road waterline and a small bond on a Gradall in the highway town wide fund.

With no further comments Councilor Greenfield made a motion seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the public hearing was closed.

On a motion of Councilor Greenfield, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the 2016 Budget was adopted.

Resolution #15-185

Introductory Local Law 2015-A "A Local Law Amending The Town Code of the Town of Skaneateles Relative to Chapter 118 – Refuse Disposal": Supervisor Sennett said that the update to the Local Law was recommended by Allan Wellington and Dana Pickering.

Councilor Brace read the resolution introducing the Local Law.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW 2015-A

A Resolution introducing Local Law 2015-A, known as "A Local Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Skaneateles relative to Chapter 118—Refuse Disposal".

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles has been advised of the desirability of revising the Town Code, Chapter 118, to provide for the definition of certain terms, and to otherwise detail the disposal of refuse within the Town, all as is more particularly set forth in the proposed Local Law 2015-A attached hereto as Schedule "A" and incorporated herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles:

RESOLVES, the Town Board hereby introduces said Local Law 2015-A; and

FURTHER RESOLVES, that the Town Board declares itself as Lead Agency and the only Interested Agency for SEQR purposes; and

FURTHER RESOLVES, that the SEQR Part I, dated November 5, 2015 and prepared by the Attorney for the Town of Skaneateles, is hereby adopted, ratified, and approved; and

FURTHER RESOLVES, that in compliance with State Law, that the proposed Local Law2015-A of the Town of Skaneateles be referred to the Syracuse Onondaga County Planning Agency for its review, input, comment and advice; and

FURTHER RESOLVES, that the Attorney for the Town of Skaneateles shall forthwith cause a copy of the proposed Local Law 2015-A to be sent to the Syracuse Onondaga County Planning Agency for its respective review, input, comment and advice; and

FURTHER RESOLVES, that upon receipt of the comments, input and advice of the Syracuse Onondaga County Planning Agency, a Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law 2015-A shall be scheduled according to law by further action of this Town Board of Skaneateles.

Resolution #15-185

On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the resolution Introducing Local Law 2015-A was approved.

Resolution #15-186

On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Resolution Introducing Local Law 2015-A was accepted and a public hearing was scheduled for 7:15 p.m. on December 3, 2015.

Resolution #15-187

SEQR: Town Clerk, Janet Aaron read each question in the Short EAF Part 2 – Impact Assessment and polled each Town Board Member individually for each question. The responses were as follows:

1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations? No 5-0

2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land? No 5-0

3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community? **No 5-0** 4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)? **No 5-0**

5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway? No 5-0

6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities? **No** 5-0

7. Will the proposed action impact existing:

a. public / private water supplies? No 5-0

b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities? No 5-0

8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources? **No** 5-0

9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)? No 5-0

10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems? No 5-0

Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health? No
 5-0

Petition to Lower Speed Limit – Fennell Street: Supervisor Sennett reviewed the petition submitted by Marianne Murphy and signed by 9 people requesting that the speed limit on Fennell Street from the Village Line to Old Seneca Turnpike be reduced from 55 mph to 35 mph. Ms. Murphy provided a map showing that the surrounding area was 35 mph on Mill Road, Old Seneca Turnpike and Jordan Road.

Supervisor Sennett asked the procedure. Janet Aaron commented that she would submit to the NYS Department of Transportation and the Onondaga County Department of Transportation for their study and approval. Attorney Taylor stated that he wanted to review the requirements and recommended tabling the decision until November 19th. The Town Board agreed.

Proposed Employee Handbook Revisions: Supervisor Sennett said that she with Bridgett Winkelman and Janet Aaron reviewed the handbook and they are recommending making changes that in particular will include benefits for year round part time employees to help retain good employees.

Bridgett Winkelman said that the changes include a standard letter of employment that will include the rate of pay and benefits being offered. To retain part time year round employee's benefits are now being included. Benefits are also being added for first year full time employees. Benefits would be available after completing a 90 day waiting period but would accrue during this time. The probationary period would be 52 weeks. This would be for non-union employees. A red-lined handbook showing the changes would be ready for the Town Board to review prior to the next meeting.

Resolution #15-188

Authorization to Submit Application for SMTC Funding: Supervisor Sennett said that the grant was through the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) to submit an application for planning assistance for the Rails to Trails Committee. She thanked Steve Ladd, Julie Stenger and Councilor Brace for the work they have done on this application.

Councilor Brace said that Steve Ladd has been instrumental in contacting various agencies and pulling information together to complete this funding application. She said this is not a grant; it is actually an application for services. The funding that the SMTC receives is Federal funding. It is a Council of various organizations including SOCPA and NYSDOT. Each year they have applications for planning services. They have limited time for the staff to work on these projects and therefore you have to compete for that time through funding applications. The Town is looking at an evaluation of potential ways to utilize the existing routes for a multi-use corridor north and south. They will assist in helping to reach out to the public. They will be looking at public lands and streets so a determination can be made if the street is wide enough to be striped as a public bike lane or whether it can be widened. They also will provide assistance in reaching out to the public. They will conduct informational meetings and provide opportunities for people to comment on the proposed pathways. She said that the committee has moved from rails to trails to the idea of linkages of nature trails and bike trails. Sometimes the trail is just a nature trail or a bike trail and sometimes you have a potential for both. The Committee has an extensive mapping system that was done with the help of SOCPA. The key issues for planning assistance include crossing strategies for Old Seneca Turnpike, suitability and implementation of multi-user lanes on existing roads, impact of future development on multi-use corridor configurations, and integration of resident concerns into proposed corridor. The deadline for submitting the application is tomorrow in order to receiving funding next spring.

Steve Ladd said that the grant will help develop forecasting not just for streets but what the future will look like when Skaneateles Falls is rejuvenated in the future. What impact will it have on traffic along that corridor in respect to the nature trails and bike lanes that they are looking at now. The goal is to do it smartly and logically and to look at the impact on traffic, health, well-being and safety. He said that the SMTC staff are the right ones to be doing that kind of study.

Councilor Brace said she has met with SMTC and also went to a mandatory meeting in order to apply for funding. She found that a number of entities have projects that are huge and some others that are very small that actually don't need a study. She said in the end our proposal fits in to what you would call a wheel well of an appropriate application for planning resources.

Steve Ladd said expansion of the trail system into a regional network is one of the top four planning goals for the SMTC area.

Councilor Howard noted that a random public survey was conducted by the Rails to Trails Committee. Steve Ladd explained that 94 people were polled and 93 responded positively. She questioned the demographics of the survey. Steve Ladd said they did a non-scientific survey where personal information was not collected. They offered the information at events including the Duck Dash, the Library Book Sale, the Fishing Derby and the Firemen Field Days. They believe of the 94 polled 70-75 were local residents and 20 + - were visitors. Visitors remarked how this has been a benefit to their community and added to the quality of life.

Councilor Howard said that when they began the rails to trails committee a lot of people were opposed because their homes and businesses were close to the old rail line. She is glad to see that this application is looking for help to avoid that. Councilor Brace said that the Committee is no longer looking to put the trail there. They are reviewing the idea of looking at different roads and how they can be safely navigated. The key areas are Fennell and Mill Streets and Old Seneca Turnpike.

Supervisor Sennett said that this would provide free professional help. Councilor Howard remarked that Steve Ladd did a beautiful job on the application. The Town Board thanked Steve Ladd, Julie Stenger and Councilor Brace.

Steve Ladd noted that letters of support were received from the Skaneateles Historical Society and the Skaneateles Area Chamber of Commerce.

Councilor Brace read the resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES ADOPTED NOVEMBER 5, 2015 REGARDING THE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO THE SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL UNDER THE 2016-17 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

RECITALS

WHEREAS, The Town of Skaneateles is committed to providing its residents with amenities conducive to health, safety and general welfare, such as the Charlie Major Nature Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Skaneateles has a standing Rails-to-Trails Committee which is working toward the goal of providing a multi-user, multi-seasonal set of connected trails, bike lanes and/or bike paths, linked with existing similar trails, to create a continuous corridor from the Village of Skaneateles northward toward the boundary with the Town of Elbridge (Multi-Use Corridor); and

WHEREAS, the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) has provided an opportunity to secure grants, assistance and resources to accomplish the goals of the Town as articulated herein, which would enhance and expand current amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Application for such grant funding ("Grant Application") is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, and has the approval of the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES, AS FOLLOWS:

Section l. The Town hereby determines that the Grant Application is reflective of the goals of the Town as identified in the Town's Comprehensive Plan, the recitals, above, and otherwise.

Section 2. The Town hereby resolves that it is in the Town's best interest to pursue the grant and opportunity afforded by the SMTC.

Section 3. The Town hereby resolves that the Grant Application is approved as to form and content.

Section 4. The Town hereby resolves that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute, acknowledge, and deliver the Grant Application. The Supervisor is further authorized to execute and deliver any documents and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and provisions of the Grant Application and this Resolution.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, to adopt the resolution and authorize Supervisor Sennett to sign the SMCT grant funding application.

Resolution #15-189

Update on Moving Town Hall to Village Truck Bays: Supervisor Sennett said that 1 ½ years ago the Village asked the Town to consider moving to their truck bays. Since that time there have been a number of Town Board discussions regarding this facility. The Town's main motivation was accessibility and Justice Court compliance issues. The Town Board engaged an architect and there were meetings with Departments Heads to look at the space requirements.

Supervisor Sennett read the following letter to be sent to the Village Board:

"I'm writing this letter in response to the Village's offer of the truck bays for relocation of Town Hall. The concept of a joint Town/Village government center had a great deal of appeal and merit.

The Town followed up on your offer by working with an architect and with the various Town Hall departments. While there were many potential benefits of co-location, we've found that we need more space than the truck bays can provide."

On a motion of Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Sennett was authorized to sign the letter notifying the Village Board that the Town was declining the offer to consider moving to the truck bays.

Councilor Howard remarked that this did not mean the Town would be back to square one. Many of the plans and ideas would apply to the next location that the Town would be considering. She said a lot of progress was made on the goal of moving the Town Hall.

Resolution #15-190

Update on SEQR For Nicorele, LLC and Elerion, LLC Annexation Request: Supervisor Sennett said that the Town Board held a SEQR work session on the annexation request and the Town Board is in possession of the minutes from that work session.

Attorney Taylor said that the Town Board could now declare that the EAF is complete and that you have the information necessary to make a SEQR decision.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Supervisor Sennett and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the EAF from Nicorele, LLC and Elerion LLC requesting annexation was deemed complete and the Town Board has the necessary information to make a SEQR decision.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

Resolution #15-191 •Fire Department Request – Transfer Station Trailer: Supervisor Sennett read a prepared agreement:

Agreement

WHEREAS, the Town of Skaneateles is a municipal corporation existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York, with offices at 24 Jordan Street, Skaneateles, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Skaneateles Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., is a New York not-for-profit corporation with offices at 77 W. Genesee St., Skaneateles, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town owns a certain trailer located at the Town's Transfer Station on Seneca Turnpike in the Town of Skaneateles; and

WHEREAS, the Town declared the trailer as surplus pursuant to a duly noted motion at a regular meeting of the Town Board on October 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, said trailer has no or de minimus value; and

WHEREAS, the Department has requested the use of the trailer for training purposes, which use the Town deems to be in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Skaneateles; and

WHEREAS, the Department has offered to remove the trailer at its expense from the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR ONE DOLLAR AND OTHER GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the Town and Department hereby agree as follows:

- 1. The recitals above are incorporated herein, including the recognition that the trailer has been declared surplus and has no or de minimus value.
- 2. The Department agrees to remove the trailer from the Town's Transfer Station, at the Department's expense, thereby relieving the Town of clutter and a potential liability at no cost to the taxpayers and residents of the Town.
- 3. The Department agrees that it will use said trailer for training purposes for the members of the Department.

The Town agrees to transfer title to said trailer to the Department for the benefit received by the residents of the Town upon the removal of the trailer from the Town's Transfer Station

Supervisor Sennett made a motion, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Sennett was authorized to sign the agreement with the Skaneateles Fire Department.

Letter from Taci Anderson with Concerns about Hidden Estates

•Baltimore Woods Nature Center Thank You Letter re: Conservation Committee funding of a student to attend their summer program.

•Notes from the Skaneateles Garden Club thanking Sue Murphy & Gene LaForte for all their help with the crab apple trees

Southern Hill Preservation Letter Introducing the new Executive Director, Patricia Smith
Announcement that the next Hamlet meeting is at the Skaneateles Falls American Legion at 7 p.m. on November 16th.

Resolution #15-192

Budget Amendments/Adjustments: 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 approved.

General Fund

\$ 1,200.00Increase013554.01.004.00Assessment C/E\$ 1,200.00Decrease019904.01.004.00ContingencyAdditional expenses associated with Software support arrears

Budget Adjustments

General Fund								
\$ 725.00	Increase	071104.01.004.52	Summer Rec Supplies					
\$ 725.00	Increase	002006.01.000.00	Austin Park Use					
Additional expenses associated with paid park activates								
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\$ 375.00	Increase	071104.01.004.67	Summer Rec Training					
\$ 375.00	Decrease	019904.01.004.00	Contingency					
Additional expenses associated with parks training								
Part Town Fund								
\$ 80.00	Increase	080104.02.004.00	Zoning - C/E					

\$ 80.00	Decrease	080104.02.004.58	Zoning – C/E Legal				
Cost of doing business							
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Resolution #15-193

Abstract #15-21: On a motion of Councilor Greenfield, seconded by Councilor Murray, vouchers #15-1367 to #15-1439 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$44,870.43	Part Town:	\$ 1,148.27
Highway:	\$21,614.51	Hwy P/T:	\$44,763.57
Lighting:	\$ 1,029.98	Water:	\$ 3,963.40
Sewer #6:	\$ 11.08	T & A:	\$ 1,828.30

Total: \$119,229.54

Resolution #15-194

Executive Session: On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

Resolution #15-195

Return to Open Meeting: On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was returned to an open meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Resolution #15-196

Parking Tickets at NYS Boat Launch: On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the Town Attorney was authorized to dispose of the parking tickets issued at the NYS Boat Launch. Resolution #15-197

Attorney Advice: On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Attorney Advice at 8:25 p.m.

Resolution #15-198

Return to Open Meeting: On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Greenfield the meeting was returned to an open meeting at 8:52 p.m. and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet L. Aaron Town Clerk