

**Town Board Meeting  
August 19, 2024  
6:30 p.m.**

**Zoom:** Meeting Id: 894 6812 4382 Passcode: 23094

**Present:** Supervisor Legg, Councilor Tucker, Councilor Dove, Councilor Milne, Attorney Smith.

**Present via Zoom:** Councilor Alexander, Councilor Tucker.

**Also, Present (In Person):** Scott Brothers, Josh LaGrow

**Also, Present (via Zoom):** Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Keri Fey, Brian Buff, Chris Buff, Jim Fields, Lynn Fields, Keri Fey, Michael Drake, Sue Murphy, Mike Lasell. .

**Minutes of August 5, 2024:** On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne, and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of August 5, 2024, were accepted as presented.

**Abstract #24-15:** On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Dove, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers were authorized from the following funds:

General:	\$ 32,158.32	Highway:	\$149,156.21
HWY PT:	\$ 5,034.58	Part Town:	\$ 4,527.56
Water:	\$ 22,071.26	T&A	\$ 5,401.14

Total:           **\$ 218,349.07**

**Resignation – Wesley Hill, Public Works Maintenance Worker:** Supervisor Legg stated the Board was in receipt of a letter of resignation from Wesley Hill, Public Works Maintenance Worker. The date of the resignation was August 7, 2024.

On a motion of Councilor Dove seconded by Councilor Milne, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board accepted Wesley Hill’s letter of resignation effective August 7, 2024.

The Board discussed advertising for the now open Public Works Maintenance Worker. They decided to post internally first if no response they would advertise for the open position.

**Town Hall Reserve Fund Transfer for Town Hall Renovation Project:** Supervisor Legg explained the Town Board had awarded the bid for the Town Hall renovations at the last Town Board meeting and now they would have to move the funds for payment out of the Town Hall Building Reserve Fund. Money transferred from a reserve fund is subject to the permissive referendum requirements of Town Law and General Municipal Law and must be posted and advertised for 30 days prior to the transfer.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Clerk was instructed to advertise to transfer \$140,000 from the following funds subject to the permissive referendum requirements of Town Law from the Town Hall Building Reserve Fund for the Town Hall renovation project.

**PRV Emergency Repair:** Supervisor Legg stated the Water Department had recommended the replacement of the PRV on Jordan road due to the age of the valve and the Water Department is out of solutions for repairs. Water Foreman Shane Christman reported they had performed maintenance on the PRV valves, and they all are in the need of repair and or replacement. At this time, the Board should consider this an emergency repair due to the age and condition of the valve.

The Board agreed to the replacement and the emergent need. They reviewed the quote from Ross Valve for the amount of \$7,849.00, for parts and labor.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board authorized the emergency replacement of the PRV Valve for an amount not to exceed \$7,850.00.

**Schedule Town Board Budget Meetings:** Supervisor Lagg stated Budget Officer Fey had submitted the schedule for the 2025 Budget Town Board Budget Meetings. The Board discussed changing the 4:00pm start time to 3:30pm.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board scheduled the following 2025 Town Board Budget Meetings:

September 10, 2024	3:30 p.m.
September 17, 2024	3:30 p.m.
September 24, 2024	4:00 p.m.
October 1, 2024	3:30 p.m.
October 8, 2024	3:30 p.m.
October 15, 2024	3:30 p.m.
October 22, 2024	3:30 p.m. (if needed)

#### **Announcements/Correspondence/Updates**

*Community Band Thank You Note:* Supervisor Legg announced a letter of thanks was received from the Skaneateles Community Band for the Town's support of their summer concerts.

*SCC Summer Day Camp Field Trip Thank you:* Supervisor Legg announced a letter of thanks was sent by Shelia Card at the Skaneateles Community Center thanking the Town staff for their support of a swim day at Clift Park for the Skaneateles Community Center Day Camp kids. All the kids and Community Center staff had a wonderful day at the waterfront.

*Doug Pickney – Sidewalk on West Lake Street Request:* Supervisor Legg announced the Board was in receipt of a letter from Doug Pickney of West Lake Street in the Town of Skaneateles requesting the Town Board considering putting sidewalks on the portion of West Lake Street in the Town.

*Town of Skaneateles Employment Opportunities – Parks and Water Department:* Supervisor Legg announced the Town of Skaneateles had employment opportunities in the Parks Department and Water Department. In the Parks Departments there are 2 positions, one full-time and one part-time. In the Water Department the position open is for full-time.

**Public Comment:** Scott Brothers, Mottville Road, asked the Board how someone could request the Town Board to implement a noise ordinance in the Town of Skaneateles. Mr. Brothers discussed the Planning Board applications and the approvals with condition that the noise would end at certain times. Would it be rational to have something that is more definable? He discussed the noise ordinances in other Towns.

Supervisor Legg stated the majority of Towns did not have a noise ordinance. The Town of Skaneateles Code refers to “excessive noise.”

Mr. Brothers stated the Towns of Onondaga, Camillus and Elbridge have noise definitions in their code.

Attorney Smith stated evaluation of noise is part of the State Quality Review Act (SEQRA) which is reviewed by the Planning Board. SEQRA has specific questions as it relates to noise with each project. When noise is a topic in SEQRA with a project the applicants are to refer to the guidance and regulations under the NYS DEC. An example in a project that would emit noise would be from an HVAC system. Noise ordinances that have very specific decibel limits are uncommon in upstate New York. Often laws have statements that noise cannot be obnoxious or excessive. Where noise ordinances are most effective are in areas such as cities and issues with constant output of noise with HVAC systems. For example, New York City has staff that are trained to read the noise decibels of constant noise. Noise ordinances are not useful for transient noise, such as noise from a party. By the time a trained professional with the right equipment responds to transient noise it is over. To start the process, you would just need to make a request to the Town Board.

Mr. Brothers referred to the Comprehensive Plan and the recommendation for development north of the Village in residential neighborhoods and he is concerned about the possibility of excessive noise.

The Town Board thanked Mr. Brothers for his comments.

**7:00 p.m. Public Hearing Skaneateles Meadows Drainage District:** Supervisor Legg stated the Public Hearing was posted and advertised for the Skaneateles Meadows Drainage District for August 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Attorney Smith stated State Street properties was proposing to construct The Village Meadows Subdivision off from Franklin Street in the Town of Skaneateles. The project included creating 8 single family dwelling lots with an approximate 850-foot private entrance road from Franklin Street. The project also included Town water being extended along the private drive within a Town Water easement to service each lot. He reviewed the proposed drainage district documentation. He stated the proposed district would consist of 8 building lots and improvements proposed for the District include approximately 850 feet of gutters, twelve (12)

catch basins, 800-LF of 12” SICPP stormwater pipe, 300-LF of 8” SCIPPP stormwater pipe, and three (3) dry swales and the entirety of the costs to be expended for the construction of the Improvements shall entirely be borne by the applicant and at no expense to the District; there will be no hook-up fees for properties in the District and all future costs and expenses of operation, maintenance and improvements, in the District, including all expenses related to all extensions of the District which may thereafter be established, shall be a charge against the entire area of the District.

Councilor Tucker asked what procedure was in place when the cost of repairs and maintenance increased. Attorney Smith stated the rate would be re-evaluated each year.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Public Hearing on Proposed the proposed Skaneateles Meadows Drainage District was opened.

No one commented.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Public Hearing on Proposed the proposed Skaneateles Meadows Drainage District was closed.

The Board agreed to have Attorney Smith draft a resolution for the Skaneateles Meadows Drainage District and approve it at the September 9, 2024, Town Board meeting.

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Dove and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Dove and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie A. Stenger  
Town Clerk