

Town Board Meeting

November 15, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Remote via www.zoom.us (id#: 84158578419 password 568599)

Present: Supervisor Aaron, Councilor McCormack, Councilor Alexander, Councilor Legg, Councilor Tucker, Attorney Smith.

Also, Present via Zoom: Allan Wellington, Bridgett Winkelman, Miranda Robinson, Brian Buff, Paula Powell, Karen Barkdull, Kim Benda, Jason Gabak, Sheri Spooner, Cindy Meili, Jessie Brill (Senator Mannion's Office), Scott Heggelke, Skip Lockwood, Jamie Hunt, Matt Leveroni, Scott Wilcox, Mike Cogswell, Greg Erikson, Kathleen Zapata.

Also Present: Paula Powell, Ron Laxton, Jeanne Pascoe, Ryan Flynn, Katie Tierney, John Paddock, Sharon Paddock, Sally Sheehan, Fran McCormack, Joshua Allyn, Beverly Feeney, Lee Buttolph.

Supervisor Aaron announced the Skaneateles High School sports teams had a winning season this Fall. The boys high school soccer team won in the NY State finals, the high school football team won sectionals, the swimming team won sectionals, the tennis team and the volleyball team won sectionals. It had been an amazing season, the Town Board congratulated all the teams.

Minutes of November 1, 2021, and November 9, 2021: On a motion of Councilor Alexander seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the minutes of November 1, 2021, and November 9, 2021, were accepted as presented.

Resignation Veterans Coordinator- Cindy Meili: Supervisor Aaron announced the Board is in receipt of the resignation of Veterans Coordinator, Cindy Meili. Ms. Meili had been the Town's Veterans Coordinator since the position was created in 2017. Cindy thanked the Board and the community for the opportunity. She stated she would continue as the Veterans Coordinator for Onondaga County and would continue to help the Town of Skaneateles veterans.

Ms. Meili recommended Sheri Spooner to replace her. Ms. Spooner is a part of the Veterans community and is well qualified for the position.

Supervisor Aaron stated she and Councilor McCormack met with Sheri Spooner and were very impressed with her and her qualifications. Supervisor Aaron reviewed her resume with her qualifications.

Councilor Legg stated Sheri Spooner had a close working relationship with both American Legion Posts in the Town of Skaneateles.

Sheri Spooner thanked the Board for this opportunity and would be honored to take this position with the town.

On a motion of Supervisor Aaron, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved to appoint Sheri Spooner to the position of

Veterans Outreach Coordinator effective immediately.

Municipal Recycling Liaison: Supervisor Aaron stated Brian Buff had been appointed to the position of Municipal Recycling Liaison and the Board did not add the position of Refuse Officer to his title. This position would give Mr. Buff the authority to issue violations according to the Town Code. The Municipal Recycling Liaison had been combined with Refuse Officer for all the past appointees.

On a motion of Supervisor Aaron, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved to appoint Brian Buff to the Position of Municipal Recycling Liaison/Refuse Officer effective immediately.

Transfer Station Fees: Supervisor Aaron stated the cost of refuse and recyclable removal had increased, and the Board had looked at ways to reduce the amount of refuse and cut costs at the Transfer Station. Councilor Legg had looked at the operation at the Transfer Station and they had implemented cost effective changes. The Board decided to discontinue all commercial use of the Transfer Station. This included commercial haulers and businesses within the Town. The Transfer Station is an important department in the Town, and it is also the most expensive.

Councilor Legg stated the Board is working hard to keep it operating as a residential Transfer Station. Councilor Legg reviewed the new fees proposed for 2022 at the Transfer Station:

Residential Permit fee:	\$60.00 (2 permits per household, \$10 for 3 rd permit)
Business Permit fee:	\$300.00
(Only cardboard and clean metal/tin cans- no refuses)	
Lawn Service fee:	\$300.00 plus \$10 per load

Councilor Legg stated residents that qualify for the senior property tax exemption, income of less than \$37,500 per year you could purchase the residential tag for a discounted price of \$30. Two permits will be issued per household for the \$60 fee.

Councilor Legg explained businesses would only be able to bring in recyclables that the Town had a market for. Currently there is a market for cardboard and clean metal/tin cans. As more recycling markets become available to the Town there could be more possibilities of more recycling materials being able to be deposited by businesses at the Transfer Station.

Councilor Legg reviewed the Lawn Service permits. In 2021 the Town issued permits to lawn service companies for \$300 per year and charged \$10 per load when entering the Transfer Station. Lawn service companies would turn in a ticket to the guard at the gate for every load brought in. This worked well in 2021 and there is little cost to the Town to dispose of brush, leaves, trees, etc. Councilor Legg recommended this stay the same for 2022.

Councilor Legg reviewed the proposed system for the disposal of mattresses at the Transfer Station. The Board is proposing residents being allowed to bring 2 sets of mattresses/box springs per year. A ticket would be issued to residents at no additional cost to keep track of how many mattresses are disposed of. Tickets would be issued at the Town Hall.

Councilor Legg stated the Board is trying to do the best they can to keep the Transfer Station open and running as it always has for residents.

Supervisor Aaron stated Commercial Haulers would no longer be able to use the Transfer Station. They could still pick up in the Town of Skaneateles but would have to take it elsewhere, such as Seneca Meadows.

Councilor Alexander stated the Commercial Haulers are already taking the trash of their customers outside of Skaneateles to other locations.

Councilor McCormack thanked Councilor Legg for the research and work he had done on the Transfer station permits, fees and regulations.

On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor McCormack, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board approved the following fees at the Town of Skaneateles Transfer Station effective January 1, 2022:

Residential Permit fee:	\$60.00 (2 permits per household, \$10 for 3 rd permit)
Business Permit fee:	\$300.00
(Only cardboard and clean metal/tin cans- no refuses)	
Lawn Service fee:	\$300.00 plus \$10 per load
2 sets of mattresses/box springs per year.	

Public Hearing 7:00 p.m. regarding “The New York State Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA).”: Supervisor Aaron stated the Town Board is holding this public hearing to get the Town residents input regarding The New York State Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA). The Town Board held a public information hearing on August 24th. The meeting was well attended and Mike Balestra, who is a Village of Skaneateles resident and attorney with Hancock and Esterbook spoke and was very informative on the Law and the State regulations.

Supervisor Aaron explained Towns and Villages in New York State had till December 31, 2021, to pass a local law to opt out of allowing a marijuana dispensary or an onsite usage facility with the Town. These two options would be looked at and voted on as separate local laws. If the Town Board took no action according to New York State Law dispensaries and/or onsite use facilities would automatically be allowed. Tonight, the Board is only considering scheduling public hearings to consider a local law. There had been many letters and emails the Board had received regarding this decision and the Board is receipt of them all.

Attorney Smith stated “The New York State Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA)” is a New York State law. If the Board does nothing, takes no action, on January 1, 2021, retail sales and onsite consumption facilities would be legal in the Town of Skaneateles. The Board could pass a law to opt out of either onsite consumption or retail sales, they are looked at

separately. If the Board decided to opt out of either of these activities, the Board could change their minds at a later date and decided to opt back in.

Councilor Alexander stated this would be the case except for the operation of a Micro Business, these onsite businesses would still be allowed even if the Town opts out. Attorney Smith agreed. The options to opt out is very narrow.

Councilor Tucker stated this local law is subject to permissive referendum. Attorney smith stated yes, it is. The permissive referendum law in the State of New York allows for anyone to petition the Town Board if they enact a Local Law. The petition would have to have the requisite number of signatures in 45 days. This could force a referendum vote. All Local Laws enacted by the Town are subject to the permissive referendum law in New York State.

On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor Alexander, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board opened the Public Hearing regarding “The New York State Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA).”

Supervisor Aaron stated that all participants would have an opportunity to speak if they wish. Those attending in person, or on Zoom. There would be a 3-minute limit to all speakers.

Supervisor Aaron asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor, against or have any comments regarding “The New York State Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA).”

John Paddock, 4 Wicklow Drive, Skaneateles NY: Mr. Paddock stated he had reviewed the Law as proposed by New York State. He reviewed the law with the Board. It was signed by the previous Governor and now with the new Governor, Governor Hochul the process had slowed down. He stated this is an unusual law.

Mr. Paddock stated this law says if a municipality opts out it can opt in, in the future . If municipalities do nothing they are automatically opted in and cannot opt out in the future. In the State of Massachusetts municipalities can opt in or out at any time.

There has not been enough time to review the ramifications of the Law. The rules and regulations are not ready for the public. What are the views of our Assemblyman and State Senators, Legislators or the Sheriff’s Department? What does the medical society think about this? Should there be a citizen’s survey? What is the benefit of opting in now? The Town Board needs more time to review the law and the regulations.

With all these unanswered questions the Town Board should opt out at this time.

Skip Lockwood, 20 West Elizabeth Street, Skaneateles NY: Mr. Lockwood stated adult use of cannabis products is now legal in New York State per the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA). The MRTA is unique in that it provides for substantial new and much-needed revenue for cities, towns, and villages. The only thing achieved by opting out of the retail market is a loss of significant revenue for the Town.

As noted by the New York State Association of Counties, "The new law makes substantial investments in communities and people most impacted by cannabis criminalization, reduces the illegal drug market and violent crime, ends the racially disparate impact of existing cannabis laws, creates new industries, increases employment, and strengthens New York's agriculture sector, among other goals."

Whether opting-in or out, the Town maintains its power to regulate the industry in the same manner it regulates establishments selling alcohol and cigarettes. A recent public statement from Tremaine Wright, the Chair of the Cannabis Control Board (CCB), has put forth an 18-month timeline for completing the state regulatory process, meaning the Town would have more than a year to craft regulations of its own without sacrificing the tax revenue.

It is also important to note that the CCB is still debating the geographic dispersal of retail licenses. One proposal involves limiting dispensary licenses to three per assembly district. If that proposal is adopted, the Town would see, at most, a single dispensary. However, it is more likely, that the three dispensaries allocated to the 126th District would be in larger population centers near Liverpool, Syracuse, and Auburn.

Cannabis dispensaries will be highly regulated with strict oversight, and entry into the market requires owners to be well-capitalized. The various THC-containing products it offers are also rigorously overseen by the State and will follow more stringent labeling guidelines than many foods and herbal supplements.

Some people will argue that opting out will keep legal cannabis out of the community, but this is a fallacy. The law allows anyone 21 or older in the State to possess, display, purchase, obtain, transport, or gift cannabis or cannabis products just as may be done with alcohol. Additionally, individuals will be able to cultivate up to 12 plants for personal use. Cannabis cannot be kept out, but its sale can be regulated, providing funding to the community, undercutting the illegal market, and increasing public safety.

Cannabis is here, and it is legal. It represents a new industry for New York that will bring businesses, jobs, income, talent, and opportunity to the State and our area. The Town should be open to this new opportunity, embracing it the same way the region has embraced wineries, distilleries, and breweries. The benefits of opting in substantially outweigh the considerations for opting out. I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you in greater detail about these issues.

Please keep the Town opted-in to adult-use and retail cannabis sales.

Fran McCormack, 4 Prentiss Drive, Skaneateles NY: Fran McCormack stated to the Board she had sent a letter requesting the Town Board opt out of both onsite use facilities and dispensaries within the Town of Skaneateles. What research has the Town Board done on what the impact of cannabis would have on our community. Since NY State has not completed the rules and regulations of this new law it is prudent the Town Board opts out at this time to see what is in store for our community. Community members are not even aware of this. The Town

has not looked at the results and other communities and they should. She respectively asked the Board to opt out of marijuana onsite usage and dispensaries in the Town of Skaneateles.

Supervisor Aaron stated she has done research and the Board has spent a lot of time looking at the law and other communities as well as the interests of the residents of the Town of Skaneateles.

Chris Buff, Sheldon Road, Skaneateles, NY: Chris Buff thanked Skip Lockwood for all the information he provided. Our youth is more apt to stay away from marijuana when it is available and regulated. The illegal market is horrific. The studies in Colorado are skewed by the population against the use of marijuana. You need to look at the peer reviewed studies that site the actual incidents of marijuana use.

Ms. Buff she is in favor and asked the Board to opt in at this time

Ron Laxton, Lacy Road, Skaneateles, NY: Mr. Laxton stated if the Town opted out the Town would see no tax money. He stated he is here tonight to ask the Board to opt into the use and retail sale of the now legal use and sale of marijuana. We are here for one question only; do we accept tax money or not. This is not about anyone's personal views of cannabis use.

The way the State has this set up, everyone is "in" for receiving tax money, no action needs to be taken. To "opt out" required work. He asked the Board to take no action, therefore putting the Town in the program

If the Town says no, it will cost the taxpayers money to write a new law to be written so that we do not take the tax money. That law would then have to be repealed in the future if the Board decided to opt in later. This is a waste of taxpayers' money.

If a new liquor store were opening in the Town, we would not think twice about it, let alone schedule several meetings and hearings.

He asked the Board to take no action, therefore putting the Town in the program

Lee Buttolph, 103 East Lake Road, Skaneateles: Mr. Buttolph stated he is an employee of Taproot Fields. He and his wife would like to express that they are in favor of opting in. We believe it would be great for the Town to receive the tax money. He has lived here most of his life and is raising his children in Skaneateles. Cannabis was here 20 years ago, and it is here today. A dispensary would bring tax revenue to the Town and the Town could enact zoning to control the location. A possible location could be along Route 20, west of the Village.

Mr. Buttolph stated he would like the Town to opt in at this time.

Nick Weslowski, Pork Street, Skaneateles: Mr. Weslowski stated he is in favor of opting in. There are a lot of people in the community that could benefit from the jobs and tax revenue. This would be good for the local farmers. This would keep it local.

Mr. Weslowski urged the Board to opt in.

Joshua Allyn, Taproot Farms, Jordan Road, Skaneateles, NY: Mr. Allyn stated he had seen the benefits of cannabis use and he is in favor of opting in. He stated the health benefits of cannabis he has seen first-hand. This would be a great thing economically. To say no to this, is silly, every resident can have 5 pounds and grow 12 plants in the home legally in New York State. The jobs this industry would create would benefit the community. If the Board opts out, they are saying no to jobs and tax revenue, that's all Cannabis is here, it has been here and is legal.

For the Town it makes sense. He stated he understood if it was not wanted up front in the downtown corridor but along the western or eastern gateway to the Town it makes sense for parking and traffic.

No child can buy cannabis, you have to be 21. There are no flashing signs on a dispensary, the only sign on a dispensary would be a green cross. Anyone with a child can go to a convenience store and see tobacco and alcohol products. Is that, ok?

Mr. Allyn stated he understood if someone is not in favor or it is not their thing, he respects that but to prevent others to have access is wrong. This is safe access and regulated by the State.

He asked the Board to do nothing, therefore opting in the Town.

Matt Leveroni, Kane Avenue, Skaneateles: Mr. Leveroni stated he is in favor of the Town opting in. The benefits are too great to opt out. The tax revenue would be beneficial to the Town. The tax revenue could be used to keep our lake and our drinking water safe.

Please opt in and take no action.

Beverly Feeney, Mill Road, Skaneateles: Ms. Feeney stated she is in favor of opting in. We need the revenue, the Town should take advantage of this opportunity. This might help us who are not as fortunate as others in our community.

Please opt in.

Mike Cogswell, 168 East Genesee Street, Skaneateles: Mr. Cogswell stated he has heard both sides and had reviewed the statute. The Board should wait and not opt in at this time. All the concerns and points made by those in favor of opting in can happen later once the Board has had time to understand the law. How will this really effect the Town and how much income from taxes will there be? There is no time limit. He had not seen legislation that had this type of procedure and he questioned this. The Town should wait till all the legislations are created. What do we lose by waiting? There is no need to rush into this.

He stated to the Board that caution is the better way to go.

Sally Sheehan, 3 Wicklow Drive: Ms. Sheehan asked for some clarification on the amount of tax revenue that would come to the Town. Her experience was that sales tax was distributed by a formula that the County created.

Supervisor Aaron stated sales tax is separate from this tax. 3% of the sales would go back to the Town. The sales tax is different. This tax is an additional tax outside sales tax as a direct benefit to the municipality.

Councilor Alexander stated if the Village opts in, and the Town opts out the Village would receive the tax revenue and the Town would get none. If the Village opts in and the Town opts in, the Town will receive a percentage of the tax with the Village.

Lee Buttolph, 103 East Lake Road, Skaneateles: Mr. Buttolph asked if there are any limitations on what this tax revenue could be used for. Attorney Smith stated he is not aware of any limitations it would go into the general fund.

John Paddock, 4 Wicklow Drive, Skaneateles NY: Mr. Paddock stated he understood this is about the sale of recreational marijuana and on-site usage. I have no problem for or against the product. The problem I see is the unknown about the law and the uncertainty of the licenses and the regulations. This is a whole new way of doing business. The way the State has set this up is completely different than anything he had seen before, not being able to opt out in the future.

He urged the Board to opt out and go slow.

Joshua Allyn, Taproot Farms, Jordan Road, Skaneateles, NY: Mr. Allyn stated there are a lot of models out there in other states. There are going to be a limited number of licenses issued, if we don't apply early, we could miss the opportunity for a license. The Town could miss out on the economic gain. Cannabis is here and legal, if we do not take advantage of it now, we will lose the opportunity for tax revenue for the Town.

Mr. Allyn stated the County he lived in, in Colorado opted out and quickly changed their mind when they saw how much revenue they were leaving on the table.

Skip Lockwood, 20 West Elizabeth Street, Skaneateles NY: Mr. Lockwood stated whether you opt in or out Towns and Village can use zoning laws to regulate operations. If we do not opt in early, we could lose the opportunity. This industry will be highly regulated with very strict oversight. Entry into the market requires owners to be very well capitalized, it is not possible to have a fly by night dispensary under the current regulations. By not getting in early we put ourselves at a deficit. We have embraced wineries, distilleries and breweries of all kinds and we should do the same with cannabis in the area.

No other comments

On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor McCormack, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board closed the Public Hearing regarding "The New York State Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA)."

Supervisor Aaron stated the Board is in receipt of the Introductory Local Law No. F of the Year 2021 “A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 to opt Out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries Within the Town of Skaneateles.” And, Local Law No. G of the Year 2021 “A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 to opt Out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis On-Site Consumption Sites Within the Town of Skaneateles.”

Councilor McCormack stated he would like the Board to consider both laws.

Supervisor Aaron stated if there was a local law that needed to be considered to opt in the Board would be considering that as well.

On a motion of Councilor McCormack, seconded by Councilor Legg, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board authorized the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION
OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES
Proposed Local Law to opt Out of Cannabis Retail Dispensaries**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20(4), Councilor McCormack has introduced for consideration Local Law No. F of 2021 entitled "A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 to opt Out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries Within the Town of Skaneateles" (the “Local Law”); and

WHEREAS, New York State Cannabis Law § 131 expressly authorizes the Town Board to adopt a local law requesting that the Cannabis Control Board prohibit the establishment of cannabis retail dispensary licenses within the authority of the town (hereafter referred to as “Opting Out”); and

WHEREAS, if the Town Board decides to opt Out, that decision is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 24; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and its implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617, with respect to the adoption of the Local Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED shall hold a public hearing to received comments about the proposed Local Law on December 6, 2021, at 7:00 pm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby classifies the proposed Local Law as a Type II Action under SEQRA because it involves the “adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions” 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(33).

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilor McCormack, seconded by Councilor Legg, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Janet Aaron	Voting	Aye
Courtney Alexander	Voting	Aye
Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Kevin McCormack	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On a motion of Councilor McCormack, seconded by Councilor Legg, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board authorized the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION
 OF THE TOWN BOARD
 OF THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES
 Proposed Local Law to opt Out of Cannabis On-Site Consumption Sites**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20(4), Councilor McCormack has introduced for consideration Local Law No. G of 2021 entitled "A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 to opt Out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis On-Site Consumption Sites Within the Town of Skaneateles" (the "Local Law"); and

WHEREAS, New York State Cannabis Law § 131 expressly authorizes the Town Board to adopt a local law requesting that the Cannabis Control Board prohibit the establishment of cannabis on-site consumption licenses within the authority of the town (hereafter referred to as "Opting Out"); and

WHEREAS, if the Town Board decides to opt Out, that decision is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 24; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and its implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617, with respect to the adoption of the Local Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED shall hold a public hearing to received comments about the proposed Local Law on December 6, 2021, at 7:15 pm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby classifies the proposed Local Law as a Type II Action under SEQRA because it involves the "adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions" 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(33).

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilor McCormack, seconded by Councilor Legg, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Janet Aaron	Voting	Aye/Nay
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Courtney Alexander	Voting	Aye
Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Kevin McCormack	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. –“Town of Skaneateles to engage the Marcellus Fire Department, Inc., to furnish fire protection service to the Shepard Settlement Fire Protection District”:

Supervisor Aaron stated the Marcellus Fire Department has serviced this district since the 1950’s. This service has been provided at a great value to the Town and the district. A few years ago, the contract was reviewed, and the cost is now figured on the same rate as the Skaneateles Fire Protection District. The 2022 rate is .39cents per thousand per assessed value. The amount for 2022 would be \$13,704.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board opened the Public Hearing for the Shepard Settlement Fire Protection District Contract.

Supervisor Aaron asked if anyone would like to speak in favor, against or had any comments regarding the proposed contract with the Marcellus Fire Department for fire protection services for the Shepard Settlement Fire Protection District.

No one commented.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board closed the Public Hearing for the Shepard Settlement Fire Protection District Contract.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor McCormack and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board authorized the Supervisor to sign the contract with the Marcellus Fire Department for fire protection service for Shepard Settlement Fire Protection District for a term of five years 2022-2026.

Water Rates: Supervisor Aaron stated the water rates for Town water customers are increasing. There has not been an increase in the town water rates since 2009. The reasons for the rate increase are due to a pending lawsuit agreement with the Village as well as the operation of the water districts and projects within the water district that need to be done.

The Town contracts with the Village for water service for a cost and the Town needs to provide for the upkeep and service of the Town’s water system as well. This increase would take affect starting March 1, 2022. This would give the water customer time to prepare for the increase.

Supervisor Aaron stated the average household uses about 15,000 gallons of water per month, with this proposed increase the average bill would increase by approximately \$10 per month.

Supervisor Aaron stated this is for residential users only. The Board would continue to review the water rate for commercial and dairy customers.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor McCormack and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board authorized the following water rates and start billing at the new rate as of December 1st to be reflected in the March 2022 billing cycle.

Letter of Support – Laker Limo Grant Application for funding assistance to construct a Transportation Center: Supervisor Aaron announced Laker Limo is looking for funding to build a new garage and facility to house their vehicles and would like the Town to write a letter in support of the Federal Transportation Grant they are applying for.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board authorized a letter in support of the Laker Limo applying for federal funding for a Federal Transportation Grant.

Schedule Planning and Zoning Interviews: Supervisor Aaron stated there are two expiring positions, one on the Planning Board and one on the Zoning Board.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board scheduled a special meeting to schedule interviews for the Planning and Zoning Boards on December 8, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

- *Town Hall Holiday Schedule: Closed Thursday November 25th and 26th , Friday December 24th and Friday January 30th :* Supervisor Aaron reviewed the Town Departments Holiday schedule.
- *Landfill Post Closure Monitoring Report:* Supervisor Aaron announced the Town Board was in receipt of the 2021 Landfill Post Closure Monitoring Report from Plumley Engineering. Town Engineer Robinson stated there had been little change in the report over the past few years and she would speak with Plumley Engineering and see how long the Town would have to perform this testing and report.
- *Matt Shepard – Thank you for assisting the school with grounds work:* Supervisor Aaron announced Ron Moore from the school thanked Parks employee Matt Shepard for his help with the flags in the park for Veterans Day.
- *Letter of support from Senator Schumer for the Town’s RAISE Grant Application:* Supervisor Aaron announce Senator Schumer had written a letter in support of the Town’s RAISE Grant application.

Public Comment: No one commented.

Budget Amendments: On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor McCormack, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following budget amendments for abstract #21-22:

General Fund

\$ 2,720.00	Increase	013554.01.004.00	Assessments – C/E
\$ 2,720.00	Decrease	013554.01.004.58	Assessments – C/E - Legal

Cost of Doing Business – Balance expenses within Assessments

\$ 675.00	Increase	016802.01.002.00	Central Data Processing - Equipment
\$ 700.00	Increase	016804.01.004.00	Central Data Processing – C/E
\$ 1,000.00	Decrease	016702.01.002.00	Photostat Machine – C/E
\$ 375.00	Decrease	019904.01.004.00	Contingency

Additional Costs - Zoom and Constant Contact

\$ 4,500.00	Increase	031201.01.001.00	Police & Constable – P/S
\$ 4,500.00	Decrease	090508.01.008.00	Unemployment

Transfer Station Guard – Expanded Hours

\$ 401.00	Increase	070202.01.002.00	Rec. Admin – Equipment
\$ 401.00	Decrease	070204.01.004.00	Rec. Admin – C/E

Set Up Office – Parks Manager

\$ 3,100.00	Increase	071104.01.004.52	Summer Rec. – C/E – Supplies
\$ 175.00	Increase	071404.01.004.55	Winter Rec. – C/E – Repair / Main.
\$ 3,275.00	Decrease	071104.01.004.51	Summer Rec. – C/E – Fields

Rebalance Expenses – within Parks

\$ 2,920.00	Increase	080204.01.004.00	Planning – Comp Plan Review
\$ 2,920.00	Decrease	080204.01.004.00	Planning

Costs associated with changes to the Comp Plan

\$ 2,775.00	Increase	081604.01.004.64	Refuse / Post Closure Monitoring
\$ 2,775.00	Decrease	081604.01.004.00	Refuse / Garbage – C/E

Additional Expense for Post Closure Report

Part Town Fund

\$ 350.00	Increase	080104.02.004.00	Zoning – C/E
\$ 4,000.00	Increase	080104.02.004.58	Zoning – C/E – Legal
\$ 90.00	Increase	080104.02.004.59	Zoning – C/E – Engineering
\$ 185.00	Increase	080204.02.004.00	Planning – C/E
\$ 1,900.00	Increase	080204.02.004.59	Planning – Engineering
\$ 6,525.00	Increase	002555.02.000.00	Building Permits

Additional Costs associated with Volume and Court Case

Highway Town Wide Fund

\$ 350.00	Increase	051304.03.004.55	Machinery – C/E – Main.
\$ 350.00	Decrease	051424.03.004.00	Snow Removal – C/E

Rebalance Expenses – within Highway

Abstract #21-22: On a motion of Councilor McCormack, seconded by Councilor Alexander, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers #21-1233 - #21-1336 were authorized from the following funds:


General Fund:	\$ 127,636.26	Highway:	\$ 78,114.23
Water:	\$ 12,282.09	Part Town:	\$ 8,808.79
Highway PT:	\$ 4,889.27	T&A:	\$ 5,009.08
Sewer:	\$ 1,816.89	Lighting	\$ 567.56
TOTAL:	\$ 239,124.17		

Executive Session: On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. for attorney advice and potential litigation.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was returned to open session at 9:55 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor McCormack with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A. Stenger
Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION
OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES**

Proposed Local Law to Opt Out of Cannabis Retail Dispensaries

WHEREAS, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20(4), Board Member McCormack has introduced for consideration Local Law No. F of 2021 entitled "A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 to Opt Out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries Within the Town of Skaneateles" (the "Local Law"); and

WHEREAS, New York State Cannabis Law § 131 expressly authorizes the Town Board to adopt a local law requesting that the Cannabis Control Board prohibit the establishment of cannabis retail dispensary licenses within the jurisdiction of the town (hereafter referred to as "Opting Out"); and

WHEREAS, if the Town Board decides to Opt Out, that decision is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 24; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and its implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617, with respect to the adoption of the Local Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED shall hold a public hearing to received comments about the proposed Local Law on December 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby classifies the proposed Local Law as a Type II Action under SEQRA because it involves the "adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions" 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(33).

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilor McCormack, seconded by Councilor Legg, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Janet Aaron	Voting	Aye
Courtney Alexander	Voting	Aye
Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Kevin McCormack	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated November 15, 2021

CERTIFICATE


STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA)

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Town of Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY:**

That I have compared the foregoing resolution setting public hearing with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Board had due notice of said meeting and that, pursuant to Section 103 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town on December 6, 2021.

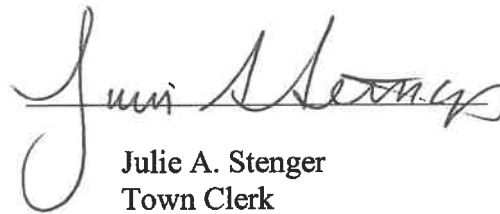

Julie Stenger
Town Clerk

(SEAL)

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA) ss.:
TOWN OF SKANEATELES)

JULIE A. STENGER, being duly sworn, deposes November 1, 2021 she posted on the sign board and the Town of Skaneateles website (www.townofskaneateles.com), maintained by the Town Clerk of the Town of Skaneateles at the Town Office Building, 24 Jordan Street, Skaneateles, New York, a notice of public hearing shall be held by the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles at 7:30 p.m. on November 15, 2021 regarding an agreement between the Town of Marcellus, New York, a municipal corporation and the Town of Skaneateles, a municipal corporation on behalf of the Shepard Settlement Fire Protection District, and The Marcellus Fire Department, Inc., a New York not-for-profit fire department. An agreement for the Town of Skaneateles to engage the Marcellus Fire Department, Inc., with the consent of the Town of Marcellus, to furnish fire protection service to the Shepard Settlement Fire Protection District.

Dated: November 2, 2021



Julie A. Stenger
Town Clerk
Town of Skaneateles

Subscribed and Sworn to before
me this 2nd day of November 2021.



Paula M. Powell
Notary Public

PAULA M. POWELL
Notary Public, State of New York
Reg. No. 01P06409084
Qualified in Onondaga County
Commission Expires Sep 14, 2024

**TOWN OF SKANEATELES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing shall be held by the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles at 7:30 p.m. on November 15, 2021 regarding an agreement between the Town of Marcellus, New York, a municipal corporation and the Town of Skaneateles, a municipal corporation on behalf of the Shepard Settlement Fire Protection District, and The Marcellus Fire Department, Inc., a New York not-for-profit fire department. An agreement for the Town of Skaneateles to engage the Marcellus Fire Department, Inc., with the consent of the Town of Marcellus, to furnish fire protection service to the Shepard Settlement Fire Protection District.

An opportunity to be heard in regard to this agreement will be given at the hearing to those favoring or opposing the same, as well as any comments. Communication in writing in relation thereto may be filed with the Town Board or at such hearing.

Said Hearing will be held on **Monday, November 15, 2021 at 7:30 pm** via Zoom at www.zoom.us, meeting ID: 841 5857 8419, Passcode: 568599 or dial by your location +1 646 876 9923 US (New York). At that time, all persons will be heard or have an opportunity to provide written comment.

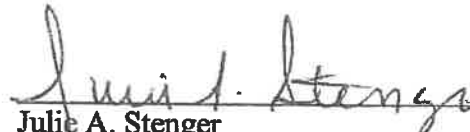
Dated: Skaneateles, New York
November 1, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING


STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA) ss.:
TOWN OF SKANEATELES)

JULIE A. STENGER, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she resides at 4479 Jordan Road, Skaneateles, New York and that on October 19, 2021 she posted on the sign board and on the Town of Skaneateles website (www.townofskaneateles.com), maintained by the Town Clerk of the Town of Skaneateles at the Town Office Building, 24 Jordan Street, Skaneateles, New York, a notice of Public Hearing regarding The New York State Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA).

Dated: October 19, 2021


Julie A. Stenger
Town Clerk
Town of Skaneateles

Subscribed and Sworn to before
me this 19th day of October 2021


Paula M. Powell
Notary Public

PAULAM. POWELL
Notary Public, State of New York
Reg. No. 01P06409084
Qualified in Onondaga County
Commission Expires Sep 14, 2024

**TOWN OF SKANEATELES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing shall be held by the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles at 7:00 p.m. on November 15, 2021 regarding The New York State Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA).

An opportunity to be heard in regard to such will be given at the hearing to those favoring or opposing the same, as well as any comments. Communication in writing in relation thereto may be filed with the Town Board or at such hearing. **Said Hearing will be held on *Monday November 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm*** via Zoom at www.zoom.us, Meeting ID: 841 5857 8419 Passcode: 568599, or dial by your location 646 876 9923 US (New York), as required by local and/or Executive Orders applicable to COVID-19.

At that time, or for a period of time thereafter, all persons will be heard or have an opportunity to provide written comment on this Proposed Local law and draft Plans.

Dated: Skaneateles, New York
October 19, 2021

Julie A. Stenger, Town Clerk
Town of Skaneateles