

Town Board Meeting
May 2, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Roney, Councilor McGlynn, Councilor Keyes, Attorney Sardino.

Absent: Councilor Greenfield, Councilor Murray.

Also Present: Sue Murphy, Matthew Murphy, Joe Genco (Skaneateles Press), Jim Card, Beth Battle, Allan Wellington, Bridgett Winkelman, Debbie Williams.

Department Reports

▪*Highway, Transfer Station, Water:* Jim Card reported that the plows and sanders were off the trucks. They were making some changes at the Transfer Station and doing water repairs.

▪*Parks:* Sue Murphy reported that PlayDay registration would be from 9 a.m. to noon on May 11th and 18th at the Austin Pavilion or anytime at Town Hall. The Farmers Market would begin on May 23rd. Rotary will be painting the Sims Building on Saturday. The bathrooms will be closed for use until Sunday morning. They are busy mowing the fields. She will be making recommendations for hiring this year's lifeguards and counselors at the next Board meeting.

▪*Outreach, Historian, Conservation, Cemetery:* Supervisor Roney read a report submitted by Councilor Murray. Outreach was busy and also enjoying their dedicated space for the Loan Closet items. Karl Eldredge is starting to mow and maintain the cemeteries for the season. He needs someone to speak at each cemetery for the Memorial Day ceremony. She is in favor of Dick Marx as Chairman of the Conservation Committee and said that the current Town Newsletter is great.

▪*Codes:* Debbie Williams reported that they are busier with the arrival of spring. Her staff did a great job managing the department while she was on vacation. The Sign Committee is making great progress and she is receiving good input from the members. They should have the first draft ready in 3 to 6 weeks that will be submitted to the Town Board, Planning and Zoning Boards. They are meeting again in two weeks.

▪*Budget:* Bridgett Winkelman reported that Water District #3 bills were mailed out and less than 20 meters in this district have not converted to automatic read.

▪*Animal Control:* Supervisor Roney reviewed the 21 calls made by the Animal Control Officers during April.

Resolution #13-74

Abstract #13-09: Councilor Keyes made a motion to authorize the payment of voucher #13-0531 to #13-0585 from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$ 19,578.88	Part Town:	\$ 2,486.42
Highway:	\$ 84.97	Highway P/T:	\$12,372.00
Fire Protection:	\$110,229.00	Street Light:	\$ 1,258.57
Water:	\$ 7,384.64	T & A:	\$ 5,764.92
Total:	\$159,159.40		

Seconded by Councilor McGlynn.

Councilor Keyes	Yes
Councilor McGlynn	Yes
Councilor Greenfield	Absent

Councilor Murray
Supervisor Roney

Absent
Yes

Carried 3-0

Resolution #13-75

Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals Member: Supervisor Roney said that there was a resignation on the Zoning Board of Appeals recently and she and David Graham, Denise Thurston and Debbie Williams met with Sherill Ketchum who had previously expressed interest in being appointed. Everyone agreed to recommend Ms. Ketchum's appointment.

On a motion of Supervisor Roney, seconded by Councilor McGlynn and with unanimous (3-0) affirmation of the Board, Sherill Ketchum was appointed as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to serve for the period from May 2, 2013 to December 31, 2017.

Historian Report – Beth Batlle: Beth Batlle thanked the Town Board for allowing her to attend the NYS Historians Conference in Liverpool, NY. She said the workshops were very good. They toured the Canal Museum in Syracuse and the Gaylord Factory. They were also given a tour of the Onondaga Historical Association. Ms. Batlle also showed her display of teasels and brochures that she put together to display at the conference.

Resolution #13-76

Grace Chapel Request for Baptism Service: Supervisor Roney said that Pastor Barry Sisson from Grace Chapel is requesting permission to use Clift Park again this year for a baptism service on Sunday, August 11, 2013. Last year they hired a lifeguard through the Town and they intend to follow the same for this year. The time of the service would be between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Sue Murphy said that there was no problem with last year's event.

Councilor Keyes made a motion, to approve the request from Grace Chapel for the August 11th event, seconded by Councilor McGlynn and with unanimous (3-0) affirmation of the Board.

Resolution #13-77

Introductory Local Law 2013-A: Supervisor Roney said that this Local Law will waive the residency requirement for the appointment of a Town Constable. An ad was published in both local papers for this position but there was no interest from any Town resident. The Justice Court is very happy with our current Constable, Thomas Adessa, who is not a resident of the Town.

Councilor McGlynn made a motion to Introduce Local Law 2013 –A, “A Local Law Relative to the Residency Requirement of Constables for the Town of Skaneateles”, and declaring the Town Board's intent to be Lead Agency for purposes of SEQRA, declaring this to be a Type II Action pursuant to SEQRA regulations, and scheduling a public hearing for 7:15 p.m. May 16, 2013. Seconded by Councilor Keyes.

Councilor Keyes	Yes
Councilor McGlynn	Yes
Councilor Greenfield	Absent
Councilor Murray	Absent

Supervisor Roney

Yes

Carried 3-0

Lake Patrol Contract: Supervisor Roney reported that the Lake Patrol contract with the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department expires on May 31, 2013. The contract allows for additional lake patrols on top of the normal patrolling that the Sheriff's Department do for all of the lakes in the County. Last year the Town Board reduced the amount of funding for the patrols. The final expenses are now being finalized for 2012 but the Town's portion is estimated to be \$8,464.34 for 230.5 hours of patrol. The cost also included the fuel and maintenance expenses of the boat in the amount of \$2,539.52. Supervisor Roney said that it is especially important that the special events and summer holidays are covered under this contract. The amount that the Town Board budgeted this year is \$5,300.

The Town Board agreed to table their decision and authorized Supervisor Roney to contact the Sheriff's Department to negotiate the contract to include patrolling for summer holidays and special events at a cost not to exceed \$5,300.

Resolution #13-78

Award Website Bid: Supervisor Roney reported that the Town received five bids developing a new website for the Town of Skaneateles ranging from a high of \$20,295 to a low of \$7,100 from Syracuse Design. ClickDriven had a bid of \$6,850 but they also added a monthly maintenance, support and hosting fee of \$229 per month. Supervisor Roney said that she and the committee consisting of Janet Aaron, Julie Stenger, Sue Murphy and Karen Barkdull sat in on several presentations to determine the best financial proposal and best fit for the Town of Skaneateles.

Janet Aaron submitted a report recommending to the Town Board that Syracuse Design, as low bid and as the best fit for the Town be awarded the bid. She said that Syracuse Design is a local company and they have developed websites for Onondaga County Parks, Visit Syracuse, Downtown Syracuse, Mirbeau, Merry Go Round Theater and Dickman Farms, to name a few. Syracuse Design would charge \$240 a year to host the website which is comparable to what the Town pays now to host the current website. Syracuse Design has been in business since 1996 and all the companies that currently use Syracuse Design gave them a very good recommendation both for the site design and ongoing support and training.

Councilor Keyes made a motion to award the bid to Syracuse Design in the amount of \$7,100 and the \$240 yearly hosting fee, and authorizing the Supervisor to enter into a contract with them. Seconded by Councilor McGlynn.

Councilor Keyes	Yes
Councilor McGlynn	Yes
Councilor Greenfield	Absent
Councilor Murray	Absent
Supervisor Roney	Yes

Carried 3-0

Easement Modification- 790 Sheldon Road: Attorney Sardino said that the Town's easement is being modified because Jason Seiler is purchasing the adjacent property and it impairs his ability to use the property. The easement is being moved slightly more to the west

of its current location near Skaneateles Creek and will still allow access to the Town's property. Jim Card stores equipment on that property and after reviewing the proposed plan had no objection. Attorney Sardino said that the Town Board had approved this previously and this was just a modification to the original plan. Mr. Seiler is currently before the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals seeking their approval and once he receives it the document will be signed and filed with the County.

Surplus Equipment: The Town Board discussed several options regarding the surplus equipment. Jim Card offered to contact Auctions International and will report back to the Town Board.

Household Hazardous Waste Event: Supervisor Roney said that the Town wanted to hold a household hazardous waste day at the Transfer Station so that residents could dispose of all their pesticides, lead paint, and any other hazardous waste that they can't normally dispose of at the Transfer Station. Jim Card said that September 14th worked the best for his crew. Attorney Sardino said that he would check to see if NYSDEC will still need to approve this event and whether or not they still offer funding before the Town Board schedules the bid opening date.

Minutes: The Town Board tabled their acceptance of the minutes until a quorum of Board members at that meeting are in attendance.

Resolution #13-79

Committee to Interview Potential Candidates – Codes Enforcement Position: Councilor McGlynn said that the Town has received the list of eligible civil service candidates from Onondaga County Department of Personnel. A committee would need to be established to start the interview process. He suggested in addition to himself to include another Town Board member, Debbie Williams, Todd Hall and Karen Barkdull.

Councilor McGlynn made a motion to establish a committee to interview potential Codes Enforcement candidates and included on the committee would be Councilor McGlynn, Debbie Williams, Todd Hall, Karen Barkdull and another Town Board member. Seconded by Supervisor Roney.

Councilor Keyes	Yes
Councilor McGlynn	Yes
Councilor Greenfield	Absent
Councilor Murray	Absent
Supervisor Roney	Yes

Carried 3-0

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates:

•*Town of Dryden – Hydrofracking:* Supervisor Roney reported that the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division has affirmed the authority of the Tompkins County Town of Dryden and the Otsego County Town of Middlefield, and all municipalities to enact zoning ordinances which restrict or even prohibit oil and gas exploration, specifically including horizontal hydrofracking.

▪*Railroad Bridge – Skaneateles Falls:* Supervisor Roney reported that Charlie Major would like to explain to the Town Board the history of the railroad bridge that the Board agreed to have removed. The Town Board agreed that he should come to the next Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet L. Aaron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk