

Town Board Meeting
October 3, 2013
7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Roney, Councilor Greenfield, Councilor Murray, Councilor McGlynn, Councilor Keyes.

Also Present: Bridgett Winkelman, Jonathan Monfiletto (Skaneateles Journal), Allan Wellington, Sue Murphy, Joe Genco (Skaneateles Press) Mary Sennett, Gene Laforte, Scilla Gajo, Guy Ruffo, Chris Pinckney.

Department Reports

▪*Highway, Water, Transfer Station:* In Highway Superintendent Jim Card's absence foreman Allen Wellington reported that the highway department had installed drainage pipe and a catch basin along Britcher Road. He reported for water that they had installed the 8 inch valves on the water mains in front of Waterman School to tie together district 1 and district 4. He stated that the Transfer Station was running smoothly. Councilor Keyes stated that he had two comments from residents about the swap shop at the Transfer Station; one was that it was not clean and one that it was cleaned out too often. He stated that he had spoken to Dana Pickering at the Transfer Station and he said the schedule for cleaning the Swap Shop would be Tuesdays and Fridays.

• *Parks:* Sue Murphy reported that they had finished reinstalling portions of the rink that were removed for summer events. They were continuing to make repairs on the dasher boards and the building, the bleachers are being moved indoors for repairs. She stated that they had a setback on the startup for the rink, due to a faulty flange, but they are still on schedule for ice and will be ready for October 14. She also reported that the Farmer's Market ends next week and that it has been a very good year for the farmers. And they continue to mow and line the athletic fields.

▪*Outreach, Conservation, Historian, Cemeteries, Town Hall:* Councilor Murray reported that she was still working on new signage for the Conservation Area and that she had spoken to Historian Beth Battle and she was working on a request from someone in Belgium that had ties to Skaneateles and she was very excited about it.

▪*Budget:* Bridgett Winkelman reported that she had been working on completing the Tentative Budget. She thanked the Board for all their hard work on preparing and reviewing the 2014 Budget.

Resolution #13-162

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

General Fund

\$ 4,500.00	Increase	013554.01.004.39	Assessment – Contractual
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\$ 75.00	Decrease	013551.01.004.00	Assessment –P?S
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Support for Contractual Staff

\$1,000.00	Increase	070204.01.004.85	Parks Admin – C/E - Telephone
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\$1,000.00	Decrease	71101.01.001.00	Summer Parks – P/S
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Telephone/Internet Service

\$3,000.00	Increase	07104.01.004.52	Winter –Supplies
\$3,000.00	Decrease	019904.01.004.00	Contingency
Supplies Winter Park			
\$ 150.00	Increase	085101.01.001.00	P/S – Community Beautification
\$ 150.00	Decrease	085104.01.004.00	C/E – Community Beautification
Cost associated with Parks P/S Hours for mowing			
\$ 1,275.00	Increase	014404.01.004.00	Engineering
\$ 1,275.00	Decrease	019904.01.004.00	Contingency
Compliance – Water Project			
\$ 50.00	Increase	080204.01.004.00	Planning
\$ 50.00	Decrease	080204.01.004.58	Planning- Legal
Cost of Dues			
\$3,235.00	Increase	090408.01.008.00	Workers Comp.
\$3,235.00	Decrease	090508.01.008.00	Unemployment Insurance
Premium Expense – 2013			

Part Town Fund

\$ 675.00	Increase	080114.02.004.58	Codes – Legal
\$ 675.00	Increase	002610.02.000.00	Fines, Forfeits
Cost associated with court cases, supported through Fines			

Highway Town Wide

\$ 225.00	Increase	090408.04.008.00	Workers Comp
\$ 225.00	Decrease	0908983.03.008.0	Other Employee Benefits
Premium Expense – 2013			

Highway Part Town

\$ 880.00	Increase	090408.04.008.00	Workers Comp
\$ 880.00	Decrease	051104.04.004.00	Other Employee Benefits
Premium Expense – 2013			
\$19,400.00	Increase	051122.04.002.00	Chips Improvement
\$19,400.00	Decrease	051104.04.004.00	General Repair – C/E
Additional Expenses associated with Chips Road			

Resolution #13-163

Abstract #13-: On a motion of Councilor Keyes, seconded by Councilor McGlynn and with unanimous approval (5-0) of the Town Board vouchers #13-1093 to #13-1145 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$27,798.94	Part Town:	\$ 198.00
Highway:	\$ 40.00	Lighting:	\$1,196.33
Water:	\$25,630.89	T & A:	\$2,244.95

Total: \$57,109.61

Request to upgrade Austin Park Baseball Fields- Chris Pinckney: Supervisor Roney introduced Chris Pinckney. Mr. Pinckney explained to the Board that Lakeshore Baseball was interested in improving the upper Austin Park baseball fields. He explained that the fields of interest are the North Field, Sims Field and the South Field with the main focus on the Sims Field. He explained the problems with each field. The Sims field was overgrown, poor drainage, permanent bases (which are dangerous), poor base paths and poor pitcher's mound. The North Field has an all dirt infield, suited for softball and younger players, permanent bases, and no pitcher's mound. The South Field has an excessive drop off in left field, no water, permanent bases, poor base paths and no pitcher's mound. He explained that all these fields need improvement; they all had permanent baselines which leaves no ability to change baseline size. He explained that baselines work for Lakeshore League but not for Diamond Pioneer League (All Star League that plays teams from Skaneateles to Cazenovia). He explained to the Board that their proposed improvements focused on the Sims Field since it was in the better location, the field had good grade and that there was water available for field maintenance. He explained that their improvements on the North and South Fields were primarily to clean up the baselines and redo the bases.

Mr. Pinckney explained that their proposal for the Sims Field included excavating the entire infield, provide drainage around home plate, build home plate area with clay to elevation, build new baselines, provide removable break away bases with inserts for two distances for league preference, build concrete block dugouts with brick fundraiser bricks on exterior, build a storage shed, run water line to field for proper field maintenance and add an overhead backstop fence.

He stated that the cost of the proposed improvements to the Sims Field was \$33,000, which excludes dugouts, shed, and backstop overhead. And that the cost for the North and South Fields was \$5,000 each. Mr. Pinckney stated that their fund raising plan included Lakeshore Baseball's contribution of \$2,500, that they will have an engraved brick fundraiser; the bricks will be \$125.00 each. He said that they are researching grants and that they are currently putting together committees for fundraising efforts. And that they are reaching out to the Town and the Village for support.

Councilor McGlynn asked if the proposed fence in the outfield was required. Mr. Pinckney answered that these were not required they would be temporary so they could be removed. Councilor McGlynn showed concern about the fence and if there would be enough space. Supervisor Roney asked if this would impact using the North Field for softball, he answered that it would not impact that.

The Board questioned the proposed drainage stating that there has been a history of drainage problems at the park and the plan needed to look at the future drainage on the property. They questioned where the water would go. Mr. Pinckney stated that again they were focusing on the Sims Field and would handle it as cost effectively as they could, they didn't have the funding to

repair all the drainage in the park that they were focusing on the area around home plate on the Sims Field.

Supervisor Roney asked if they were getting any funding from the Duke Schneider Fund. Mr., Pinckney stated that they were going to make a presentation to PARCS for their support.

Budget Officer Winkelman asked what their timeline was. He stated that their fundraising campaign would start in November and run through May with construction planned for April through June.

Gene LaForte asked who would be responsible for the maintenance. Mr. Pinckney stated that parents and the Lakeshore Baseball players would clean up after games but he was requesting that the Town continue to support and maintain the fields as they do today. Supervisor Roney explained to Mr. Pinckney that if this was going to be considered a municipal project that it was subject to our bid process since it would be over \$20,000. The Board thanked Mr. Pinckney and Lakeshore Baseball for their presentation.

Recognition of Ron Miller, Assessor: Supervisor Roney reported that our Assessor, Ron Miller had retired on September 30th of this year and is working with our new assessor, Linda Wright for training under contract with the Town. She praised Mr. Miller for the tremendous job he had done for the Town since becoming our full time assessor in 2008. Supervisor Roney and the Board presented him with a gift, a book on Skaneateles photos by John McCarthy.

Mr. Miller thanked the Board and the Town for the recognition He thanked all the employees of the Town he has worked with since his appointment in 2008. He stated that he will continue on a contract basis training Linda Wright until the end of the month, he will then be moving to Savannah Georgia. He said that Linda was transitioning well into the office.

Resolution #13-164

Schedule Public Hearing – 2014 Preliminary Budget: The Town Board noted receipt of the 2014 Tentative Budget from the Town Clerk. On a motion of Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous approval (5-0) of the Town Board the public hearing was scheduled on the 2014 Preliminary Budget for 7:30 p.m. October 24, 2013. Seconded by Councilor McGlynn

Resolution #13-165

Roof Bids – Austin Pavilion and Austin Park Picnic Pavilion: Supervisor Roney stated that two bids were received at the September 20th bid opening for the roofs at the Austin Pavilion and the Austin Park Picnic Pavilion:

Welch Construction, Inc.
PO Box 228, 4111 Slate Hill Road
Marcellus, NY 13108

Austin Pavilion Fibered Roof Coating:	\$67,600
Austin Park Picnic Pavilion Roof Replacement:	\$ 8,870

J & B Installations, Inc.
732 Visions Drive PO Box 188
Skaneateles Falls, NY 13153

Austin Pavilion Fibered Roof Coating: \$42,800
Austin Park Picnic Pavilion Roof Replacement: \$ 8,525

On a motion by Councilor McGlynn, seconded by Councilor Keyes and with unanimous approval (5-0) of the Town Board the bid for roof repairs at the Austin Pavilion and the Austin Park Picnic Pavilion would be awarded to J&B Installations at the price of \$42,800 for the Austin Pavilion and \$8,525 for the Austin Park Picnic Pavilion.

Resolution #13-166

Authorization to Hire Part Time Park Laborers: On a motion of Councilor Keyes, seconded by Councilor McGlynn and with unanimous approval (5-0) of the Town Board to hire two park laborers, Lynn Michales (returning employee) at the rate of \$12.50 per hour and Mark Leubner at a rate of \$9.50 per hour.

Resolution #13-167

Authorize Court Application to JCAP: Supervisor Roney explained to the Board that the Justice Court was requesting authorization to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant for 2013-2014. She said that it would include funding for office updates and renovations.

Councilor Murray moved a resolution, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous approval (5-0) of the Town Board authorizing the Town of Skaneateles Justice Court submit a grant application to the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP).

Resolution #13-168

Minutes of September 19, 2013: On a motion of Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous approval (4-0) of the Town Board, Supervisor Roney abstained; the minutes of September 19, 2013 were accepted as presented.

Announcements and Correspondence/Updates:

Supervisor Roney reported the Town and Village Boards had met with members of the Skaneateles Fire Department last week. The Fire Department discussed with the Boards that they would like to be informed when there are any road closures or water breaks so they can be prepared in case of any emergencies. The also discussed some of the current issues with the Town and Village water systems.

Supervisor Roney announced that that Howard Brodsky will make his Open Space Subdivision vs. Conservation Density Subdivision presentation on November 7th, 2013.

Resolution #13-169

Executive Session: On motion of Supervisor Roney, seconded by councilor McGlynn and with unanimous approval (5-0) of the Board the meeting was adjourned to discuss personnel at 8:10 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:45 p.m. and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Julie A. Stenger
Deputy Town Clerk