

Town Board Meeting

March 18, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Zoom: Meeting Id: 870 6951 0957 Passcode: 928357

Present: Supervisor Legg, Councilor Alexander, Councilor Dove, Councilor Milne, Attorney Marquette. **Absent:** Councilor Tucker.

Also, Present (In Person): Tim Dobrovosky, Keri Fey.

Also, Present (via Zoom): Brian Buff, Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Robert Herrmann, Paula Powell, Aimie Case, Miranda Robinson, Sue Murphy, Chris Buff.

Supervisor Legg announced Councilor Mark Tucker was not present. Mark Tucker had been unexpectedly admitted into the hospital on March 7, 2024, and is recovering. The Town Board would be keeping Mark and his family in their thoughts and prayers.

Supervisor Legg stated the Town Board would still be able to take any necessary action since the Board would have a quorum present with 4 board members.

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

Abstract #24-05: On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Dove and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers were authorized from the following funds:

General:	\$ 56,992.94	Highway:	\$ 10,296.94
HWY PT:	\$ 7,230.28	Sewer:	\$ 635.17
Part Town:	\$ 9,282.36	Water:	\$ 29,419.24
T&A	\$ 1,704.11	Limeledge Wtr:	\$ 655.08
Total:	\$ 116,217.22		

Proclamation to Honor the Skaneateles Lakers Boys Hockey Team 2024 Division II Champions: Supervisor Legg and the Town Board recognized the 2024 Skaneateles Lakers Boys Hockey Team for their 2024 New York State Division II Championship win.

Councilor Dove read the following proclamation:

**A Proclamation to Honor the Skaneateles
Lakers Boys Hockey Team
2024 Division II State Champions**

WHEREAS, the 2024 Skaneateles High School Boys Ice Hockey team won the Division II State Title on March 10, 2024, against Queensbury/Lake George in Buffalo, New York and,

WHEREAS, the winning team is made up of the following Players: Sean Kerwick, Trevor Jensen, Braedan Taggart, Andrew Falkenberg, Cullen Heintz, Jack Bobbett, Luke Mizro, Jackson Tank, Max Miller, Casey Morrissey, Noah Testa, Sutton Paro, Tyler Calkins, Jack Torrey, Cole Campbell, Andrew Gaglione, Tye Kennedy, Deakin Redding, Jack Marquardt, Henry Badami, Kaden Rutledge, Sam Lootens, Gavin Schell, Addison Taggart, Cole Palmer, Reece Benda, Nolan Kennedy, Colton McDonald, Luke Bobbett, Danny Angelina. And,

WHEREAS, in recognition of Head Coach, Mitch Major, who was named 2024 Division II coach of the year after leading the Lakers to a second-consecutive state title, along with Assistant Coach Mike Major, Assistant Coach Jeff Bobbett, and Goal Tender Coach John Ives, for leading this team during this outstanding season. And,

WHEREAS, this team from Skaneateles had an outstanding record of 14-0 in league play, and an overall record of 24-1, and was the first team in NYS Division II history to win back-to-back state titles, And,

WHEREAS, these fine young men worked so hard day in and day out, and played together as a team in every game, with 8 different players scoring during championship weekend to bring home this NYS title representing their school and community with honor, integrity, and spirit.

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles on behalf of all its residents would like to congratulate this 2023-24 Skaneateles Boys Varsity Hockey Team and their dedicated coaching staff for securing the Title of NY State Division II Champions for the 6th time in school history. Thank you for giving your community so much to cheer about.

PRESENTED by the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles at their regular meeting held on March 18, 2024.

Rotary Request for use of Austin Pavilion Annual Pancake Breakfast: Supervisor Legg reported on the request from the Skaneateles Rotary Club asking the Town for the use of the Austin Pavilion June 12th – June 17th for the Annual Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast and to waive the fee for use of Austin Pavilion.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Dove and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved the Rotary’s request to use the Austin Pavilion for the annual Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast June 12, 2024, through June 17, 2024, and to waive the fee for the event.

Water Department GIS Mapping System: Shane Christman, Skaneateles Water Department Foremen reviewed the following quotes the Water Department had received for the GIS Mapping System:

Trimble R12 Receiver	\$26,990.00 plus handheld data collector for \$3,670.00
	Total – \$30,660.00

Eastcom
Mapper and Charger \$2,850.00
Cloud Licensing fee \$468.00
Plus \$35.00 shipping fee
Total- \$3,353.00

Mr. Christman reviewed the two different systems. The Trimble system's higher cost is based on the fact it would need an additional software program to run. The Eastcom system is a cloud based program with open sourced software.

He stated he had tested the Eastcom system with the sample data and it worked well. The system would create a GIS mapping system for the Town water infrastructure. He recommended the Eastcom system.

Town Engineer Robinson agreed with Mr. Christman. She stated the Eastcom system would work well. This system would need software, but the software is open-sourced and there is no charge.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Dove, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Skaneateles Water Department was authorized to purchase the Eastcom GIS Mapping System at a cost not to exceed \$4000.

Skaneateles Library Letter of Support and Resolution for Grant Application: Supervisor Legg announced the Skaneateles Library was seeking grant funding for their new facility on Fennell Street and had requested a letter of support from the Town of Skaneateles.

Supervisor Legg read the following resolution:

Town of Skaneateles Resolution

In support of the Skaneateles Library Association construction of a new library facility

WHEREAS, the Skaneateles Library Board of Trustees conducted a series of focus groups, many individual conversations and board-led community sessions over the last 8 years, the library leadership has ascertained the community's need for a new library,

WHEREAS, the Skaneateles community has shared their needs and wants for a functional, comfortable public space for all ages to read, work, study, learn, and meet. A thoughtfully designed library is the natural home for all these uses. Areas with such facilities describe their libraries as the cultural and educational hub of the community, as essential third spaces, and as intergenerational living rooms that connect all residents,

WHEREAS, the leadership of the Skaneateles Library, including its volunteer board of directors, serves as a conduit for the community's input and needs, and has shared what can be made a reality with a new space,

WHEREAS, the library has purchased a 2.41-acre parcel located in the Village of Skaneateles, retained an award-winning architectural firm, and a highly reputable construction manager to oversee the project, and

WHEREAS, the project is well organized and well led by the Skaneateles library trustees and library leadership: now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Skaneateles strongly supports the Skaneateles Library Association project to build a new library facility in Skaneateles New York.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Skaneateles fully endorses this project and supports all grant applications being submitted by the Skaneateles Library fundraising team; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles directs the Town Clerk to submit a copy to the Skaneateles Library Board of Trustees.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Resolution in support of the new Library facility was accepted as presented.

M&T Bank New Third Part Custodial Agreement with Wilmington Trust: Supervisor Legg stated the Board was in receipt of a request from M&T Bank to authorize the change of the bank's third part custodial agreement to Wilmington Bank.

Budget Officer Fey explained to the Board that the Town of Skaneateles uses M&T Bank as one of their official depositories and M&T Bank is asking to move the funds to Wilmington Bank as their third-party financial backing.

Councilor Alexander stated that the agreement stated that there would be a personal meeting with the bank. They had talked about scheduling a meeting with the representatives from M&T bank and she would like the Board to have this meeting before authorizing this agreement.

The Board agreed and tabled the authorization until they could meet with representatives from M&T Bank.

NY American Water Works Association (AWEA) annual meeting April 9th -11th – Supervisor Legg stated Town Engineer Robinson and Water Foreman Christman were requesting authorization to attend the NY American Water Works Association annual meeting April 9, 2024 -April 11, 2024.

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Alexander and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Town Engineer Robinson, and Water Foremen Christman were approved to attend the AWEA annual meeting from April 9, 2024 – April 11, 2024.

Deckard Technologies Rentalscape - Occupancy Tax Proposal: Councilor Alexander reported she had spoken to Deckard Technologies at the Association of Towns Conference. This is a company that locates short-term rentals. This is a service that would locate the short-term rentals and Airbnb's for the Town to be able to collect the Occupancy Tax recently enacted in the Town of Skaneateles.

This company provides a program that maps out anyone who has a short-term rental online. It also shows how many days the property was rented for over the year and their revenue. It is an amazing program.

Councilor Alexander stated they have various levels of service. The level she would like the Board to consider is a lower cost level that would help the Clerk's office locate and track these properties. The program gives locations, addresses, owners, and revenue. The Town could contract for a year to get a handle on the properties in the Town of Skaneateles. She stated when she did a quick search on the Deckard Technologies program, she found online rental properties in the Town had done 1.7 million dollars in revenue in the past year.

Councilor Alexander stated the cost for one year for the lower service level would be around \$3,000. She would like to schedule a presentation from Deckard Technologies and get some pricing for the Board to consider.

The Board discussed the program and what it could offer the Town and agreed to have Councilor Alexander schedule a presentation from Deckard Technologies for a future Board meeting.

Schedule Special Town Board Meeting April 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. – Supervisor Legg stated the Board needed to schedule a special meeting to continue contract negotiations.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Alexander and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, scheduled a Town Board Special Meeting for executive session for contract negotiations.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

Shred Day – April 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.: Supervisor Legg announced Shred Day would be held at the Skaneateles Transfer Station on April 13, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Skaneateles Lake Watershed Nine Element Plan Preliminary Draft – March 2024: Supervisor Legg announced the Board was in receipt of the Draft Skaneateles Lake Watershed Nine Element Plan. This draft plan will be posted on the Town of Skaneateles website.

Town Departments Closed March 29, 2024, for Good Friday – Half Day

Town Hall 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

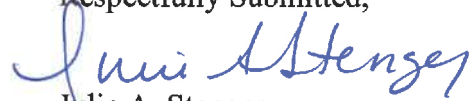
Transfer Station 7:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

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

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Alexander and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting returned to open session at 8:20 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,


Julie A. Stenger
Town Clerk

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

Supervisor Legg	Voting	Aye
Courtney Alexander	Voting	Aye
Councilor Tucker	Voting	Absent
Councilor Dove	Voting	Aye
Councilor Milne	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: March 18, 2024