

Town Board Meeting
July 16, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Aaron, Councilor Coville, Councilor Tucker, Councilor Badami, Attorney Smith.

Also Present: Jim Greenfield (Deputy Supervisor), Sue Murphy, Allan Wellington, Mark Burger (Onondaga County Soil and Water), Joe Calipari, Holly Greg, Tom DiBagio, Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press).

Department Reports

Highway, Water, Transfer Station: Highway Superintendent Wellington reported the Highway Department helped both the Town of Marcellus and the Town of Otisco with paving projects . He said they are planning to seal 4 miles of Town roads this week and had repaired the pavement on Maple Drive and County Line Road . The had also replaced two culvert pipes; one on Fisher Road and one on Gully Road and made equipment repairs. Highway Superintendent Wellington reported at the Transfer Station they cleared off the area where the logs are stored, and they are going to start grinding brush this week. He reported the Water Department performed quarterly maintenance on the pressure reducing valves, they worked on an electrical problem at the pump station for Sewer 6 and submitted an action plan to the County Health Department for HAB (Harmful Algal Bloom).

Parks Department: Parks Director Sue Murphy reported the Mandana and NYS Boat launches have been busy with the better weather. She stated they are preparing for the Symphoria concert being held at the Austin Pavilion July 26th at 7:00 p.m. She stated Playday and the Farmers Market are in full swing and all the Parks have been very busy.

Budget: Budget Officer Bridgett Winkelman reported she has been working on the Austin Park Improvement Grants. They are also getting ready to schedule the 2019 Budget sessions with the Board and department heads.

Supervisor Aaron thanked Bridgett Winkelman for all her work on the grants they have been working on.

Animal Control: Supervisor Aaron reviewed the Activity Report for June submitted by Dog Control Officer David Wawro. She stated there were 23 calls for the month of June.

Minutes of July 2, 2018: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of July 2, 2018 were accepted.

Resolution #18-152

Mark Burger Onondaga County Soil and Water – Informational Presentation: Supervisor Aaron introduced Mark Burger, Program Manager of the Skaneateles Lake Watershed Agricultural Program.

Mr. Burger stated to the Board he was here this evening to give an overview of the Skaneateles Lake Watershed Agricultural Program (SLWAP). The watershed vision for Skaneateles Lake is that the Skaneateles Lake Watershed will be an environmentally sound region, where viable agricultural industry and others benefiting from the lake work together to improve and maintain a high standard of water quality. Also, to carry out a cost-effective, innovative program for the farming community that upholds the high drinking water quality standards of Skaneateles lake.

Mr. Burger reviewed why a watershed agricultural program would work for Skaneateles Lake. He stated the program will work because the lake has positive features for this program. It's 16 miles long, 3/4 of a mile wide, the maximum depth is 300 ft and it is an oligotrophic body of water making it infertile and bilocally unproductive. In the 37,952-acre watershed, 75% is open space. One of the most important features is the lakes land surface to water ratio, Skaneateles Lake is 5.36 acres of land surface area to 1-acre water surface area.

He reviewed the history of the Skaneateles Lake Watershed stating, in 1894 the City of Syracuse started using the lake for drinking water. In 1986 the Federal Safe Water Drinking act was passed and in 1992 the Surface Water Treatment Rule started and the NYS DOH ordered the City to construct a filtration plant or prove they do not need one. In 1993 in order for the City to get approval for no filtration of the drinking water it was required they start a Watershed Agricultural Protection Program. In 1994 SLWAP went under contract with the Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District. He stated the three factors for success of this program are farm operators must be satisfied with the program and willing to continue to participate voluntarily, the program must meet the water quality objectives of the NYS filtration avoidance conditions and the program must remain a cost-effective alternative to building a water filtration plant. In 2004 the city received an indefinite filtration waiver.

Mr. Burger reviewed the history of the SLWAP since the program was established in 1992. He stated 86 % of the farms in the watershed participate in the program. He also stated Skaneateles Lake is 1 of 6 unfiltered drinking water supplies in the United States. This program helps keep our water unfiltered.

Mr. Burger stated in 1992 the cost to build a filtration plant was going to be \$70 - \$80 million and \$6 - \$7 million to operate per year. 17.5 million dollars have been invested in the Skaneateles Lake Watershed Program. Mr. Burger showed examples of what this money was spent on. Barnyard improvements, nutrient management plans, buffer strips, diversions, 24.2 miles of exclusion fences, 8.8 miles of grassed and stone-lined waterways, 1.4 miles of streambank stabilizations, 21 manure nutrient storage and compost systems, 1244 acres of cover crops and many other farms planned and implemented are just a few of the projects provided by SLWAP. These projects were all paid for by the City of Syracuse and Federal and State grants.

Mr. Burger stated they worked with the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board and worked with municipalities to educate on salt spreader calibration. They have worked with municipalities and have cleaned and revegetated 161 miles of road ditches. The New York State DEC reimburses up to 75% of the cost of this ditch work to the Skaneateles Lake Watershed Program. He stated the Program also encourages land protection. The City of Syracuse received a 1-million-dollar grant to purchase easements to ban future development on properties and protect environmentally sensitive areas.

Mr. Burger reviewed the City's program to encourage wastewater treatment and management programs. He stated the Agricultural Program encourages the 911 Response Program. He explained this is a flow chart to follow for response to agricultural spills that effect water quality. He also explained the City of Syracuse had started a Conservation Equipment Rental Program. This is to rent conservation equipment to farmers.

Mr. Burger reviewed the new technology that is being used in the Watershed Program such as; Bio Reactors and controlled drainage structures. He reviewed the cost avoided by not having to build and maintain a water filtration plant. The savings has been 135.4 million dollars since 1992. He also said there are additional programs such as soil nutrient analysis for lawns and the annual tree and shrub sale to reforest the watershed. Since 1994 the City has funded SLWAP over 10 million dollars to protect our watershed. He stated how important SLWAP and any watershed protection program is since we are preparing to feed 9 billion people on our earth by the year 2050.

Supervisor Aaron and the Board thanked Mr. Burger for his report and said how impressed they were with how much the Skaneateles Lake Watershed Programs does.

Resolution #18-153

Open Swim Request – August 25, 2018 YMCA Lightning Swim Team: Supervisor Aaron reviewed with the Board a letter of request from Peter Spaulding of the Skaneateles YMCA Lightening Swim Team. She stated the request is for permission to host an open water swim meet from Clift Park on the morning of Saturday August 25th at 11:00 am. and would last for about one hour. He stated the swimmers would exit the lake from the stairs at the Town swimming area over about a 15- minute period around 11:50 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. They state in their request the meet will be sanctioned and insured by USA Swimming and will have a second tier of insurance through the YMCA.

Sue Dove, Village Trustee stated the Village had met with Mr. Spaulding and thought this would be a good use of the waterfront. The Village verified their insurance was in order and approved the event.

Supervisor Aaron asked Sue Murphy if she reviewed this request. Sue Murphy, Parks Director stated she had reviewed the request and had some questions. Should the waterfront open later that day, after the event and would the Lightning Swim Team pay for the Town's lifeguard that will need to staff the waterfront or supply their own.

Supervisor Aaron agreed the waterfront should open after the event and asked Sue Murphy to contact Mr. Spaulding regarding staffing and timing for the event.

On a motion of Supervisor Aaron, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board authorization was given to the Skaneateles Lightning Swim Team to hold an Open Water Swim meet at Clift Park on Saturday August 25th beginning at 11:00 a.m. and ending approximately 12:05 p.m. with the following conditions; the Skaneateles Lightning Swim Organization must provide a certificate of insurance naming the Town and Village as additional insured, if there are any additional fees associated with the lifeguard staff or at the waterfront the Skaneateles Lightning Swim Team Organization must cover these expenses. Also it was approved that the Parks Department would open the public swim area after the Open Water Swim meet is complete.

Resolution #18-154

Zone Change Introductory Local Law 2018-B: Supervisor Aaron reviewed the proposed zone change request from Chris Graham. The zone change request is for a change in zoning district from RR (Rural Residential) to HM (Hamlet). The parcels are tax map #'s 024-02-01.1, 024-02-01.2 and 024-02-2. Two of these parcels are owned by Mr. Graham and one is owned by the Town which is where the Mottville Cemetery is located. Mr. Graham would like to apply for a 16 multi-family dwelling on his parcels. The change from RR to HM would allow him to apply for a special permit for a project this size on his parcels where it would not be allowed in the RR district which it is zoned now.

Attorney Smith reviewed proposed Local Law 2018-B. This would be enacted if the Board decided to act on this request. He reviewed the introductory resolution which the Town Board hereby declares its status and role as lead agency for purposes of a coordinated review under SEQRA of the Local Law. The Town Board hereby preliminarily classifies the Local Law as an Unlisted Action under SEQRA, and the Town Board hereby directs the Town Clerk to send Part 1 of the EAF and the proposed Local Law to interested agencies, County Planning and the Town Planning Board to request their comments. The resolution also requires the Town Board to schedule a public hearing. He stated the public hearing is written in the resolution to be scheduled on August 20, 2018 at a time decided upon by the Board. He stated public notices would be mailed out to adjoining property owners also. He then recommended to wait and see what input came back to the Board regarding the Zone Change and the project.

Supervisor Aaron stated she would like the notices to be sent out to all the residents of Mottville, not just the contiguous property owners. She asked the Board for their approval for this mailing. The Board agreed.

On a motion of Supervisor Aaron, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board introduced Local Law 2018-B "A Local Law Amending the Town of Skaneateles Zoning Map", approved the introductory resolution which with this resolution the Town Board hereby declares its status and role as lead agency for purposes of a coordinated review under SEQRA of Local Law 2018-B, classifies Local Law 2018-B as an Unlisted Action under SEQRA, directs the Town Clerk to send Part 1 of the EAF and the proposed Local Law to interested agencies, County Planning and the Town Planning Board to request their comments, and scheduled a public hearing August 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., with notices being sent to all the residents of Mottville.

**Resolution Attached*

Resolution #18-155

Mandana Boat Launch Repairs : Supervisor Aaron reported to the Board three proposals had been received for the Mandana Boat Launch Repair Project. Each proposal was over \$35,000. Due to the cost of the project we will need to have formal bid opening not just an RFP (Request for Proposals). Supervisor Aaron asked Attorney Smith to review the bid documents she had prepared and the Board to approve the project and go out to bid on August 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

On a motion of Councilor Badami seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board authorized a bid opening for August 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. for the Mandana Boat Launch Repair Project.

Resolution #18-156

Hazardous Mitigation Plan: Supervisor Aaron reported to the Board the Town and Village received a letter requiring them to adopt a Harmful Alga; Bloom (HAB) Mitigation Plan in the event of another algal bloom on Skaneateles Lake. Superintendent Wellington and Water Foreman Joe Dwyer are working with director of Municipal Operations of the Village, Shannon Harty on this plan. She stated the monitoring plan and action plan need to be submitted to both NYS Department of Health and Onondaga County Department of Health for approval by July 31, 2018. When the plans are completed and approved they will be presented to the Board.

Resolution #18-157

Austin Park Grant – SEQR: Supervisor Aaron stated they have been working on the grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for the future plans for the Austin Pavilion and the renovations to the Sims Building bathrooms. This is a matching grant and it could be up to \$600,000 for this project.

Supervisor Aaron stated if we get funding for this project it will update the Sims building bathrooms and add a much needed family bathroom and help with the planning and design phase of making the Austin Pavilion a more usable, year-round facility.

Attorney Smith reviewed the first resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign the agreement and the amount not to exceed \$600,000.

He stated the second resolution is for SEQR which is needed for the grant application. This resolution states the Project is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) if it is classified a type II action. The project therefore is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to SEQRA because it involves conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5 (c)(21), and in the alternative, involves the replacement, rehabilitation and reconstruction, on the same site, of an existing facility pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5 (c)(2). Where an action is classified as Type II, no further review under SEQRA is required.

On a motion of Councilor Coville seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board classifies the project being submitted to the OPRHP as a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), therefore where an action is classified as Type II, no further review under SEQRA is required.

On a motion of Supervisor Aaron seconded by Councilor Coville, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board authorizing the Town of Skaneateles to apply for financial assistance from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (“OPRHP”) under the Environmental Protection Fund for the purpose of funding the Austin Park Improvement Study (the “Project”) and is authorized and directed to accept these grant funds in an amount not to exceed 600, 000 for the project described in the grant application.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates:

▪*Codes Officer Position:* Supervisor Aaron reported the Town Clerk’s Office had sent letters to all the candidates on the eligible list from Onondaga County Personnel and 10 candidates responded.

▪*Community Transfer Station Solar Project:* Supervisor Aaron stated she has a meeting scheduled with the company who had received the bid for the Solar Project at the Transfer Station for July 23rd, after the meeting she will have more information for the Board regarding the project.

▪ *NYS DOT Letter:* Supervisor Aaron stated the Town had received a letter from the NYS Department of Transportation regarding the letter and resolution the Town sent about the I-81 Viaduct plan. The NYS DOT thanked the Town for the continued interest in this project.

▪*Skaneateles Rotary Club Letter:* Supervisor Aaron stated the &Town Board had received a letter from Mary Giroux, Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast Chair thanking the Town for their help making the 50th annual Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast a success, with a special thank you to Sue Murphy and Gene Laforte for all their help.

Resolution #18-158

Budget Amendments: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following budget amendments were authorized for the abstract #18-014:

General Fund

\$ 505.00	Increase	070202.01.002.00	Recreation Admin - Equipment
\$ 505.00	Decrease	019904.01.004.00	Contingency – C/E

Costs associated with new computer Parks Administration office

\$ 890.00	Increase	076204.01.004.00	Adult Recreation – C/E
\$ 890.00	Increase	002189.01.000.00	Other Community Service

Costs associated with Community Tickets at Merry Go Round Theater

\$ 12,630.00	Increase	019104.01.004.00	Unallocated Insurance
\$ 12,630.00	Decrease	019904.01.004.00	Contingency – C/E

Additional expense associated Liability Insurance

Resolution #18-159

Abstract #18-014: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with Unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board voucher #18-0910 to #18-0998 were authorized from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$ 67,164.33	Part Town:	\$ 2,995.09
Highway:	\$ 3,179.84	Water:	\$ 15,781.11
T & A:	\$ 1,888.29	Highway P/T	\$ 6,548.29
Street Lighting	\$ 149.21		
Total:	\$ 99,473.26		

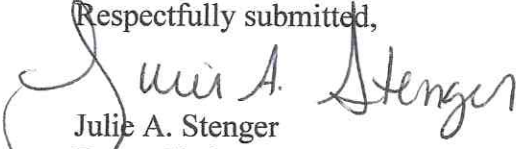
Public Comment: Tom DiBagio from Highland Avenue commented to the Board he has seen numerous cars at the Transfer Station that are either non-residents, do not have a permit or have the wrong year permit. He said the Transfer Station employees need to check more vehicles entering as they enter the gate. Supervisor Aaron thanked Mr. DiBagio for his comments.

Resolution #18-160

Executive Session: On a motion of Councilor Coville seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss litigation and contract negotiations.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting returned to open session at 9:05 p.m. and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Julie A. Stenger
Town Clerk