

**Town Board Meeting
December 5, 2022
6:30 p.m.**

Zoom: Meeting ID: 8837 6511 2717 Passcode: 676071

Present: Supervisor Aaron, Councilor Alexander, Councilor Legg, Councilor Dove, Attorney Smith.

Absent: Councilor Tucker

Also, Present (via Zoom): Keri Fey, Bob Herrmann, Brian Buff, Tim Dobrovosky, Sue Murphy, Karen Barkdull, Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Shane Christman, Aimie Case, Kim Persse, Willard Mahood.

Also, Present: Dessa Bergen, John Cico.

Highway & Water: Highway Superintendent Tim Dobrovosky submitted his report to the Board for their review. He reported the Highway Department had done ditching on Jewett and Gully Roads, cold patched, cleaned up debris from the wind, outfitted plow trucks and Codes vehicle for the winter, placed marking post for plow drivers, fixed street signs, assisted on water breaks, continued new employee training. They had also taken the plows out 3 times.

Transfer Station: Councilor Legg reported in Brian Buff's absence. He stated they had sent out 8 loads of trash, 3 loads of construction and demolition material, and 3 containers of recycling. Councilor Legg stated the 2023 permits are on sale at the Town Hall. The price had increased to \$80 for 2023 but this was still a great deal at less than \$10 per month for residents to dispose of their trash and recyclables along with all the other services available for residents at the Transfer Station. Councilor Alexander stated other towns don't even have a transfer station.

Planning and Zoning: Planning and Zoning Clerk Karen Barkdull reported there were 4 open projects at this time with the Planning and Zoning Boards. Ms. Barkdull reviewed the status of existing projects still open; Community Solar Array TJA Solar, Lakelawn – proposed brick and stone masonry wall to replace wood fence along West Lake Road, this project is on hold. Nulty – application is on hold with the Planning Board for the shed, awaiting the owner to apply to the ZBA for variance approval. Chris Graham – Application pending for re-design of multi-family residences for the RR district. Victory Sports – The application is pending as the applicant is considering the potential for smaller scale development on the property, and Haba Toys-Expansion application on hold as they re-evaluate the entire property. Other activities included 1 pre-application meeting, Shoreline Committee meeting to discuss findings, P&Z meeting on November 29th and drafted the Open Spacer Committee Recommendation report.

Codes: Codes Officer Herrmann reviewed the Codes Office report for November 2022. * Report attached. He reported there were 9 new permits, and 32 Certificates of Completion. Codes Officer Herrmann stated at this time there are 42 permits that are expired. The codes office is still working on scheduling fire inspections and closing old permits, there is a lot this month, 13 left

from 2020, and will start working on 2021 now. He thanked the Highway Department for getting the Codes vehicle ready for winter.

Parks: Parks Director Sue Murphy reported they had installed snow fencing at the parks in preparation for winter, working at the Nature trail and the Conservation Areas. She had been working on the summer program in the new software and registration program. They would be starting to look at seasonal employees at the end of December.

Water: Shane Christman reported they had repaired three water breaks along Route 321. He thanked the Highway Department for their help. They started winterizing hydrants and they are working with John Camp to finish up the PRV Valve project. They had two turbidity events, one on November 30th and one on December 1st. There was no harm to the customers, but notices would be sent out.

Supervisor Aaron stated the three water breaks were a challenge and she thanked Shane and the Highway Department. She also thanked the Town's previous engineer Miranda Robinson for her foresight to install the shut off valve in order to keep Baxter in service if there were a break.

Councilor Legg stated the breaks happened the week of the Thanksgiving holiday and they worked through to get this fixed. He thanked Shane. And also thanked Engineer Robinson for her foresight for preventative maintenance. He also reviewed the status of the PRV Project.

Budget: Budget Officer, Keri Fey reported they had been working on year end in the Budget Office.

Minutes of November 21, 2022: On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Legg and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of November 21, 2022, were accepted as presented.

Budget Amendments: No Budget Amendments.

Abstract #22-22: On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers #22-1616 - #22-1668 were authorized from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$ 15,062.29	Highway:	\$ 3,553.93
Water:	\$ 17,732.94	Part Town:	\$ 707.03
T&A:	\$ 11,156.29	Street Lgt:	\$ 616.42
Highway PT	\$ 690.43		
TOTAL:	\$49,122.45		

Schedule Town of Skaneateles Sign Project Bid Opening: Councilor Alexander reported they were ready to go out to bid for the Townwide Sign Project first phase. There would be 8 signs in this phase, and she had drawn up the bid specs to start this project. This would give the Town a cohesive look, having all the Town signs have the same look. The Town Board had been putting money in reserves for the past few years to be able to start this first round of sign printing. They

had identified the priority areas; Austin Park, Transfer Station, Mandana parking lot and Town Hall.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg, and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board authorized the bid opening for the Town of Skaneateles Sign Project Fabrication – Stage 1 for January 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Town of Skaneateles Zoning Code §148-5-8 Solar Energy Systems referral to Planning and Zoning Boards: Supervisor Aaron stated the Town Board had been reviewing the Town of Skaneateles Zoning Section 148-5-8 Solar Energy Systems. The Board had determined the current Solar Energy was good but there were certain areas it could be strengthened. The Board had agreed to refer the code to the Planning and Zoning Boards for their recommendations to strengthen the code.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Legg, and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board referred the **Town of Skaneateles Zoning Code §148-5-8 Solar Energy Systems** to the Planning and Zoning Boards for their review and recommendations.

Schedule Planning and Zoning Board Interviews: Supervisor Aaron stated there are terms expiring on both the Planning and Zoning Boards as well as the Chairs for each Board would need to be appointed. Doug Hamlin’s term on the Planning Board and Kris Kiefer’s on the Zoning Board are expiring. They had both submitted their letters of interest to continue on the boards. The notice was advertised in the paper but there were no responses as of today. The Board reviewed their schedules and decided to try and schedule interviews for the candidates on December 19th starting at 4:00, before the Town Board meeting.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg, and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board scheduled the Board to meet with candidates for the Planning and Zoning Boards on December 19th starting at 4:00 p.m.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

▪*2023 Transfer Station Permits on sale now:* Supervisor Aaron stated the 2023 Transfer Station permits are on sale at the Town Hall or online at <https://www.townofskaneateles.com/transfer-station-permit/>

▪*Town Department Holiday Schedule:* Supervisor Aaron reviewed the following Town Department Holiday schedule:

Christmas – December 25, 2022

Transfer Station Closed at 12:00 noon December 16th – Christmas Luncheon

Town Hall/Parks closed December 23rd and December 26th

Transfer Station closed December 24th and 26th

New Years

Town Hall/Parks closed January 2nd

Transfer Station closed December 31st and January 2nd

▪*Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District & Skaneateles Lake Watershed*

Agricultural Program 2021 Annual Report: Town Supervisor Aaron announced they were in

receipt of the 2021 Annual Report from the Onondaga County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Town of Skaneateles Fire Protection Contract -Public Hearing 7:00 p.m.: Supervisor Aaron reviewed the notice of public hearing for the renewal of the Town of Skaneateles Fire Protection Contract with the Village of Skaneateles.

The cost of the operation of the Fire Department is based on the assessed value. The Village sends the Town the cost of the operations of the Fire Department at the end of their fiscal year in May. At that point the percentage the Town and Village pay is figured. This year the Town paid 61% of the operating costs.

Supervisor Aaron stated this new contract would be for 5 years and there were no changes from the previous contract. The Town is required to hold a Public Hearing.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the public hearing was opened.

Supervisor Aaron asked if anyone would like to comment either for, against or have any comment at all.

Dessa Bergen stated she lived on Old Seneca Turnpike, and is closer to Mottville and wondered if Old Seneca could be a part of Mottville Fire District and not Skaneateles Fire District.

Councilor Legg stated the good news is that both Departments typically respond.

On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor Alexander and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the public hearing was closed.

Councilor Dove thanked the Fire Department members for all they do for the community.

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

Renewal of Fire Service Agreement

WHEREAS, the Town of Skaneateles (the “Town”) and the Village of Skaneateles (the “Village”) are parties to an existing agreement whereby the Skaneateles Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (the “Fire Department”) provides fire protection services to the Skaneateles Fire Protection District (the “Fire Service Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Village, Town, and Fire Department desire to renew the existing Fire Service Agreement for an additional term of five (5) years on the terms and conditions set forth in the attached proposed agreement (the “Proposed Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, following publication of notice in accordance with all legal requirements, the Town held a public hearing concerning the Proposed Agreement on December 5, 2022, in satisfaction of the requirements of the law; 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 (the "Regulations"), with respect to the Proposed Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the Proposed Agreement on behalf of the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board classifies the Proposed Agreement as a Type II Action under SEQRA involving "routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment" as set forth in Section 617.5(c)(26) of the Regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Janet Aaron	Voting	Aye
Courtney Alexander	Voting	Aye
Sue Dove	Voting	Aye
Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Absent

Onondaga County Soil and Water Annual Meeting: Supervisor Aaron reported she had attended the Onondaga County Soil and Water Annual meeting and reviewed that the pesticide use at golf courses and that Skaneateles County club had reduced this year. She reviewed some of the programs they offered and the work they had done in the watershed this year. They are an impressive organization.

Public Comment: Dessa Bergen stated she was pleased to see the Board had referred the solar section of the zoning code to the Planning and Zoning Boards. She stated the Town of Lafayette has a strong zoning code for Solar and maybe looking at their zoning would be helpful.

Holly Gregg: Mr. Gregg thanked the Board for looking at the Solar Code and referring it to the Planning and Zoning Boards. He also thanked the Fire Department for all they do.

John Cico: Mr. Cico stated he lived next door to the proposed solar farm on West Lake Road and he thanked the Board for looking at the code.

Supervisor Aaron thanked Mr. Cico for his comments and asked him to communicate with the Board. They want to hear from the residents.

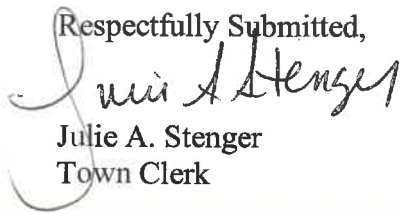
Mr. Cico stated the definitions and terms in the Town Solar Zoning are very vague and he does not want to see these terms and definition defined and interpreted by the developers.

Skaneateles Fire Department Toy Drive: Councilor Dove announced the Skaneateles Fire Department would be holding a toy drive for the Golisano Children’s Hospital Saturday December 10th at the Skaneateles Fire Department.

Skaneateles American Legion Breakfast with Santa: Councilor Dove announced the Skaneateles American Legion would be hosting a breakfast with Santa on Saturday December 17th.

On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A. Stenger
Town Clerk