

Town Board Meeting

December 20, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Remote via [www.zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us/j/84158578419) (id#: 84158578419 password 568599)

Present: Supervisor Aaron, Councilor McCormack, Councilor Alexander, Councilor Legg, Councilor Tucker, Attorney Smith.

Also, Present via Zoom: Bridgett Winkelman, Brian Buff, Karen Barkdull, Kim Benda, Jason Gabak, Jeff Poor, Thomas Bastron, Chris Buff, Joy Chamandy, Sue Murphy, Ryan Tanner, Amelia Musso, Lisa Hart, Dessa Bergan.

Also Present: Fran McCormack, Erin McCormack, Allan Wellington, Steve Bryant, William Vivencio, Amy Marsden, Mark Marsden, Patricia Carroll.

Supervisor's Statement – Introductory Local Law F of 2021:

Supervisor Aaron read the following statement regarding Introductory Local Law F of 2021:

"I believe all Board members will agree that it is important to revisit what happened at our last meeting. But first I would like to make this statement.

The NYS Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act known as MRTA provided options for Cities, Towns and Villages to decide if they would allow Adult Use Retail Dispensaries and Adult Use Onsite Consumption Sites in their municipality. If local governments did nothing, it automatically allowed both. Choosing to not allow one or both requires adopting a local law by December 31st. The local law would be subject to a permissive referendum requirement of Town Law and General Municipal Law. Electors, qualified to vote in the Town of Skaneateles would have the opportunity to protest the decision by presenting a petition and if it met all the legal requirements, it could force a public vote that could overturn a decision to opt-out. In order to consider any Local Law, a Board member has to make a motion. That motion must have a second. Not receiving a second to a motion, while unusual, does happen. The motion to consider then fails, and the local law does not move forward.

The NYS MRTA Law went into effect on March 31, 2021. It was approved by the NYS Senate, Assembly, and the Governor. This law allows for Adult Recreation Marijuana use, in addition to Medical Marijuana and Cannabinoid (CBD) use that is already allowed. Over the last 9 months town board members have reached out into the community in many ways including doing their own research, holding public hearings and informational meetings, reading emails and letters, doing site visits where cannabis is grown, processed or sold, and reaching out to discuss this issue one on one with our residents. And as I previously stated, this Board has done more public involvement and research than any other Town Board that I know.

Many residents in favor of opting in or out did not want to put their comments in writing or speak at a public meeting. As a Board Member, we all feel it is important to make sure all voices are heard whether at a meeting or in a private conversation.

The NYS MRTA Law allows for eleven different license options. Besides the two licenses that the Town can decide to allow or not allow, there are nine licenses that the Town does not have this option. One license is for micro-businesses. This license will have limited ability to cultivate, process, distribute, deliver, and dispense its own product. Marijuana is now legal to use in NYS and soon, no matter what the town does, it can be grown, processed, delivered, and sold right here in our Town.

On December 6th the Town Board agreed to hold two public hearings introducing two Local Laws. The NYS MRTA Law does not require a Local Law to Opt in. Doing nothing automatically opts in. That was how the State adopted the law.

When Councilor McCormack voiced that he voted yes, he was reminded that a motion was required. Councilor McCormack made the motion to vote yes to opt out. I announced two times that there was a motion on the table, no other board member chose to second the motion. In my experience, a second is normally made when the board member agrees with the motion. In this case, after asking for a second to the motion two separate times, there was no motion and because there was no motion, the motion failed.

It was unfortunate what happened at the December 6th meeting. Displays of unprofessional comments, rage and indignation and loss of control took place in expressing displeasure. Board members were prepared to make statements and honestly, I was astounded when everyone including Councilor McCormack just left the meeting shouting names at the remaining Board members. It certainly was not a great example for the students in attendance as part of the requirement of their Participation in Government Class. The four members of the Board remaining then voted to opt out of onsite consumption.

My personal statement tonight is that my vote is to allow Adult Use Retail Dispensaries. Recreational marijuana is now legal in NYS and just like bars, liquor stores, wineries and distilleries that are legal, they all require a NYS license. Marijuana has always been in our community. Now it will be legal. The product that will be purchased will be certified to meet the requirements of the state instead of the illegal market where what is in the product is unknown. It will be here in Skaneateles, used, sold, delivered, grown, produced, and processed. The 3% sales revenue is a bonus and not a reason for my vote. If Councilor McCormack's motion had received a second, I would have voted no. I stand by my decision. I know Councilor McCormack made his statement at the last Board meeting and I would like to give the same opportunity to any other Board member wishing to make a statement."

Councilor Alexander stated the following:

Thank you Janet, for your thoughtful explanation of the unfortunate situation that happened at our last meeting.

I'd like to first start by saying that in my 2 years on this board I have enjoyed actively collaborating with the public and my fellow board members regarding town business. In my opinion what happened in our last meeting was completely unprofessional and in my standards unethical. While it is not a board members duty to notify others of their actions or decisions on topics this board has always had the courtesy to work together, even on issues that we do not agree on.

I was taken back by the letter to the editor & advertisement taken out in the local paper well in advance of our formal public hearing on the MRTA Local Laws. I was taken back by Councilors McCormack's prepared statement at our meeting and the unfortunate behavior that followed. In my opinion on board member created an unruly setting and encouraged members of the public to join in against a decision that they did not agree with.

After listening to the residents on both sides of the public hearing I had gathered some final thoughts to share and planned to do so after the second vote. Unfortunately I did not get a chance to speak due to the disruption in the room. We were all caught off guard and did not expect that anyone let alone a board member would behave in such a way.

This topic is very difficult and from my research I can say that our community is split down the middle on this topic. Every meeting we have had has had equal number of attendees on both sides of the issue. We have received many letters and had many conversations for and against the two license types.

This industry will be here even if we opt out so I believe we should opt in and look to our local planning and zoning boards to get moving on how this industry should be zoned so it won't have any negative impacts on our community.

We have had to deal with some extremely challenging decisions in the last 2 years.

I believe in being pro-active and not kicking the can down the road for others to deal with. We have seen first hand with the Transfer Station and our Water Department just how difficult it can be for future boards if tough decisions aren't made when necessary."

Councilor Legg made the following statement:

"In order not to duplicate anything that Supervisor Aaron or Councilor Alexander has said I'll concur with their comments and tailor my comments on the fly. To make sure that I am not wasting time. First of all, I would like to thank all of the public who engaged, it was informative to hear from people. And in my own case of doing research for the last nine months it has included reaching out beyond the Town of Skaneateles to get factual information about what has occurred with people who have been on both sides of the issue in places like Massachusetts and Colorado. So, by having their firsthand experience of going through the process, that New York State is going through, it offered some things to think about.

I am probably one of the last people who you might consider would even think about opening up his mind to look at both sides. I am a 26-year military veteran. While I was in the Navy, I spent time on drug interdiction operations. I discharge Sailors and Marines from the service because of their use of marijuana. I have been a teacher for over 20 years. I could give you a whole handful of referrals that I have had to file in cases where students have used or had possession of marijuana, and I certainly have seen some issues with use of marijuana.

But setting that aside, I took the time over the nine months to be able to do my homework to try to understand fully what was going on. Unfortunately the State put us in a very narrow decision. We have two very narrow choices to make. One is whether to have an onsite consumption, the other is dispensary. We have no control on any of the other things and yes, marijuana has been here as long as I can remember. I am a lifelong resident of Skaneateles since 1958. And marijuana has been here. As a teacher I know that many of my students have more access to marijuana than they do to alcohol right now because of the illegal market. If you look at our school district, at this point, two Towns have opted out. Everybody else has chosen either to do nothing, like Spafford, and to my knowledge not even to hold a hearing, or like the Town of Skaneateles they have chosen to opt out of on site consumption and to leave in place the option to be able to have dispensaries.

*It is disappointing to me to see that we have not been able to carry the civility into the conversation on both sides and that we should be able to have an outcome that would bring people together to be able to understand what is present and what we can and cannot control. I teach economics. One of the things that market economics tells you is that first in the market wins. As somebody who has lived here and seen the use of alcohol in this town. It is remarkable to me that there has been a very little change in the number of places that sell alcohol. There is a considerable stability, maybe we've moved a couple of doors down or shifted a little bit. I think in total, we probably reduce the number of alcohol businesses and that says something about how we could project into the future what would likely happen with marijuana. **not sure Julie, you may need to relisten to this.*

The cannabis laws or regulations that are being put into place are very likely to mirror what's happened in other states. So, as we examined it, my judgment was that this is the heaviest regulation that this industry will have in its lifetime. So, if you are going to get into it and you want to control what happens with it this is the time to make sure that you can determine where a dispensary may or may not be placed within the town, outside of the village. We have no control in the Village, the village has its own separate process, and we do not have an impact. So, this is a time when we could find out, somebody produces enough capital they meet all the requirements for certification. They can position it where we zone it properly to put it into a place that we want. And first in market means they are going to be the most stable. It is going to take considerable capital, and those folks are not going to want to lose their opportunity once they get into this industry. So, my decision point came down to that I waited to hear anything that could dissuade me one way or another. Through the course of this I think there's sufficient information in the MRTA to be able to make reasonable assumptions on how things are going to proceed. So, at the end of the day, my mind has not changed since our meeting on December 6th. I have not seen new information presented that would change my thought process. And I think we have a situation where we can manage very well some economic development in the Town of Skaneateles going forward. Thank you."

Councilor Tucker made the following statement:

"I'll just say a few things. I didn't second the motion the other night because I wanted to look at what the facts were of those that presented them. So that is one reason I did not because I know when you second a motion you go to vote right away. So that is why I left it open for the future if the Board wanted to move forward with it.

I have talked to a number of people and as the board stated so far, it is a split decision right now the community and even outside when I talk to people. So, I have also visited other facilities and looked at them and they look like they are nicely run. I was on the edge. I wanted to wait and look at the facts that people had stated at the meeting on December 6th that is why I did not second the motion.”

Councilor McCormack made the following statement:

“A Couple of things. You mentioned there were some disruptions at that meeting and some attacks. I was personally attacked by people in the audience, but no one said a word. I never attacked anybody or said anything negative about any individuals. Just for the record.

I met with the opponents, many of the significant opponents for two hours, a spirited discussion before this vote. So, I did look at the other side and I looked at it extremely carefully. When I ran for the Board, I promised I would make my position known to the public and controversial issues. I believe that all public officials owe it to the public to vote on such issues and to explain their votes. This is particularly true with respect to the cannabis opt out issue. There have been multiple hearings and fact-finding meetings where many people came to the meetings to express their views. I also note that I have counted 70 emails in favor of opting out of cannabis and only 19 oppose. My position is there's a split, but the split is overwhelmingly in favor of opting out. You'll see that at the Village when the Village holds their hearing.

I intend to reoffer a motion to adopt resolution Local Law F of 2021 at this meeting. That would be the resolution to consider Local Law F, A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 to Opt Out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries Within the Town of Skaneateles.”

There was a public hearing on December 6th, the motion was never voted on, so I believe it was tabled. I believe it is appropriate to reintroduce that motion at this time and ask for a second on the motion so there can be a vote. So, the public will know who voted to opt in and who voted to opt out. Thank you.”

Supervisor Aaron stated there was a motion on the table to adopt Introductory Local Law F of 2021 with the following resolution:

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20(4), Board Member Councilor McCormack has introduced for consideration Local Law No. F of 2021 entitled "A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 to Opt Out of Licensing and Establishing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries Within the Town of Skaneateles" (the “Local Law”); and

WHEREAS, New York State Cannabis Law § 131 expressly authorizes the Town Board to adopt a local law requesting that the Cannabis Control Board prohibit the establishment of cannabis retail dispensary licenses within the jurisdiction of the town (hereafter referred to as “Opting Out”); and

WHEREAS, if the Town Board decides to Opt Out, that decision is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 24; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board classified the Local Law as a Type II Action under SEQRA because it involves the “adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions” 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(33); and

WHEREAS, the Town held a public hearing on December 6, 2021, to hear public input on the Local Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby adopts the Local Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is directed to file the Local Law with the Secretary of State and to arrange for the publication of a notice of permissive referendum pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law § 24.

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

Councilor Kevin McCormack	Voting	Aye
Courtney Mark Tucker	Voting	Aye
Councilor Chris Legg	Voting	Nay
Councilor Courtney Alexander	Voting	Nay
Supervisor Janet Aaron	Voting	Nay

The resolution failed and the Local Law did not pass.

Supervisor Aaron thanked everyone for their comments and hard work.

Minutes of December 6, 2021: On a motion of Councilor Tucker seconded by Councilor McCormack, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the minutes of December 6, 2021, were accepted as presented.

Schedule Town Board Operations Meeting – December 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.: On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Alexander with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board scheduled a Town Board Operations Meeting on December 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. to review the 2022 Annual Resolution and ongoing projects.

Recognition of the Swap Shop Volunteers: Supervisor Aaron stated we have some incredible volunteers in this community, and it was because of volunteers the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station was able to be brought back. Amy Roller spearheaded this. There were forty-one volunteers that helped out every Saturday to make sure the Swap Shop was up and running.

Councilor Legg stated Amy Roller organized the Swap Shop each weekend. She had led over 40 volunteers. Their efforts diverted tons of items from disposal, which saved the town significant

expense. 1000s of items were dropped off by residents and found new users in the Town. Some of these volunteers moved items for redistribution to local charities at no cost to the town. And some of those items were sold by charitable activities in their thrift stores. Some, were donated directly to refugee families and others in need. For seven months the volunteers braved the outdoor elements in the cold, the wind and rain every Saturday. They also hosted Cornell Cooperative Extension sharing information about composting to further reduce trash tonnage. We appreciate their service to our community:

The Board thanked the following volunteers:

Romayne LaBaron	Nan Pardee
Georgia Peach	Alison Rutter
Kelly Haining	Billy Haining
Mary Alice Haining	Christine Pierce
Sally Millier	Kelly Howard
Diane Hawley	Barb Bryant
Paula Conan	Pat Gridley
Cheri Converse	Janice Fabrizio
Kathy Foote	Mary Lou Lee
Ali Perry	Kevin Sio
Tina Muraca	Val Hanbury
Vickie McPeck	Deb Holbein
Jane Stinson	Claudia Smith
Lisa Blystone	Claudia Lamdin
Lucinda Ryan	Joe Steeneck
Nancy Ansteth	Sharron Camp Reed
Imhyang Chung	Nancy Cihon
Val Vecchio	Diane Boden
Leia Depeche	Eileen Roth
John Osborne	Amy Roller

Councilor Legg thanked all the volunteers and said the Swap Shop would be returning in April of 2022.

Supervisor Aaron stated these volunteers did an incredible job. This not only promoted a great atmosphere at the Transfer Station, but it also saved a lot of really wonderful items from going into the landfill and we are forever appreciative of all the work that had been done by these volunteers.

Recognition of Allan Wellington Highway Superintendent: Supervisor Aaron stated Highway Superintendent Allan Wellington is retiring at the end of 2021 and we are sorry to say goodbye to someone who has worked with for 27 years who has not only been a fellow employee but a friend.

Tonight, is Allan's last Town Board meeting. We do want to recognize you for your service not only to the Town but to our community.

“Allan began his appointment with the town in 1994, 27 years ago, Jim Card hired Allan in November 94, and within just a few years he became Jim Card’s foreman.

Alan came by public service naturally; he was born into it. Coming from a family that established themselves here several generations ago, the Wellington's were part of the agriculture community where giving back was just a way of life, helping your neighbors and pitching in when needed. His Mom, Joan added to her community involvement by working at the school for many years. And his dad Lou served on the Town Planning Board for 12 years.

In 2013, Jim Card retired, and Alan ran unopposed for the Highway Superintendent position and ran unopposed again in 2017. Like Jim Card, he oversaw the Water Department and Transfer Station departments in addition to the Highway Department. The respect for Allan spilled over to the Onondaga County Highway Superintendents Association, when they elected him as their president. Adding to this Allan was recently recognized for his 40 years of volunteering with a Skaneateles Fire Department.

In addition to his many duties in these departments, Allan has always pitched in where needed. Whenever things blew up somewhere either at the Town Hall or Conservation Areas or any department, oftentimes, it would be Allan that we called.

Thank you, Alan, for not only overseeing these three departments but supporting your fellow department heads and Town Board and for always answering our calls for help.

Tonight, we are here to thank you for the 27 years of dedicated service to the town of Skaneateles. You have kept the roads and bridges safe, and we appreciate the high work ethic standards that you have always given to your position with the Town. We wish you all the best in your retirement.”

Supervisor Aaron presented a picture of Skaneateles and a Chamber of Commerce gift certificate to Allan Wellington. The Board all thanked him for his service and dedication to the Town.

Highway Superintendent thanked the Board and all the employees of the Town.

Recognition of Councilor Kevin McCormack: Supervisor Aaron stated Councilor McCormack’s is completing his four-year term as a member of the Town Board. It has been a pleasure to get to know and work with Councilor McCormack on many projects over the years.

Councilor McCormack had always been very supportive of the work that the Town Board had done, and he has always expressed amazement on how hard the Town staff worked. He has been a great advocate for recognizing the talents of our work force. Kevin was liaison to both the Assessor and the Court. He also was the liaison to the Eastern Gateway Committee and the Veterans Committee. Councilor McCormack also worked negotiating the Teamsters Union contract and was always willing to give his legal thoughts on many subjects. Supervisor Aaron said that Councilor McCormack was always willing to express his opinions on many subjects that often brought a smile to my face.

Julie, do you mind if I just tone this down a bit. You can tell I was a bit over the top on this. Your decision of course but I am just removing what I think might be better! Supervisor Aaron stated it is not easy being a Town Board member and make the decisions that have to be made.

Sometimes it is a no-win situation. She said I always admire and appreciate someone willing to run for an elected position.

Supervisor Aaron and the Town Board thanked Councilor Kevin McCormack for his four years of hard- work on the Town Board and presented him with a clock recognizing his four years of service.

Councilor McCormack thanked the Board and made the following statement:

"I've really enjoyed my four years on the board. During that time, I have worked with six board members, and I believe that has been very productive. We accomplished many things, including finishing the Sims building, the final steps in the never ending solar panel project, obtaining a favorable five year contract with the Teamster Union employees, making substantial progress toward modernizing the Transfer Station, selling Town property to the library to help them realize their goal of building a new modern library and moving toward a reasonable settlement of the water dispute with the village.

I want to particularly thank the employees of the Town in the office, the Highway Department and the Transfer Station. They all did extraordinary work during the COVID pandemic and keeping the Town running under very difficult circumstances. The people of the Town should be very proud of their employees who represent the finest of public servants. Thank you."

Water Settlement Agreement: Attorney Smith reviewed the settlement agreement. He stated the settlement agreement comes from a lawsuit that was filed by Village earlier this year. The nature of the dispute is whether or not the Town would contribute money towards a capital improvement project the village embarked on involving their water system. The parties disagreed that the town was responsible for contributing towards that project. The last time the Town had a written contract with the village over determining how much money the Town would pay in exchange for purchasing water from the Village expired on May 31, 2010. The origin of these disagreements and the lack of clarity in this relationship came from the fact that for more than a decade, the parties have not had a written agreement.

There are two main documents. One is a settlement agreement which sets forth terms to terminate the lawsuit including Releases and Stipulations of Discontinuance. And then second, a new Town and Village Water Supply Contract that sets forth the terms and rates at which the Town will purchase water from the Village which would be in effect to December 31, 2037.

Attorney Smith stated he believed this agreement benefits the residents and the consolidated water district by avoiding expenses related to further litigation. It sets a reasonable schedule for water rates going forward. And it also clarifies the relationship between the Town and the Village concerning the purchase of water for the future.

Councilor Legg asked Attorney Smith for clarification that Exhibit A in the contract would be added, the map of the consolidated town water districts, and table G would be a chart displaying the agreed upon water rate.

Attorney Smith stated yes, that is correct. There is a one- time increase of the water rates and then it freezes for three years. That recognizes the fact that there has not been a water rate

increase for a decade, and then after that it would increase at a steady small percentage, 2.5 %, each year over time after that three- year freeze.

Councilor Alexander stated this was alot of work. Both parties are not perfectly happy on either side. It was a compromise to get everybody where they needed to be to move forward without continuing unnecessary expensive lawsuits.

Supervisor Aaron thanked the Board and Attorney Smith for all their work on this agreement.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg the following resolution was put forth to the Board:

**RESOLUTION
OF THE TOWN BOARD
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December 20, 2021

WHEREAS, the Village commenced an action entitled *Village of Skaneateles v. Town of Skaneateles*, Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Onondaga Index No. 005755/2020 (the “Action”); and

WHEREAS, the subject matter of the Action concerned the amount of money the Town of Skaneateles (the “Town”) would be required to pay in exchange for water purchased from the Village of Skaneateles (the “Village”); and

WHEREAS, the parties disagreed to what extent, if any, the Town should be required to contribute funds towards a significant capital improvement project undertaken by the Village; and

WHEREAS, the last contract that set agreed upon rates for the purchase of water between the Village and Town expired on May 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, this lack of a contract contributed to the disagreements between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the parties now desire to settle the Action and enter into a new TOWN AND VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT that will expire on December 31, 2037; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board views this agreement to benefit residents in the consolidated water district by avoiding expenses related to further litigation, setting a reasonable schedule for water rates going forward and clarifying the relationship between the Town and Village concerning the purchase of water for the foreseeable future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the new TOWN AND VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT,

Settlement Agreement, Limited Releases and any other document necessary to end the Action upon the terms set forth in those documents.

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

Janet Aaron	Voting	Aye
Courtney Alexander	Voting	Aye
Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Kevin McCormack	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

- *Town Hall Holiday Schedule: Closed Thursday Friday December 24th and Friday January 30th*
- *Transfer Station Holiday Schedule: Closed Saturday December 25th and Saturday January 1st*
- *NYSERDA Payment:* Supervisor Aaron announced we received the \$50,000 NYSERDA grant funding that was to support the purchase of our streetlights which is saving the Town about \$30,000 a year because we changed our streetlight to LED.
- *New York State Comptroller - AIM-Related Payment:* Supervisor Aaron announced the Town received the AIM payment from the NYS Comptroller in the amount of \$33,006.59.

Public Comment:

Erin McCormack commented in regard to some of the first comments made at tonight's meeting. She stated; trust in local government is built on transparency. So, it takes a lot of guts to be transparent about your thoughts, where you stand on issues. It also is important for local government officials to represent the people that they are representing. It is much easier to go with your opinion. It is much easier to keep things kosher and nice and pleasant. I serve on several boards and it is always nicer when things are pleasant. It is very difficult when you don't get along. I just want to commend this Board; they have done an incredible job. My father is Kevin McCormack, and he has put in a lot of work. But it is important to remember it is difficult to be transparent to the public because it leaves you open to comment. But you are here to represent the public. And it is really important to do that. And when letters are written, when you are transparent, it elicits trust, even when people do not agree with you. I just want to make sure we always keep that at the top of our minds. The board has done a great job. Congratulations on your service. I just wanted to make sure we have that in our minds as we go forward. Thank you.

Pat Carroll commented that she had listened to the board and all the comments regarding Local law F of 2021 regarding marijuana dispensaries and about how the Board came to their decision. There was a lot of talk about informational hearings and the research done by the Board. Why didn't the board gather some information that they researched, so the public was aware of what they researched. The Board should taken a pause to give us information. Where do you think these pot dispensaries will go? Would you put them on the gateway to the Village maybe the Villagers do not want that? You think you have control over zoning you do not know that you

have control over zoning. Is your vote contrary to the advice of the Town Attorney? I am an attorney. What is the research I would like to know? She stated that is the issue. I would really like you to take a pause and reintroduce this law again and really reconsider it tonight. You are not losing anything. There is no rush to get in line. Get the right information, have a public forum and tell us how it is not going to impact our feelings. That would be nice. That would be transparent.

Councilor McCormack sated he personally wrote to the School Board, School Superintendent, Chief of Police in the Village and the Fire Department Attorney and Chief I got one response from the Village Chief who expressed his desire to opt out but never said it publicly, I am saying it now. The others never responded.

Pat Carroll asked did the Board reach out to municipalities of the same size. How has it affected your public health? How has it affected crime rates? What does your police chief have to say? Show us the research.

Dessa Bergan thanked Councilor McCormack, He has been listening to the people. He is a representative of the people. And I think he has done a very good job. And he is standing up for what he thinks is right. I think a lot of people in the community are right behind him, especially on this issue.

Chris Buff thanked the Board for their work.

Budget Amendments: On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor McCormack, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following budget amendments for abstract #21-24:

General Fund

\$ 950.00	Increase	010104.01.004.00	Town Board – C/E
\$ 950.00	Decrease	090508.01.008.00	Unemployment

Additional expenses supported by the Town Board

\$ 725.00	Increase	013302.01.002.00	Tax Collector – Equipment
\$ 675.00	Increase	016802.01.002.00	Central Data Processing – Equipment
\$1,500.00	Increase	016804.01.004.00	Central Data Processing – C/E
\$2,900.00	Decrease	019904.01.004.00	Contingency

Tax Collector– new computer, Additional Camara / Sound System – Town Hall, add ’1 licenses

\$ 50.00	Increase	013554.01.004.00	Assessor – C/E
\$ 50.00	Decrease	013554.01.004.58	Assessor – Legal

Rebalance – assessor department

\$ 1,800.00	Increase	016202.01.002.00	Buildings – E/Q
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\$ 1,800.00 Decrease 016202.01.002.93 Buildings – E/Q – Reserve

New Dehumidifier

\$ 1,500.00 Increase 016204.01.004.00 Building – C/E

\$ 1,500.00 Decrease 016201.01.001.00 Building – P/S

Rebalance – due to flooding

\$ 800.00 Increase 033104.01.004.00 Traffic Control – C/E

\$ 29,400.00 Increase 033104.01.004.38 Traffic Control – Support

\$ 30,200.00 Increase 003005.01.000.00 Mtg. Tax

Sign Project – Town Wide

\$ 125.00 Increase 050104.01.004.00 Supt. Of Highway – C/E

\$ 25.00 Increase 051321.01.001.00 Garage – P/S

\$ 150.00 Decrease 051324.01.004.00 Garage – C/E

Re-balance - Garage

General Fund – Cont.

\$ 175.00 Increase 051824.01.004.00 Street Lighting – C/E

\$ 175.00 Decrease 051822.01.002.00 Street Lighting – Equipment

Rebalance – expenses in Street Lighting

\$ 1,900.00 Increase 071104.01.004.52 Summer Rec. – Supplies

\$ 1,900.00 Decrease 071104.01.004.51 Summer Rec. – Fields

Rebalance – expenses within Parks

\$ 1,600.00 Increase 090608.01.008.00 Medical Insurance

\$ 1,600.00 Decrease 090508.01.008.00 Unemployment

Adjust Medical Insurance – due for new hires

Part Town Fund

\$ 45.00 Increase 016704.02.004.00 Central Data Printing

\$ 2,600.00 Increase 080101.02.001.00 Zoning – PS

\$ 5,750.00 Increase 080124.02.004.00 Land Development

\$ 25.00 Increase 080204.02.004.00 Planning – C/E

\$ 1,500.00 Increase 080204.02.004.59 Planning – Engineer

\$ 500.00 Increase 090608.02.008.00 Medical Insurance – C/E

\$10,420.00 Increase 002555.02.000.00 Building Permits

Rebalance with in Part Town – additional Time due to lawsuit

Highway Town Wide Fund

\$ 40,000.00	Increase	051304.03.004.00	Machinery – C/E
\$ 150.00	Increase	090458.03.008.00	Life Insurance
\$ 650.00	Increase	090608.03.008.00	Medical Insurance
\$ 40,800.00	Decrease	051424.03.004.00	Snow Removal – C/E

Rebalance Highway – Engine rebuild

Highway Part Town Fund – cont.

\$ 5,500.00	Increase	051101.04.001.00	General Repair – P/S
\$ 5,500.00	Decrease	051101.04.001.55	General Repair – P/S Equip / Maint.
\$ 160.00	Increase	090558.04.008.00	Disability Insurance
\$ 160.00	Decrease	090608.04.008.00	Medical Insurance

Rebalance with in – fund

Water Consolidated

\$ 8,300.00	Increase	083104.08.004.00	Engineer
\$ 22,000.00	Increase	083204.08.004.00	Source of Supply
\$ 22,000.00	Increase	002140.08.000.00	Metered Water Sales
\$ 8,300.00	Increase	002144.08.000.00	Connection Charges

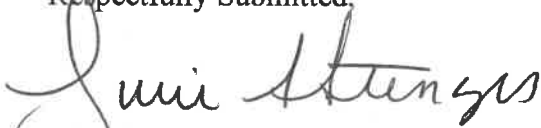
Rebalance within – fund

Abstract #21-24: On a motion of Councilor McCormack, seconded by Councilor Alexander, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers #21-1233 - #21-1336 were authorized from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$ 68,302.57	Highway:	\$ 11,104.56
Water:	\$ 12,486.73	Part Town:	\$ 4,970.31
Highway PT:	\$ 7,346.63	T&A:	\$ 6,227.93
Sewer:	\$ 1,219.79		
TOTAL:	\$ 111,658.52		

On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor Tucker with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A. Stenger
Town Clerk

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

December 20, 2021

WHEREAS, the Village commenced an action entitled *Village of Skaneateles v. Town of Skaneateles*, Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Onondaga Index No. 005755/2020 (the “Action”); and

WHEREAS, the subject matter of the Action concerned the amount of money the Town of Skaneateles (the “Town”) would be required to pay in exchange for water purchased from the Village of Skaneateles (the “Village”); and

WHEREAS, the parties disagreed to what extent, if any, the Town should be required to contribute funds towards a significant capital improvement project undertaken by the Village; and

WHEREAS, the last contract that set agreed upon rates for the purchase of water between the Village and Town expired on May 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, this lack of a contract contributed to the disagreements between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the parties now desire to settle the Action and enter into a new TOWN AND VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT that will expire on December 31, 2037; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board views this agreement to benefit residents in the consolidated water district by avoiding expenses related to further litigation, setting a reasonable schedule for water rates going forward and clarifying the relationship between the Town and Village concerning the purchase of water for the foreseeable future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the new TOWN AND VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT, Settlement Agreement, Limited Releases and any other document necessary to end the Action upon the terms set forth in those documents.

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

Janet Aaron	Voting	Aye
Courtney Alexander	Voting	Aye
Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Kevin McCormack	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Aye


The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated December 20, 2021

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles, Skaneateles, New York on December 20, 2021 the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Aaron	Yes
Councilor Alexander	Yes
Councilor Legg	Yes
Councilor McCormack	Yes
Councilor Tucker	Yes


Julie Stenger
Town Clerk