

Town Board Meeting
December 5, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Lanning, Councilor Brace, Councilor Badami, Councilor Coville, Attorney Smith. Absent: Councilor Howard.

Also Present: Jonathan Monfiletto (Skaneateles Journal), Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Jeff VanBeveren, Doug Hill, Beth Battle, Tara Covert, Anne Redmond, Allan Wellington.

Department Reports

▪*Highway, Water, Transfer Station:* Allan Wellington reported that the Highway Department has plowed 11 times, cut brush along highways, made truck repairs, and picked up limbs due to wind. In the Water Department they made repairs to a hydrant, replaced a pilot valve in a pressure reducing valve pit, cleared snow from hydrants and helped the Town of Elbridge push a water service under a highway. At the Transfer Station he received multiple quotes for a new cardboard baler, pushed back the brush pile to make room for business and had normal operations.

▪*Parks:* Councilor Brace read Sue Murphy's report in which she said they were disassembling the dasher boards, finished taking down trees on State Street. The stumps will be removed when the ground hardens. They are working on winter and summer programs, snowplowed during the recent snowfall and put the snow fence up at the Conservation Area. The Farmers Market is done for the season.

▪*Codes, Planning/Zoning:* Councilor Badami read the reports submitted by Todd Hall and Karen Barkdull showing that Todd issued 8 permits in November and Planning and Zoning have three open projects.

▪*SAVES:* Jeff VanBeveren reported that during July, August and September SAVES responded to 244 calls and 26 additional calls were handled by neighboring ambulance services. The total number of calls to date is 822 and they project they will reach 900 calls by the end of the year topping their 2015 total of 856. Several members of SAVES as well a member of the Fire Department have completed 48 hours of refresher training, required by the NYS Department of Health for maintaining certification. SAVES will be providing CPR/AED Training to 22 employees of the Town of Skaneateles on December 8th in a morning and afternoon session. They met their goal of \$50,000 on their latest fund raising appeal. They are very pleased with the response and liked the way their redesigned campaign performed. They are still struggling with operating funds and expect to have to utilize their reserve investment accounts until they receive the Town's funding in January. They recently signed an agreement with an electrician to convert all of their interior halogen lighting over to LED. This is the first building improvement since moving into their building in 2007. This will be paid for out of their building maintenance fund that was established from very generous donors after the completion of their building.

Councilor Brace said there are NYS incentives that he should check into. Supervisor Lanning suggested calling Shannon Harty at the Village.

Historian: Beth Battle stated that she provided some research for the author of The Fire of Straw and received an autograph copy of his book and that she was mentioned in it. Beth gave her historical report (attached) on the history of dog tags worn by the military.

Public Comment: Janet Aaron said that there was a recent article in the Skaneateles Journal by Jonathan Monfiletto on Village Historian, Jorge Battle's history on Lakeview Cemetery. At the end of the article it mentioned the cannons that were added in 1993 next to the Soldiers and Sailors Monument with funds raised by the community. Charlie Rounds built the historically accurate replicas. Over the years the wheels and carriage needed painting several times. Charlie has always made sure that volunteers were enlisted to help. Mostly boy scouts. This year members of the Robert Hydon Legion and the boy scouts took on the job together, doing the necessary sanding and painting all without press coverage, picture taking or expecting to be thanked. She said it was a great service that they provided.

Resolution #16-278

Cuddy & Ward Proposal: On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Lanning was authorized to sign the Cuddy & Ward proposal in the amount not to exceed \$6,400 to audit the 2016 Town financial records.

Discussion on Future Activities at Austin Park: Councilor Brace said that Sue Murphy suggested pulling together a committee to discuss future programs and activities at Austin Park that would include all user groups plus school, farmers market and community representatives.

Councilor Badami said he likes the way Sue vets requests before submitting approval from the Town Board. He said he feels comfortable with Sue administering the requests but if this is going to be discussed further he would like Sue to be part of the discussion. Councilor Brace agreed but added that the Parks Department needs to know what programs and activities the community is interested in.

Supervisor Lanning said he knows we can plan activities under our current contract with the Village but does not want to give the Village the wrong impression about our decisions with Austin Park until the transfer of ownership is approved.

Tabled.

Resolution #16-279

Transfer Station Reserve Fund Transfer: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the transfer of not to exceed \$13,000 from the Transfer Station Reserve Fund to purchase a cardboard baler, subject to the permissive referendum requirements of Town Law and General Municipal Law was authorized.

Resolution #16-280

Minutes: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of November 17, 2016 were accepted as presented.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

- *Update on Transfer of Austin Park to the Town:* Attorney Smith reported that the Village Attorney has been very helpful and that all paperwork is with the Attorney General. He and the Town Clerk provided documents and information for the submission.
- *Update on Reynolds property forest:* Supervisor Lanning reported the forest at the Reynolds property that the Town owns and used for hunting, wildlife and hiking has become too thick. Robert Davis, Director of Forest Properties with SUNY College of ESF has been retained by the Town to mark trees to be harvested. Mr. Davis reported that he is marking trees and putting the finishing touches on the field work. He is also putting together the bid package and should have something for the Town Board to review by the end of the month.

Councilor Coville asked if this would produce revenue to the Town. Supervisor Lanning said yes.

▪ *Letters of Interest being accepted for positions on the Planning & Zoning Boards:* Supervisor Lanning said that each year a position on the Planning and Zoning Board expires and either the current members are reappointed or a new member is added. The Town has advertised that there are two positions that the Town Board will consider for appointment and they are asking for letters from those interested in the position to be received by December 9th.

Resolution #16-281

Budget Amendments/Adjustments: On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following budget amendments were authorized:

Part Town

\$ 75.00	Increase	080204.02.004.65	Planning – C/E – Advertising
\$ 75.00	Decrease	080204.02.004.00	Planning – C/E

Add'l costs associated with Newspaper Public Notices

Water – EW1

\$ 525.00	Increase	090308.08.008.00	Social Security – (Town)
\$ 525.00	Decrease	083104.08.004.00	Water Admin. – C/E

Add'l use of Manpower by Town Employees

Resolution #16-282

Abstract #16-23: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, voucher #16-659 to voucher #16-1723 was authorized from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$53,421.88	Part Town:	\$ 5,118.83
Highway:	\$38,063.72	Lighting:	\$ 1,753.21
Water:	\$ 1,636.61	Water #5:	\$ 6.25
Sewer #6:	\$ 3.57	T & A:	\$ 233.86
Highway P/T:	\$35,693.79		

Total: \$135,931.72

Public Comment: Beth Batlle said not to forget to add an archeological dig at Austin Park for the kids. Supervisor Lanning said he has not forgotten.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk