

Town Board Meeting
May 19, 2016
6:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Peter Buehler, Dana Pickering, Courtney Alexander, Pam Kirk, Janet DeFalco, Steve Ladd, Candy Searing, Cecil Nelson, Deb Holbein, Joe Pitman, Liz Belinski, Chris Legg, Janet Calipari, Bill Pavlus, Ken Slentz, Julie Abbott Kenan, Allan Wellington, Dick Searing, Rob Howard, Jake Calipari, Kristie Clancy, Jennifer Orsen, Kerry Porter, Sue Murphy, Julie Stenger, Bridgett Winkelman, Karen Barkdull, Katherine Estes, Molly Stanton, Dan Tierney, Makenzie Keller, Joy Lopiccolo

Department Reports

Highway, Water, Transfer Station: Allan Wellington reported that the Highway Department was cleaning roadside ditches and rebuilding shoulders. They graded the driveway at the Conservation Area and did equipment repairs. In the Water Department they flushed hydrants in water district #3, finished installing a new water service at the Jordan Road Bridge project and installed a new water main along Britcher Road. At the Transfer Station the entrance was regraded and seeded; repairs were made to the recycling compactor and general maintenance to the grounds and equipment.

Parks: Sue Murphy reported that the Farmers Market started today and it was a great first day. They are cleaning the rink including the ceiling for upcoming events. They are replacing two wooden benches at the playground with two metal ones. PlayDay registrations have begun. SAVES will be doing CPR/AED/First Aid training for some of the PlayDay counselors this Saturday. Town coverage at the NYS Boat Launch will begin this Saturday through Monday for the Memorial weekend. They are continuing to weed and mow at Austin Park, Mottville, Mandana, the Conservation Area and Skaneateles Falls Park.

Budget: Bridgett Winkelman reported that she billed Water #3 and just finished the 10th payroll for the year. She learned the new state bid process on the three 2017 S250 pick-up trucks for the Parks, Transfer Station and Highway Departments.

Fire Department: Pete Buehler reported that they have 5 trainings in May and three meetings. They have received four applications for the RAM (Restricted Age Member) program for those students within the Skaneateles School District. Two applicants reside within the Skaneateles Fire District and two in the Mottville Fire District. Pictures were displayed of siding and insulation added to Station #2 (Coon Hill) along with new electrical service. Station #3 (Mandana) is slated to receive the same improvements over the course of the summer. Water Rescue 2 is in service. The Skaneateles Country Club has again allowed the SFD to utilize their dock for the upcoming season. Water Rescue 1 (SeaDoo) donated by Ingles Marina in Phoenix will be delivered shortly and will be ready to respond from Station #1. Labor Day is being planned and musical acts have been signed and paid through generous donors to the SFD. Field days will be held on Saturday, September 3rd to Sunday, September 4th. Tickets are still available for the High Stakes Money Drawing.

Public Comments:

Courtney Alexander representing the Skaneateles Nursery School thanked the Town Board for the time and effort they have given to find a way to preserve the Austin Pavilion that holds many memories and will continue to serve the community. The renovation is an investment in the community which in her opinion is priceless.

Julie Abbott Kenan said she has a three year old in the Nursery School program and is very thankful for the time and effort the Town Board has dedicated to this project. She was here in February when Supervisor Lanning said go and enroll your kids which she did. She appreciates their dedication and holding to their word.

Resolution #16-116

Reschedule Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law 2016-B: On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the public hearing on Introductory Local Law 2016-B was rescheduled to 7 p.m. on June 2, 2016.

Resolution #16-117

Appointment of Assessor: Supervisor Lanning reported that our current Assessor, Linda Wright resigned effective May 31, 2016. Councilor Howard, Linda Roche and Supervisor Lanning interviewed several qualified candidates and they are recommending Michael Maxwell who will work part time (2 ½ day/week). He is a certified Assessor with NYS Real Property Tax Services.

Councilor Brace made a motion, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board to appoint Michael Maxwell to the part time position of Assessor, to work approximately 2 ½ days a week at a salary of \$40,000 beginning June 1, 2016 and going through September 30, 2019.

Resolution #16-118

Certificate of Appreciation – Patricia Snyder/Outreach Coordinator: Supervisor Lanning presented a certificate of appreciation to Patricia Snyder who resigned as Outreach Coordinator after servicing in that position since 2007. He stated:

“Pat started working in the Outreach Office in December 2007. She and Jacque provided confidential support to many families in our community who for one reason or another were facing difficult times. The support could be in the form of paying a heat bill or paying for a child to participate in a school activity. In addition this department took over the Loan Closet when Dispatch closed and they spend countless hours making sure that medical equipment is distributed to the needs of the community. However, one of Pat’s solo projects was the back to school program. Here she made sure that each of the average 40 students got everything that they asked for on their list of requirements that each teacher needed them to have. In addition she and Jacque worked tirelessly to make sure between 35 and 40 families with an average of 100 kids were given a wonderful Christmas despite the hard times the family was having. For each of these programs Pat would do a tremendous amount of shopping and you never wanted to get behind her in line when she was checking out.

Thank you Pat for over eight years of service to the residents of our community. Your kindness and compassion will be greatly missed.”

Austin Pavilion Renovation Bids: Attorney Kristy Frame said one of the requirements under Wicks Law for public contractors is the submission of a sealed list of subcontractors and the amount to be paid to each. Some bids had the sealed list and some didn't. The low bid did not. The Board will adjourn to Executive Session at the end of the meeting to obtain attorney advice on the bids received.

The Board agreed that they were disappointed that the bids were higher than the \$100,000, the amount they hoped it would be.

Councilor Howard said she does not think it is a reason to back off this project. The building needs to be renovated so that it is useful to the community and to a homeless nursery school.

Supervisor Lanning said that the Town would gain a new office for the Parks Department and would receive a lease payment from the nursery school for a return on the Town's investment.

Councilor Brace said that this is a good investment for the long haul that will create useful community spaces and add lighting efficiency. There will be improvements for the organizations that currently use the facility such as the Fire Department, Rotary and the Methodist Church.

Councilor Coville said that this is an improvement to public property and that the building should continue to be improved for the community use.

Councilor Badami supports the improvements saying that you are taking an asset and making it immediately available for the tenant and community as a whole. This is a community asset. He said that the Town went through the bid process and received six bids and the prices are what they are. This needs to be done.

Councilor Brace said that the low bid is a very reputable company and combined with Gene Laforte who is the Clerk of the Works she believes that this project will be done very well.

Supervisor Lanning recognized Ken Slentz, School Superintendent who was in attendance and said he appreciated the school's support of the Austin Pavilion renovation project and the need for a home for the nursery school.

Resolution #16-118

Clift Park Use Request From Dick Searing: Dick Searing said this is his 13th year of triathlon coaching in Skaneateles. His program has been approved by the Town and Village for the past five years. He is again requesting permission to utilize Clift Park for the purpose of conducting a 2016 summer triathlon training program. He would use Clift Park weekday mornings at 6 a.m. which includes use of the swim area as soon as the water temperatures allow same. He is also requesting the use of Clift Park swim area on Monday evenings for open water swim sessions which will commence at 6:30 p.m. after the swim area closes to the public. He has provided proof of insurance.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Dick Searing was allowed use of Clift Park and the swim area as outlined.

Resolution #16-119

Multi Use Trail Committee Updates: Supervisor Lanning said that the Town Board is in receipt of many letters and spirited conversations. The majority of letters from residents north of the Charlie Major Nature Trail do not want the trail to continue north. They are in support of the trail going south to the Village.

Candy Searing, Chair of the Multi Use Trail Committee presented an update (attached) that the committee supports the priority of extending the Charlie Major Trail southward to the Village and Councilor Brace has reached out to Trustee Eriksen to begin discussions. They would like to look at ways to implement the multi-use trail in the area between Skaneateles Falls and the Elbridge Town line that aligns with the work that will be done to improve the playground area in the Falls. They would also recommend standing by SMTC to facilitate community meetings, and supporting fact finding and data gathering related to the overall scope of work that they requested in their successful application.

Councilor Brace suggested studying the Skaneateles Falls area. This would be just a study with community outreach to add walkability to that area.

Supervisor Lanning said there are other areas that should be considered such as Genesee Street east to the Town property behind Grace Chapel and then to the Conservation Areas. Also the Mable Reynolds property. He said the Town Attorney is still researching whether the Town owns the old railroad bed property or has an easement.

Councilor Howard said she researched with the Assessor to make sure residents were not being taxed for the railroad bed property and found they were not. The correct property description was indicated for properties on Railroad Street.

Supervisor Lanning said he is happy that the Town is moving forward to obtain an easement on the City of Syracuse property south of the Charlie Major Nature Trail to Old Seneca Turnpike. There is no opposition to this.

Councilor Howard said she is not in favor of limiting the SMTC study that will provide \$50,000 to \$100,000 in professional studies for safety and long reaching planning. Nothing has to be implemented. She believes it is a mistake to limit the scope.

Supervisor Lanning said the railroad ended at Hart Lot then you have six miles of private property to try to get the trail to Weedsport.

Councilor Brace said that there is no walkability between Skaneateles Falls and Mottville. She supports the opportunity to look at alternatives to walking in the road. She asked the Board to consider reducing the study to Skaneateles Falls and from the Charlie Major Nature Trail south to the Village so that appropriate decisions can be made and accessibility provided from professional studies.

Supervisor Lanning said he represents the will of the people and he does not want to force on them what they don't want. People want the trail to go south and it should not be forced on Mottville.

Councilor Brace said this is not being forced, it is just a study and provides opportunities for discussion. The property is a Town asset and she said the Board represents the entire community.

Councilor Badami said that he opposes any effort to utilize the railroad bed and he does not see the point of running the trail through personal space. He is in favor of looking at sidewalks and bike access as long as the railroad bed is off the table and to study the two aspects.

Councilor Brace said she agrees and would support looking at bike trails and sidewalks in Skaneateles Falls and south of the Charlie Major Trail. She is also opposed to going through personal property.

Councilor Howard said she also is not in favor of using the railroad bed that goes close to private property. She is in favor of making Railroad Street safer.

Supervisor Lanning made a motion to change the focus of the SMTC study to only go from the Charlie Major Nature Trail south to the Village.

Councilor Badami asked to hear comments from those in attendance.

Deb Holbein said that they want this to end and to be left alone. She said this is hurting the people in Mottville and she wants it to stop. She said that letters were written and asked that the Town Board leave them alone.

Bill Pavlus said that he has speeding cars past his property and trash on the roadside. He supports Mottville not wanting this.

Councilor Coville said that the Town should move forward south to the Village and not go north.

On the motion of Supervisor Lanning to change the focus of the SMTC study to go only south of the Charlie Major Nature Trail, Councilor Coville seconded the motion.

Councilor Howard	No
Councilor Brace	Yes
Councilor Badami	Yes
Councilor Coville	Yes
Supervisor Lanning	Yes

Carried 4-1

Resolution #16-120

Authorizing Creating Two Positions with Civil Service:

Clerk in Assessor Office: On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Clerk was authorized to submit a request to Onondaga County Department of Personnel to create a part time clerk position in the Assessor's Office.

Resolution #16-121

Outreach Coordinator Assistant: A motion was made by Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Brace to authorize the Town Clerk to submit a request to the Onondaga County Department of Personnel to create a part time assistant in the Outreach Office.

Councilor Howard	Yes
Councilor Brace	Yes
Councilor Badami	Yes
Councilor Coville	No
Supervisor Lanning	Yes

Carried 4-1

Resolution #16-122

Authorization – Hire Part Time Seasonal Parks Employees: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following Lifeguards, PlayDay Counselor and Parks Laborer were hired for the season:

Lifeguards: Gabriella Capozza, Theresa Dristle, Kevin Danaher

PlayDay Counselors: Abigale Fallon

Parks Laborer/Lifeguard: Brendan Dickerson

Resolution #16-123

Authorizing Defibrillator – Highway Department: On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, authorization was given to purchase a defibrillator for the Highway Department in the amount of \$1,524.35.

Resolution #16-124

Schedule Mandana Hamlet Meeting: On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, a Hamlet Meeting was scheduled at the Mandana Inn at 7 p.m. on June 22, 2016.

Resolution #16-125

Schedule Skaneateles Falls Park Follow Up Meeting: On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board a follow up meeting was schedule for 7 p.m. June 14, 2016 at the Skaneateles Falls Legion to discuss the Skaneateles Falls Park.

Village Municipal Parking Lot: Supervisor Lanning said that the Village municipal parking lot was repaved and repainted and that there will be no more 2-hour free parking. The red stripes in back of the Town Hall are for the Town Hall parking.

Resolution #16-126

Office of Children & Family Services Application: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Lanning was authorized to sign the application for \$815 in PlayDay assistance with the Office of Children & Family Services.

Minutes:

Resolution #16-127

May 5, 2016: On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of May 5, 2016 were accepted as presented.

Resolution #16-128

May 11, 2016: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the minutes of May 11, 2016 were accepted as presented.

Resolution #16-129

Additional Members To Transfer Tax Committee: Councilor Howard recommended adding Paul Torrasi and Holly Gregg to the Transfer Tax Committee.

On a motion of councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Badami, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Paul Torrasi and Holly Gregg were added to the Transfer Tax Committee.

Resolution #16-130

Changing Name of Transfer Tax Committee: Councilor Howard made a motion to change the name of the Transfer Tax Committee to the Community Preservation Committee. Seconded by Councilor Brace.

Supervisor Lanning said he did not believe this was transparent and should remain Transfer Tax Committee.

Councilor Coville and Councilor Badami said it is a tax and the word tax should be kept in the name.

Councilor Howard amended her motion to change the name of the Transfer Tax Committee to the Community Preservation Tax Committee. Seconded by Councilor Brace.

Councilor Howard	Yes
Councilor Brace	Yes
Councilor Badami	Yes
Councilor Coville	No
Supervisor Lanning	No

Carried 3-0

Resolution #16-131

Committee to Consider Moving Town Hall: Supervisor Lanning said that Curt Coville had asked if he could form a committee to look at moving Town Hall and that the committee would include Mary Sennett, Tim Johnson and Bob Harris. Other names could be added later.

On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board it was authorized to form a committee to consider moving the

Town Hall and to approve Curt Coville as Chair with members Mary Sennett, Tim Johnson and Bob Harris.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

- Letters Regarding Multi Use Trail:* Supervisor Lanning thanked everyone for their input.
- Charlie Major Nature Trail CleanUp Day:* As pictures were being displayed Councilor Brace said that it was a beautiful day with help from the cub scouts, and Karen Price and her students along with donuts provided by the Skaneateles Bakery. They worked hard to remove trash that had accumulated over decades.

Supervisor Lanning said that a better job of maintenance needs to be done so that it isn't just once a year. Councilor Howard said she walks the trail several times a week and rarely sees overflowing trash. Major repairs have been done to fix the erosion on the trail and mowing is done regularly. The Highway Department did major rebuilding near one of the bridges where there was erosion and the Parks Department added new planks on a bridge. Councilor Brace said she did not agree that it wasn't maintained. The Parks Department regularly works there.

- FEMA Letter:* Supervisor Lanning said that this is the Town Board's responsibility to enact the updated floodplain regulations.
- Onondaga County DOT May 23rd utility meeting*
- Onondaga County DOT Letter Outlining Bridge Projects Including the Jordan Road Bridge.*

Resolution #16-132

Budget Amendments/Adjustments: On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following budget adjustments were authorized:

General Fund

\$ 950.00	Increase	014604.01.004.00	Records Mgmt. – C/E
\$ 950.00	Decrease	000909.14.000.00	Unreserved Fund Balance
Final costs to close State Grant awarded for scanning Town documents			
\$ 325.00	Increase	071104.01.004.63	Nature Trail Improvements
\$ 325.00	Decrease	071104.01.004.52	Summer Rec. – C/E – Supplies
Stone for walking path bed – Charlie Major Nature Trail			

Resolution #16-133

Abstract #16-10: On a motion of Councilor Coville seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board voucher #16-0586 to #16-0675 were authorized to be paid from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$51,204.56	Part Town:	\$ 2,426.82
Highway:	\$ 7,331.65	Highway P/T:	\$ 5,637.98
Street Lights:	\$ 531.00	Water:	\$ 3,821.81
Sewer:	\$ 324.46	Sewer #6:	\$ 36.70
T & A:	\$ 5,566.48		

Total: \$76,881.46

Public Comments: Courtney Jones questioned if the Town Board would vote on the bids after Executive Session. Supervisor Lanning said that they do expect to vote after receiving legal counsel.

Resolution #16-134

Executive Session: On a motion of councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami the Town Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the Austin Park Renovation bids.

Resolution #16-135

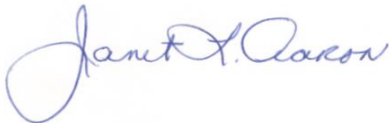
Open Meeting: On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville, the meeting was returned to open session at 8:45 p.m.

Resolution #16-136

Austin Park Renovation Bids: On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the bid of Zausmer, Frisch Scruton & Aggarwal in the amount of \$159,000 for renovations of the Austin Pavilion was accepted, and waiving the technical tardiness of the subcontractor list that was not received at the bid opening but was received before the bid was opened and noting that the subcontract list, by law, could not be opened until the bid was awarded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk