

Town Board Meeting
March 6, 2017
6:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: JoAnne Gagliano, Randy Nonemacher, Ken Burdick, Jonathan Monfiletto (Skaneateles Press), Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Journal), Rob Howard, Janice Miller, Larry Pardee, Allan Wellington, Bridgett Winkelman, Gene LaForte, Nancy Murray, Tara Covert, Sue Murphy, Beth Battle, John Camp, John Langey.

Department Reports

Highway, Water, Transfer Station: Allan Wellington reported that the plows have been out five times since the last Board meeting and 103 times for the season. They have made equipment repairs, cleaned up fallen tree limbs, fixed potholes and replaced faded road signs. In the Water Department they performed meter readings and equipment maintenance. At the Transfer Station they set up a new garbage compactor, distributed tipping and hauling contract packets and loaded mulch for DeMarco Landscaping.

Parks Department: Sue Murphy reported that PlayDay information was sent out to parents that registered their children last year. All the information is on the website. Counselor and lifeguard applications are being received. Four of the six tennis court nets are up and they are waiting to repair the posts on the other two before putting up those nets. New bleachers have been ordered.

Codes/Planning/Zoning: Councilor Badami reported that the Codes Office issued six permits and the Planning & Zoning Departments have six open projects.

Budget: Bridgett Winkelman said she completed the 5th payroll for the year and billed water district #1. Cuddy & Ward is completing the audit and will be presenting an overview to the Town Board at an upcoming meeting.

Historian: Beth Battle reported on the life of Harriet Lorinda Knox who moved to Skaneateles when she was one year old in 1874 and had a remarkable career in the medical field working until she was 87 years old. She is the only women's name on the Spanish American War plaque in Shotwell Park because of her medical services during the war. (see attached report).

Resolution #17-050

Minutes: On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the minutes of February 23, 2017 were accepted as presented.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Janice Miller – Updates to the Sims Building: Architect Janice Miller presented the third version of the plan (submitted with 3/1/17 proposal) for replacing the Sims building. Janice met with Councilor Brace, Gene Laforte and Sue Murphy to update the plan. This plan expands the building about two feet in each direction allowing for larger toilet rooms. The original janitor's closet has now been changed and increased in size to a first aide room with a refrigerator, a counter and storage for the PlayDay Counselors. There will also be a mop sink. She is thankful for the work Sue did to provide the list of products and equipment that they need so that all will

fit. She said the outside of the building is the same composite with stone. It has an Adirondack look. They are using durable finishes. The walls will be glazed CMU, sealed concrete floors, and stainless steel sinks and toilets. A water fountain will be in front of the building. The building will not be heated and all plumbing will be in the storage room and easily accessible for maintenance and seasonal draining. There are drains in the floor. The building is 28'x 32' or approximately 1,000 square feet. The roof will be pitched. There will be exterior security cameras and security lighting. The front porch roof overhang has been extended to accommodate picnic tables.

Janice Miller said that engineering services are not in her proposal but she would recommend including an engineer on this project.

Councilor Howard asked if there was a time limit for the \$80,000 grant. Supervisor Lanning said normally three years.

Councilor Brace said that she is happy with the concept but would like to see what the budget will be to build this building before additional services are approved. She would like to know if the Town can afford to build this building before we proceed and she said we should have an idea of the time frame to build it.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the third version (3/1/17) of the Sims building replacement building was accepted as presented and tabling for consideration the March 1, 2017 proposal from Janice Miller to complete the project until the budget for the new building is submitted.

Supervisor Lanning said that the cost of the building will be presented at the next meeting on March 20, 2017.

Attorney Smith said that once the Town Board gets closer to a definitive decision SEQR should be done and suggested doing it at the next meeting.

Resolution #17-051

NYSDEC Joint Application Form – Chemically Treat Non-Native Phragmites at lower beaver pond at Skaneateles Conservation Area: Supervisor Lanning said that the application is to treat Phragmites which is an invasive species and is taking over the wetlands. The reeds can get as tall as 20 feet with long tassels. The Conservation Committee is recommending that the Town apply for this permit in order to spray Glyphosate to control the spread. He said the beavers are no longer there and the pond has basically dried up. He questioned if this permit was just for the lower area by the pond or did it also include the area at the Transfer Station.

Randy Nonemacher, Chair of the Conservation Committee said that this permit is for any land that is within 100 feet of the designated wetland. He said that he will find out how much the additional area will cost. He also said if you wait too long you won't be able to get it done this summer. In late summer is when it is the driest. The Phragmites are very dense and very little spray would end up on the ground and it won't end up in the water. This permit is required for spraying within 100 feet of a wetland. Any Phragmites in water has to be treated differently and would require a separate permit. The spray would be applied by George Spak who has done

work at Baltimore Woods, the Finger Lakes Land Trust and NYS Parks. He is well known and trusted by the NYSDEC.

Whitney Lash-Marshall, Executive Director of Baltimore Woods Nature Center holds a PH.D in Environmental & Natural Resource Policy from SUNY-ESF. She is also an Adjunct Professor with ESF. She helped last year with the Conservation Area Management Plan. She said George Spak does a lot of work with Central NY Parks region and a lot of the privately owned land trust properties. She said that Mr. Spak is one of few fully certified NYS Herbicide applicators. Usually Phragmite remediation requires a two-step approach. If there are not too many plants then he would first cut the stalks and do drops of herbicide down the stalk that carries it through the plant to the roots. In this case the Phragmite infestation is denser and this approach will not work. In this case the application of the spray is with a controlled nozzle and the NYS regulations state that you cannot apply enough so that it is dripping off the plant. It is a very light mist going on to the leaves and the plant itself. She said the first treatment should eradicate 80-90% in the first year. She said that after the first year application then a reassessment is done and usually a second year of spraying is required and then a third year to monitor to see what comes back.

Supervisor Lanning said that this is not an easy decision because there are concerns about the use of Glyphosate and the accumulation in animals. He said no one wants to see pesticides used in a conservation area. He noted that Dr. Marybeth Carlberg submitted a letter with her concerns.

Councilor Howard read Dr. Carlberg's letter (attached). She also read a quote from Dr. Don M. Huber, Professor Emeritus, Purdue University that stated "It is well established in the scientific literature that glyphosate disrupts the endocrine hormone system, and is toxic to liver and kidney tissues, a strong mineral chelator, and a potent antibiotic that kills essential microorganisms in the gastro-intestinal tract. The levels observed in breast milk and urine in the preliminary survey indicate that intake of this chronic toxin is highly biologically significant and almost 100 times the amounts documented in peer-reviewed scientific studies to cause birth defects, kidney and liver damage, hormonal disruption, and predispose to cancer. Much higher levels of glyphosate in breast milk than urine indicate a concentration factor that can especially compromise the health and development of an infant through direct toxicity, deprivation of essential mineral nutrients, and dysbiosis of the microbiome essential for immune, neural and physical development. Additional testing is the health and well-being of an entire generation."

Councilor Howard said that what it means to her is that the studies are not complete and there is preliminary information that really causes concern. She understands that it is not a direct application to water but she said we have no control over Mother Nature and flooding. She said the half-life can be several months and is shorter in soil and longer in water. In her estimation it is a choice between two evils. She said she does not want Phragmites to choke out Gully Road but she also doesn't want to potentially put a chemical and herbicide that could possibly be a carcinogen in the water. That water does go into Nine Mile Creek.

Ken Burdick said that he comes from a background of preservation of species, habitats, etc. He works at Baltimore Woods and recently moved from Skaneateles to Elbridge. He said that the Town Board should look to see how much Glyphosates is used on farmlands particularly the

farms above this area. The normal agriculture process is to clear the land by using Glyphosates and it is applied by spraying at 30 to 60 pounds per 4-acre plot. He said that the point is that enough is going on in these fields that is quite significant compared to what is being proposed in the wetland. He does know that left alone, Phragmites will wipe out that whole wetland if something isn't done. There could be an impact on the salamander population.

Supervisor Lanning said that he learned at the NYSDEC conferences that wildlife will not go through it, they have to go around it. He said that he has to trust that having a professional application will minimize the impact. He appreciates the health concerns and said the Board has a decision to make if that valley area will be allowed to be consumed by it. He said the decision tonight is whether or not we approve the application. Another discussion will have to be held if the application is approved before the spraying is done.

Councilor Howard questioned if the Phragmites will come back. Randy Nonemacher said yes. It will have to be monitored.

Supervisor Lanning asked if there was a way to determine the quantity that will be required to cover this area and the ratio compared to the agriculture community.

Randy Nonemacher said that the application is for 110 gallons of solution mixed with water with a solution of 1.5% or 2 gallons of concentrate.

Whitney Lash-Marshall said that if this is approved and the spraying is done, NYSDEC will want to know what happens after. Restoring the area with native plants will be an important step as to what comes next. Because of the density of the Phragmites, it is hard to do any other kind of land management without getting rid of what is there first. Everything will depend on how it reacts to the first application.

Randy Nonemacher said if something is not done now then the whole area will be covered with Phragmites and then it will take major treatments at that point.

Councilor Brace complimented Randy Nonemacher, Whitney Lea-Marshall and Ken Burdick for being here tonight. This is a very difficult decision. She feels like there is not a lot of choice in this matter and she is relying on the professionalism of the people that the Town is hiring and the oversight that will be given that this will be a controlled contained use of this application. Councilor Coville agreed 100%.

Supervisor Lanning made a motion seconded by Councilor Coville to authorize Supervisor Lanning to sign the joint application to the NYSDEC to treat the non-native Phragmites that are growing in the wetland surrounding the lower beaver pond at the Skaneateles Conservation Area.

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

Resolution #17-052

6:30 Public Hearing – Formation of the West Lake Sewer District #1: Attorney Smith said that there are areas in the Town where water and sewer districts were extended by simple handshake deals where a formal district was not formed. This is one of those areas where the sewer district was extended informally. The property owners petitioned to have a district established for a couple of reasons. One reason is that the existing sewer pipes are leaking and pose threat to the property and the lake. The second reason is that without a district it is not advantageous to them or the Town. From the Town's point of view they can't use their taxing authority to collect unpaid fees. From the residents point of view they don't have a lot of certainty regarding service going forward and for maintenance. The petition states that the old line will be removed and a new one installed and the cost will be borne entirely by the property owners. Bonding and the Comptrollers approval will not be required. Town funds would not be expended. This district would have four properties.

Attorney for the applicants, John Langey said the four properties start with the Country Club and move across to the Lakelawn LLC (Mezzalingua property), to Parkers, then to a portion of the Kenans property and then to a Village manhole.

Attorney Smith reviewed the procedure. He said that the property owners submitted a petition. After that the Town Board performed a SEQRA review and scheduled a public hearing for tonight. After the public hearing is completed the Town Board will be in a position to decide on the establishment of this sewer district. The Town Board is in receipt of a proposed resolution. He referred to the bottom of page 3 and top of page 4 of the resolution, stating that this language actually creates the district. The Town Board has to make the determination that all the property owners in the district are benefited by the sewer district, and whether the creation of the sewer district is in the public interest.

Supervisor Lanning said it is important to note that this is an existing line (1950 vintage) that is failing. It is a great asset to the community to protect Skaneateles Lake water and any time the Town can have community infrastructure that is paid for by the petitioners, he is in favor of that.

Supervisor Lanning said that this public hearing is to consider the formation of the proposed West Lake Sewer District #1 in the Town of Skaneateles which if formed, would service four parcels. The proposed district would be at no cost to the Town as all improvements will be constructed and funded by the petitioners. He noted receipt of the Affidavit of posting dated February 7, 2017 and the Affidavit of publication dated February 15, 2017 and asked if anyone wished to have it read. With no one making that request Councilor Coville made a motion, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, to open the public hearing.

Supervisor Lanning asked if anyone wished to speak in favor, in opposition or have any comment regarding this proposed sewer district.

Dessa Bergan questioned if allowing this to become a formal sewer district did it give the Rustons opportunities to reopen their previous lawsuit against the Town. Attorney Smith said he

wasn't familiar with the lawsuit. Supervisor Lanning said that the Town prevailed in that lawsuit.

Attorney Langey said that the Rustons divested themselves of the property and it becomes another benefit of what Mr. Mezzalingua is doing as it closes the notion that there would ever be a future subdivision of the property. The prior owner no longer has any legal interest in the property.

Supervisor Lanning questioned if the old pipe is completely removed and a new one added and is there any environmental concern. JoAnn Gagliano from EDR said that the old pipe is abandoned and the new one will be in a slightly different location but within the easement. There is not an environmental concern.

Supervisor Lanning asked about the impact on trees. JoAnn Gagliano said this is the reason they came back to look at this application again. The only tree that is being lost is on the Parkers property. It is a Norway Maple which is an invasive plant. It is amongst some very large sugar maples where they are trying to get the lines as far away from them as possible. This has increased the cost of construction but will get the construction away from the trees.

Supervisor Lanning referred to the District Plan and noted that the blue line is the district boundary, the green line is the only public portion of the sewer district. Supervisor Lanning questioned if what is considered the "gatehouse" will be part of the district. Joann said that the gatehouse already has service off of another sewer line.

Councilor Brace questioned if only the green line on the plan is the public part of the sewer line, then how does the yellow line coming from the County Club cross private property. Attorney Langey said they worked with the Country Club from the beginning and there are a series of easements that have been provided that will reciprocate back and forth between the property owners. Attorney Smith said that the easements will ultimately be conveyed to the Town.

Attorney Langey said in addition there will be an access easement provided to the Town and Village that will go over Lakelawn property to provide access to the actual line itself. Attorney Smith said the reason it goes to the Village as well is that the Village will be the ones that have to do maintenance in case something should happen.

John Camp said that the Town will only be responsible for the green line (shown on the district map) and the yellow line will be the responsibility of the Country Club.

Supervisor Lanning questioned if there would be individual grinders at each parcel. Joanne Gagliano said no. She said a force main would run through Lakelawn LLC and it is a gravity system that runs across Parkers and Kenans. There are some pumps, etc. on the private side at Mezzalinguas. John Camp said those pumps will not be the responsibility of the Town. He said during the preliminary work on this project they worked very hard to make sure the Town was not accepting responsibility for any of the mechanical equipment that is part of this, just the gravity sewer.

Councilor Brace asked how the boundaries were arrived at across the Mezzalingua property. John Camp said that they specifically asked that the new district boundary be pulled away from the road because there is other sewer infrastructure in that road that the City of Syracuse has historically owned and operated. There is no district there so this district was offset so that at some point if the City of Syracuse established a district there would not be a conflict.

Supervisor Lanning asked if there are agreements with the Village because it is their sewer system. Attorney Langey said that part of what the Town is doing tonight, if the Town Board approves the district formation, is to authorize an Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the property owners, the Town of Skaneateles and the Village of Skaneateles. He asked the Board to consider authorizing the Supervisor to execute this agreement subject to Attorney Smith final review and acceptance.

Attorney Smith said that he has reviewed the MOU and has discussed it with the Village Attorney. Changes were made on Friday that Attorney Langey has accepted. He said the MOU effectuates a few of the things that have been discussed. It is essentially the nuts and bolts. He referred to page #2 which outlines the pre-construction meeting requirement; page #3 describes the facilities; page #4 goes into the drainage and erosion control methods; page #6 is developer's warranties, maintenance period, final acceptance by the Town and developer's liability; page #7 is indemnity, hold harmless and security requirements; page #8 & #9 insurance requirements including worker's compensation and liability. The MOU will be between Lakelawn LLC, the Town of Skaneateles and the Village of Skaneateles. This document creates the framework for the actual construction activities and the conveyance of the easements.

Attorney Smith reviewed the two steps being considered by the Board. The first is the resolution creating the district which goes through the legal test that all the property and property owners within the proposed sewer district formation are benefitted; that all of the property and the property owners benefitted are included within the limits of the proposed sewer district formation; and that it is in the public interest to grant in whole the relief sought. Attorney Smith said that the public interest would be the protection of the lake. The second document for the Board to consider is the MOU.

Supervisor Lanning questioned if the Town billed for sewer services. Bridgett Winkelman said that they are currently billed through the Village but once this becomes a Town district the Town will bill the property owners.

Councilor Brace questioned how the O & M expenses are determined and are they based on volume? Attorney Smith while referring to John Camp, said he believes the Map, Plan and Report includes a sewer charge and that rate is something that the Director of Municipal Operations, Shannon Harty signed off on and is equivalent to what customers pay in the Village.

John Camp said he has not been given those documents to review including the MOU. He said some of the engineering details are still being worked through that should not effect the boundary of the district. The Town Planning Board has already established an escrow account with Lakelawn LLC and as soon as it is funded again they will conduct a review of the engineering plans and the rest of the documents regarding the O & M costs and other things.

Bridgett Winkelman said that funds have been added to that escrow account. John Camp said he would begin his engineering review.

Attorney Smith said on page #2 of the Map, Plan and Report and the annual O & M costs would be \$6.25 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption. This charged will be billed monthly.

Allan Wellington questioned John Camp regarding that part of the existing sewer line is close to a residential foundation. John said that is one of the details they have looked at and the most recent version of the plan pulls that line a reasonable distance away from that foundation. JoAnne Gagliano said that the line was angled away from the foundation so maintenance could be done in the future.

John Camp said again, that some of the final engineering details still need to be worked through and he recommends that the sewer rates are clear in order for Bridgett to do the billing. He wants to be sure that all the details are being reviewed by all the appropriate parties.

Supervisor Lanning questioned if those details will change the MOU.

Attorney Smith if there are additional details the Town could have a separate MOU with the Village. John Camp questioned if there was a statement in the MOU about the sewer charge.

Attorney Langey said that the MOU is really about the construction of the district. The charges would normally be determined by the Town Board when they set their rates whether it is this district or another district. Attorney Langey suggested that if the Town Board does authorized Supervisor Lanning to sign the MOU it should be subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney and Town Engineer.

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

Councilor Brace commented that the MOU was very thorough and she is very appreciative of that. In particular, the maintenance period is for a year past the date of final completion. All of that is important to protect the Town's interest to make sure everything is operating according to plan. She said its good work.

On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board **RESOLVED AND RESOLVED** that the said West Lake Sewer District #1 be formed in said Town of Skaneateles, Onondaga County New York, as set forth in the "Map, Plan, and Report for the proposed West Lake Sewer District #1, West Lake Rd, Town of Skaneateles, NY prepared by RZ Engineering, PLLC, competent engineers dated March 22, 2016, as last revised December 29, 2016 and the construction of the sewer improvements shall be borne by the applicants/petitioners at no expense to the District; and that all costs and expenses for the operation and maintenance of said District shall be annually assessed, levied and collected from the several lots and parcels of land within said District formation in the manner provided by law.

Resolution #17-053

Reserve Fund Transfer not to exceed \$26,500 from the General Recreation Reserve Fund: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board a transfer of not to exceed \$26,600 from the General Recreation Reserve Fund to purchase an electric utility vehicle, a 72" mower and doors for the Austin Pavilion; subject to the permissive referendum requirements of Town Law and General Municipal Law.

Resolution #17-054

Discussion Town Hall Cleaning RFP: Janet Aaron reported that 4 packets were sent out to local cleaning services and to the company that currently cleans the Town Hall. Two bids were received. The low bid was from the company that currently services us and the other bid was from a local company. The Town Board expressed their desire to try to award contracts to local businesses. Attorney Smith reviewed with the Town Board instances where you do not have to accept low bid: 1. The bidder is not qualified 2. The higher bid provides the best value. The Board also can reject all bids and rebid.

The Board agreed that while they wanted to go with the local company they couldn't meet the requirements as stated by Attorney Smith.

On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the bid for cleaning the Town Hall submitted by David Dragicevich from ServiceMaster, 5701 East Circle Drive, Cicero, NY in the amount of \$9,084.56.

Resolution – Finger Lakes Land Trust: Tabled to March 20, 2017 meeting.

Zoning Board Clerk Discussion: Councilor Badami said that he and Denise Rhoads and Karen Barkdull interview five very qualified candidates. The Zoning Clerk job would be 15 hours a week at \$11 per hour. Since the Zoning Board of Appeals actually makes the appointment, Denise Rhoads said she would present this to the Zoning Board at their meeting tomorrow night.

Discussion Codes Enforcement Position: Janet Aaron explained the Civil Service requirements and that Civil Service considers a competitive position such as Codes Enforcement, full time if they work over 20 hours a week or 1,040 hours a year. The last meeting authorized her to request the eligible list from Onondaga County Department of Personnel which she distributed to the Town Board. Letters would need to be sent stating if the job is full or part time and the range of pay.

The Town Board determined that they needed more time to study this position to determine if it will be full time or part time before letters could be sent. This was tabled to the March 20, 2017 meeting.

Sale of Timber Bid Discussion: Supervisor Lanning said that no bids were received. Bob Davis said that one issue may have been that they could not drag the logs across the property. This will be discussed further with Mr. Davis to determine how to proceed.

Resolution #17-055

Declare Dasher Boards at Austin Pavilion Surplus: Sue Murphy said that the dasher boards have been taken down and needed to be stored outside the pavilion or sold in order to make room for events at the Pavilion.

On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Board the dasher boards and glass was declared surplus and the Parks Department was authorized to sell them to the highest bidder.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

▪ *Update on Transfer of Austin Park to the Town* – Nothing new to report
▪ *Update on Time Warner Cable Negotiations* – Supervisor Lanning said when he attend the Association of Towns Conference in NYS there was a session on taking franchise fees that the Town receives from cable companies and working with cable companies to extend to areas not serviced. Councilor Badami said that the cost to extend is about \$25,000 per mile and our franchise fees are very low and would take many years to cover the cost. He said he hopes that the Town and Village working together gives them more leverage. Also, since the Charter merger the Governor mandated them with the requirement of adding 150,000 new customers in rural areas within one year.

▪ *Update on the Comprehensive Plan:* Supervisor Lanning said there is a two-prong approach in trying to update zoning at the same time the Comprehensive Plan is updated. Howard Brodsky is forwarding his recommendations to Joel Russell this week.

-*Letter from Trustee Eriksen/Joint Comprehensive Plan Revisions:* Supervisor Lanning said that the Town Board is in receipt of a letter from Trustee Eriksen this week in response to a letter Supervisor Lanning sent to the Village on February 17th stating that the Village see no reason to revise since the Article 78 suit was simply dropped and no obligation was created to revise the Plan. Councilor Badami questioned if this was correct. Attorney Smith said that in negotiating the dismissal of the lawsuit the Town represented that when the Comprehensive Plan is updated zoning revisions would be done simultaneously. The Town does not have a legal obligation to make any particular change to the Comprehensive Plan as part the their discussions to stipulate to discontinue the lawsuit. He said that Trustee Eriksen representation is essentially correct.

▪ *Hamlet Meetings:* 7 p.m. March 8th at Skaneateles Falls American Legion; 7 p.m. May 3rd at Ken & Joan Scott's barn Shepard Settlement

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

General Fund

\$ 8,050.00 Increase 051322.01.002.00 Garage - Equipment.

\$ 8,050.00 Decrease 019904.01.004.00 Contingency

Cost associated with purchase of BRC Fuel Maker Equipment

Abstract #17-05: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board voucher # 17-0250 to #17-0297 were authorized from the following funds:

General Fund: \$44,897.73 Part Town: \$ 1,220.82

Highway:	\$ 9,979.14	Lighting	\$ 1,493.34
Water:	\$ 4,612.15	T & A:	\$ 5,481.92

Total: \$67,685.10

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk

Honoring Dr. Harriet L. Knox
Beth Battle, Town Historian

Harriet Lorinda Knox was born in New York, on the family farm near Bennett's Corners on January 14, 1873. She was one year old when the family moved to Skaneateles. She grew up here, attending the Skaneateles Free School at the corner of Academy and State street, graduating at the age of 16.

Harriet taught school for a short time, but was not happy with this profession. It was her father who suggested that she become a doctor instead. So, at the age of 18, she enrolled in a three year study of medicine at the Women's Medical College in New York City. After two years, however, she left and resumed her studies at Cornell University, graduating in 1894.

In 1895, after an internship at the New York Infirmary, she received her license as a physician. Then she took a nine month post graduate course at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, after which she became an assistant resident at the Women's Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In November of 1897 Harriet became licensed as a physician in New Jersey and established her practice in Hackensack, to be near her family. She won the distinction of being the first woman doctor in that city. She didn't forget her home town of Skaneateles, however, and often returned here with her father until he died in 1916.

When the Spanish American War broke out in 1898, she offered her services as a doctor, but because she was a woman, they were refused. So she volunteered as a Red Cross nurse instead, and served in that capacity until the end of the war.

She once again returned to Hackensack and resumed her practice, making house calls on horseback. In 1908 she was one of the first women to purchase an automobile and drove one for the next 50 years. At the age of 84, she was still holding office hours six days a week. In 1957 she was honored when the Medical Society of New Jersey presented her with the Golden Merit Award.

By 1960, however, she had cut back on the number of patients she attended and finally retired two years later. Her retirement didn't last long as she died December 2, 1963 at the age of 90 and is buried in Hackensack.

Here in Skaneateles, her name appears on the Spanish-American War plaque in Shotwell Memorial Park, along with the likes of Marshall Ludington, William Dove, and Albert Huxford. She is the only woman of the 23 names on the plaque which was dedication in 1936, along with the World War plaque. This plaque is on the lake side of the wall at the end of the stairs.

I am not an ecologist, but I have concerns about using glyphosate (round-up) to clear the phragmite grasses from Gully Road pond. Here is why-

Consider that glyphosate kills not only plants, but bacteria as well. Dr. Thierry Vrain is a molecular biologist and retired genetic engineer who used to try to assuage peoples fears of genetically engineered crops by giving TED talks on "The Genetic Revolution, The Future of Agriculture". He now calls glyphosate "an antibiotic masquerading as an herbicide". He explains glyphosate acts by chelating manganese, a required element in the Shikimate pathway involved in protein synthesis for plants and bacteria. Humans do not share this biochemical pathway and that is why round-up was considered safe for us. Unfortunately, however, glyphosate was just recently recognized as a probable carcinogen by the WHO (World Health Organization). And a new German study shows round-up does not degrade in our bodies, but accumulates in animals' organs that consume it. When we study our blood, we almost universally find traces of glyphosate.

These properties- that round-up likely causes cancer in humans and also is an antibiotic, will harm more than the grasses. Round-up has a property known as "desertification", meaning that over time it damages necessary and healthy soil microbiology. Studies mostly from Europe have also shown it will kill the trillions of beneficial bacteria in the gut of animals exposed to it, leading to DNA damage and oxidative stress.

These properties make me worry that "the cure that is worse than the disease". Thanks for your consideration.

Dr. Marybeth Carlberg

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York, held at the Town Hall located at 24 Jordan Street, Skaneateles, New York, on March 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, and upon roll being called, there were:

PRESENT:	James Lanning	Supervisor
	David Badami	Councilor
	Constance Brace	Councilor
	Claire Howard	Councilor
	Robert Coville	Councilor

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF
THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES APPROVING THE FORMATION
OF THE WEST LAKE SEWER DISTRICT #1
IN THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES,
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA AND STATE OF NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles (the “Town Board” and the “Town”, respectively), in the County of Onondaga, State of New York, has received a petition, dated February 3, 2017, pursuant to Article 12 of the Town Law, for the formation of the **West Lake Sewer District #1** in an area generally known as the east side of West Lake Road (Tax Map Parcel Nos. 049.-02-02.1, 049.-02-03.0, 049.-02-04.1 and 049.-02-04.2), which petition is signed by the owners of taxable real property situate in the proposed District, owning in the aggregate at least one-half of the assessed valuation of all the taxable real property of the proposed District, as shown upon the latest completed assessment roll of said Town, and including the signatures of resident owners of taxable real property owning taxable real property aggregating at least one-half of the assessed valuation of all the taxable real property of the proposed District, owned by resident owners according to the latest completed assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, said petition purported to describe the boundaries of the proposed District in a manner sufficient to identify the lands included therein as in a deed of conveyance and was signed by the petitioners and acknowledged or proved in the same manner as a deed to be recorded; and

WHEREAS, the proposed District is bounded and described on the attached Schedule "A"; and

WHEREAS, following the preparation of a map, plan and report by RZ Engineer, PLLC, competent engineers duly licensed by the State of New York, for the proposed District, and the construction of sewer facilities therein, consisting generally of the installation of approximately 1,360± l.f. of 4" new sanitary sewer main, a separate replacement gravity sewer main of approximately 850± l.f., service laterals to connect to an existing portion of the sewer system located to the north of the District boundaries and manholes, including land or rights in land, original equipment, machinery, furnishings, fittings, connections, fill, services appurtenances and related site work, to be installed within the project area (the "sewer improvements") in the Town of Skaneateles, said Map, Plan and Report are now on file in the Office of the Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has given due consideration to the impact that such construction in said District may have on the environment and on the basis of such consideration, the Town Board has determined the environmental impact, if any, to be caused by such construction under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Town Board on February 6, 2017, the Town Board determined the formation of this special district is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determined on February 6, 2017 that the formation of the District and construction of the improvements therein would have no significant adverse effects on the environment, and therefore adopted a negative declaration; and

WHEREAS, the entirety of the costs to be expended for the construction of the Sewer Improvements shall entirely be borne by the applicants/petitioners and at no expense to the District, all as shown in the submitted plans; and

WHEREAS, all future costs and expenses of operation, maintenance and improvements, in said District, including all expenses related to all extensions of said District which may thereafter be established, shall be a charge against the entire area of said District; and

WHEREAS, an order was duly adopted by the Town Board on February 6, 2017 for the hearing of all persons interested in this matter at a meeting of the Town Board of said Town of Skaneateles to be held at the Town Hall located at 24 Jordan Street, Skaneateles, New York on March 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the formation of the proposed District herein referred to and the construction of such sanitary sewer improvements herein, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Howard, it is hereby

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that:

A. The aforesaid Petition and signed and acknowledged or proved as required by law, it duly complies with the requirements of Section 191 of the Town Law as to sufficiency of signers with respect to the boundaries of the proposed Sanitary Sewer District formation as herein approved and it is otherwise sufficient;

B. All of the property and property owners within the proposed Sanitary Sewer District formation are benefitted thereby;

C. All of the property and property owners benefitted are included within the limits of the proposed Sanitary Sewer District formation;

D. It is in the public interest to grant in whole the relief sought; and it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the said **West Lake Sewer District #1** be formed in said Town of Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York, as set forth in the “Map, Plan and Report for the Proposed West Lake Sewer District No. 1, West Lake Rd, Town of Skaneateles, NY,” prepared RZ Engineering, PLLC, competent engineers, dated 03/22/2016, as last revised 12/29/2016, and the construction of the sewer improvements shall be borne by the applicants/petitioners at no expense to the District, all as shown in the submitted plans; and it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that all costs and expenses for the operation and maintenance of said District shall be annually assessed, levied and collected from the several lots and parcels of land within said District formation in the manner provided by law as stated herein; and it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Clerk of the Town of Skaneateles be and is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of said Town, to file and record certified copies of this resolution and such other documents or instrument as may be required by law; and it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the construction of the sewer service facilities within said District formation shall **not** be subject to approval of the New York State Comptroller as required pursuant to Town Law Article 12; and it is further

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, this Resolution and Order shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Robert Coville	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Claire Howard	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Constance Brace	Councilor	Voted	Yes
David Badami	Councilor	Voted	Yes
James Lanning	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DATED: March 6, 2017

SCHEDULE "A"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Town of Skaneateles, County of Onondaga and State of New York, being part of Military Lot 37 and bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the lands belonging to Kenan 2012 Family Trust by deed recorded in the Onondaga County Clerk's Office in Book 5225 of Deeds at Page 242 and 250, said point also being on the southerly boundary of the Village of Skaneateles a distance 281.3 feet easterly from the intersection of said southerly village line with the easterly road line of West Lake Street; thence N86°30'04"E, along said southerly boundary of said Village of Skaneateles, for a distance of 468.24 feet to a point on the westerly shoreline of Skaneateles Lake at Kenan's southeasterly corner; thence southerly along said shoreline, through the property of the lands belonging to Carol T. Parker by deed recorded in the Onondaga County Clerk's Office in Book 5029 of Deeds at Page 720, the lands belonging to Lakelawn Properties by deed recorded in the Onondaga County Clerk's Office in Book 5299 of Deeds at Page 283 and lands belonging to Skaneateles Country Club, for a distance 2300 feet to a point (S17°38'39"E for a distance of 2148 feet closing line); thence S71°10'42"W for a distance of 272.53 feet to a point; thence N16°48'13"W for a distance of 913.16 feet to a point on the southerly boundary of said Lakelawn Properties; thence S86°49'53"W, along said southerly boundary line, for a distance of 560.44 feet to a point; thence N35°05'39"W for a distance of 184.89 feet to a point; thence N30°56'44"W for a distance of 288.73 feet to a point; thence N29°13'15"W for a distance of 268.24 feet to a point; thence N34°53'31"E for a distance of 405.12 feet to a point; thence N12°20'07"W for a distance of 172.3 feet to a point; thence N49°54'59"E for a distance of 201.10 feet to a point and place of beginning, containing 28.1 plus or minus acres of land.

Subject to all covenants, easements and restrictions of record.

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA)

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Town of Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York, **DO**
HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the foregoing resolution setting public hearing with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Board had due notice of said meeting and that, pursuant to Section 103 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town on March 6, 2017.



JANET L. AARON
Town Clerk

(SEAL)