

**Town of Skaneateles**  
**July 16, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Supervisor Sennett, \*Councilor Greenfield, Councilor Murray, Councilor Brace, Councilor Howard, Attorney Taylor.

**Also Present:** Sue Murphy, Bridgett Winkelman, Allan Wellington, Peter Buehler, Dana Pickering, Julie Stenger, Ellen Leahy (Skaneateles Journal), Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press).

**Department Reports**

▪*Highway, Water, Transfer Station:* Allan Wellington reported that the Highway Department has cleaned roadside ditches, replaced a cross culvert on Baptist Corners Road, mowed roadsides, repaired and serviced equipment. In the Water Department they did the quarterly maintenance on the PRV's at Jordan Road near Butters Farm and Mottville Road. They disassembled and rebuilt the PRV at Jordan near Railroad Street and installed an automatic reader for a water meter. At the Transfer Station brush was chipped for 2 ½ days and the mulch was double ground for residents. They graded the hard fill site and did routine maintenance.

▪*Parks:* Sue Murphy thanked Bridgett Winkelman for handling all the required employee paperwork for the seasonal lifeguards and counselors. She said she does a great job with each one. For many this is their first job, and they have no idea what to do. As a parent, Sue said that she hopes her children can have that kind of guidance and patience when they enter the work force. She also reported that Playday was going well and that the Health Department did one of their two inspections today. There were no violations. A random substance test was conducted this week. She thanked Beth and Jorge Batlle for conducting tours for the PlayDay kids of the Creamery, Village Hall and Police Department and the Fire Department. She noted that the kids loved the police department and wanted the fire whistle to go off when they were at the fire department. The lifeguards are prepared at the waterfront despite the rain and cold. She said that the Farmers Market continues to draw crowds, the antique show went well last week, the fishing derby is this Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> and the Symphoria concert is Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

▪*Fire Department Report:* Peter Buehler submitted the report for the month of June. Calls for the month included 10 fire, 6 rescue, 4 EMS (assists to SAVES) and 4 mutual aid. During the month of June, members of the SFD spent a large number of hours on two single incidents. The first, assisting in the search of two missing kayakers on the Seneca River in the Baldwinsville Fire District and the second on a fatal car accident just west of the Village on Route 20. During June they did 6 drills and attended trainings and meetings. SFD has installed a Blue Devil Data System to document calls and track numerous training and OSHA requirements. Each SFD member is now being assigned their own email address. Water Rescue 2 should be ready to return to the water at the beginning of next week. Engine 11 was returned to service on July 1<sup>st</sup>. David Newell was approved as a life member with 25 years of service. The field day events include a car show on Saturday morning August 29<sup>th</sup> followed by children's play period from 1 to 4 p.m. sponsored by Pride and Joy. Music acts have been finalized. The Barrigar Brothers will perform on Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. followed by Rhythm Method from 8 to 11 p.m. Mere Mortals will be playing Sunday evening August 30<sup>th</sup> with the fireworks to follow. As of July 6<sup>th</sup>, 611 tickets have been sold for the High Stakes Money Drawing.

Peter Buehler stated that some of the fire lanes are very narrow and hard for their trucks and equipment to get down. He said their newly painted truck was scraped up on a recent call because the lane was so narrow. He requested that the Town report on this in their next newsletter to remind the homeowners associations along the lake to maintain their roads in order for emergency vehicles to get through.

▪**Budget:** Bridgett Winkelman reported that she completed the quarterly reports. She has been working on the Onondaga County Action Plan and adjusting journal entries in preparation for next year's budget.

*Resolution #15-109*

**Minutes:** Councilor Howard made a motion to accept the July 6, 2015 minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilor Murray.

Councilor Howard	Yes
Supervisor Sennett	Yes
Councilor Brace	Abstain
Councilor Greenfield	Absent
Councilor Murray	Yes

Carried 3-0

*Resolution #15-110*

**Intermunicipal Agreement – Children & Family Services/PlayDay Program:** On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Sennett was authorized to sign the Children & Family Services Intermunicipal Agreement for a maximum compensation of \$815.

*Resolution #15-111*

**Establish Committee to Consider Future Use of Austin Pavilion:** Supervisor Sennett said that she would like the Town Board's authorization to establish a committee to consider the future use of Austin Pavilion. She envisions having representatives from community stakeholders and entities to brainstorm on the future possibilities. She would like to see a manageable group where members could go back to their organizations to obtain feedback. Ideas could be shared. Supervisor Sennett said she will be reaching out to the Village and organizations such as the Chamber, Rotary, SKARTS, and the Fire Department. She has scheduled the first meeting for 7 p.m. August 3, 2015 at the Austin Pavilion. Councilor Murray said she would like to be involved.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Sennett was authorized to establish a committee to consider the future use of Austin Pavilion.

**Announcements/Correspondence/Updates**

▪**Joint Comprehensive Plan Update:** Councilor Brace said that there was a good turnout with positive feedback and good ideas. For example, she said Trustee Sue Dove presented information from a visitor's perspective. The Plan may need a little more tweaking. Councilor Murray asked if there would be another meeting to review comments. Supervisor Sennett said that the Town

Board will need to schedule a work session to talk through what was presented. Some comments relate to the Comprehensive Plan and some relate to zoning. Supervisor Sennett said that the Town Board would need to meet to review comments received at the public hearing.

On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board a special work session open to the public to review comments received at the joint comprehensive plan public hearing was scheduled for 5 p.m. on August 6, 2015.

▪*Solarize CNY Update:* Supervisor Sennett said that she and Councilor Brace attended an informational meeting with Solarize CNY and the Solarize Syracuse program. Solarize CNY is organizing workshop now across multiple counties. They provide free site access for anyone interested in solar energy and discounts on panels. There are also lease options. The installation of solar panels has doubled over the last couple of years. A work session has been scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Department in Skaneateles. This work session is with installers who have been vetted by Solarize CNY and they will offer access to lower prices. Councilor Howard said in the New Yorker there was an article on converting an old Vermont house to solar energy and using heat pumps. They were able to finance the project through energy savings. She said there is a glimmer of hope that this is becoming a more affordable option.

▪*Letter from Disappointed Hockey Parent / Austin Pavilion*

▪*Email Request to Town Board from Steve McGlynn Regarding Austin Pavilion Equipment*

▪*Onondaga County Grant Funding for Inflow & Infiltration Abatement:*

▪*Onondaga County Town Plow Agreement – Severity Factor:* Supervisor Sennett said that Onondaga County notified the Town that due to last winter's severity factor of 34% the Town would be receiving an additional payment of \$35,605 for the past year's plowing services.

#### **Additional Comments:**

Councilor Murray said regarding the email received from Steve McGlynn that she also supports the reuse of the chiller at the new rink for the YMCA and she hopes that the glycol can also be reused by the YMCA. She said that the Town Board is stewards of the taxpayer's assets and that she wants to be 100% confident that the transfer of public property to the YMCA without monetary compensation is legal. She said that other not-for-profit entities with an interest in obtaining these assets could claim they were unfairly left out of the opportunity to negotiate for the assets and she wanted to be sure that we were not in violation of any New York State Laws regarding this.

Councilor Murray made a motion to authorize Attorney Taylor to submit a written request to the NYS Comptroller asking for their review of the proposed transfer of taxpayer owned assets to the Skaneateles Community Center Board without monetary compensation to the taxpayers for use at the YMCA.

Councilor Sennett said that Attorney Taylor has contacted the Comptroller's Office and she is confident that we will be following the correct procedure.

\*\*The motion was not seconded or withdrawn.

**Budget Amendments:** On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following budget amendments were approved:

General Fund

\$ 1,000.00	Increase	014104.01.004.47	Town Clerk – Dog Census
\$ 1,000.00	Decrease	019904.01.004.00	Contingency

Postage costs associated with 2015 Dog Enumeration

Highway Part Town

\$ 3,000.00	Increase	051122.04.002.00	CHIPS Improvement
\$ 3,000.00	Decrease	051104.04.004.00	General Repairs – C/E

Additional costs to complete CHIPS project

**Abstract #15-14:** On a motion of Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers #15-0826 to #15-0875 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$47,160.64	Part Town:	\$ 2,314.79
Highway:	\$ 1,037.63	Highway Part Town:	\$60,985.43
Water:	\$15,458.24	Sewer:	\$ 1,195.80
Sewer #6:	\$ 197.60	Limeledge Water:	\$11,265.54
T & A:	\$ 1,364.79		

Total: \$144,705.06

*Resolution #15-114*

**Attorney Advice:** On a motion of Supervisor Sennett seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Attorney Advice at 7:40 p.m.

\*Councilor Greenfield arrived.

The meeting returned to open session at 9:08 p.m.

*Resolution #15-115*

**Resolution for Discontinuance of Ice Skating at Austin Pavilion:** On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a lease agreement dated as of March 16, 1992 (the "Lease Agreement"), by and between the Village of Skaneateles (the "Village"), as owner/landlord , and the Town of Skaneateles (the "Town"), as operator/tenant, the Town leases, operates and manages the Austin Park Pavilion ("Pavilion") located at 1 East Austin Street in Skaneateles,

New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has heretofore operated an ice rink facility at the Pavilion for the benefit of the residents, at a cost in excess of revenue, for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the aging nature of the ice rink and the related equipment at the Austin Park Pavilion, and the potential costs involved in continuing such operations, the Town has determined to discontinue ice skating operations at the Austin Park Pavilion and to explore other possible community uses for the Pavilion;

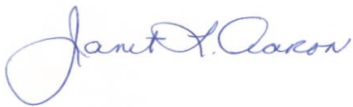
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Town hereby resolves that it shall no longer provide an ice skating facility at the Pavilion, as the Town determines that the costs to the taxpayers of the Town exceeds the revenue generated by such a facility, and that the aging nature of the facility and ice equipment would require a capital investment which is beyond the means of the Town's budget.

**Section 2.** The Town hereby resolves that the ice equipment at the Pavilion which is not needed for other town purposes be deemed obsolete and surplus.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet L. Aaron  
Town Clerk