

**Town Board Meeting
December 18, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Bridgett Winkelman, Bill Pavlus, Ester Evans, Ben Evans Alicia Evans, Sue Murphy Dave Colegrove, Jonathan Monfiletto (Skaneateles Journal), Allan Wellington, Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press).

Department Reports:

Highway, Water, Transfer Station: Allan Wellington reported that the Highway Department has plowed and salted 30 times this season and they are doing equipment repairs. The Water Department is doing routine operations and the Transfer Station is issuing 2015 permits.

Parks: Sue Murphy said that she is receiving more private rentals of the ice arena for the Christmas break. Preparations are being made for The Old Thyme Open House at the Austin Pavilion on December 31, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. She is also contacting last year's PlayDay counselors to start making plans for the 2015 program.

Budget: Bridgett Winkelman reported that the auditors have completed their preliminary audit. She filed the tax cap which was audited and approved by the Comptroller and also the property tax freeze which was filed and confirmed by the Comptroller as well.

She submitted the November Financial and Supervisor reports to the Town Board and said she is working on identifying vouchers that need to be paid in the 2014 fiscal year. In January there will be two abstracts for each meeting, one for 2014 and one for 2015 in order to capture all the 2014 expenses in the correct year.

Resolution #14-197

Minutes: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard the minutes of December 4, 2014 were accepted as presented.

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

Carried 4-0

Resolution #14-198

Onondaga County Children & Family Service Contract: On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Sennett was authorized to sign the 2015 Children and Family Services contract with Onondaga County.

Payroll Distribution Christmas Week: Bridgett Winkelman said that the final payroll is December 26th. She said unless the Town Board had any objections, she would be issuing the six to seven checks that are not direct deposit on December 24th. The Town Board did not have an objection.

Tips for Residents Regarding Snow Plows: Supervisor Sennett said she had coffee with the Highway crew and heard “scary” stories from them regarding how some people are unsafe around snow plows. She asked Allan Wellington to give some tips on how to keep all drivers safe.

Allan Wellington provided the following safety tips:

1. Don't pass the snow plow unless absolutely necessary. It is not illegal to pass a plow, but it is not a safe action. The road ahead of the plow hasn't been cleared or salted. There are many blind spots on a snow plow so if you are passing you may not be seen by the driver.
2. Move off the road if you are walking and a snow plow approaches. If a snow plow is coming your way, it may be difficult for the driver to see you or maneuver around you.
3. Remember, plows are large heavy vehicles. A snow plow weights over 80,000 pounds and they may also slide on icy road. Drivers should slow down and give the plow operators room to work.

Supervisor Sennett reminded everyone that if you are behind the snow plow and you can't see their mirror, they can't see you.

Resolution #14-199

NYS Teamsters Council Health & Hospital Fund Contract: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Sennett was authorized to sign the Health & Hospital Fund Contract with NYS Teamsters Councilor for the period from 1/1/15 to 12/31/17.

Resolution #14-200

Introductory Local Law 2014-B-1: Supervisor Sennett said that Introductory Local Law 2014-B was referred to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Codes Enforcement Office and recommended changes were forwarded back to the Town Board. This Local Law is being reintroduced with the changes and she suggested that everyone review it one more time before a public hearing is scheduled.

On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, a Resolution introducing Local Law 2014-D, known as “A Local Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Skaneateles relative to Chapter 118—Refuse Disposal” was read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles has been advised of the desirability of revising the Town Code, Chapter 118, to provide for the definition of certain terms, and to otherwise detail the disposal of refuse within the Town, all as is more particularly set forth in the proposed Local Law 2014-D attached hereto as Schedule "A" and incorporated herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles

RESOLVES, the Town Board hereby introduces said Local Law 2014-D; and

FURTHER RESOLVES, that the Town Board declares itself as Lead Agency for SEQR purposes; and

FURTHER RESOLVES, that in compliance with State Law, that the proposed Local Law 2014-D of the Town of Skaneateles be referred to the Syracuse Onondaga County Planning Agency for its review, input, comment and advice; and

FURTHER RESOLVES, that the Attorney for the Town of Skaneateles shall forthwith cause a copy of the proposed Local Law 2014-D to be sent to the Syracuse Onondaga County Planning Agency for its respective review, input, comment and advice; and

FURTHER RESOLVES, that upon receipt of the comments, input and advice of the Syracuse Onondaga County Planning Agency, a Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law 2014-D shall be scheduled according to law by further action of this Town Board of Skaneateles.

Resolution #14-201

7:15 p.m. Public Hearing – Introductory Local Law 2014-D: Supervisor Sennett said that the Town Board is in receipt of the affidavit of posting dated December 5, 2014 and the affidavit of publication dated December 10, 2014. No one requested to have the public notice read.

On a motion of Councilor Greenfield, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the public hearing was opened. Supervisor Sennett asked if anyone wished to comment on this proposed local law. No one came forward.

Supervisor Sennett said that the Town Board has not received the opinion from SOCPA and would need to continue the public hearing at the January 5, 2015 meeting.

On a motion of Councilor Greenfield, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the public hearing on Introductory Local Law 2014-D will be continued on January 5, 2015.

Recognition of Ben Evans – 25 Years of Service: Allan Wellington, Highway Superintendent recognized Ben Evans for his 25 years of service saying that he can fix and do anything. He said is has been nice working with him.

Each member of the Town Board commended Ben Evans for his service to the community.

Supervisor Sennett read a September 18, 1999 newspaper article on Ben regarding the stakeout he did with his daughter at the Transfer Station to catch the people that were breaking into the Transfer Station and stealing equipment, 5 cent cans and gasoline.

Supervisor Sennett read a certificate of appreciation presented to Benjamin D. Evans for 25 years of service with the Town of Skaneateles as Motor Equipment Operator. She said since Ben received the normal 25 year watch in 1999 after his effort to catch the thieves, and the Town was now presenting him with a gift certificate to Bass Pro, as he is an avid fly fisherman. Mr. Evans thanked the Town Board.

Recognition of Matthew and Rosemary Olszewski – Retiring Animal Control Officers: Supervisor Sennett said that Matt and Rose Olszewski could not be here tonight but would be at the employee Christmas luncheon tomorrow where they would be presented their certificates of

appreciation and a Chamber of Commerce gift certificate. Matt Olszewski served 23 years as Animal Control Officer and Rose served 21 years as Animal Control Officer. The Town Board expressed their appreciation for their years of valuable service to the Town and said they would be missed.

Councilor Murray said she thought they were retiring because of the many calls she made to them regarding skunks in her pool. She said Matt taught her how to get them out of the pool and she is thankful for all his help with many things over the years.

Announcements

▪*West Side Water Storage Facility Evaluation:* Supervisor Sennett said that the Town Board is in receipt of a report from C & S. John Camp from C & S would be meeting representatives of the Village and Town to discuss it in more detail on Tuesday, December 23rd.

▪*Request for Volunteers to Serve on Committees:* Supervisor Sennett said that the Town Board is seeking volunteers to serve on the Economic Development Committee, Finance Committee and Ash Borer Committee. The Economic Development Committee would concentrate on the northern section of the Town. She said that the Finance Committee was recommended by Cuddy & Ward not because of any concerns but to follow “best practices”. The Emerald Ash Borer has now been identified in the Town of Onondaga and it will be important to development a management plan.

▪*Transfer Station Closing at Noon:* Supervisor Sennett said that the Transfer Station will close at noon on Friday, December 19th and reopen on Saturday, December 20th at 7:00 a.m. Signs have been up at the Transfer Station announcing this closing and on the Town website.

Resolution #14-202

Budget Amendments: On a motion of Councilor Greenfield, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following budget amendments were approved:

General Fund

\$ 110.00	Increase	013304.01.004.00	Tax Collector – C/E
\$ 107.00	Increase	012204.01.004.39	Supervisor – Other Contractual
\$ 175.00	Increase	014104.01.004.00	Town Clerk – C/E
\$ 392.00	Decrease	019904.01.004.00	Contingency Account

Costs associated with E-Z pass – off set by revenues

\$ 625.00	Increase	033104.01.004.00	Traffic Control - C/E
\$ 625.00	Decrease	051321.01.001.00	Garage - P/S

Cost of doing business – purchase Stock / Signs

\$ 200.00	Increase	071404.01.004.52	Winter – C/E - Supplies
\$ 200.00	Decrease	071104.01.004.52	Summer – C/E - Supplies

Cost of doing business – purchase supplies – balance between seasons

\$ 125.00	Increase	088104.01.004.00	Cemeteries – C/E
\$ 125.00	Decrease	088101.01.001.00	Cemeteries – P/S

Cost of doing business – purchase supplies

Part Town Fund

\$ 1,000.00 Increase 080204.02.004.59 Planning - Engineering
\$ 1,000.00 Decrease 019904.02.004.00 Contingency Account

Additional costs associated with Professional services

Highway Townwide

\$ 6,460.00 Increase 051301.03.002.00 Machinery – C/E
\$ 5,595.00 Increase 051424.03.004.00 Snow Removal – C/E
\$ 5,500.00 Increase 002680.03.000.00 Insurance Recoveries
\$ 6,555.00 Decrease 051421.03.001.55 Snow Removal – P/S

Costs associated with doing business – Repair due to accident

Resolution #14-203

Abstract #14-26: On a motion of Councilor Greenfield, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board voucher # #14-1668 to #14-1787 were audited and approved to be paid from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$64,921.80	Part Town:	\$18,096.51
Highway:	\$50,789.03	Water:	\$19,917.80
Water #5:	\$ 121.42	Sewer:	\$ 917.42
Sewer #6:	\$ 529.13	T & A:	\$ 3,394.51
Total:	\$158,687.62		

Resolution #14-204

Executive Session: On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous affirmation (5-0) of the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 7:28 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session and was immediately adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk