

**Town Board Meeting
November 7, 2013
7:30 p.m.**

Present: Supervisor Roney, Councilor Greenfield, Councilor Murray, Councilor McGlynn, Councilor Keyes.

Also Present: Jonathan Monfiletto (Skaneateles Journal) Joe Genco (Skaneateles Press) Julie Stenger, Sue Murphy, Bridgett Winkelman, Jim Lanning Allan Wellington, Scott Winkelman, Mary Sennett, and Connie Brace.

Department Reports

-Highway, Transfer Station, and Water: Allan Wellington reported that the new snowplow truck was now in service. They have been doing ditch cleaning and brush removal. They are winterizing water hydrants and doing annual maintenance. At the Transfer Station they have been doing compactor maintenance. The free shredding day was very successful.

-Parks: Sue Murphy reported that they have winterized the bathrooms at the Sims Building and the tennis nets and windscreens have been taken down for the season. The end of season meeting with the farmers market will be next Wednesday at Lasca's. The Board is invited to attend. The first tournament took place at Austin Pavilion last week. The Town is in compliance with a new regulation that now requires all ice rinks that hold school games must have an AED in the building. One is located in the lobby at the Austin Pavilion. They have ended mowing for the season and the mowers will be winterized and summer equipment serviced and stored for the winter.

-Conservation: Councilor Murray reported that the new signs were up at the Conservation entrance on Old Seneca Turnpike and at Guppy Falls on Gully Road and that they look great.

-Animal Control: Supervisor Roney reported on the October 2013 Animal Control report showing 19 calls.

-Codes: Supervisor Roney reported that they were doing routine operations in the Codes Office and Debbie Williams is working with Adam Damico in transitioning the Codes Office in preparation of her retirement.

-Budget: Bridgett Winkelman said she filed final paperwork in June and was happy to report that the Town received \$342,400 for the Federal funding of the Western Gateway project. She closed out the 189 outstanding water accounts as of November 1st in order to send them to the County to be added to the town and county tax bills in January.

Resolution #13-179

Budget Amendments: Councilor Greenfield made a motion seconded by Councilor McGlynn and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following budget amendments were authorized:

\$ 25.00	Increase	070204.01.004.00	Recreation Admin – C/E
\$ 25.00	Decrease	07204.01.004.85	Recreation Admin – Telephone/Cable
Cost of doing business			

\$ 350.00	Increase	071404.01.004.48	Parks – Winter - Utilities
\$350.00	Decrease	071104.01.004.48	Parks – Summer – Utilities
Balance Utilities between Winter and Summer			

\$ 2,500.00 Increase 080204.01.004.92 Planning – C/E – Comp. Plan
 \$ 2,500.00 Decrease 019904.01.004.00 Contingency
 Costs of having outside contractor for Comp. Plan meeting

Water – Consolidated

\$ 21,300.00 Increase 083204.08.004.00 Source of Supply
 \$ 21,300.00 Decrease 083104.08.004.00 Water Admin. – C/E
 Cost associated with water supplied by Village

Resolution #13-180

Abstract #13-21: Councilor Keyes made a motion, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, voucher #1391 - #1432 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$22,208.92	Part Town:	\$ 4,732.51
Highway Part Town:	\$ 1,810.75	Lighting:	\$ 1,364.36
Water:	\$13,935.21	T & A:	\$ 2,887.81

Total: \$46,939.56

Presentation of the Town’s new Website by Syracuse Design: Supervisor Roney introduced Frank Smith, owner of Syracuse Design who presented for the first time the Town’s newly designed website. Mr. Smith said that the Town now has a state of the art content management website where Town Departments will be able to do about 99.9% of the editing. The website allows users to find agendas and minutes and meetings in more than one place.

Janet Aaron reported that Syracuse Design’s portfolio of websites is impressive and includes Syracuse Conventions & Visitors Bureau, Mirbeau Inn & Spa, Dickman Farms, Onondaga County Parks, Rosamond Gifford Zoo and Merry Go Round Theater. Since last spring she along with Julie Stenger, Karen Barkdull and Sue Murphy worked with Syracuse Design to map out the new website as Syracuse Design was educated on the structure of the Town government. She said utmost importance was placed on making sure it was easy for people visiting the website to find the information they need in more than one place. In addition it was important to have a website where each department could maintain their own page and overall the Town could make changes without having to go back to the developer. She said she believes Syracuse Design accomplished that and said she is very pleased with how the site turned out.

The Town Board thanked Mr. Smith for his presentation and expressed their approval of the website presented. Mr. Smith said that the website should go live within the next 2 weeks.

Resolution #13-181

Schedule Public Hearing 2014 Fire Service Contract: Councilor Greenfield made a motion seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on December 5, 2013 to consider the 2014 Fire Service contract with the Village of Skaneateles.

Resolution #13-182

Assessment Board of Review Appointment: Councilor Murray made a motion seconded by Councilor Keyes and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Joseph Calipari was reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review for the period from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2018.

Resolution #13-183

Time Warner Cable Service Agreement and Service Order: Supervisor Roney explained this contract would upgrade the internet connection in order to be able to do cloud based backups. The cost would be \$30 more per month.

Councilor McGlynn made a motion seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board Supervisor Roney was authorized to sign the Service Agreement with Time Warner for 15 Mbpsx2Mbps High Speed Internet at \$159.99 per month.

Resolution #13-184

CNYSPCA Contract: Supervisor Roney reported that the Town was in receipt of the 2014 contract with CNYSPCA to cover the Town's share for support with animal cruelty investigations. She referred to an email from Animal Control Officer, Matt Olszewski who said that every time he calls they have refused to assist and referred to him to Article 26 Cruelty to Animals §371 Powers of Police Officers.

Councilor Murray said she is concerned that they don't respond to the request of the Town's Animal Control Officers. Supervisor Roney said that previously Onondaga County paid for this service but now Town's must pay to support this service for the County.

On a motion of Councilor Greenfield seconded by Councilor Keyes and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board Supervisor Roney was authorized to sign the 2014 contract with CNYSPCA in the amount of \$648.00. The Town Board further agreed that the Animal Control Officers should report to them in the future if they are not getting assistance from CNYSPCA for animal cruelty investigations

Resolution #13-185

Transfer of \$13,000 from the Town Hall Equipment Reserve Fund: Councilor Greenfield made a motion, seconded by Councilor McGlynn and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board to authorize the transfer of \$13,000 from the Town Hall Equipment Reserve Fund for the upgrade of the computer server, subject to the permissive referendum requirements of Town Law and General Municipal Law.

Resolution #13-186

Minutes of October 24, 2013: On a motion of Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Keyes and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the minutes of October 24, 2013 were accepted as presented.

Resolution #13-187

Letter of Support for Southern Hills Preservation Corp Home Improvement Grant

Application: Supervisor Roney said that Southern Hills Preservation Corporation was established to provide needed housing services to low and moderate income residents of Southern Onondaga County. Southern Hill is now applying for a \$450,000 grant to NYS Affordable Housing Corporation and is requesting a letter of support from the Town of Skaneateles.

Councilor Murray said that she and Councilor Greenfield attended their meetings and dinners for several years and that they do a tremendous job.

On a motion of Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board Supervisor Roney was authorized to submit a letter of support to Southern Hills Preservation Corporation for the grant they will be submitting.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

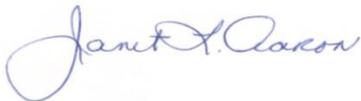
•**New York's Fallen Firefighters Memorial:** Supervisor Roney reported that Eric Sell notified the Town that members of the Skaneateles Fire Department attended the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony in Albany to support the recognition of George W. Dove, firefighter from the Skaneateles Fire Department who died on July 12, 1965 responding to a grass fire at Lakeview Cemetery. He was one of two Onondaga County firefighters added to the memorial this year. The Town Board thanked Eric for attending and bringing this to their attention.

•**Town Clerks Office repository for I-18 Viaduct Project For Public Access:** Supervisor Roney reported that Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture & Engineering, P.C. is working with the NYS Department of Transportation to set up document repositories for the I-81 Viaduct Project in Syracuse. They are coordinating with towns throughout Onondaga County to distribute project-related documents, to ensure that the public has an opportunity to access information regarding the future of the highway. Supervisor Roney said that the Town Clerk would be the document repository for Skaneateles.

•**Notice of Availability of State Funds:** Supervisor Roney reported that NYSDEC is accepting applications for urban and community forestry projects. The deadline is December 5, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk

