

**Town Board Meeting**

**March 15, 2021**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Remote Meeting via [www.zoom.com](https://www.zoom.com) (id#: 823 3802 2456 password 116263)**

**Present:** Supervisor Aaron, Councilor Tucker, Councilor McCormack, Councilor Alexander, Councilor Legg, Attorney Smith

**Also, Present:** Sue Murphy, Allan Wellington, Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Chris Buff, Dessa Bergan, Beth Batlle, George Batlle.

**Highway, Water, Transfer Station:** Highway Superintendent Allan Wellington reported in the Highway Department the plows had been out 14 times since the last meeting and 120 times for the season, compared to 122 times at this time last year. He reported Highway crews patched potholes, repaired a highway ditch along Highland Ave, damaged from a car accident and repaired lawns and road shoulders that were damaged by plows. In the Water Department they finished their Annual Water Quality Report and would be sending it to the Onondaga County Health Department for approval. Both employees watched a webinar for water main repairs. They made repairs to a water meter at Hill-Rom and repairs were made to several fire hydrants. At the Transfer Station employees changed all the hydraulic fluid for the compactors, they met with an individual who will be doing the property maintenance for the solar panels and the price for baled cardboard had increased another \$10.00 to \$90.00/ton for the month of March.

**Budget:** Bookkeeper Keri Fey reported Budget Officer Bridget Winkelman was on vacation. She had completed the last payroll and was working on reports for the Transfer Station.

**Dog Control:** Supervisor Aaron reviewed the activity reports submitted by Dog Control Officer David Wawro for January and February.

\*reports attached.

**Minutes of March 1, 2021 Special Town Board meeting at 4:00 p.m., March 1, 2021 Town Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. and Special Town Board meeting March 11, 2021:** On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Legg, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the minutes of March 1, 2021 and March 11, 2021 were accepted as presented.

**Mottville Cemetery- New York State Historical Registry:** Town Historian Beth Batlle reported the Mottville Cemetery had been formally listed on the New York State Register of Historic Places. The nomination now will go to the National Park Service for approval to be listed on the National Register.

Historian Batlle stated this was a big project. She had submitted many documents to New York State to be considered for this listing. Some of the graves were originally in a rural cemetery which was located on Old Seneca Turnpike near the Tanner Farm called the Briggs Cemetery. These graves were moved to the location in Mottville. Some of the graves date as far back as 1819.

Historian Batlle stated she would like to have a ceremony at the Mottville Cemetery to announce this distinction sometime this year.

Supervisor Aaron and the Board thanked Historian Batlle for all her work. They were all very excited for this to be formally listed on the Historic Registry.

**Austin Park Opening:** Parks Director Sue Murphy reported with the springtime weather the Parks are busy and many local groups are asking about scheduling for the year. She and Councilor Alexander had reviewed the activities at the Park and submitting the following recommendations for opening the Parks:

#### PARK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OPENING FOR THE SPRING

\*Recommendation to continue mask wearing and honor at least 3 feet social distancing.

Organizations that use the park (i.e.: lakeshore, youth soccer) have a COVID safety plan submitted before use of the park. Many are familiar with this process as it was used last year.

Playground open – with sign informing cleaning and use at own risk (signage from last year)

Workout area – with sign informing no cleaning and use at own risk (signage from last year)

Basketball courts – open as normal

Pickleball – open as normal

Tennis Courts – open as normal (depending on weather, nets up by end of month)

Softball and Baseball – open as normal (depending on weather when fields will be safe to go on)

Volleyball courts – open as normal

Rental of Picnic Shelter – COVID waiver will be included in rental agreement and limit attendance of the picnic shelter to 60. (When Parks feels comfortable and guidelines ease, limit could be raised)

Rental of Austin Pavilion - COVID waiver will be included in rental agreement and limit attendance of the Pavilion to 150. At this time Governor Cuomo has set a limit on wedding attendance at 150, so Parks feels this number is fair. (When guidelines ease, limit could be raised)

Sims Building – Open normally (either when Gene gets back (late April) or sooner if Town wants to hire plumber).

Anyone who wants to reserve an area in the park, will need to fill out reservation forms and discuss with me.

\*Mask wearing is comfort level use. It has been suggested to continue wear masks when in close proximity of other people.

Councilor Alexander said her, and Sue Murphy had been working on the new Parks software program and were hoping for an April launch date.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board approved the recommendations as presented by Parks Director Sue Murphy for the Town of Skaneateles Parks Spring opening.

**Eastern Gateway Letter to NYS Department of Transportation:** Supervisor Aaron stated Councilor McCormack and Marty Cregg submitted a letter for the Town Board to review and approve to send to the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council and the New York State DOT.

Councilor McCormack stated the letter is to specifically request a speed limit change in the section of Route 20 from the Village line east approximately 1900 feet to the location of the Finger Lakes Chiropractic Office. This section of road is the most developed and has entering and exiting traffic from the many businesses along that section of road. It is also the most dangerous section due to the actual traffic behavior where vehicles are driving above the 45mph speed limit. The letter proposed the speed limit should be reduced to 35MPH from the 45MPH it is currently posted.

Councilor McCormack thanked Marty Cregg for writing this letter and all his work on the Eastern Gateway Committee.

Supervisor Aaron also thanked Town Engineer Miranda Robinson and Planning and Zoning Secretary Karen Barkdull for their input also.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board approved the letter submitted by Marty Cregg, Councilor McCormack and the Eastern Gateway Committee requesting a reduction in the speed limit to 35MPH on Route 20 from the Village line east approximately 1900 feet to the location of the Finger Lakes Chiropractic Office, to be sent to the New York State Department of Transportation and the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council.

#### **Announcements/Correspondence/Updates**

- *Letter from Onondaga County Soil and Water regarding Tree Assessment Services:* Supervisor Aaron announced a letter was received from Onondaga County Soil and Water regarding Tree Assessment Services. There is a charge for this service, but they would look at what they offer.
- *Shred Events at Town of Skaneateles Transfer Station April 17<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.:* Supervisor Aaron announced the Town will hold two shred events at the Transfer

station. April 17, 2021 and September 18, 2021. Notice will go out on the Towns Facebook page and website.

▪ *Update – New Parks and Town Departments Signage:* Councilor Alexander reported her, and Parks Director Sue Murphy had been working with Chase Design on the new signage for the Parks and the Town and would have an update for the Board at the next meeting

**Public Comment:** No one commented.

**Budget Amendments –** No budget amendments.

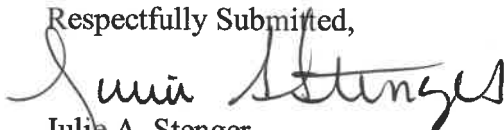
**Abstract #21-06:** On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor McCormack and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers #21-0225 - #21-0311 were authorized from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$ 62,105.34	Highway:	\$ 20,643.02
Water:	\$ 16,936.39	Part Town:	\$ 3,824.42
Sewer	\$ 1,548.25	HWY Part Town	\$ 11,260.43
T&A	\$ 470.12		

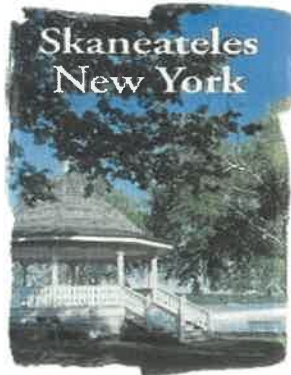
**TOTAL: \$117,367.99**

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A. Stenger  
Town Clerk



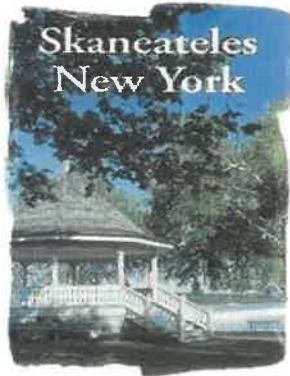
## Activity Report January 2021

- 1.) 01/03/2021 – Report of a loose Bernese Mountain Dog – Running at-large in the Parkside Development on Orchard Rd – Owner Marc Baker Located
- 2.) 01/05/2021 – Heidi Connelly – 315-948-8077 – 101 Orchard Rd – Report of two Fox acting strange in her back yard – have been present for over an hour and have not left – Possibly rabid – TOT'd to Skaneateles Police – Per Officer Eggers; Fox not rabid, just mating (lol)
- 3.) 01/10/2021 – Jim and Jane O'Brien – 315-685-0240 – 104 Packwood Place – Lost Dog – Notified local Police to bolo – Dog returned home on its own accord
- 4.) 01/10/2021 – Dianne Buehle - 315-214-9125 – Parkside Development – Lost Bassett Hound – Located
- 5.) 01/12/2021 – Paul Alchati – 315-247-2265 – 3080 E Lake Rd – Follow-up over the Ryan Dogs – Advised I drafted a letter to CJ Ryan and will have that mailed out asap
- 6.) 01/13/2021 – Met with Julie at the Town Office – Obtained the 2020 Seizure report information for my up-coming yearly inspection with Ag & Markets
- 7.) 01/13/2021 – Requested Julie to transpose my drafted letter to CJ Ryan on Town Letterhead (thank you for your help Julie)
- 8.) 01/14/2021 – Met with Paulina Renggli, Investigator with NYS Agriculture and Markets Yearly Dog Control Inspection
- 9.) 01/14/2021 – Call Back to Paul Alciati and advised letter to CJ Ryan drafted and will be sent out asap
- 10.) 01/20/2021 – Monica Lynch – 770-355-0778 9 E Elizabeth St – Advised that Chris Roy's dogs at 16 E Austin Street – escaping from their fenced in back yard - tot'd to Lt Coon who has a rapport with Roy's care-taker Sally Bozeat

- 11.) 01/21/2021 – Joe Steemcken – 315-867-8575 – Questions about adopting a cat – Recommended calling Carol, Russell at the Finger Lakes SPCA
- 12.) 01/22/2021 – Contacted by Deputy Brian Englebrook – (OCSD) – Received a Complaint about CJ Ryan’s dogs habitually barking – Advised I was aware of the problems with the dogs and further advised I drafted a letter to Ryan and that should be sent out forthwith
- 13.) 01/22/2021 – Follow-up with Paul Alchati -
- 14.) 01/28/2021 – Met with Julie at the Town Office – Ryan Letter
- 15.) 01/28/2021 – Follow-up with Lt Coon – regarding the Roy Dogs
- 16.) 01/28/2021 – Follow-up with Monica Lynch – regarding the Roy Dogs

Respectfully Submitted

David J Wawro/ACO



## Activity Report February 2021

- 1.) 02/02/2021 – CJ Ryan – 315-729-3522 - 3077 E Lake Rd – Received a telephone call from CJ Ryan, responding to my letter mailed out on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Discussed the complaints I've received involving his dogs habitually barking etc... Will use a bark collar if the situation continues
- 2.) 02/02/2021 – Paul Alchati – 315-247-2265 – 3080 E Lake Rd – Follow-up over the Ryan Dogs – Advised I spoke with CJ Ryan and believe the matter has been resolved
- 3.) 02/04/2021 – Steven Bishop – 315-497-7796 – 704 School St – report of a Boxer Roaming the Area
- 4.) 02/07/2021 – Cliff Bond – 315-253-7141 – Franklin St Rd – Lost Yellow Lab – Located
- 5.) 02/22/2021 – Carolyn LoBello – Reports a Tiger Cat in the area of W Austin Street – inquiring if anyone had reported a lost cat matching tht description – Negative
- 6.) 02/24/2021 – David Dietrich – 315-744-2113 – 50 State Street – Reports seeing a dog going through a garbage can, doen't believe the dog belongs there. Negative – Dog resides at said residence; home owner at home
- 7.) 02/24/2021 – Corine Wagner – 315-604-6629 – 3809 Gully Rd – Lost Tri-color Husky – Located
- 8.) 02/26/2021 – Received call from Paula at the Town Office – Regarding a FOIL Request for the Reilly/Beck Dangerous Dog Complaint I investigated from 2019 – Will speak to Julie about the matter on Monday 3/1
- 9.) 02/27/2021 – Bill Witter – 315-727-7829 – Rte#41A/Hencoop Rd – Lost Chocolate Lab –