

**Town Board Special Meeting
December 29, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

Remote Meeting via www.zoom.com (id#: 83178511800 password 576301)

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

Also Present: Bridgett Winkelman, Robert Herrmann, Karen Barkdull, Allan Wellington, Michael Maxwell.

2020 Annual Resolution: Supervisor Aaron reviewed the following regarding the Town of Skaneateles 2021 Annual Resolution:

“ There are few changes in our Annual Resolution and some of them have already been identified in various meetings throughout the year. The salaries reflect the increase that the Town Board approved in the 2021 Budget and for the most part the Town Board continues with the departments and committees they were liaisons to in 2020.

One of the major changes for me is with my Deputy Town Supervisor appointment. When I was first elected to Supervisors office in 2018, I appointed Jim Greenfield as my Deputy. Jim’s served as a Town Councilor for 8 years and his background and experience was important for me as I took on this new position. During the 4 years Terri Roney was Supervisor, Jim served as her Deputy Supervisor as well.

Over the last 3 years Jim has been instrumental in working with me and advising on many projects that the Board has taken on. But probably the most important accomplishment was his involvement with helping me bring all the Towns and the Village that are on Skaneateles Lake to the table. These meetings also included the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County and a partnership was formed that worked together to establish what we felt was missing from our municipalities for a coordination and easy to find location for information on Skaneateles Lake. This partnership had never been accomplished before and our communication and cooperation with each other was essential as we all work together for the betterment of our communities and the protection of our lake. Jim was well respected by these municipalities and was one of the founding members to volunteer for the City of Syracuse program known as the Skaneateles Lake Watershed Agriculture Program that began in 1994 as part of the alternative requirement by the Safe Drinking Water Act for filtration avoidance. The program’s mission is to carry out a cost-effective innovative program for the farming community that upholds the high drinking water quality standards of Skaneateles Lake. Because of his involvement with this program, many other farmers also joined and today there is almost total participation from the agriculture community on the Skaneateles Lake watershed.

Jim has found that his family farming business is taking more of his time this last year than expected and has stated that he felt he should step down because he has not been able to attend meetings. He will however stay on as a member of our newly formed Municipal Watershed

Partnership as we move forward with establishing an Intermunicipal Agreement as recommended under the Watershed 9 E Plan.

I have asked Courtney Alexander to step into the Deputy Supervisor position and she has agreed. Courtney joined the Municipal Watershed Partnership Committee and has been instrumental on this committee and in providing marketing guidance for our newly created Skaneateles Lake website skanlakeinfo.org as well as her contribution in all departments during her first year. I welcome her as the Board does to this position, and I look forward to working with her and every member of the Board as we move into 2021 with renewed hope that next year we can put this pandemic behind us.”

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the 2021 Annual Resolution was adopted.

New York State Retirement Standard Workday: Supervisor Aaron reviewed with the Board the New York State Retirement System’s Standard Workday reporting requirement for elected officials and those appointed who do not keep a weekly timesheet. This is how the NYS Retirement System calculates the hours for elected and appointed officials that are credited to their retirement.

This year’s report lists Chris Legg, Town Councilor, Michael Maxwell, Town Assessor and Jacque McConnaghy.

On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the Standard Workday & Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials dated December 29, 2020 was approved as presented.

Transfer Station Cameras: Councilor Chris Legg reviewed the proposal for cameras at the Transfer Station. These cameras would be installed at the gate to monitor the vehicles entering the Transfer Station. These cameras would be able to read the license plates of the vehicles entering and connect to the data base of residents who have purchased a permit and provided their plate numbers.

Councilor Legg stated the companies the Town are partnering with for the Smart City Street Light project would be the companies the Town would partner with to purchase and install these cameras at the Transfer Station. The company, Aspire would be purchasing the cameras, Guth Deconza, Inc would administer the system and Syracuse Innovations Group would help with installation and maintenance.

Councilor Legg and Town Engineer Robinson reviewed the quote received. The quote received was in the amount of \$8,000. This could be encumbered from the 2020 budget to do the work in 2021.

Councilor Legg and Town Engineer Robinson stated there are grant monies from the Smart Cities LED Street Lighting project still available that could be used to purchase and install these cameras. The breakdown of the grant is as follows: 20k grant money and 50% New York Power Authority (NYPA) match, up to \$100k. The Town can receive up to \$60k

additional, for an investment of \$40k. The parks used \$50k. If the Town approved an additional \$8k for the cameras. The assumed breakdown would be : \$20k for the original grant, \$18k town monies and \$18k NYPA Match

The Board held a lengthy discussion about the function and benefit of installing cameras at the Transfer Station.

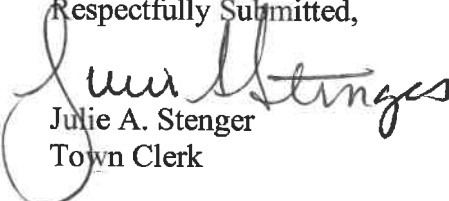
On a motion of Councilor Legg, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board authorized the purchase of two cameras for the Transfer Station in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.

Executive Session – Attorney Advice: On a motion of Councilor Alexander, seconded by Councilor Legg and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 11:10 a.m.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Legg the meeting was returned to open session at 12:15 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Alexander and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A. Stenger
Town Clerk