

Town Board Meeting
January 5, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Lanning, Councilor Howard, Councilor Badami, *Councilor Coville, Attorney Frame. Absent: Councilor Brace.

Also Present: Joseph Southern, Patrick Greenfield, Tristan Custer, Allan Wellington, Rob Howard, Casey Ezzo, Jonathan Monfiletto (Skaneateles Journal), Courtney Alexander, Beth Battle, Matthew Alaniz.

Department Reports

▪*Highway, Transfer Station, Water:* Supervisor Lanning read the report submitted by Allan Wellington reporting that the snowplows have been out 48 times so far this winter. They also have been picking up downed tree limbs, patching potholes and making equipment repairs. At the Transfer Station they got through the busy holiday season, received payment for the last of the surplus mulch and made equipment repairs. The Water Department has been helping with snow removal.

▪*Parks:* Business as usual. Nothing new to report.

▪*Codes, Planning, Zoning:* Councilor Badami reviewed the Open Projects report for December showing three open projects with the Planning Board and one with the Zoning Board. The Codes Department submitted their December report showing 9 permits issued, of which two were for fireworks display.

▪*Historian:* Beth Battle submitted her end of the year report showing the meetings she attended, the educational sessions she conducted including assisting 58 people with their requests, articles researched and written, programs and exhibits and other projects including processing approximately 300 tax records for the years 1969 to 1971 for property files at the Skaneateles Historical Society. Beth also reported on several historical moments she found in nine books she garnered from the Historical Society (attached).

Councilor Howard thanked Beth Battle for her work in obtaining the grant from the Pomeroy Foundation to install a plaque at Mottville Park in honor of Benjamin Cook, who was credited with putting flags on veteran's graves for Memorial Day and for the wonderful service unveiling the plaque.

Resolution #17-001

Minutes: On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (3-0) affirmation of the Town Board the minutes of December 27, 2016 were accepted as presented.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Resolution #17-002

Scheduling Hamlet Meetings: On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (3-0) affirmation of the Town Board a hamlet meeting at the Mottville Fire Department is scheduled for 7 p.m. on February 8, 2017 and at the Skaneateles

Falls Legion for 7 p.m. on March 8, 2017. Janet Aaron will check with Ken & Joan Scott to see if they would allow a meeting in their barn for the Shepard Settlement Hamlet Meeting.

Resolution #17-003

Reschedule January 16th Town Board Meeting: Because of the holiday, Supervisor Lanning made a motion, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (3-0) affirmation of the Town Board to reschedule the January 16th Town Board meeting to 6 p.m. on January 23, 2017.

Discussion of The Planning Board Chair Appointment: Tabled to January 23, 2017.

I-81 Resolution: Tabled to January 23, 2017.

Receipt of Monitoring Report for Shotwell Brook: Supervisor Lanning said this is a very detailed report and another Shotwell Brook monitoring has been budgeted for 2017. He had Bob Werner give him a synopsis of the report. He said this was a baseline testing to evaluate the quality of the water. Councilor Badami suggested that Mr. Werner give his overview to the Town Board as well.

Councilor Howard said she appreciated the time and effort put into this very comprehensive report and said it was worth reading. The \$20,000 was money well spent. She said that the summer of 2016 was a very dry year and far from normal with little runoff. She said there were two big rainstorms and the monitoring equipment was dislodged from the bottom of the creek. She would like to see this continued to be budgeted and monitored plus she would like to see another stream on the west side of the lake monitored as well. This is a good start.

Councilor Badami said he is in support of continuing to monitor the middle of the lake as well and tie it into the perimeter monitoring.

Update of SMTC Study: Supervisor Lanning said he attended a kick off meeting with SMTC. The discussion centered on beginning their study on how to cross Old Seneca Turnpike and the beaver dam that is behind the Village's sewer treatment plant. The beaver dam causes the stream to overflow and they will need to obtain a NYSDEC permit to remove the dam. He will have more updates in the future.

Councilor Howard asked what section of the trail is being reviewed. Supervisor Lanning said the study will be from the end of the south end of the Charlie Major Nature Trail to behind the Old Stone Mill.

Open Space Plan: Janet Aaron reported that the Plan was referred to SOCPA, the Town Planning and Zoning Boards, and the Village Board and Village Planning and Zoning Boards. SOCPA confirmed their 8/31/16 resolution after reading the updates and again commended the Town Board on the Plan. The Town Zoning and Planning Board consented to the Town Board serving as Lead Agency. The Town Board has classified the Open Space Plan as Type I under SEQRA.

Attorney Frame said that the normal progression would be to do Part II of the EAF. Since the Town Board is also considering an updated Comprehensive Plan it is possible that going through

the SEQRA process with the Open Space Plan now and then doing the Comprehensive Plan later might be an impermissible segmentation. Attorney Smith is reviewing this. Right now that is the potential issue that has to be determined before moving forward. The Open Space Committee could begin their review of Part II of the EAF since this committee is probably the best to answer many of the questions. Ultimately the Town Board will be responsible for all decisions on Part II of the EAF.

Councilor Howard said there is also the possibility that the Open Space Plan could be adopted and not attach it to the Comprehensive Plan. Attorney Frame said that is a possibility. There is a current Open Space that is currently part of the existing Comprehensive Plan. If the Town Board were to amend the Open Space Plan they would be essentially amending the Comprehensive Plan too. The question would still remain of the impermissible segmentation. If the Town splits them up and it is determined the Town Board shouldn't have, then you have to go back to square one.

Supervisor Lanning questioned if Open Space Plan is written in the current Comprehensive Plan or is it an addendum. Attorney Frame said she believes that it is an addendum but it is still considered part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Lanning asked Councilor Howard if she could task the Open Space Committee with researching the existing Open Space Plan. Councilor Howard agreed.

Resolution #17-004

DOT Substance Use Testing Service Agreement – Five Star OCCMED: On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (3-0) affirmation to the Town Board, Supervisor Lanning was authorized to sign the agreement with Five Start OCC Med for the mandated Substance Use Testing requirements.

Review of Procurement Policy: Tabled to the January 23, 2017 meeting.

Resolution #17-005

Authorization to Receive Proposals for a Natural Gas Vehicle Refueling Appliance: Supervisor Lanning said that as part of a clean energy initiative, the NYSDEC has offered a designation as a Climate Smart Community and the first four communities in our five-county region to achieve this Climate Smart status will get a \$100,000 grant for energy efficiency updates throughout the Town. There are ten action items and if the Town completes four of the ten action items and the Town is one of the first four communities to achieve this, the Town will receive \$100,000. One of the action items is to build an electric car charging station or a compressed gas vehicle refueling station and have a compressed natural gas vehicle. The Village currently has two electric car charging stations at the Village Hall that are not being utilized very often, if at all. He said that he and Councilor Brace have pursued this initiative. He said the Town has three of the four action items that they need and building a compressed gas refueling station would fulfill the 4th action item and put the Town in line for the \$100,000 grant. He said Attorney Smith has put together the RFP that is before the Board to authorize in order to receive three proposals. This would not obligate the Town to purchase the compressed gas refueling station. This is just to receive proposals.

*Councilor Coville arrived.

Councilor Badami, made a motion seconded by Councilor Howard to authorize Supervisor Lanning to seek proposals on the RFP for a compressed gas vehicle refueling station.

Councilor Howard	Yes
Councilor Brace	Absent
Councilor Badami	Yes
Councilor Coville	Abstain
Supervisor Lanning	Yes

Carried 3-0

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

▪*Update on Transfer of Austin Park to the Town:* Attorney Frame reported that the Attorney General had signed off on the Cy Pres action. The Village should be getting the documents from the Attorney General.

▪*Update on Time Warner Cable Negotiations:* Attorney Badami said that when Charter acquired Time Warner the representatives changed. He has been working with Dennis Dundon at the Village as a joint effort on the negotiations. They have been told they would be notified when the new representatives from Charter would be ready to sit down with them, and to date they have not received any notification from them. He said the Village density is an advantage to the cable company and they hope to negotiate more coverage in the Town in areas such as Shepard Settlement. The cable company has stated that it costs them \$25,000 a mile to run cable to a new area. NYS required with the acquisition of Time Warner by Charter Communications that they add 150,000 new customers in NYS. They are hoping to get as many new customers as they can in the Town.

▪*Update on the Comprehensive Plan:* Supervisor Lanning reported that Howard Brodsky is nearing completion on his analysis of the existing zoning code and proposed zoning revisions that will come out of the draft Comprehensive Plan. Joel Russell is back from England and will be looking at topics that the Town may wish to pursue independent of the Plan and zoning analysis.

Resolution #17-006

Budget Amendments/Adjustments/2016: On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the following budget amendments were authorized:

General Fund

\$ 186.00	Increase	010101.01.001.00	Town Board – P/S
\$ 186.00	Decrease	012201.01.001.00	Supervisor – P/S

Adjust budget to reflect where Deputy Supervisor Salary posted

\$ 5.00	Increase	012204.01.004.00	Supervisor – C/E
\$ 5.00	Decrease	012204.01.004.39	Supervisor – C/E – Other

Cost of Doing Business

\$ 60.00	Increase	013552.01.002.00	Assessment – Equipment
\$ 60.00	Decrease	013554.01.004.00	Assessment – C/E

Cost of Doing Business

\$ 80.00	Increase	013204.01.004.00	Auditor – C/E
\$ 70.00	Increase	067721.01.001.00	Programs for the Aging – P/S
\$ 30.00	Increase	09898.01.008.00	Other Employee Benefits
\$ 130.00	Increase	085101.01.001.00	Community Beautification – P/S
\$ 20.00	Increase	085104.01.004.00	Community Beautification – C/E
\$ 4,845.00	Increase	089894.01.004.00	Planned Studies – C/E
\$ 5,175.00	Decrease	019904.01.004.00	Contingency

Cost of Doing Business – request for additional studies for Comp Plan

Part Town

\$ 1,800.00	Increase	080101.02.001.00	Zoning – P/S
\$ 1,800.00	Decrease	080201.02.001.00	Planning - P/S

Adjust budget to reflect where Zoning Secretary income posted

Highway Town Wide

\$ 9,175.00	Increase	051421.03.001.00	Snow Removal – P/S
\$ 160.00	Increase	090898.03.008.00	Other Employee Benefits
\$ 9,335.00	Decrease	051421.03.001.55	Snow Removal - Equip – P/S

Additional Training Town Employees

EW1 – Water Consolidated

\$ 7,100.00	Increase	083101.08.001.00	Water Admin – P/S
\$ 500.00	Increase	090108.08.008.00	State Retirement – C/E
\$ 525.00	Increase	090308.08.008.00	Social Security – C/E
\$ 6,250.00	Decrease	083102.08.002.00	Water Admin – C/E
\$ 1,875.00	Decrease	083102.08.002.93	Water Admin – Equip. – Reserve

Cost associated with additional work force provided by the Town

Resolution #17-007

Abstract #16-25: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board payment of voucher #16-1827 to #16-1896 were authorized from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$104,275.68	Part Town:	\$19,789.29
Highway:	\$ 35,332.29	Highway P/T:	\$10,772.21
Lighting:	\$ 1,976.85	Water:	\$25,146.33
Water #5:	\$ 113.24	Sewer:	\$ 1,744.09
Sewer #6:	\$ 269.37	T & A:	\$ 4,497.03

Total: \$203,916.38

Resolution #17-008

Abstract #17-01: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board payment voucher #17-0001 to #17-0016 was authorized from the following funds:

General Fund: \$45,058.93
Highway: \$ 7,015.21
T & A: \$ 403.00

Part Town: \$ 4,598.48
Water: \$ 6,338.83

Total: \$63,414.45

Public Comment: No comments were made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk