

Town Board Meeting
July 24, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Lanning, Councilor Brace, Councilor Howard, Councilor Badami, Councilor Coville, Attorney McLeod.

Also Present: Bridgett Winkelman, Allan Wellington, Randy Nonenmacher, Carrie Empie, Rob Howard, Larry Pardee, Nan Pardee, Victor Mezh, Alina Mezh, Amanda Steenchen, Mary Menapace, Holly Gregg, Alan Methelis, Bill Spalding, Gretchen Messer, Amanda Mazzori, Bob Eggleston.

Department Reports

Highway, Water, Transfer Station: Allan Wellington reported that in the Highway Department they installed new driveways, cleaned ditches and after the recent storms cleaned plugged drainage pipes, repaired several driveways and did various road and ditch repairs on roads. He discussed with the Board about saving \$1,000 for the 2018 plow truck if purchased this year. Bridgett Winkelman said it was budgeted. The Board thanked Allan for pursuing this savings. In the Water Department they flushed hydrants in District #2, the final district this year. They also distributed sample bottles to test for lead and copper. At the Transfer Station they received multiple complaints about the overflow of items at the swap shop. Employees are clearing the area at shorter intervals.

Parks Department: In Sue Murphy's absence due to illness, Councilor Brace read the Parks report. At the Mandana parking lot during the weekend of July 16th and July 17th there were 12 residents who parked in the lot and 36 non-residents. The NYS Boat Launch was very busy over the last two weeks. At Austin Park they finished mulching the crab apple trees. The fence will be added next. The free Symphoria concert will be held at the Austin Pavilion at 7 p.m. on July 28, 2017. The Farmers Market is in full swing. With so much rain there have been numerous washouts some large trees down across the creek on the Charlie Major Nature Trail. Parks will be addressing the washouts on the trail, and preparing long-range solutions to the runoff and erosion. It would be good to ask the City to look into the large tree down across the creek at the northerly end. The attendance at the Fishing Derby was low due to rain but those that participated had a great time. She gave thanks to the many volunteers who helped with this event.

Budget: Bridgett Winkelman reported she completed payroll #15 for the year. She is preparing to submit 2018 budget information to the departments so they can submit their budgets by September 1st. Budget meetings with the Town Board will be schedule in September.

Minutes: On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Supervisor Lanning and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the minutes of July 10, 2017 were accepted as presented.

Public Comment: Mary Menapace referred to an item on the agenda, Fuel Cells and said that she and many members of the community work long and hard to educate everyone on the dangers of hydrofracking. She said the Town can't go forward with a fossil fuel program when there is a plethora of energy options across the world.

Resolution 17-143

Ken Karlik's Conservation Easement: Councilor Howard said that the Karlik Conservation Easement has been finalized. She thanked the members of the Open Space Committee for their hard work on this and the vetting process they went through to be able to acquire a conservation easement on this amazing property. The goal is to preserve farmland and views. All goals were met in this project. Ken Karlik has been here all of his life and has been pressured by developers to sell his property at the corner of Heifer and Rt. 41A. She said the Town acquired the 10 acres for \$100,000 and that this was not from tax dollars. The funds come from the Development Rights Acquisition Reserve Fund.

Karen Barkdull, Clerk to the Planning and Zoning Boards explained that this is a fund that provides an option for property owners to make a monetary contribution equal to the cost to protect 10 square feet of land with a conservation easement for each square foot of impermeable surface coverage greater than the area permitted to bring the lot into compliance.

Councilor Howard said that she hopes the Town can find more ways to find funding and mechanisms to do more of this type of open space protection.

Councilor Brace praised Councilor Howard and the members of the Open Space Committee for their hard work and many hours it took to determine benchmark criteria by which properties can be judged for prioritization.

Resolution 17-144

Old Seneca Turnpike & Master Road Water Improvement Bids: With the recommendation from John Camp, Engineer with C & S Companies, Supervisor Lanning made a motion, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous affirmation (5-0) of the Town Board to award the bid for waterline improvements to Edge Civil Corporation from Parish, NY in the amount of \$224,410.00 for Old Seneca Turnpike and \$146,870 for Masters Road waterline upgrades, in accordance with the schedule provided by the Engineer.

Resolution 17-145

Internship Request – Brooke Barkdull: On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous affirmation (5-0) of the Town Board, Brooke Barkdull was approved for an internship in the Town where she would rotate in all departments in the Town until she returns to college and receive a stipend in the amount of \$500 for the expected 15 hours a week over four weeks, subject to receiving a report at the end of the internship.

Resolution 17-143

Conservation Committee Event Request: Randy Nonenmacher, Chair of the Conservation Committee said that the Committee had a request from the Outdoor Life Learners' to hold a solar eclipse event on Monday, August 21st. The Conservation Committee is in favor of this event. The eclipse will happen that day between 1:17 p.m. and 3:47 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the free eclipse event sponsored by the Outdoor Life Learners' was approved. The Board also requested that the event be added to the Town's website.

Randy Nonenmacher said that a few weeks ago he requested that the Town Board complete the EAF for the Freshwater Permit that has to be approved by the NYSDEC plus letters from the Town in order to obtain the permit to spray the invasive species Phragmites. Supervisor Lanning said he would work on this for the next meeting.

Randy also stated that the parking lot at Guppy Falls was washed out. Supervisor Lanning said he would check with Allan Wellington on this.

Fuel Cell Technology Presentation: Councilor Badami said he has been researching this and believes a fuel cell would be a great initiative to save energy and reduce our carbon footprint.

Victor Mezh, President of ClearCell Power provided a presentation to the Town Board. He said the following:

that ClearCell is a woman owned company. They are the only authorized value added reseller/distributor for Doosan Fuel Cell, Inc. the company that offers the most proven fuel cell energy technologies, providing clean, efficient, reliable and cost effective combined heat and power solutions in commercial building, micro-grid and utility-scale fuel cell generation applications. Doosan Fuel Cell America, Inc. is wholly owned by South Korea's Doosan Group. Victor explained that Pure Cell Fuel Cell System was 90% efficient, ultra low CO2 and air emissions, reliable and cost effective. It is ultra clean, continuous duty combined heat and power fueled by abundant, inexpensive natural gas. The fuel cell converts natural gas to hydrogen gas to feed the fuel cell stack. Hydrogen and air are combined in an electrochemical process that produces direct current (DC) electricity, pure water and heat. The byproduct water (in the form of steam) is used in the fuel processor for natural gas reformation. The DC power provided by the fuel cell stack is conditioned to provide grid-interactive, high-quality alternating current (AC) power output. An integral heat recovery system can heat facility water for purposes such as space heating, domestic hot water and cooling when integrated with an absorption chiller. It generates electricity at competitive cost compared to utility rates and surcharges. Reduces both delivery (KW) charges and usage (kWh) charges on utility bills and provides a long term, fixed-rate hedge against rising utility tariffs.

Mr. Mezh said they have 4 units inside the Freedom Tower buildings in NYC. Verizon powers their entire data system with fuel cell technology in Connecticut and so does CBS Studios in California. The systems are quiet and there will never be a problem with power outages. A 20-megawatt fuel cell would cover two acres and power three of our towns. An 11" diameter gas service would be required. One of the benefits is a full turnkey operation. Clearcell would finance the entire project.

Mary Menapace said that she is hesitant about the Town accepting a 20 or 30-year contract buying natural gas. She said other options could be considered. This would lock the Town into buying fossil fuels for years. She recommended looking into what Madison County is doing. She said she found a more impressive program than she had expected. Not only have they installed solar at their landfill, but they have also diverted globally warming waste methane to an

electric generating plan that also supplies heat to a lumber yard drying kiln. She suggested visiting Madison County and taking a broader look at renewable energy options.

Councilor Brace questioned if it was feasible to tie into a bio digester a source of methane gas processed by Twin Birch Farms instead of natural gas. Mr. Mezh said their engineers could test and consider.

Councilor Brace also wanted to consider ways to integrate with other industries and take advantage of excess heat for production facilities like Tessy or Welch Allyn. She said there is also have a wind turbine manufacturer in Skaneateles Falls

Councilor Badami said there are no out of pocket costs for the Town.

Holly Gregg asked Mr. Mezh to define renewable. Mr. Mezh responded that NYSERDA certified them as TI renewable.

Mr. Mezh said that they would provide turnkey services with energy analysis, conceptual design, life cycle modeling, site design, installation and startup and commissioning. There would be 24/7 monitoring of the equipment and 10 and 20 year comprehensive service plans. The project has solutions for a no capital investment.

Holly Gregg suggested forming a Citizen's Committee to review this.

Supervisor Lanning asked Councilor Brace to refer this to the Engineering Committee to review and to possibly establish a committee to look into this further.

Mutual Aid Agreement with the Village: Supervisor Lanning said this agreement would provide coverage by the Village Codes Enforcement Officer (CEO) when the Town's CEO is on vacation or is out of the office and visa versa. This has not been discussed with the Village. There would be no financial exchange.

The Town Board authorized the Town Clerk to forward to the Village Trustees and Village Attorney for their review and comments.

1819 Cherry Valley Turnpike – Adams House: Curt Coville said that the property has been gates and that there is a dumpster there as renovations are being started. The Town Board recognized Curt Coville for the extra work he has done on this situation.

Veterans Service Coordinator: Supervisor Lanning said that Cindy Meili has been recommended for this position by the Commander of the Robert Hydon Post #239 Legion. She currently represents Jordan/Elbridge. A yearly stipend of \$1,000 was approved on the annual resolution.

Councilor Howard said this is the first she has heard about this position and wondered if one of our staff could take on these services for our Town. Michele Norstad currently works with

Veterans in the Assessor's Office to make sure they have all the tax exemptions they are entitled to receive.

This was tabled to the next meeting.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

•*Update on Transfer of Austin Park to the Town:* Attorney McLeod reported that Judge Greenwood approved the transfer of Austin Park to the Town. Now it is up to the Village to take final action on this transfer.

•*Update on Comprehensive Plan:* Supervisor Lanning said that Joel Russell will be submitting draft changes to the Zoning Code this week.

•*Update on Town Hall relocation:* Curt Coville said there was no update.

•*Update on City of Syracuse Easement:* No update.

•*Update on Dry Hydrant Project:* No update.

•*Update on Skaneateles Marina Proposal:* Supervisor Lanning said that NYS Office of General Services (OGS) visited the Marina last week. They stated that they will not be making a decision until an agreement was approved between the Town and the Marina. The next step will be for the Town Attorney to negotiate this agreement with the Marina. Councilor Brace asked who was present when OGS came out. Supervisor Lanning said that he was there and Mark Tucker as well as Debbie Williams who is representing the Marina. Councilor Brace was disappointed not to have advance notice to have been able to attend. Councilor Howard questioned when the Supervisor knew about this visit because she did not see the email in time to make changes to her work schedule. Supervisor Lanning said that multiple dates were tossed around before it was settled. He knew on Thursday and the email was sent on Monday.

•*Update on Part Time Constable Position:* Councilor Coville said he would be interviewing the two candidates this week.

Resolution 17-147

Budget Adjustments: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Board the following budget adjustments were authorized:

General Fund

\$ 15,000.00 Increase 014404.01.004.00 Engineer – C/E

\$ 15,000.00 Decrease 019904.01.004.00 Contingency

Additional costs associated with water lines and Dry Hydrants – will be reimbursed through Bonding or grant.

\$ 25.00 Increase 085101.01.001.00 Community Beautification – P/S

\$ 25.00 Decrease 085104.01.004.00 Community Beautification – C/E

Cost of Town Employees to do work at conservation area

Part Town Fund

\$ 2,000.00 Increase 080114.02.004.00 Codes Officer – C/E

\$ 2,000.00 Decrease 080112.02.002.93 Codes Officer – Equip. Reserve

Additional costs associated with work done to truck

Resolution 17-148

Abstract #17-14: Bridgett Winkelman said that one more invoice needs to be approved tonight that has not been added to the abstract. Symphoria just submitted their invoice late this afternoon in the amount of \$4,000 for this week's concert at Austin Pavilion.

On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Board, authorization was given to pay voucher #17-0937 to #17-1021 and to include a voucher to pay Symphoria (voucher #17-1022) in the amount of \$4,000 from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$179,544.46	Part Town:	\$ 3,261.03
Highway:	\$ 5,122.14	Highway P/T:	\$68,864.52
Water:	\$ 2,130.87	Sewer #6:	\$ 27.79
T & A:	\$ 3,173.28		

Total: \$262,124.09

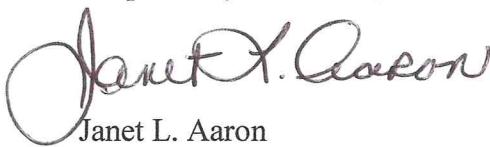
Public Comments: Bob Eggleston said that we have experienced unusually strong storms and the erosion has effected the shorelines. He said he is speaking on behalf of the lakefront property owners who are frustrated with the slow response from NYSDEC in making repairs to their embankments and shoreline erosion issues. Supervisor Lanning said he has heard they are understaffed and will make some phone calls.

Resolution 17-149

Executive Session: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue and contract negotiations.

The meeting was returned to open session at 9:15 p.m. and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk