

Town Board Meeting
September 11, 2017
7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Sandra Wickwire, Renee Maravi, Daniel Maravi, Martin Dillon, Rob Howard, Jim Condon, Beth Battle, Tom Watson, Scott Molnar, Julie Stenger, Bridgett Winkelman, Melyn Richmond.

Department Reports:

•*Highway, Water, Transfer Station:* Allan Wellington submitted a reported stating that the Highway Department helped the Town of Spafford with road work, paved Port Street extension and Transportation Drive, repaired the intersection of Jordan & Butters Farm Roads, mowed roadsides, excavated and hydro-seeded several roadside ditches, made equipment repairs and helped the fire department set up for Labor Day. In the Water Department they repaired several hydrants, updated the handheld meter reader to reprogram water meters and sent to the County Health Department the results for the copper and lead tests. At the Transfer Station they sent out two trailer loads of baled cardboard and three trailer loads of scrap steel. They finished loading the surplus mulch.

•*Parks Department:* Sue Murphy submitted a report that stated the waterfront closed last week. On Tuesday the rafts and buoys were pulled out and stored for the season. She thanked the Village for their help and also thanked the lifeguards who endured the cold, wet season. The waterfront stayed open until Labor Day. Soccer has started and is busy. The Skaneateles Nursery School started this week. She met with Bridgett Winkelman to go over the draft budget. They are still cleaning up after Labor Day and said everything went well for the field days.

•*Codes/Planning/Zoning:* Councilor Badami read the reports showing 10 permits were issued in the Codes Office during August and there are 8 open projects with the Planning Board.

•*Budget:* Bridgett Winkelman said she billed Water District #1 and filed the paperwork to receive grant funding for the street lights. The next budget meeting is at 7 a.m. on September 14th.

•*Historian:* Beth Battle provided a report on the history of Skaneateles Milk and Milk Delivery (attached). Councilor Howard reminded everyone that Town Clerk Janet Aaron is the granddaughter of the owners of Pine Grove Dairy “which was one of the best known dairies in Skaneateles from 1907 to 1975.”

Minutes: Councilor Howard made a motion seconded by Councilor Brace to accept the minutes of August 21, 2017 as presented.

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

Carried 4-0

Public Comment: Martin Dillon from 1654 Pork Street questioned what is going on with the property next to theirs regarding the logging and brush burning business. They have consulted an attorney and said that they believe they require a permit from the Town in order to conduct this business. They have discussed this with Codes Enforcement Officer (CEO), Curt Coville and hope that the Town will shut this down. Renee Maravi of 1742 Pork Street said she has seen huge trucks with logs going into the property. There is constant noise and smoke.

Supervisor Lanning said that this would be discussed with the attorney in Executive Session.

Attorney Smith said that the complaint was filed with the CEO and property owners have one week to respond to the complaint. The CEO will then write his decision for which either party can appeal.

Proposed Extension of the Consolidated Water District: Supervisor Lanning said that the Town engineer has been tasked with reviewing the information the Village engineer submitted. A ground mounted storage tank would be less expensive. An updated map, plan and report would be submitted at a future Town Board meeting.

Request for Speed Reduction on Franklin Street: Supervisor Lanning read a request from Larry Duckett requesting that the 30 mph speed limit on Franklin Street be extended from Clapp Road to Old Seneca Turnpike. The Town Board agreed to review this with Allan Wellington and to place on the October 2, 2017 Town Board meeting for a decision.

Fence Replacement – Mottville Cemetery: Bridgett Winkelman said that a vehicle drove through and destroyed part of the fence. A replacement proposal was submitted and Clerk Aaron submitted the claim to the insurance company and they will be providing coverage to cover most of the cost. One more quote is needed in order to meet the procurement requirements.

On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board authorization was provided to proceed with the replacement of the fence at Mottville Cemetery not to exceed \$5700 once another bid has been obtained.

Boat Washing Equipment: Supervisor Lanning said that the Town received \$50,000 from Onondaga County Legislature to go towards the purchase of a boat washing station and shed to house it at the Mandana Parking lot. He said there is no template on how to set this up but NYSDEC has seven inspection stations where boats are washed and tagged on Lake George and hopes to obtain more information from NYSDEC on setting up the one here.

The Town's engineer drew up the RFP for the purchase of a pressure washer. He solicited six companies to bid on it and two responded that it was too complicated. Kepner Equipment submitted the low bid for the portable electric hot water pressure washer in the amount of \$8,437.50. This includes delivery to site, set up, short plumbing to provided water tank and operator training. The pressure washer comes with a 525 gallon water tank. Site work needs to be done at the parking lot and electric run and drainage determined. The rough estimate from Brillo for site work is \$16,000. The storage shed has been purchased. This has been coordinated with Skaneateles Lake Association who is spearheading this project.

Councilor Brace said she would like to see everything together instead of piece meal and a summation of expenses. She said she is not against this just not thrilled with the process.

Councilor Howard questioned who would be doing the cleaning of the boats. Supervisor Lanning said that hasn't been determined. The water will be 140 degrees. Councilor Howard questioned where it would be housed in the winter. Supervisor Lanning said that Sue Murphy believes it can be housed at Austin Park.

On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation from the Town Board authorization was given to purchase the boat washing equipment in the amount of \$8437.50.

Mutual Aid Agreement – Codes Enforcement Office: Councilor Badami said this agreement was originally offered to the Village who declined. It allows for a Code Enforcement Officer from another municipality to assist in inspections and building code enforcement services when one of the code enforcement officers is unavailable. The Town of Marcellus was approached and they agreed to participate with changes to the agreement that require the Supervisor from each Town approving each time the service is requested, reimbursing the mileage expenses, and limiting the services provided to 25 hours in a given calendar year.

On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Badami, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Lanning was authorized to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Town of Marcellus for Code Enforcement services subject to the changes as indicated.

Public Hearing Introductory Local Law 2017-B – “A Local Law Amending Town Code Procedure”. Supervisor Lanning asked if anyone wished to have the public notice read. No one made the request.

6:30 p.m. Public Hearing

Supervisor Lanning said there are four sections to the proposed Local Law. The first section is to remove the dates and times of meetings from Section 25 of the Local Law and to just include them in the annual resolution.

On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the public hearing was opened.

Supervisor Lanning asked if anyone wished to speak in favor, against or have any comment on this section of the Local Law. No one came forward.

On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the public hearing was closed.

6:40 p.m. Public Hearing

Supervisor Lanning said that this part of the proposed Local law is regarding redevelopment of lots to specifically exclude alteration of paved surfaces and driveways that reduce impermeable surface coverage.

Planning and Zoning Board Attorney, Scott Molnar said that this section of the proposed law does not penalize a resident for reducing the size of their driveway. This is solely related to driveway reduction.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the public hearing was opened.

Jim Condon, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals said that this is a great change and that people should not be afraid to reduce their driveway. He asked if a concrete driveway would be included. Attorney Molnar said that concrete is under the definition of a paved driveway.

*Councilor Howard left the meeting for a short time.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the public hearing was closed.

*Councilor Howard returned to the meeting.

6:50 p.m. Public Hearing

Supervisor Lanning said that this hearing is regarding amendments to the Town Code section 148-35 to increase the maximum height of windmills from 150 feet to 160 feet.

Attorney Molnar said that with the change in this industry they have found some windmills have exceeded the 150 foot height but they have not been built higher than 160 feet. At the current Code requirement of 150 feet several windmill applications are required to go through several variances if their windmill exceeds this limit.

Attorney Smith said this section also changes the lighting provisions from artificially lighted to actively lighted unless so required by the FAA.

On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the public hearing was opened.

Supervisor Lanning asked if anyone wished to speak in favor, against or any comment on this section of the proposed local law.

No one came forward.

On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the public hearing was closed.

7:00 pm. Public hearing

Supervisor Lanning said that this section of the proposed local law authorizes senior citizens to use qualified medical and prescription drug expenses to offset their income for the purpose of qualifying and calculating the senior citizen real property tax exemption. Supervisor Lanning said that this does not include medical expenses reimbursed by the insurance company.

On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the public hearing was opened.

Supervisor Lanning asked if anyone wished to speak in favor, against or had any comments on this portion of the proposed local law.

Tom Watson said he wife was very sick and they had to take a large chunk of their savings to pay the medical bills. He is in favor of adopting the local law.

On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded with Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the public hearing was closed.

Attorney Smith said this is a Type II action under SEQR. He recommended that the proposed local law be referred to Onondaga County Planning before the Town Board made a decision. The Town Clerk was directed to refer the proposed to Onondaga County Planning.

7:10 p.m. Proposed Local Law 2017-C– Six Month Extension of Moratorium on Commercial Solar Use:

Karen Barkdull said that Howard Brodsky is close to having the draft legislation written for the Town Board to consider.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the public hearing was opened.

Supervisor Lanning asked if anyone wished to speak in favor, against or have any comments on the proposed local law.

No one came forward.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Introductory Local Law was adopted as Local Law 2017-1, subject to being filed with the Secretary of State.

Animal Cruelty Issue: Attorney Smith said that the Town does not have a contract with CNYSPCA. Finger Lakes did send an investigator to check on the situation. The Town Board agreed to continue to review this issue at the October 2, 2017 agenda.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

- Update on Transfer of Austin Park to the Town:* Attorney Smith said that it is now up to the Village to hold a public hearing.
- Update on Comprehensive Plan:* Joel Russell will be here October 9th – 12th to review zoning. Public information sessions will be scheduled in the future. Councilor Howard asked for the agenda to be circulated as soon as possible.
- Update on City of Syracuse Easement:* Nothing new to report.
- Update on Dry Hydrant Project:* John Camp is waiting on approvals from the NYSDEC.
- Update on Skaneateles Marina Proposal:* This will be discussed in Executive Session.
- Skaneateles Falls Gazebo Project:* Bids need to be received on the gazebo project.
- Boat Washing Station Award of \$50,000*
- Free Paper Shredding at Transfer Station 9-noon 9/16/17 for all valid Transfer Station permit holders:*

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

General Fund

\$ 75.00	Increase	085101.01.001.00	Community Beautification – P/S
\$ 75.00	Increase	085104.01.004.00	Community Beautification – C/E

Additional costs associated with mowing at conservation area by Town Employees

Highway Town wide Fund

\$ 75.00	Increase	090458.03.008.00	Life Insurance – C/E
\$ 75.00	Increase	090898.03.008.00	Other Employee Benefits – C/E

Additional costs associated with Life Insurance

Water Consolidated Fund

\$ 5.00	Increase	090458.08.008.00	Life Insurance – C/E
\$ 5.00	Increase	090898.08.008.00	Other Employee Benefits – C/E

Additional costs associated with Life Insurance

Abstract #17-17: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board voucher #1151 to voucher #1222 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund: \$60,754.33	Part Town: \$ 3,031.60
Highway: \$ 6,527.64	Highway P/T: \$35,213.30
Lighting: \$ 911.08	Water: \$26,685.91
T & A: \$ 6,734.14	

Total: 139,858.00

Public Comment: Beth Batlle expressed importance of making sure that boats are clean from invasive species before entering Skaneateles Lake. Supervisor Lanning said that it is a new NYSDEC law requiring boats to be clean, drained and dry of debris, water or contamination.

This is difficult to enforce and a challenge for the Skaneateles Lake Association. There are many private boat launches around the lake. Tom Watson suggested posting the law at the boat launches. Supervisor Lanning said it has been posted.

Executive Session – Personnel and potential litigation: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue and potential litigation.

Meeting returned to open session a 8:45 p.m. and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk