

Town Board Meeting
October 2, 2017
6:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Beth Batlle, Renee Moravi, Sandra Wickwire, Martin Dillon, Daniel Moravi, Julie Stenger, Sue Murphy, Linda Gillmore, Jim Gillmore, Allan Wellington, Marty Cregg, John Camp, Bridgett Winkelman, Allan Wellington.

Department Reports

Highway, Water, Transfer Station: A report was submitted by Allan Wellington stating that they are continuing to clean road drainage ditches and do hydroseeding. They corrected a drainage problem on Crow Hill Road and replaced several road signs. They made several truck repairs and helped the Town of Marcellus chip and seal roads. At the Transfer Station they held a shred day on September 16th and will be having a latex paint day on October 7th. They graded the hard fill area and pushed up the brush pile. At the Water Department they installed a new water service for a commercial business on Fennell Street, reprogrammed three water meters. They repaired and replaced water meters, curb boxes and hydrants. They have checked in daily with the City of Syracuse regarding the blue green algae.

Parks Department: Sue Murphy reported that the Nursery School has started their school year at Austin Pavilion. The sign that the Town Board approved has been put up. Soccer is going well and their season ends at the end of October. They cut down some trees at the Skaneateles Falls Park and some small trees around the park. They replaced two benches at the park. They are looking at options on replacing the deck on the waterfront rafts. Saturday, October 14th is the last day for the Farmers Market this year.

Budget: Bridgett Winkelman said she was organizing weekly budget meetings with the Board and finalizing grant paperwork.

Historian: Beth Batlle gave a history showing pictures of buildings that no longer exist in the Town.

Resolution #17-184

Minutes:

September 11, 2017: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of September 11, 2017 were accepted as presented.

Resolution #17-185

September 21, 2017: Councilor Badami made a motion to accept the minutes of September 21, 2017 as presented. Seconded by Councilor Coville.

Councilor Brace	Abstain (absent from this meeting)
Councilor Howard	Yes
Councilor Badami	Yes
Councilor Coville	Yes
Supervisor Lanning	Yes

Carried 4-0

Public Comments: Sandra Wickwire and Martin Dillon said in addition to a logging business their neighbor is doing retail sales for a product that is not produced on the property and that is not allowed under Agriculture & Market law.

Attorney Smith said that the Codes Enforcement Officer (CEO) received a written complaint on this property. The property owner was notified in writing and now a determination is being drafted by the CEO and will be mailed to both parties. Either party can appeal the decision.

Linda Gillmore asked if the pellet business will be looked at. Attorney Smith said the information will be provided to the CEO.

2018 Tentative Budget: Bridgett Winkelman said that the Town Board has been meeting two times a week to take a comprehensive look at the budget. They have thoughtfully considered all the requests that departments have submitted. In line with the Union Contract employees will be receiving a 2% raise. Health benefits are increasing by 3%. The Town has to meet a 1.84% tax cap. The Board will continue to work on the budget until the public hearing is held.

Blue Green Algae: Supervisor Lanning said that this is not the first time the lake has had algae but the first in a number of years.

Councilor Brace announced that the High School Environmental Club would be holding a panel discussion regarding the blue green algae at 7 p.m. on October 4th at the high school auditorium. The speakers include Bob Werner from ESF and SLA, Andy Zep from Land Trust, and Greg Boyer from ESF. She said that it would be a science-based discussion on what creates the blue green algae bloom, what steps should be taken to mitigate, and discussions about what to do next.

Supervisor Lanning said that a task force should be organized. The nutrient loading from the two rain events this summer, calm waters and the hot weather created the environment. There are three counties and five towns on the lake and it is a NYS body of water. He said the municipal water has never been compromised. The private intakes are a different matter.

Councilor Badami said that chlorinating water has its own risks.

The Town Board agreed that there should be good information from speakers at the panel discussion organized by the students of the High School Environmental Club.

Resolution #17-186

CROP Walk Request: On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the Skaneateles Ecumenical Clergy Association was given permission to use Austin Pavilion and the walking path at Austin Park for their October 22nd CROP walk between Noon and 2:30 p.m.

Introductory Local Law B of 2017: Attorney Smith said that the Town Clerk has referred this to SOCPA. He said that previous parts of the local law were considered Type 2 actions under SEQRA but Section 148 (wind turbines) was changed to Unlisted. The Town Board can decide to do an EAF if they find it would be a useful exercise.

Councilor Brace questioned if there would be any liability if the Town Board decides not to do the EAF. Attorney Smith said no. It is not mandated. The Town Board could consider there is a potential for an adverse implication.

Resolution #17-187

Request for 30 mph Speed Limit on Franklin Street from Clapp Road to Old Seneca Turnpike: Supervisor Lanning said that the Town Board is in receipt of a letter from Larry Duckett asking the Town Board to consider reducing the speed limit from Clapp Road to Old Seneca Turnpike to 30 MPH. Currently the speed limit is 55 MPH.

On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Supervisor Lanning and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the Town Clerk was authorized to refer this request to the Onondaga County DOT and NYSDOT for their review recommendation.

Resolution #17-188

Petition To Change the Restriction on Turning Left onto Clapp Road: Supervisor Lanning said that the Town Board is in receipt of a petition requesting that the Town Board remove the local law restriction going west on Old Seneca Turnpike allowing the ability to turn left onto Clapp Road.

The Town Board discussed concerns about safety as the site lines at the top of the hill are very poor, both for the driver making the turn and for anyone approaching from behind. It was also questioned who had the jurisdiction to decide this since Old Seneca Turnpike is a County Road. The Board recognizes how difficult it may be for horse trailers to make the left hand turn from Old Seneca to Franklin Street and then the sharp left from Franklin Street to Clapp Road, but they believe the analysis and determination has to be made by the County

On a motion of Supervisor Lanning seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board this request was referred to the Onondaga County DOT and NYSDOT for their review and recommendation.

Resolution #17-189

Proposed Extension of Consolidated Water District: Supervisor Lanning said that the Village has notified the Town that they are doing infrastructure improvements to improve their pressure and additional pressure is not needed by adding a water tower. They also have stated that if the district is formed they would want check valves installed so that the Village does not receive additional pressure. The Town had previously requested another map, plan and report from John Camp that removes the water tower and replaces it with a ground mounted storage tank. The Board felt the added storage capacity would be important to improve firefighting capacity. The revised map, plan and report, reduces the cost to establish the district by \$300,000 to \$2,501,000. The estimated debt service charge and water purchase cost per year would be \$806 for a household. The water charge per residential customer per year is estimated at \$416 per year. \$960-\$980 is allowed by the Comptroller's Office. The estimated additional annual cost per single family residence, in the existing water service areas throughout the Village and Town would be \$43 per year for the life of the bond.

John Camp said there are about 1100 water customers and 1239 village water customers and that he clarified these numbers in the new report at the request of Councilor Brace. Supervisor Lanning said that the Village of Skaneateles has stated that if the Town does form this district then they would look at a memorandum of understanding. The formal conversation with the Village has not started. Councilor Brace said that a joint meeting between the Town and Village needs to be scheduled in order to move this water district forward.

Attorney Smith said if the Town Board is comfortable with exploring this option then a public hearing can be scheduled and the Board can reach out to the Village. Councilor Brace said a public hearing has already been held on this district. Since then the cost has been reduced. She said it makes more sense to sit down with the Village.

Supervisor Lanning said that the Village wants the Town to form this district first. Then the Village will take this seriously. The Village hired GHD to do their own study and they are not interested in additional pressure.

Councilor Brace said that the Town and Village should be on the same page with this. She said it should be discussed with the Village before another public hearing is scheduled.

Marty Cregg said he met informally with the Village and he does not believe they feel the Town is making a real commitment to the district because it has been discussed for so many years. They won't take it seriously until the district is formed.

John Camp said that this plan will still provide more capacity in the system and might be of more interest to the Village. The system is under capacity and this would benefit everyone.

On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board a public hearing was scheduled for 7 p.m. on November 6, 2017 to consider extending the consolidated water district.

Post Closure Monitoring Proposal from Plumley Engineers: The Town Board agreed that they needed more information on the proposal and tabled their decision to the October 16th meeting.

Resolution #17-190

Eastern Shore Associates – Insureds Consent to receiving Electronic Documents: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the Supervisor was authorized to sign a consent to receive electronic documents from our workers compensation insurance carrier.

Resolution #17-191

Children & Family Services (Youth Bureau): On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Lanning was authorized to sign the Onondaga County Children & Family Services for PlayDay program compensation.

Resolution #17-192

Declare 2001 International Dump Truck with Plow as Surplus: Attorney Smith said that if the Town approves declaring this truck surplus then it doesn't have to be advertised, it can just be sold at a fair and reasonable price.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Supervisor Lanning, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the 2000 International Truck with plow was declared surplus and could be sold at auction.

Resolution #17-193

Authorize to Make Offer to Purchase 1997 Volvo Rescue Truck from Fire Department: Supervisor Lanning said that Allan Wellington brought this to the Town Board to consider purchasing this truck from the fire department. It would work very well in the water department because it has safety lights, a generator and can hold all the equipment needed on a water break. It also allows for the crew to get inside to get warm. The vehicle has under 15,000 miles and is in excellent condition. It can be kept in the Highway barn.

On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Allan Wellington was authorized to offer \$10,000 for the 1997 Volvo Rescue truck from the Fire Department.

Resolution #17-194

Schedule 2018 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing: On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board a special meeting was scheduled for October 30, 2017 and to schedule the public hearing to consider the 2018 budget for 7 p.m. on October 30, 2017.

Resolution #17-195

Schedule Budget Meetings: On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, special meetings to review the budget are schedule for 7:30 a.m. on October 3, 2017; October 5, 2017; October 16, 2017 and October 19, 2017.

Meetings with Joel Russell: The Board requested that their meetings with Joel Russell be changed from 7:30 a.m. on October 10th and October 12th. The public informational meeting will be at the Skaneateles Central School District Office at 7 p.m. on October 10, 2017.

Resolution #17-196

Sims Building Project: Councilor Brace said she discussed this project and the budget with the architect, Janice Miller earlier in the day. This project exceeds the \$80,000 NYS grant with an estimated budget above \$300,000. She said that there should be a pre-bid meeting to make sure that the project is understood. She questioned several things on the bid including why a metal roof was not considered, like the one on the picnic pavilion. She suggested since the cost would increase with a metal roof to add a bid alternate to the bid documents. She said discussed with Janice Miller that the bathroom was not ADA compliant which would increase the cost. She also said the Parks Department agreed that the cabinetry could be removed and to just have a sink and

counter. A wall hung sink would be sufficient and the Parks Department has wire shelving they can use in the space.

Supervisor Lanning said that Churchill Environmental check the building for lead and asbestos. Both were negative.

Councilor Brace said that the Town Board is obligated to perform due diligence in establishing total project costs including demolition and debris removal costs. Janice Miller was advised that the Highway Department would perform the demolition work. If this is the case, then the Town Board should receive the budget for these services from the Highway Department. She said she wants to look at this project as a whole project instead of piecemeal as it has been presented. Costs should include design and engineering, demolition, site survey engineering, the asbestos report, construction and Clerk of the Works. She said that Janice Miller is willing to add an alternate to the bid package for the metal roof.

Supervisor Lanning said this should be discussed at the budget meetings. Janice Miller will be presenting the plans to the Village Planning Board on Thursday. This will be on the next Town Board meeting agenda.

On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the bid opening for the replacement of the Sims Building was scheduled for 10 a.m. on November 6, 2017.

Draft Solar Legislation. Supervisor Lanning said that this was presented to the Town Board after being prepared by Howard Brodsky and the Planning & Zoning Boards for the Town Board to review. The Introductory Local Law will be presented at the October 16, 2017 meeting.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates:

Update on Transfer of Austin Park: No new updated

Update on Dry Hydrants: The Army Corp of Engineers had no comment. Waiting for the NYSDEC permit results.

Updated on Mill Road Recreation Easement: No new updates

Update on City of Syracuse Sewer on West Lake Street: Negotiations are continuing with the City of Syracuse to take over these sewer accounts since all new infrastructure has been added.

Update on Eastern Gateway: Some improvements have been accomplished such as removing the transformer at the old Tastee Freeze and the blacktop removed in front of the dance studio.

2nd Constable position: Will be discussed in Executive Session

USDOT Grant Opportunity: Referred to Allan Wellington.

Onondaga County Shared Services Initiative: The Town Board requested copies in order to consider at the October 16th meeting.

Resolution #17-197

Budget Amendments: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Supervisor Lanning, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following budget amendments were authorized:

General Fund

\$ 3,000.00 Increase 085101.01.001.00 Engineering – C/E
\$ 3,000.00 Decrease 019904.01.004.00 Contingency
Municipal Projects support

\$250.00 Increase 06201.01.001.00 Building – P/S
\$250.00 Decrease 016204.01.004.00 Building – C/E
Cost associated with using Town Work Force

\$ 1,000.00 Increase 065101.01.001.00 Veterans Services – P/S
\$ 1,000.00 Decrease 019904.01.004.00 Contingency
Cost of providing Veterans Support

Resolution #17-198

Abstract #17-19: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Supervisor Lanning and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board voucher #1277 to voucher #1330 from the following funds was authorized:

General Fund:	\$19,535.56	Part Town:	\$ 223.15
Highway:	\$ 1,636.46	Highway P/T:	\$4,800.00
Fire Protection:	\$48,425.00	Lighting:	\$1,458.16
Water:	\$ 3,419.97	Sewer:	\$ 6.45
T & A:	\$ 153.32		

Total: \$79,658.07

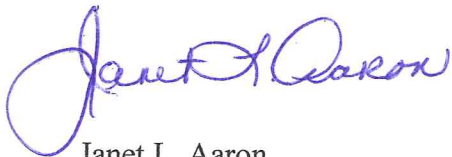
Public Comment: No Comments.

Resolution #17-199

Executive Session: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue.

Meeting return to open session at 8:05 p.m. and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk