

**Town Board Meeting
March 7, 2013
6:00 PM**

Attending: *Supervisor Roney, Councilor Greenfield, Councilor Murphy, Councilor McGlynn, Councilor Keyes, Attorney Sardino.

Attorney Advice: On a motion of Councilor McGlynn, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous (4-0) approval of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Attorney Advice at 6:00 p.m.

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*Supervisor Roney arrived at 6:20 p.m.

The meeting was returned to open session at 7:00 p.m.

Also Attending: Bridgett Winkelman, Jessica Soule (Skaneateles Journal), Joe Genco (Skaneateles Press), Jim Card, Mark Tucker, Dick Searing, Gene Laforte.

Department Reports

■Highway, Water, Transfer Station Departments: Jim Card reported on routine operations for all departments.

■Parks Department: Gene Laforte reported that the loan closet room for the Outreach Department was completed. The Austin Pavilion ice arena is done for the season. Sue Murphy is working on the programs for the PlayDay program. He and Sue Murphy attended a Farmers Market Managers meeting at Cornell that was very informative.

■Historian: Councilor Murray reported that Town Historian, Beth Batlle has compiled a book entitled, "Women of Skaneateles" that will be at the Town Clerk's counter for anyone who wants to look at it. Ms. Batlle is also working on another book regarding Town of Skaneateles history.

■Animal Control: Supervisor Roney reported on the 10 calls made by Animal Control during February.

■Codes: Debbie Williams reported on routine operations and that the Sign Committee will be continuing their review of the sign ordinance.

■Budget: Bridgett Winkelman reported that Cuddy & Ward are nearing the completion of their audit and will be reporting to the Town Board. The Annual Financial Report (AUD) will be filled with the NYS Comptroller by March 13th. Water District #1 quarterly bills were mailed.

Resolution #38

Abstract #13-05: Councilor Keyes made a motion to approve the payment of voucher #13-0233 to voucher #13-0321 from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$23,608.83	Part Town:	\$ 700.85
Highway:	\$31,592.67	Lighting:	\$1,644.02
Water:	\$ 4,991.06	Sewer:	\$ 4,774.21
Western Gateway:	\$ 5,726.18	T & A:	\$ 7,101.87

Total: \$80,139.69
Seconded by Councilor Murray.

Councilor Keyes	Yes
Councilor McGlynn	Yes
Councilor Greenfield	Yes
Councilor Murray	Yes
Supervisor Roney	Yes

Carried 5-0

Resolution #39

2013 Summer Triathlon Training Program: Dick Searing presented a request to the Town Board asking to again utilize the Clift Park for the purpose of conducting a 2013 Summer Triathlon Training Program. He is no longer attached to the Endurance Monster or Engineered Triathletes and will be conducting the program himself with other coaches of his choice.

Gene LaForte said that last year there was one person that trained outside the designated times disrupting the public swimming. Mr. Searing said that he already talked to this person and that he will make sure it does not happen again.

Mr. Searing said that the Village had already approved this.

Councilor Keyes made a motion to approve the request to hold triathlon training at Clift Park subject to receiving the required insurance certificate. Seconded by Councilor Murray.

Councilor Keyes	Yes
Councilor McGlynn	Yes
Councilor Greenfield	Yes
Councilor Murray	Yes
Supervisor Roney	Yes

Carried 5-0

Resolution #40

2013 Labor Day Skinnyman Race: Dick Searing reported that this is the 9th year for the Skinnyman Race and requested approval of this Labor Day Race.

Councilor Greenfield made a motion approving the Skaneateles Labor Day Race Weekend in order to satisfy the requirement of the NYSDOT permit subject to the receiving the required insurance certificate. Seconded by Councilor Murray.

Councilor Keyes	Yes
Councilor McGlynn	Yes
Councilor Greenfield	Yes
Councilor Murray	Yes
Supervisor Roney	Yes

Carried 5-0

Resolution #41

Skaneateles Fire Department – Request to Waive Austin Pavilion Use Fee: Supervisor Roney read a letter from Skaneateles Fire Department Chief, Eric Sell requesting to have the fee waived to use Austin Pavilion on August 3rd for a high stake raffle and casino event.

Councilor Greenfield made a motion to waive the Austin Pavilion fee for the Skaneateles Fire Department August 3rd event subject to receiving the required licensing for the games of chance. Seconded by Councilor Murray.

Councilor Keyes	Yes
Councilor McGlynn	Yes
Councilor Greenfield	Yes
Councilor Murray	Yes
Supervisor Roney	Yes

Carried 5-0

Resolution #42

Proposed Updates to Farmers Market Rules and Regulations: Supervisor Roney said that the Town Board has had the opportunity to review the proposed updates to the Farmers Market rules and regulations. She said that the Saturday market hours would now be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and it was proposed that vendors could start setting up at 7:30 a.m. She said that this seemed a bit early and suggested changing that time to 8:00 a.m. The Board agreed.

Councilor Greenfield questioned what would happen on Saturday if only 3 or 4 vendors showed up. Gene Laforte said that if there are only a few vendors they would make sure they are set up to begin, then leave and come back to close up. He doesn't believe they would need a market manager for just a couple of vendors.

Councilor Murray questioned if Sue Murphy would be Market Manger. Supervisor Roney said, yes as noted in paragraph #1.

Councilor Greenfield made a motion to approve the proposed Farmers Market Rules and Regulations with the change when vendors could begin setting up on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Seconded by Councilor Murray.

Councilor Keyes	Yes
Councilor McGlynn	Yes
Councilor Greenfield	Yes
Councilor Murray	Yes
Supervisor Roney	Yes

Carried 5-0

Resolution #43

Open Space Committee Presentation: Howard Brodsky said that the Town Board adopted the Land Preservation Funds Policy on March 18, 2010. At that time an Open Space Committee was formed headed by Dave Laxton along with members from the Town Board, Planning Board and several at large members. The purpose of the fund is to preserve the rural character of the Town and help protect the quality of Skaneateles Lake and other natural resources throughout the Town. The Town would negotiate with property owners for a conservation easement. The fund currently has \$110,000. Monies are added to the fund when a resident wishes to make improvements to their property through a zoning permit and they exceed the impermeable surface coverage. In order to modify the property owners would have to reduce the impermeable surface to below 10% or contribute to the Land Preservation Fund so that the Town can purchase conservation easements, development rights or similar protections on lands within the Town.

Mr. Brodsky said in 2010 the Town Board accepted this policy but it was never referred to the Planning and Zoning Boards for their review and recommendations to the Town Board.

He developed a Property Evaluation Form that the committee can score individual properties. It also promotes discussion and debate.

Mr. Brodsky said he believes the Committee was meeting once or twice a year. He said that the Town has a long term responsibility to monitor conservations easements.

Supervisor Roney said that the current funds could be gone with just one or two properties. Mr. Brodsky said that the Town could receive funds by other means such as donations, and funneling other streams of income into this fund.

Councilor McGlynn asked if it could be used for park properties. Mr. Brodsky said that benefit should be the protection of the watershed when considering properties. They should have no recreation benefit.

Supervisor Roney said that this should be referred to the Planning and Zoning Boards and then their recommendations should come back to the Town Board for consideration. A committee should be formed with clear mandates.

Attorney Sardino said he envisions that the Committee would evaluate properties and report directly to the Town Board. Mr. Brodsky agreed.

Supervisor Roney said that a conservation easement does not make it Town property and that residents would not be able to use that property for hiking, hunting, etc. It is only to restrict development of that property.

Mr. Brodsky said that farmers can continue to farm properties with a conservation easement, they just can't decide to develop it.

Debbie Williams said that the overall goal is to find land in the watershed to protect so that 50 years from now the entire watershed would not exceed 10% impermeable coverage.

Mr. Brodsky said that homes built in the 1950's that now need to be modified have to find a way to do it without impacting the watershed.

Councilor McGlynn made a motion to refer the Land Preservation Funds Policy to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals for their review and recommendation. Seconded by Councilor Keyes.

Councilor Keyes	Yes
Councilor McGlynn	Yes
Councilor Greenfield	Yes
Councilor Murray	Yes
Supervisor Roney	Yes

Carried 5-0

Summer Program Request – PRIDE / Robert Gadjio: Supervisor Roney referred to the February 19, 2013 letter received from Robert Gadjio requesting to use Austin Park for a 5-day summer program for middle school children at Austin Park. This would not be a Town sponsored program.

The Town Board requested that Mr. Gadjio be contacted so that the Town Board could meet him personally to ask about the program. Supervisor Roney said that she would schedule that.

Resolution #44

Town Easement - Sheldon Road: Supervisor Roney reported that she had met with Jason Seiler and Bob Eggleston to review their request to modify an existing easement that the Town has on Sheldon Road. The easement runs along Skaneateles Creek and provides access to property that the Town owns, Tax Map #024.-01-04.1.

Mr. Seiler said that he is planning on buying property next to the easement owned by Mr. Cunningham, Tax Map #024.-01-04.2 and the existing easement impairs his ability to use the property.

Jim Card said he had reviewed the request and did not have a problem with the modification.

Attorney Sardino said that the decision depends on the title company. If they want a release of the easement, the Town Board will need to have a public hearing. If there is no release required and only a modification to the existing easement, then the Town Board can make the decision without a public hearing.

Councilor McGlynn made a motion to authorize modifying the Town's easement on Sheldon Road providing access to the Town's property located at Tax Map #024.01-04.1 subject to the approval of the survey, legal description and all required paperwork by Attorney Sardino. Seconded by Councilor Murray.

Councilor Keyes	Yes
Councilor McGlynn	Yes
Councilor Greenfield	Yes
Councilor Murray	Yes
Supervisor Roney	Yes

Carried 5-0

Resolution #45

Minutes: Councilor Greenfield made a motion to accept the minutes of February 21, 2012 as presented, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous approval (5-0) of the Town Board.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

Resolution #46

•**Sustainable Skaneateles:** Supervisor Roney read the February 25, 2013 letter submitted by Carol Stokes-Cawley, Connie Brace, and Mary Menapace explaining that Sustainable Skaneateles is a new ad hoc group of Village and Town residents concerned about our community and planet. They encourage the entire community to participate in a global

initiative called Earth Hour on Saturday, March 23rd at 8:30 p.m. by switching off their lights for one designated hour.

Councilor Greenfield made a motion to endorse the efforts of Sustainable Skaneateles and to support Earth Hour by turning off non-essential Town lighting for one hour and allowing for their handouts to be available at Town Hall for the public. Seconded by Councilor Keyes.

Councilor Keyes	Yes
Councilor McGlynn	Yes
Councilor Greenfield	Yes
Councilor Murray	Yes
Supervisor Roney	Yes

Carried 5-0

▪*Seniors of Skaneateles:* Supervisor Roney read a letter dated February 28, 2013 from Jean Eaton, President of Seniors of Skaneateles. She stated that the group is about ready to disband because of the lack of people who can take over the organization as officers. Unless someone is willing to step up they will disband at the end of June, 2013. They will make arrangements to return the budgeted amount the Town provides to support their senior trips and remove any stored files they have at Town Hall. The Town Board expressed their sadness about the disbanding of this long established group and said it would be a shame if it dissolves.

▪*Update on Town of Sennett Request to Extend Water District #7:* Supervisor Roney said that the Village Mayor had responded to the Town of Sennett regarding their request to extend Water District #7 asking for certain questions to be answered such as SEQR review, a DEC Water Supply Permit and County Health Department approval before they can review the proposal. To date the Town of Sennett has not replied to these requests.

Resolution #47

Attorney Advice: On a motion of Councilor Keyes, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous approval (5-0) of the Board, the meeting adjourned to Attorney Advice at 7:55 p.m.

The Town Board returned to open session at 8:30 p.m.

Resolution #48

Railroad Bridge: Supervisor Roney reported that the Town Board was updated by Highway Superintendent, Jim Card on the request made by Onondaga County DOT to remove the Town's railroad bridge, which is in great disrepair, when they replace their bridge that goes over Skaneateles Creek on Jordan Road known as County Bridge C-80 PIN 375477 – BIN3313110 located between Visions Drive and School Street. Jim Card had explained and showed pictures showing how deteriorated the railroad bridge was. The County would remove the bridge at their expense.

Supervisor Roney moved a resolution approving the request of the Onondaga County DOT to remove the Town's railroad bridge located on Jordan Road between Visions Drive and School Street subject to the approval of the contract and terms by Attorney Sardino.

Seconded by Councilor McGlynn.

Councilor Keyes	Yes
Councilor McGlynn	Yes
Councilor Greenfield	Yes
Councilor Murray	Yes
Supervisor Roney	Yes

Carried 5-0

Resolution #49

Attorney Advice: On a motion of Councilor McGlynn, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous approval (5-0) of the Board the meeting was adjourned to attorney advice at 8:17 p.m.

Meeting returned to open session at 9:25 p.m.

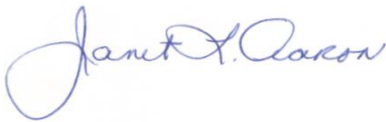
Resolution #50

Constable: Councilor Murray made a motion to immediately enforce that the Constable cannot carry a gun and to authorize advertising for the Constable position. Seconded by Councilor Greenfield.

Councilor Keyes	Yes
Councilor McGlynn	Yes
Councilor Greenfield	Yes
Councilor Murray	Yes
Supervisor Roney	Yes

Carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,



Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk