

Town Board Meeting
June 5, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Sennett, Councilor Greenfield, Councilor Murray, Councilor Brace, Councilor Howard, Attorney Taylor.

Also Present: Bridgett Winkelman, Allan Wellington, Gene LaForte, George Thomas, Jonathan Monfiletto (Skaneateles Journal).

Department Reports

▪*Highway, Water, Transfer Station:* Allan Wellington reported that the Highway Department did repairs on the Crow Hill Road Bridge, and delivered stone and sand for the drainage project at Austin Park. He said he attended the Association of Towns Highway School at Cornell University for three days this week. They reground and recycled the road material on Andrews Road in order to pave the one-mile road. The mulch pile at the Transfer Station continues to be reduced as they work with DeMarco who is purchasing it. They repaired two water main breaks and repaired two meters.

▪*Parks:* Gene LaForte reported that the drainage project will begin next week on the north and south fields and part of the soccer field. During the project the playground and other areas may be closed at times. The baseball games are coming to a close and Sue Murphy has arranged for them to use the school fields for any games that may be scheduled. They plan to work around the school picnics that are scheduled. The picnic tables have been refinished and they are preparing the Arena for the Re-Bike this weekend and the Rotary Father's Day Pancake Breakfast on June 15th. Rafts will be going in the lake on June 23rd and 24th and the swimming will open on June 25th.

Councilor Howard asked where the rain location will be for the June 29th graduation. Gene said at the Austin Pavilion.

▪*Animal Control Report:* Supervisor Sennett said that the Town Board was in receipt of the May report showing 33 calls. Special note was made of the reported rattlesnake sighting where the resident was advised it was highly unlikely as it is not native to this area.

▪*Codes, Planning, Zoning:* Councilor Brace read the activity report for May showing 18 building permits, 1 variance, 1 special permit, 4 certificates of occupancy and 24 inspections.

▪*Budget:* Bridgett Winkelman thanked Julie Stenger for covering her office while she was on vacation. She completed the monthly report for NYS Retirement, billed water and will be registering the seasonal employees on June 20th.

Resolution #14-94

Minutes: On a motion of Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of May 15, 2014 were accepted as presented.

Resolution #14-95

Updated Disaster Preparedness Plan: On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the updated Disaster Preparedness Plan was approved by the Town Board.

Resolution #14-96

Agreement For The Expenditure of Highway Moneys: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the Agreement between the Highway Superintendent and the Town Board pursuant to the provisions of section 284 of the High Law, agreeing that moneys levied and collected in the Town for repair and improvement of highways, as outlined, was approved.

Resolution #14-97

Transfer from Transfer Station Equipment Reserve Fund: Supervisor Sennett said that Highway Superintendent, Allan Wellington was requesting a transfer of not to exceed \$5,200 for the purchase of an open top container to be used at the Transfer Station for demolition debris, clean wood and tires.

On a motion of Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board a transfer of not to exceed \$5,200 from the Transfer Station Equipment Reserve Fund was authorized subject to the Permissive Referendum Requirements of Town Law and General Municipal Law.

Recognize New Zoning Board Member: Supervisor Sennett recognized David Palen, newest member on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Denise Rhoads, Chair of the ZBA said she was happy Mr. Palen applied for the position and she looks forward to working with him. She said his background and hobbies will be an asset to the ZBA.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates:

▪ *Transfer Station Will Be Closed June 10th for Mandated Employee Safety Meeting.*

▪ *Update on Open Space Committee Meeting May 22, 2014:* Councilor Howard reported that the meeting was held at the Fire Hall. Andy Zepp from the Finger Lakes Land Trust spoke. Mark Tucker and Bob Dewitt spoke regarding Conservation Easements. Approximately 35 people attended this information meeting. 100 letters were sent to property owners around the lake. The Committee will continue their efforts to offer information to the public. The committee will meet again on June 16th. The Town currently has a fund in the amount of \$129,000 that was set up in a Land & Development Rights Acquisition Fund which was established to help landowners with the costs of surveys and other expenses in establishing a Conservation Easement on their property. The money for this fund comes from applicants who have impermeable surface coverage greater than the area permitted. She said that Sheila Myers is the Chair of this committee and is very organized.

▪ *Update Clean-Up of Charlie Major Nature Trail:* Councilor Brace reported that 17 adults plus children helped to clean up the Charlie Major Nature Trail on Saturday, June 7th. Pictures were displayed of the piles of trash removed from the bank of the trail that included large pieces of rusted metal, tires, and a toilet among other things. This debris goes back years if not decades prior to the neighbors who currently live there. She was very thankful for the help from the neighbors, especially Peter Bettis who mowed to make the access easier. She said everyone was very energetic and positive and some volunteers did trimming along the trail. The beauty of the trail was enhanced through these efforts and at the end were enjoyed by a newly engaged couple who brought their photographer to take pictures. Councilor Sennett thanked all the volunteers and especially thanked Councilor Brace and Chair, Candi Searing for organizing the cleanup.

▪*Update Emerald Ash Borer:* Supervisor Sennett showed the inventory that was presented by Fran Lawlor electronically and then enhanced by Syracuse Onondaga County Planning Agency (SOPCA). SOPCA provided the ability to link into the address of each tree in order to send information to the owner. The County did a tree inventory on their roads.

David Palen questioned what to do if a tree is infested? Supervisor Sennett said that the Town could consider adopting a Tree Management Plan that could incorporate pesticide protocols, inoculation, or cut the tree down. The Town does not have money in the budget for this but ideas are welcomed. Councilor Brace said that Cornell Cooperative Extension could also provide information. Denise Rhoads said that she and her husband are doing preventative injection treatments on their huge ash tree in front of their house. She said it is expensive.

Supervisor Sennett said that she would like to find out more about the County Plan, get information to our residents and plan for a resident information meeting in the fall. The maps being presented at the Board meeting tonight will be on the Town's website under the "News" section.

▪*Hamlet Meeting – Pavilion at Conservation Pond 7 p.m. June 9th*

▪*ReMarket and Re-Bike on June 7th at Austin Pavilion.*

▪*Letter from American Legion thanking Town Board for participating in Parade:* Supervisor Sennett said that the American Legion thanked the Town Board for participating in the Memorial Day Parade. She said it is one of the best ceremonies that she has attended at Clift Park. Councilor Howard noted that Supervisor Sennett spoke at the Mottville and Shepard Settlement Cemeteries.

▪*Letter from Chamber of Commerce regarding community docks:* Supervisor Sennett said that the Chamber of Commerce is seeking public comment on the possibility of changing the current docks to permanent docks.

▪*Letter from Skaneateles Music Guild – Summer Symphony Concert:* Supervisor Sennett said that Christina Kochan, Summer Concert Chair submitted a letter stating that the Parks Department is instrumental to being able to have the summer concert at Austin Pavilion which is scheduled for July 24th this year. The Board agreed that the support would continue for this free public event.

▪*Letter from Michael Maynard – Teamsters Local Union #118:* Supervisor Sennett reported that the Teamsters Local Union #118 notified the Town that the union contract expires on December 31, 2014.

▪*Western Gateway Update:* Councilor Murray reported that she walked the Western Gateway with representatives from the NYSDOT and the Skaneateles Garden Club. She said it has been a pleasure working with the DOT and she hopes that everything will be approved so that the landscaping project can start soon.

Resolution #14-98

Budget Amendments: On a motion of Councilor Greenfield, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following budget amendments were authorized for the 2014-11 abstract:

General Fund

\$1,404.00	Increase	089894.01.004.00	Planned Studies
\$1,404.00	Decrease	019904.01.004.00	Contingency Account

Costs associated with Ash Tree Study

Part Town

\$ 30.00	Increase	080204.02.004.65	Planning – C/E – Advertising
\$ 30.00	Decrease	080204.02.004.00	Planning – C/E

Public Notices Planning Board

Sewer #6

\$ 175.00	Increase	081204.11.004.00	Sanitary Sewers – C/E
\$ 175.00	Decrease	081102.11.002.93	Sewer - Equipment

Costs associated sanitary sewer usage

Resolution #14-99

Abstract #14-11: Councilor Murray questioned the vouchers for C & S Engineers. Janet Aaron explained it was for Planning Board engineering services and for their review for the Town Board of the proposed co-location to the Village Hall property.

On a motion of Councilor Murray seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, vouchers #14-0617 to #14-0680 were authorized for payment from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$17,783.82	Part Town:	\$ 4,065.94
Highway:	\$ 377.42	Highway P/T:	\$ 5,584.07
Street Light:	\$ 1,085.05	Water:	\$12,572.07
Water #5:	\$ 321.44	Sewer:	\$ 1,038.19
Sewer #6:	\$ 195.14	T & A:	\$ 2,034.21

Total: \$45,057.35

Parks Drainage: Gene Laforte said he was approached by a resident wondering if the drainage project could also include drainage so that the walkway leading from upper Austin Park to the Austin Pavilion does not ice over in cold weather. The Town Board agreed that if there is leftover material that could be used to fix this issue that it should be done.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk