

Town Board Meeting
October 16, 2014
7:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Julie Stenger, Sue Murphy, Bridgett Winkelman, Jonathan Monfiletto (Skaneateles Journal), Dave Colegrove, Allan Wellington, Joe Genco (Skaneateles Press), Bill Pavlus.

Department Reports

▪*Highway, Transfer Station, Water:* Allan Wellington reported that the Highway Department finished milling and paving West Lake Street. They also were working on road shoulders. Allan finished his last work session in Cortland on bank stabilization. The Transfer Station has been loading mulch and doing repairs. The Water Department has been winterizing hydrants and general maintenance.

Councilor Howard questioned the cleaning of ditches and the mitigating factors used to prevent runoff to the lake. She said that this time of year there is little opportunity for plant growth. Allan said that basically they are just removing silt and that the County will hydro seed. Supervisor Sennett said that the County's protocol is to hydro seed after cleaning ditches and they will work with Towns on this as well.

▪*Parks:* Sue Murphy thanked the Highway Department for their recent work in Austin Park. The dinner meeting with the Farmers Market vendors has been scheduled for November 12th. Soccer will end next week and that is when the bathrooms at the Sims building will be winterized and closed for the season. Sue Murphy also displayed a video on the steps they go through to lay down ice at the Austin Pavilion.

▪*Budget:* Bridgett Winkelman said that she submitted the quarterly payroll reports and is setting up preliminary audit dates with Cuddy and Ward. She is working with water customers on outstanding balances that have to be paid by October 31st. Any outstanding balances are transferred to the property owner's 2015 Town and County tax bill.

Bridgett Winkelman requested that the Town Board schedule one more budget meeting in order to finalize the preliminary budget before the public hearing in November.

On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, a special meeting was scheduled for 5:15 p.m. on October 23rd. to review the budget.

Resolution #14-154

Minutes: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of October 2, 2014 were accepted as presented.

Resolution #14-155

Schedule Budget Public Hearing: On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board a public hearing to consider the 2015 Town Budget was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on November 6, 2014.

Resolution #14-156

Schedule Public Hearing on Shepard Settlement Fire Protection: On a motion of Supervisor Sennett, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board a public hearing was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on November 6, 2014 to consider contracting with the Town of Marcellus and the Marcellus Fire Department for fire protection in Shepard Settlement.

Resolution #14-157

Creation of a Comprehensive Plan Special Board: Supervisor Sennett said that the first committee established to review the 2005 Comprehensive Plan was in 2009 and the original members were Bob Lotkowitz, Dessa Bergen, Robert Eggleston, Ken Richards, Ken Scott, Thomas Bersani, Sue Dove, Jessica Millman and Irene Stafford. This committee was put on hold in the fall of 2009 and reconvened in April 2010 with the following members: Cathy Dove, Chair, Dessa Bergen, Robert Eggleston, Ken Richards, Ken Scott, Jessica Millman, Alan Dolmatch, Julie Sharp, Michael Card, and Rhett Weiss. This Committee made referrals to the Town Board and was put on hold until the fall of 2013. At that time Joel Russell was engaged and following his recommendation, the committee was reactivated to complete their work. Members of this committee consisted of Dessa Bergan, Robert Eggleston, Michael Card, Jessica Cogan Millman and Jeff Harrop.

Supervisor Sennett said that the resolution being considered by the Town Board complies with the NYS Town Law, appointing a Special Board to revisit and then recommend either no action on the existing Comprehensive Plan or propose a new Comprehensive Plan or an amendment, update or other changes to the exiting Comprehensive Plan. The resolution, read by Councilor Brace, appoints to the Comprehensive Plan Special Board, Jeff Harrop, Bob Eggleston, Jessica Cogan Millman, Doug Sutherland and Mark Tucker.

Councilor Howard moved a resolution seconded by Supervisor Sennett and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, adopting the prepared resolution as submitted to create a Comprehensive Plan Special Board with the appointments as outlined above, and authorizing that the Comprehensive Plan Special Board propose action on the Comprehensive Plan to the Skaneateles Town Board within 90 days of this resolution. [Resolution Attached]

Masters Road Truck Traffic Update: Supervisor Sennett said that Bob Walters and the residents of Masters Road signed a petition asking that a weight limit be added to Masters Road because that road is not safe for heavy truck traffic. She said she decided to try another approach to this problem by calling directly to Hanson Aggregate as their trucks go back and forth on Masters Road from their quarry on Rt. 321. She said when she called they were very accommodating and agreed that their trucks will not use that road. Deputy Clerk, Julie Stenger

also recommended calling Joe Rodgers at Vitale Robinson. Supervisor Sennett said she would call Mr. Rodgers to encourage their cooperation as well.

Resolution #14-158

Landfill Post Closure Monitoring Proposal: Supervisor Sennett said that the Town Board applied to the NYSDEC for a reduction in the post-closure monitoring program for the closed landfill. The Town was recently notified by a letter dated October 6, 2014 that NYSDEC will allow the following sampling schedule:

1. Continued annual sampling of the leachate sump and groundwater diversion trench for baseline parameters.
2. Reduction in sampling to every other year alternating routine and baseline parameters for groundwater wells (MW-1S, MW-2S, MW-3S, DOC-3D, DGC-4S, DGC-4D).

The annual sampling shall include the physical inspection of the cap, gas monitoring, and groundwater measurement depths including the depth to the leachate from the top of the manhole. Should the leachate concentrations increase or gain additional parameters not previously detected, the Department shall be notified and annual baseline sampling resumed. The table below depicts the new schedule for the next four years. This schedule shall be repeated until the 30 year monitoring period is up at which time another evaluation can be made.

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Leachate Sump & Diversion Outlet	B	B	B	B
Six Groundwater Wells	NS	R	NS	B

B - Part 360 baseline sample analysis
 R – Part 360 routine sample analysis
 NS – No sampling

The Town will still be required to submit an annual report within 90 days of the sampling event, including the sample results and all other inspection activities for the year. Should any defects be observed, or gas concentrations exceed the Part 360 limits, the Department shall be notified in writing within 14 days of the observation. A plan to correct the problem shall be proposed to the Department and implemented as soon as possible.

Supervisor Sennett said that last year the Town paid \$10,579.08 for the sampling, inspection and report. This year, with the new changes approved by NYSDEC, Plumley Engineering is proposing to meet these requirements at a cost of \$5,950.

Councilor Howard said “hats off to Mary” for her efforts in reducing the yearly cost of the monitoring. She said it was the Supervisor’s idea to pursue this from the beginning.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the October 10, 2014 proposal from Plumley Engineering was approved in an amount not to exceed \$5,950 and with the condition that it meets the requirements of the October 6, 2014 NYS DEC letter, as outlined above.

Resolution #14-159

Ice Rental Contract – Skaneateles Central School: Sue Murphy explained that the final amount paid by the school may change as they add or remove scheduled times due to school closure, etc.

On a motion of Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Greenfield, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Sennett was authorized to sign the ice rental agreement with Skaneateles Central School for the period from 10/27/14 to 2/5/15.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

▪*Stauffer Meeting Update:* Supervisor Sennett said that the meeting with Stauffer and NYSDEC at the Mottville Fire Department was a heartwarming meeting. The site is in its final stages of remediation and is expected to be finalized and ready for reuse in approximately 18 months. Stauffer will have to have a site management plan approved by NYSDEC for long term maintenance of the site. Stauffer will begin dismantling the building and removing the barriers. Maps were provided to the Town showing two small areas that will remain capped and the rest of the property that has been remediated to a high standard. She said many people approached her after the meeting saying that they want the site used for recreation. She said that Stauffer is open to different options if the Town is interested in the property. They will not be marketing it themselves. Supervisor Sennett said that she would like to see a committee formed to come up with options for marketing and future uses of this property.

Bill Pavlus said that during his 10 year term he kept on Stauffer and NYSDEC to clean the site. He is glad to see it being finalized and would like to see new industry coming into that area. He suggested that the Town Board work with NYS and their “Start-Up New York” program to bring business here.

▪*Emerald Ash Borer Informational Presentation at Town Hall 7 p.m. 10/20/14:* Supervisor Sennett said that this program is being presented by Jessi Lyons, with Onondaga County Cornell Cooperative Extension and is open to the public.

▪*Randall Arendt presentation on Conservation Subdivision & Preserving the Rural Character of the Community – 6:30 p.m. 10/27/14 at Waterman School Auditorium:* Supervisor Sennett said that four Board members went to a Randall Arendt workshop in Fabius on “Preserving Rural Character”. They were all impressed with his ideas and have scheduled him for this presentation. Times have also been scheduled for him to meet with the Town and Village Planning and Zoning Boards.

▪*OCRRA Textile Recovery Campaign:* Councilor Brace said she read in the OCRRA Newsletter that they were doing a textile recovery campaign on November 15, 2014 at Destiny Mall. She said they take all textiles whether or not the clothes or textiles are wearable or useable. Allan Wellington said that St. Pauley’s does the same at the Transfer Station.

▪*Solar Summit:* Councilor Brace said that she and Supervisor Sennett attended a CNY Solar Summit in Syracuse. She said they offer programs that would do a no cost evaluation of our landfill, for example, or other municipal owned properties to see if solar would be an option. They can provide the best practices for local municipalities to support solar in their communities. She said they learned about the NY-Sun Program, the NYS Unified Solar Permit, the new megawatt-block solar program, and much more.

▪*Western Gateway:* Councilor Murray updated the Board on the landscaping of the Western Gateway. She said Fred Squires said that the trees won't be planted until after the first hard frost.

▪*ReMarket:* Councilor Murray said she contacted Regina Middleton and they will be looking at plans to continue the re-market next year.

▪*Renewable Energy:* Dave Colegrove said that renewable energy should be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan update with objectives and goals that include solar, wind, biomass and geothermal. He said that the community could be 100% renewable energy in 10 years and he believes that goal should be in the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilor Brace submitted an information sheet that listed 7 misconceptions about solar. She was in agreement with moving forward with renewable energy. Councilor Howard said that the Climate Action Plan was adopted by the Village of Skaneateles and that the Town needs to adopt a similar plan. She believes language has been added to the Comprehensive Plan on renewable energy. The Town Board agreed to look into these recommendations.

Resolution #160

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 approved:

\$ 6,000.00	Increase	034104.06.004.61	Fire Protection – Shepard Settlement
\$6,000.00	Decrease	000909.06.000.00	Fund Balance

Funds from 2013 for contracted services

Resolution #161

Abstract #2014-20: On a motion of Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Greenfield, and with unanimous (5-0) approval of the Town Board, voucher #14-1366 to #14-1452 were audited and approved to be paid from the following funds:

General Fund: \$45,272.91	Part Town: \$ 3,809.38
Highway: \$ 5,302.79	Highway P/T: \$27,692.10
Water: \$17,344.77	Water #5: \$ 264.89
Sewer: \$ 1,058.28	Sewer #6: \$ 517.76
T & A: \$ 3,857.25	

Total: \$105,120.13

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet L. Aaron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "A".

Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk