

Town Board Meeting
August 15, 2013
6:00 p.m.

Resolution #13-130

6:30 p.m. Executive Session: On a motion of Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous affirmation (4-0) of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss Highway personnel.

Meeting returned to open session 7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Roney, Councilor Greenfield, Councilor Murray, Councilor Keyes. Absent: Councilor McGlynn.

Also Present: Jim Card, Allan Wellington, Jim Lanning, Dave Miller, Gene LaForte, Jonathan Monfiletto (Skaneateles Journal), Constance Brace, Mary Sennett, Rob Howard, Clair Robinson Howard, Holland Gregg, Jim Moore, Bob Eggleston.

Department Reports:

▪*Highway, Water, Transfer Station:* Jim Card reported that the brush pile was ground into nice mulch and was available free to residents. They have about 15 automatic read water meters left to install. They had over 900 to install 3 years ago and commended his crew for the job they have done.

▪*Parks Department:* Sue Murphy submitted a report that the Playday program ended last Friday and was very successful. Enrollment increased this summer. She expressed thanks and appreciation to all the counselors for doing a great job and to head counselors Rob Matson, Kim Ramsden and Alyssa Rottger for doing a wonderful job heading up these programs. Swimming at the Clift Park waterfront ends on Sunday, August 18th. Again, she thanked the lifeguards for keeping everyone safe. The Grace Chapel event at Austin Pavilion on July 18th brought in about 500 people and many attended the Fireman's Casino Night. Both went off without a problem. They are preparing the Arena for the Fireman's Labor Day Field Days and then one more event is schedule for approximately 300 people on September 8th. After that the focus will be to prepare the Arena for ice in early October. She reported that the Farmers Market is going strong and last week National Farmer's Market week was celebrated by having a cooking demonstration by Cayuga County Cooperative Extension in honor of Bill Aaron. The event went so well that vendors and customers asked to have it back sometime in the fall.

▪*Outreach, Conservation, Historian,*

Cemeteries, Town Hall: Councilor Murray reported that Karl Eldredge was taking down some trees at the cemetery and working on repairing and moving headstones. She also reported that 58 children participated in the Fishing Derby at the Conservation Area.

▪*Animal Control:* Supervisor Roney reviewed the 31 calls on the July report.

▪*Codes:* Debbie Williams submitted a report stating that they have been busy in her department and have several new residences in various stages of construction including the 10,500 square foot single family dwelling on the west side of the lake. She said that she and Doug Wickman reviewed the as-built surveys of the storm water facilities that were constructed on the Bombard property and then visited the site to make sure all are working properly. It is Mr. Wickman's opinion that the Bombard property is not the cause of the problems that the Zenners are having on Onondaga Street. This was also explained to Mr. Zenner. She said that the final draft of the sign ordinance was distributed to the sign

committee on July 11th with final comments received on August 6th. The next stop is to address the comments and then distribute the proposed ordinance to the Planning and Zoning Boards for their review and comment.

▪**Budget:** Supervisor Roney reported that Bridgett Winkelman was working with department heads on their 2014 budgets. An all-day session with the Town Board was being planned to begin their review with department heads and special interest groups. More meetings would be scheduled as needed.

Resolution #13-131

Abstract #13-16: Councilor Keyes made a motion seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous affirmation (4-0) of the Town Board vouchers # 13-0986 to # 13-1092 from the following funds were approved:

General Fund:	\$120,002.80	Part Town:	\$1,914.20
Highway:	\$ 11,214.80	Highway P/T:	\$10,785.33
Lighting:	\$ 1,118.01	Water:	\$ 3,027.72
Sewer #6:	\$ 356.65	T & A:	\$11,519.85

Total: \$159,939.36

Resolution #13-132

Sprague Water Bill: Supervisor Roney reported that the Town Board had reviewed the request from Wharton Sprague's daughter regarding her father's water account that had not been billed for some time. The amount of the bill is \$345.76 and she said her dad needed more time to pay the bill. Councilor Greenfield made a motion, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous affirmation (4-0) of the Town Board it was agreed to allow Mr. Sprague to make 4 equal installments of \$86.44 due September 1, November 1, January 2, 2014 and March 1, 2014 without penalties or interest.

Resolution #13-133

Board Meeting – Time Change: Supervisor Roney requested a change in the Town Board meeting schedule to the end of the year due to a work conflict that she has. She asked the Board to consider changing the meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

On a motion of Supervisor Roney seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous affirmation (4-0) of the Town Board, the Town Board regular meetings will change from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to the end of the year.

Resolution #13-134

Appointment of Marriage Officers – Edward & Colleen Frank: Supervisor Roney reported that Edward and Colleen Frank had requested becoming Marriage Officers for the Town of Skaneateles beginning August 24, 2013 for 30 days.

Supervisor Roney reported that under Section 11-c of the Domestic Relations Law, the Town Board may appoint one or more Marriage Officers who have the authority to solemnize a marriage in accordance with the provision of the law.

On a motion of Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Keyes and with unanimous affirmation (4-0) of the Town Board, Edward and Colleen Frank were appointed Marriage Officers for the Town of Skaneateles from August 24, 2013 to September 23, 2013.

Open Space Subdivision vs. Conservation Density Subdivision: Supervisor Roney reported that there are two types of Subdivisions under the Town of Skaneateles Subdivision Law. One is the Open Space Subdivision and the other is Conservation Density Subdivision. Butters Farm and Skaneateles Meadows are open space subdivisions. The standards for open space subdivisions are explained under §148-9G of the Town Zoning Code including a conservation analysis. Lots are smaller with dedicated open space. Supervisor Roney said it has been suggested that the Town Board consider only Conservation Subdivisions in the watershed. She has had a discussion with Scott Molnar, Planning Board Attorney and suggested that the Town Board invite Mr. Molnar to the September 5th meeting to explain this further. The Town Board agreed.

*note: It was later agreed to invite Howard Brodsky, Town Planner to explain the two types of subdivisions. He is not available for the September 5th meeting but has been scheduled to attend the September 19th Town Board meeting.

Landscaping/Western Gateway: Councilor Murray updated the Town Board stating that she is working with Pam Schoener from the Chamber of Commerce, Larry Hazard from the NYSDOT and different landscaping firms. She will also be talking to Gary Dower regarding his generous donation towards landscaping. She said she would continue to keep the Town Board updated.

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Constable: Supervisor Roney said that due to previous administration snafus with this position, the Town Board had to remove the Constable's ability to carry a handgun. Now that everything is in full compliance the Justice Court is asking that the Constable's handgun authority be reinstated.

On a motion of Councilor Keyes, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous affirmation (4-0) of the Town Board the right for the Constable to carry a handgun was authorized.

Minutes

Resolution #13-136

■ **7/18/13:** On a motion of Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous affirmation (4-0) of the Town Board the minutes of July 18, 2013 were accepted as presented.

Resolution #13-137

■ **8/1/13:** Councilor Murray made a motion to accept the August 1, 2013 minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilor Greenfield.

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

Carried 3-0

Resolution #13-138

Household Hazardous Waste Removal Bid: Supervisor Roney reviewed the evaluation Janet Aaron provided on the bids received. The evaluation determined that the low bid was submitted by MXI Environmental Services, LLC. Jim Card said that he had checked their

references and had favorable reports on their services. Supervisor Roney said that the funding for the collection of Household Hazardous Waste was carried over from last year and application has been made to NYSDEC for additional funding support.

Councilor Keyes made motion, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous affirmation (4-0) of the Town Board, MXI Environmental Services, LLC was awarded the bid for providing collection of Household Hazardous Waste at the Transfer Station on September 14, 2013 subject to receiving a signed contract and the required insurance.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

▪*Codes Enforcement Position Update:* Supervisor Roney reported that that an eligible list has been requested from Onondaga County Department of Personnel for a part time Codes Enforcement position. Once it is received the list will be canvassed.

▪*Assessor Position Update and Process:* Councilor Keyes reported that 9 applications were received. He and Ron Miller narrowed it down and interviewed 3 people. All were good candidates. He was glad that Mr. Miller was part of the interview process. He will schedule a time for the Town Board to meet with the recommended candidate(s).

Resolution #13-139

▪*Recycling Container – Austin Park:* Councilor Keyes noted that the Town Board was in receipt of a letter from Jim Lanning asking the Town to consider placing a recycling container at Austin Park in an effort to increase our sustainable energy initiatives and our environmental conservation efforts. The container would be on behalf of the Davey's Forest project. That organization will purchase the container, place it where the Town Board indicates and empty the recyclables on a regular basis. He said that Davey's Forest Project is an organization dedicated to environmental conservation and preservation in the Town of Skaneateles and is named after the late Davey Oram.

Councilor Keyes made a motion, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous affirmation (4-0) of the Town Board to permit a recycling receptacle at Austin Park next to the current garbage receptacle conditioned on the Davey's Forest Project maintaining the removal of the receptacles on a regular basis.

▪*Comprehensive Plan Update:* Councilor Keyes said that the Comprehensive Plan has gone through a 5-year review. The Town Board is not obligated to change anything, they are just obligated to review the Plan every 5 years. Notre Dame and the committee presented recommendations. He along with Councilor McGlynn, Mary Sennett and John Crompt have looked at minor changes that would not change the current zoning. Attorney Sardino also made recommendations. The next step would be to schedule a public hearing to hear the public comments. He said that the committee did a great job. He hopes the Plan will be more readable and understandable and that any updates were in place by the end of the year. Supervisor Roney said it is important to shepherd this forward.

Resolution #13-140

Executive Session: On a motion of Councilor Keyes, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous affirmation (4-0) of the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss assessment litigation at 7:32 p.m.

Meeting returned to open session at 7:55 p.m.

Resolution #13-140

Resolution #13-141

Assessment Settlement: Councilor Keyes made a motion, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous affirmation (4-0) of the Town Board the settlement on the assessment for J.L.O. Davis property located at 4592 Jordan Road tax parcel #018.-03-23.0 was reduced to \$295,000 for the years 2009-2013 without refund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk