

TOWN BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 6, 2013
7:00 P.M.

Resolution #13-89

6:00 p.m. Executive Session: Councilor McGlynn made a motion at 6:00 p.m. to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the Codes Enforcement position seconded by Councilor Keyes and with unanimous affirmation (4-0) of the Town Board.

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

Present: Deputy Supervisor Greenfield, Councilor Murray, Councilor McGlynn, Councilor Keyes, Attorney Sardino. **Absent:** Supervisor Roney.

Also Present: Carrie Chantler (Skaneateles Journal), Joe Genco (Skaneateles Press), Sue Murphy, Joe Southern, Gene LaForte, Mike McCracken, Robin Casper, Kerry Mannion, Jim Moore, Kathy O'Sullivan, Paul Torrisi, Alan Briggs, Holly Gregg.

Department Reports

▪*Highway, Water, Transfer Station:* Deputy Supervisor Greenfield reported that these departments were all doing routine operations.

▪*Parks:* Sue Murphy reported that the tennis courts have been repaired and are back in use. The Farmers Market started this week and Saturday market will begin next week. Playday registration is off to a terrific start and Counselors are taking their CPR/AED/First Aid courses this week. She thanked SAVES for letting them use their equipment. The waterfront permit has been approved by the Onondaga County Department of Health and swimming will be open between June 26th and August 18th. They are currently replacing a rotted deck on one of the rafts. The Austin Pavilion ceiling which came down during a wind storm is being put back up before the Rotary Club Father's Day Pancake Breakfast.

▪*Outreach, Conservation, Historian, Cemeteries:* Councilor Murray reported that Beth Battle did a great job speaking at the cemeteries for Memorial Day and Karl Eldredge, Cemetery Superintendent, did a great organizing the services. She said that the Fishing Derby would be held on July 20th.

▪*Animal Control:* Deputy Supervisor Greenfield reported on the May Animal Control Report showing 19 calls, 11 of which were in the Village.

▪*Codes:* Deputy Supervisor Greenfield reported on behalf of the Codes Department that the sign committee met for the last time on May 23rd. All comments are being incorporated into the last draft. The draft will be submitted to committee members and to the Zoning and Planning Boards for their comments.

Skaneateles Independent Living Proposal - Route 20 Eastern Gateway: Robin Casper, Mike McCracken and Kerry Mannion gave an overview of a proposal for a 72 unit senior living complex with optional health and support services. Mr. Casper said they became interested in the property when he was approached by Pat Bombard to list the property for sale. From that he started to look at the senior housing needs of the community by reviewing among other things the Notre Dame report.

A formal application has not yet been presented for this project. Informal discussions have been held with the Village of Skaneateles and the Town Planning Board and the Department of Health and Citizens to Preserve the Character of Skaneateles (CPCS). Through these discussions they realize they cannot move the project forward without sewers. The property is in the watershed.

Mr. Casper said they have had two informal meetings with Supervisor Roney to discuss the possibility of annexing this property into the Village.

They have approached the adjacent property owners and all of them are under contract as interested in selling their property as well for this project. He said it could change the face of the eastern entrance to the community. Mr. Casper said if senior housing doesn't go in he wonders what else the property could be used for. They believe that this development will enhance the community and with seniors having to leave the community because they can no longer take care of their homes, this is a great solution.

Mike McCracken said that utilities are the stumbling block for this project. They believe this project can help with the public water issue in that area. They have met with Doug Wickman from C & S Engineers to better understand these issues. They believe it can be resolved. The big issue is sewers. They are not anxious to pay more taxes, which they will have to do if they are annexed into the Village, but they need sewers. This project would increase the tax base for the Town, Village, School and County. The school would benefit more because they would have more tax dollars without burdening the school with more students.

Councilor McGlynn questioned if the Village supports this. Mr. Casper said they are confident that they would. Councilor McGlynn questioned what their time schedule was. Mr. Casper said they would like to move as quickly as possible. He said that the Bombard issue needs to be finalized and Mrs. Jerva needs to be paid. He said they have the funding for the project as long as they are able to hook up to the sewers.

Attorney Sardino questioned if they had done a formal water study. Mr. Casper said no, but that they had met with Doug Wickman and Jeff Till at Onondaga County Health Department. He said that most of the residents in their project will not be year round so the annual volume of water use will not be as large, but they will have to be prepared for peak usage. Mr. McCracken said the plan will provide for gray water reclamation.

Councilor Keyes asked about drainage. Mr. McCracken said there are a number of leach beds on the properties that are currently going into the watershed. They plan to address retention and filtration ponds with their engineer and architect and then the Planning Board. There are two ponds now that will increase to five retention ponds. They will have to address all the drainage issues. The storage units will be removed.

Councilor McGlynn asked if they had support from CPCS. Mr. Casper said that they had several conversations with CPCS and they have been involved in the project.

Attorney Sardino said that he and Attorneys Kerry Mannion and Mike Byrne would have to work on the language for the proposed annexation. The devil will be in the details.

Attorney Sardino questioned what Planning Board would give the approval of the project, depending if the annexation is successful or not. Mr. Casper said they are asking for no variances and would anticipate whatever Board reviews the project they will meet the guidelines. Attorney Sardino questioned if this project would be allowed under Village zoning. Mr. McCracken said he believes it is.

Mr. Casper said that they have been working on this for a while and plan to move forward so that a formal application can be made.

With no further discussion the Town Board thanked them for the update.

Resolution #13-90

Abstract #13-11: Councilor Keyes made a motion to authorize payment of voucher #13-0666 to #13-0724 from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$13,231.70	Part Town:	\$ 2,331.26
Highway:	\$ 2,593.20	Highway P/T:	\$ 7,911.87
Lighting:	\$ 867.66	Water:	\$18,569.66
Sewer #6:	\$ 34.25	T & A:	\$ 1,387.59

Total: \$46,927.19

Seconded by Councilor Murray.

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

Carried 4-0

Boat Launch & Parking Lot Signs: Fran Rotunno Fish updated the Town Board on her progress with wording new signs requiring boat owners to remove all plant and animal matter from their watercraft and trailer. She said that everyone wants to keep Skaneateles Lake free of invasive species. She said that currently there are too many signs at the Mandana Parking lot and they are confusing. She presented the Town Board the proposed sign that states:

STOP

Before Launching

Remove all plant and animal matter and mud

From your watercraft and trailer on dry land

And discard in designated receptacles.

DO NOT DISCHARGE bait well or bilge water

Or fish from any other body of water into Skaneateles Lake

Ms. Rotunno Fish said that she also is recommending that a non-resident fee be charged to use the Town's Mandana Boat Launch like other lakes charge. She suggested a fee of \$3. The Skaneateles Marina has agreed to allow a lock box at the marina to collect the fee. Residents would be required to hang their Transfer Station permit and they could launch and park and would not be charged.

She displayed the sign that gave directions for parking and using the Mandana Boat Launch and removing all plant and animal matter and mud from watercraft, engine, and trailer and discard in designated receptacles. She said that there is a tremendous threat that the lake could be invaded with invasive species such as Hydrilla or Asian Clams.

The Skaneateles Lake Association has agreed to pay for the five signs that will cost \$1500. She suggested that the Town Board schedule hours for the Constable to periodically check the parking lot and ticket those without a Transfer Station Permit Tag or a One Day Permit.

Councilor McGlynn questioned if all the marinas and Towns around the lake have agreed to put up the signs. Ms. Rotunno Fish said, yes.

Ms. Rotunno Fish pointed out that River Rock Dock Company parks in the Town's parking lot for weeks on end and there should be some regulation that would require that their boats are clear of invasive species. Ms. Rotunno Fish also said that the list of rules tacked up to the building next to the Mandana Marina are very confusing and suggested that the Town Board consider changing the clarity of the wording.

The Town Board tabled their decision on the signs until the next meeting, June 20th.

Resolution #13-91

Request to Use Austin Park – Knee Injury Prevention Program: Deputy Supervisor Greenfield reported that a request was submitted to the Town Board from Jennifer George on behalf of Victory Sports Medicine & Orthopedics. She is asking for permission to use Austin Park's facilities, specifically the use of a field area as well as pavilion space for inclement weather. Victory Sports Medicine & Orthopedics would like to run a six-week knee injury prevention program called Sportsmetrics, designed to help athletes refine neuromuscular control of the lower limbs. They would be holding this program Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. June 24th to August 9th.

Sue Murphy said that the program ran last year and there were no problems. They have the required insurance.

Councilor McGlynn made a motion to approve the Knee Injury Prevention Program for Victory Sports Medicine and Orthopedics for the time period requested. Seconded by Councilor Keyes.

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

Carried 4-0

Resolution #13-92

Request to Use Austin Park – Exercises Classes: Deputy Supervisor Greenfield read a request from Amy Spin asking for permission to use Austin Park for 6 weeks this summer to hold exercise classes. She stated that she is a certified fitness/personal trainer and she has

the required insurance coverage. The classes will run from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. July 8th through August 22nd. Sue Murphy stated that she has the required insurance.

Sue Murphy said that there are a lot of people holding exercise programs at the park without getting formal approval of the Town Board. She said that she thinks it is great to have these programs and people are getting healthier, but it is hard to plan the work schedule for the mowing and maintenance crews when unplanned programs are being held. For example, she knows that people who are playing tennis or have tennis lessons don't want to have mowers near there when they are on the courts and the same holds true for the unplanned exercise programs. It is hard to get the work done. She is all in favor of these programs but believes they should come to her to plan where and when the event will be so it then can be presented to the Town Board for approval.

Attorney Sardino asked if they are using the park facilities for profit programs. Ms. Murphy said, yes. He said that no one should be using the Town's facilities for profit purposes without having Town Board approval. If they are, they need to stop. They need to have insurance and be approved by the Town Board. If they are using the tennis courts they should be paying a fee. If they are just using the grass, that may be another matter. But in any case they should be getting approval from the Town Board. Councilor McGlynn said he would work with Sue Murphy to notify the various unapproved programs that they need to have Town Board approval.

Councilor McGlynn made a motion to approve the request from Amy Spin to use Austin Park for her exercise program from July 8th through August 22nd. Seconded by Councilor Murray.

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

Carried 4-0

Resolution #13-93

Authorize Hiring Part Time Parks Laborer – Reid Swartz: Councilor McGlynn made a motion to authorize to hiring Reid Swartz as a seasonal Parks Laborer. Seconded by Councilor Keyes.

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

Carried 4-0

Resolution #13-94

Authorize Hiring Returning PlayDay Counselor – Katherine Pille: Sue Murphy said a Counselor that was just hired has changed their mind. Katherine Pille worked for the Town previously as a Counselor.

Councilor McGlynn made a motion to authorize hiring Katherine Pille as a seasonal PlayDay Counselor. Seconded by Councilor Murray.

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

Carried 4-0

Jordan Road Bridge Update: Deputy Supervisor Greenfield reported that the Town Board had been asked to reconsider having the County remove the Town's railroad bridge in Skaneateles Falls when the County repairs their road bridge. He said the Town Board understands that in the future the railroad track bed that was deeded over to the Town could be a Nature Trail that could extend from the current Charlie Major Nature Trail to the Town of Elbridge line. He said that we still own the right of way for future consideration, but if the bridge is not taken down we would have to do considerable work to make it safe, as per the recommendation of our insurance company.

Councilor Keyes said that it actually could cost less to replace in the future than to repair now because the bridge would not have to be built to the same specs required for a train crossing, and materials have changed over the years. He believes it should be taken down.

Councilor Murray said that she spent time looking at all the bridges. The one in question is in bad shape and she said there is a safety concern. She said the people in that area really want to keep the bridges and want the nature trail to go from Mottville through Skaneateles Falls. It would take a lot of cleaning up to accomplish that. She said it is nostalgic for some people. To take the bridge down would end the possibility of creating a nature trail. She said she is leaning towards rescinding the previous resolution.

Deputy Supervisor Greenfield said we would still own the right of way but the Town may not be able to establish a nature trail for many years.

Attorney Sardino emphasized that the Town Board was not giving up the right of way. The bridge is just being taken down.

Councilor Keyes said that the expense for taking the bridge down would then be paid by the County.

Councilor Murray said she would not make a motion to rescind because of the current safety issue. She wanted to make sure that future Boards understood the nature trail should be established. Attorney Sardino said you can't bind future Boards.

The Town Board agreed to not change the March 7th Resolution #13-48 allowing for Onondaga County to take down the bridge.

Resolution #13-95

Constable Appointment – Tom Adessa: Deputy Supervisor Greenfield said that recently the Town Board passed a Local Law allowing for the Constable to be a non-resident.

Councilor McGlynn moved a resolution appointing Thomas Adessa as Town Constable. Seconded by Councilor Keyes.

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

Carried 4-0

Resolution #13-96

Town Assessor: Councilor Keyes reported that all Onondaga County Assessor terms will expire on September 30, 2013. The Town Assessor, Ron Miller is retiring this year. He has agreed to stay to the end of the year as needed. He recommended that the Town Board consider advertising now for the position in order to start interviewing interested candidates.

Councilor Keyes made a motion to authorize advertising for the Town Assessor position in both the Syracuse Post Standard, Skaneateles Press and on the NY Assessors webpage. Seconded by Councilor McGlynn.

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

Carried 4-0

Resolution #13-97

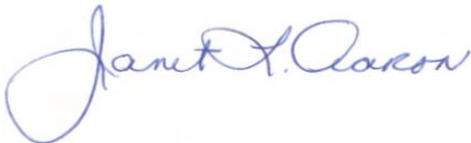
Minutes 5/16/13: On a motion of Councilor Murray, seconded by Councilor Keyes and with unanimous (4-0) approval of the Town Board the minutes of May 16, 2013 were corrected to add the vote on Abstract #13-10 and then accepted as presented

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

•*Eagle Scout Recognition – Keith Dickover:* Deputy Supervisor Greenfield read the certificate of recognition of Keith Dickover in recognition of his Eagle Scout Award.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk