

**Town Board Meeting  
February 9, 2026  
5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Supervisor Legg, Councilor Dove, Councilor Tucker, Councilor Milne, Councilor Lotkowitz, Attorney Smith.

**5:30 p.m. Executive Session:** On a motion, of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for attorney advice at 5:30 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Lotkowitz and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting returned to open session at 6:30 p.m.

**Also, Present (In Person):** Tim Dobrovosky, Keri Fey, Sue Murphy, Emily Procopio, Seth Lincoln.

**Also, Present (via Zoom):** Brian Buff, Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Robert Herrmann, Miranda Robinson, Karen Barkdull, Robert Herrmann, Paula Powell, Chris Buff.

**Department Reports**

**Highway:** Highway Superintendent Dobrovosky submitted his report to the Board for their review. Mr. Dobrovosky stated they had plowed 51 times in the month of January.

Supervisor Legg stated Highway Superintendent Dobrovosky would be submitting the 2026 Highway Expenditure Agreement once the final quotes were received for the road paving.

\*Report attached

**Transfer Station:** Municipal Recycling Liaison Brian Buff reported the Transfer Station had sent out 14 loads of trash, 6 open top containers and 4 loads of recycling.

\*Report attached

**Planning and Zoning:** Town Planner Karen Barkdull reported there had been 4 pre-application meetings, she had completed 10 hours of Codes Enforcement training, held the Zoning Committee meeting January 15, 2026, interviewed candidates for the Planning Clerk position, and prepared the annual summary of activity.

\* Planning & Zoning January Report and 2026 Annual Report attached.

**Codes:** Officer Herrmann reviewed the January Codes Office report. Mr. Herrmann reported there were 112 expired permits this month.

He reported that the Codes office held a sprinkler seminar on January 14<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Sue Murphy for helping out with the Allyn pavilion room, Aimie Case for getting the things together and Karen Barkdull for all the last-minute items.

Supervisor Legg thanked Codes Officer Herrmann for working with the Village on the Parks project and the Town had received the certificates of occupancy for the completion of the project.  
\*January Codes Report attached

**Parks:** Parks Manager Sue Murphy reported 2026 Playday Registration would start on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am. She thanked the employees of the Water Department for helping the Parks Department move into the new shop area at the pavilion.

Supervisor Legg thanked Sue Murphy and her staff for coordinating the cancellation of the Winter Swap Shop that was scheduled for Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> due to the weather.

**Water:**

Supervisor Legg reviewed the following report provided by Shane Christman, Water Foreman:

**January Activity Update**

**Water Main Repairs**

January 21: Water main break repaired on Sheldon Road

January 22: Water main break repaired on Jordan Road

January 28: Water main break repaired on New Seneca Turnpike

All water main breaks were addressed and repaired promptly by Water Department staff.

**Cold Weather Impacts**

Responded to and repaired multiple frozen water meters and service lines throughout the town during extreme cold conditions.

**Operations & Compliance**

Completed all required monthly water system testing.

**Capital Project Coordination**

Worked with the Engineering Department on backflow prevention requirements for the new Hilltop project.

**Engineering:** Town Engineer Robinson submitted the following report to the Town Board for January:

*There were 3 streetlight outages reported for the month of January. The Town received the year-end report from NYPA.*

*They continued to work on the Open Space and the Transportation Alternatives Program Grants. The town was successful in receiving support for the Wicks Corners study from the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council.*

*Ms. Robinson reported that she met with the asset management software development team to see how we can modify the existing tool for use by the codes department. Also, they have been working with the water department to approve the backflow prevention report that was provided for Hilltop. The town is in a unique position to review these reports as they are the owners of the water system.*

**Budget:** Budget Officer Keri Fey reported the Budget Office was busy wrapping up 2025. All employees have received W-2s. She reported they are looking to start using the new accounting software at the beginning of March.

**Skaneateles Fire Department:** Councilor Dove reviewed the January report submitted by Fire Chief, Pete Buehler.

Councilor Dove also reported that the repairs and renovation that were being done due to the flooding of the Fire Department during the 2024 Christmas holiday were being completed.  
\*January report attached.

**Outreach:** Supervisor Legg and Councilor Milne reviewed the report submitted by Jacque McConnaghy, Town of Skaneateles Outreach Coordinator:

*The Outreach department supplied Christmas to 47 families, which included 102 children and approx. 75 adults. This included gifts and gift cards and stocking stuffers.*

*They made gift bags for senior citizens again this year. Gave 30 gift bags to Village Landing and 31 to Gateway, also gave 13 out through the Food pantry.*

*Of the 47 families, 30 were adopted out to residents or groups and Outreach shopped for 17 of them. Total number of residents receiving holiday gifts was just over 250 this year.*

**Minutes of January 27, 2026:** On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of December 15, 2025 were approved as presented.

**Abstract #26-03:** On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers were authorized from the following funds:

Abstract #26-03	
General	\$ 53,576.82
Sewer	\$ 1,784.33
Part Town	\$ 5,395.31
Highway	\$ 20,152.53
HWYPT	\$ 4,801.35
Lighting	\$ 1,310.34
Water	\$ 24,677.84

T&A	\$ 2,257.48
Water Capitol Project	\$ 422.50
TOTAL	\$ 114,378.50

**Andrews Road Water Tower Bids:** Supervisor Legg announced the opening bid for the Andrews Road Water Tower was held on January 30, 2026 at 10:00am and the following bids were received:

**G. Devinentis & Son**

Base: \$6,787,000.00  
 Alternate #1: \$7,943,000.00  
 Alternate #2: No Bid

**Highlander Construction**

Base: \$6,276,420.00  
 Alternate #1: \$7,287,520.00  
 Alternate #2: No Bid

**JMR Excavating**

Base: \$6,371,810.00  
 Alternate #1 \$ 147,557.00 added to base TOTAL: \$6,519,367.00  
 Alternate #2 \$ 988,250.00 added to base TOTAL: \$7,360,060.00

**Joblonski Excavating**

Base: \$7,097,000.00  
 Alternate #1: \$7,597,900.00  
 Alternate #2: \$7,597,650.00

**Robinson Excavating**

Base: \$6,124,971.25  
 Alternate #1 \$6,577,321.25  
 Alternate #2: \$5,906,575.00

**Casinella Excavation**

Base: \$5,679,125.00  
 Alternate #1: \$5,902,625.00  
 Alternate #2: \$6,829,000.00

**WD Malone Excavating**

Base: \$6,245,300.00  
 Alternate #1: \$ 662,200.00 added to base TOTAL: \$6,907,500.00  
 Alternate #2: \$1,492,400.00 added to base TOTAL \$7,737,700.00

Emily Procopio from C&S Engineering presented an analysis of the 7 bids received for a water district extension project, with Casinella Excavating submitting the lowest responsive bid for both the base bid and alternative number one.

Ms. Procopio stated the main decision facing the board was whether to choose PVC or HDPE pipe, with both options offering a service life of over 50 years. The board discussed the differences between the two pipe materials, including installation methods and fusion processes, before considering which option to award to Casinella Excavating.

Councilor Tucker asked if both types of pipes had the same rating for the pressure. Ms. Procopio stated yes, both pipes are rated for the same pressures. The rating system is slightly different, but they are basically equivalent.

Both Town Engineer Robinson and C&S Engineer Procopio recommended using the HDPE pipe, it is incredibly durable.

The Board discussed that the HDPE pipe material was 25% more expensive than the original PVC option but offered better durability and fewer fittings. The project would be funded by two grants totaling \$6.25 million from the state BTC and EPA, with additional soft costs and contingency funds of \$1.8-1.9 million still to be calculated. The total cost remains close to the original 2018 estimate despite inflation, and the town will review existing bonding to determine if any changes are needed.

The Town Board agreed with the engineers to authorize the use of the HDPE pipe and to accept the bid from Casinella Excavating for Alternative #1 in the amount of \$5,902.625.00.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board accepted the bid for Alternate #1 from Casinella Excavating for the Andrews Road Water District Town and project in the amount of \$5,902.625.00.

**Austin Park Baseball Fields Fencing Bids:** Supervisor Legg announced that three bids were received for the Austin Park Fencing project:

**Bids Received:**

Connor Fencing	\$91,580.00
Gasparini	\$71,975.00
Arrow Fence Co.	\$95,000.00

The three bids that were received did not meet the qualifications as specified in the bid specifications, therefore the Board would have to reject the bids and schedule to rebid the project.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Milne, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board scheduled the rebid of the Austin Park Fence project for February 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

**Town of Skaneateles Zoning Code Updates:** Supervisor Legg stated the Town Board was in receipt of draft Zoning Code Updates. These updates were for the following Zoning Code Sections: 148-5-2 Fences, 148-5-1 Prohibited Uses, 148-7-1-K.1 Clarify Regulations on the location of boat houses, 148-5-E Outdoor Storage Areas, 148-5-5 Multi Family Dwellings, 148-5-10 Battery Energy Storage Systems and 148-12-2 Definitions.

On a motion of Councilor Lotkowitz, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board accepted the proposed Zoning Code updates as presented for review.

**Climate Smart Communities:** Supervisor Legg stated the Town of Skaneateles is taking steps towards bronze certification as a Climate Smart Community. One of the steps that we have remaining to take is to have a Climate Smart Communities Task Force so the task force can examine individual items and make recommendations to the Board.

Town Engineer Miranda Robinson is the Town of Skaneateles Climate Smart Community Coordinator who would be working with the task force. She stated the task force is part of this program which the Town earns points to then get money, which is what we funded the EUTV for the Conservation Area, and the heat pumps in the Sims Building, as well as the new streetlights.

Supervisor Legg stated letters of interest for the Climate Smart Task Force would be accepted by the Town Clerk until February 27, 2026.

**Planning Clerk Appointment:** Supervisor Legg stated the Town Board was in receipt of a request from Town Planner Karen Barkdull and Town Clerk Julie Stenger to appoint Kaylee Falso Kuhns to the position of Planning Clerk/Clerk I. Supervisor :Legg and Councilor Tucker stated they had met with Karen Barkdull and Kaylee Falso Kuhns and would recommend the Board appoint her the this position.

On a motion of Councilor Lotkowitz, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board authorized the appointment of Kaylee Falso Kuhns for the Planning Clerk position to start on February 17, 2026 at a payrate of \$20.00/hr for 20hrs per week.

**Reschedule Winter Swap Shop – February 21, 2026:** Supervisor Legg announced the Winter Swap Shop was cancelled on February 7<sup>th</sup> due to weather and the Swap Shop Committee is asking to reschedule it for February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Austin Arena.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board authorized the use of the Austin Arena room for the Winter Swap Shop on February 21, 2026.

**Announcements/Correspondence/Updates:** Supervisor Legg made the following announcements:

*2026 Transfer Station Permits on Sale Now*

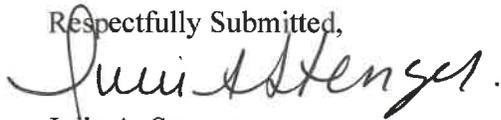
*Town Hall closed – February 16, 2026 – Presidents Day*

*Correspondence – Neil Fennessey*

**Public Comment:** No comments

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Julie A. Stenger  
Town Clerk