## Town Board Meeting July 2, 2018 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Supervisor Aaron, Councilor Badami, Councilor Coville, Councilor McCormack, Councilor Tucker, Attorney Smith.

**Also Present:** Sue Murphy, Beth Battle, Allan Wellington, Jim Greenfield (Deputy Supervisor), Beth Battle, Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Ron Kenny(SAVES), Holly Gregg, Bob Eggleston, Nan Pardee, Larry Pardee, Tyson Chang.

## **Department Reports**

Highway, Water, Transfer Station: Allan Wellington reported the Highway crew had helped the Towns of Sennett and Otisco with paving projects. They excavated road ditches along County Line Road and Bryant Lane, and scheduled hydroseeding. They started mowing roadsides, repaired the driveway at the Conservation Area and made equipment repairs. He reported that the Water Department is flushing hydrants, repaired a lawn on Masters Road, due to a water service repair, replaced 3 meters and a water service on Phillips street. He completed the final walk through for the watermain replacements on Old Seneca Turnpike and Masters Roads. At the Transfer Station they shipped out another truck load of baled cardboard and another truck load of electronic waste. He reported the NYS DEC inspected the waste oil area at the Transfer Station and corrections were made.

**Parks Department:** Sue Murphy reported the boat launches have been very busy. Playday is in full swing and there are over 100 kids registered. She thanked the lifeguards for the great job they are doing at the swim area. With the hot weather they have been full every day. She reported they are working on getting the arena ready for the antique show and she stated she is working with the Merry Go Round Theater planning a show in the park.

**Budget:** Budget Officer Bridgett Winkelman reported they had completed payroll #13 and billed water district #2. She is also working on the grant for Austin Park and the Pavilion.

**SAVES:** Ron Kenny introduced himself to the Board. He said he had been appointed as the new director of SAVES. He stated there were 95 calls for the month of June and 462 calls for the year. SAVES will be on standby at the polo field this year on Sundays during the polo matches. Mr. Kenney stated he will be riding the ambulance at times as an EMT and looking for more volunteers.

**Historian:** Town Historian, Beth Battle reported on the brick project at the American Legion. She reported on the number of women veterans from the Town of Skaneateles that should be recognized in the brick project and stones should be purchased for them.

\*report attached

Resolution #18-142

Minutes of June 18, 2018: On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor McCormack and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of June 18, 2018 were accepted.

#### Resolution #18-143

Codes Enforcement Officer Resignation: Supervisor Aaron stated the Town Board was in receipt of Code Enforcement Officer, Curt Coville's resignation letter. His last day will by July 5<sup>th</sup>. They have contacted Onondaga County Civil Service and will be canvassing the eligible list for qualified candidates. Supervisor Aaron stated we are sorry to see Curt go.

## Resolution #18-144

Askey Design – 2015 Comprehensive Plan Design Estimate: Supervisor Aaron stated the updated Comprehensive Plan will need to have photos and illustrations added to the final version. Terry Askey-Cole of Askey Design and Illustration worked with Joel Russel in the past and had submitted a proposal of \$350 to edit the 2015 Comprehensive Plan document with Joel Russell.

On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Askey Design and Illustration was authorized to edit the photos and illustration in the 2015 Comprehensive Plan at a cost of \$350.

#### Resolution #18-145

Christopher Graham – Zone Change Request: Supervisor Aaron stated the Town Board referred Chris Graham's request for his property at 4331 Jordan Road from Rural Residential (RR) to Hamlet (HM) to the Planning Board. The change was being requested in order for the property owner to make application to build a 16 multi-family dwelling along with the associated parking, septic and storm water systems.

The Planning Board made the following recommendations:

- 1. The project is consistent with the comprehensive plan as the comprehensive plan encourages growth in the Hamlet areas.
- 2. There is a need for reasonably priced housing and the proposal multifamily housing would provide a reasonable value for Skaneateles.
- 3. The property is located in a water district with water currently supplied to the two-family dwelling on the property.
- 4. The property is located outside of the Skaneateles Lake Watershed.
- 5. The property is located adjacent to the existing Hamlet of Mottville, and would be a natural extension of the existing Hamlet.

The Planning Board also reserves it rights for review under the special permit request for compliance with zoning code as it relates to the sixteen proposed dwelling units. The Planning Board also recommends that the Town Board consider the potential expansion of the Hamlet area to include other properties in the area.

Attorney Smith reviewed with the Board the process for the zone change. He stated the Board refers the request to the Planning Board which the Town Board has already done and received their

recommendations. The next steps would be to refer the request to County Planning and schedule a public hearing. County Planning requires thirty days to respond. The first step should be to decide if the Town Board would like to take into consideration the Planning Board's recommendation to consider the potential expansion of the Hamlet area to include other properties in the area. He suggested the Board talk to Chairman Southern about other properties.

Bob Eggleston, Architect for Chris Graham, stated the request is from the applicant for these parcels and he is paying for the application and request. He would not want to see his client held up in the process in order for the Boards to research additional areas. He stated his request agrees with the Comprehensive Plan and moving development north of the Village. Mr. Graham has been waiting for the Comprehensive Plan to be completed and it still has not.

Councilor Tucker said this was discussed at the monthly Planning and Zoning meeting and agreed other areas should be looked at also, but it does concur with the Comprehensive Plan's vision of moving development north of the Village.

Councilor Badami asked if there is a downside of looking at this single request and not the area as a whole. Councilor Tucker stated no, additional areas can be looked at in the future.

Supervisor Aaron asked if an escrow account should be set up. Attorney Smith stated yes Mr. Graham should pay into an escrow account.

Mr. Eggleston asked if the project should be looked at with the Special Permit application or the zone change alone. The Planning Board recommended the zone change be looked at first. And did not establish an escrow account. Supervisor Aaron stated an escrow account should be established for the expenses of the zone change request. These expenses should be paid for by the applicant not the Town since it is their request.

Attorney Smith stated the zone change will be looked at for the benefit to the community not one individual and it will be in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Eggleston asked about the long or short form EAF. Attorney Smith stated the zone change should assume the most intense development therefore, the long EAF should be completed. Attorney Smith stated he will work with Mr. Eggleston on the EAF applications and the escrow account amounts.

The Board agreed to look at Mr. Graham's request individually for its benefit to the community and look at additional parcels in the future.

Attorney Smith stated he will draft a resolution for the next meeting for the Board to consider. If the Board agrees at that time they can schedule the public hearing and refer the request to the County Planning Board.

Supervisor Aaron asked if notices are sent to the surrounding property owners. Attorney Smith stated notice can be sent to anyone the Board chooses.

The Board agreed to introduce the resolution prepared by Attorney Smith, refer the request to the County Planning Board, schedule the Public Hearing and establish an escrow account for the applicant at the next meeting.

#### Resolution #18-146

Authorization to sign DASNY \$50,000 Grant - Mandana Boat Launch Repairs: Supervisor Aaron stated the Town has received a DSNY Grant of \$50,000 that Parks Director Sue Murphy had worked on with Senator De Francisco. The grant is for repairs at the Mandana Boat launch. She explained they are still waiting for an additional bid to come in but would like the Boards' authorization for her and one other Board member to sign the "Project Information Sheet".

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor McCormack and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Aaron and Councilor Badami were authorized to sign the "Project Information Sheet" for the State Municipal Facilities Program improvements to the Mandana Boat Launch.

#### Resolution #18-147

YMCA Water Billing: Supervisor Aaron reviewed the water billing error that occurred on the grey water meter at the YMCA. She explained the YMCA brought to the attention of the Town Board that the Town had been billing the YMCA incorrectly on the grey water meter.

She explained the YMCA has three separate meters; the Aquatic Center meter (#40067), which services the pool and the main building, the rink water meter (40066), which services the two ice rinks and the grey water meter (#40068), which is supplied from the rink water meter. Most of, if not all of this water that goes through the grey meter does not end up in the sanitary sewer, having either evaporated in the cooling towers or used to condition the ice with the Zamboni. The grey meter was installed after the main meter and was being billed to the YMCA as usage rather than subtracted from the main meter's reading since it was not entering the sanitary sewer.

Supervisor Aaron stated the Town was notified by the YMCA last November and stopped billing the account. The Town had been billing the YMCA since it took over the facility in 2010 and it was also installed in the same place and billed to the Town prior to 2010 while the Town ran the facility. The YMCA said the amount overbilled to them was \$33,750.66 over the 7-year period.

Supervisor Aaron stated the Town owes the money to the YMCA for the over-billing. It was no ones fault the meters were installed wrong when the facility was built. Neither the Town , the Village or the YMCA knows who installed the meter. The meter being misread is about 20 feet in the air and no one would have known. The Town was billed correctly by the Village therefore the Town did not pay for this water but billed usage to the YMCA since 2010.

Supervisor Aaron said a letter from the YMCA was received stating they would accept reimbursement in the amount of 75% of the overbilling amount, \$25,312.50 and were open to discussion of installment payments over two years or future credits to resolve the matter.

Supervisor Aaron stated she would like the Board to agree to repay the YMCA the \$25,312.50 over a two-year period. \$12,700.00 in 2019 and \$12,700.00 in 2020. Budget Officer Bridgett

Winkelman stated the water account had a limited balance but could repay the amount over the two years.

Councilor Badami stated he did not agree with the 75% reduction, it should be a 50/50 split. They YMCA had time to dispute the bill and did not. It was not our fault or their fault therefore it should be an even split and the Town should reimburse the YMCA 50% of the amount over billed. Both the Town and the YMCA were at fault.

Councilor Coville asked how this would impact the water department's funds. Budget Officer Winkelman said there would be no impact on the customers, repairs could be delayed, or the Town would have to bond for the funding of a large repair.

The Board discussed the cost of the refund and the direct impact on the water customers.

Supervisor Aaron moved a resolution authorizing the Town Water Department to repay the YMCA \$25,312.50 over a two-year period. \$12,700.00 in 2019 and \$12,700.00 in 2020.

No one seconded.

Councilor McCormack said the legally responsible thing to do would be to share the amount 50/50.

Councilor Tucker asked who installed the meter. Supervisor Aaron stated she spoke to Superintendent Wellington and Water foreman Joe Dwyer, and no one know who installed the meter.

Supervisor Aaron moved a resolution authorizing the Town Water Department to repay the YMCA \$25,312.50 over a two-year period. \$12,700.00 in 2019 and \$12,700.00 in 2020.

No one seconded.

Supervisor Aaron stated she believed the Town owes the YMCA the overpayment. The Town did not pay the Village for the water, it needs to be repaid to the YMCA. If this was residential customer, the Board would look at it differently.

Supervisor Aaron amended the resolution and made a motion to authorize authorizing the Town Water Department to repay the YMCA \$25,312.50 over a four-year period. \$6,350.00 in 2019, \$6,350.00 in 2020, \$6,350.00 in 2021 and \$6,350.00 in 2022, seconded by Councilor Tucker.

Councilor Badami	No
Councilor Coville	No
Councilor McCormack	No
Councilor Tucker	Yes
Supervisor Aaron	Yes

Failed 2-3

# Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

- Moody's Investor Services: Supervisor Aaron reviewed Moody's Investment services annual comments. The report stated the Town of Skaneateles Credit position is very strong and we have an Aa2 rating which is above the median rating of Aa3 for US Cities.
- \* Town Employment Opportunities: Supervisor Aaron reported there are still job opportunities for the Town, which include the following:

Part Time Year-Round Parks Laborer

Part Time Seasonal Farmer's Market Coordinator

Part Time Seasonal Mandana Boat Washing Station Attendant

Part Time Clerk to the Codes Officer and Zoning Board of Appeals

Councilor Badami asked if the problem with finding qualified candidates is because of the pay rate. He stated the Village is paying more and he asked if these rates can be reviewed. Budget Officer Winkelman stated she thought it was the time of year that was making it difficult to find employees, but the Board can review the pay rates at budget time for 2019.

- \*Austin Park Committee Update: Supervisor Aaron stated the Austin Park Committee is working with Budget Officer Winkelman on grant opportunities for the Austin Pavilion and the Park.
- SMTC Skaneateles Multi-Use Corridor Study: supervisor Aaron announced that the Skaneateles Multi-Use Corridor Study was now on the Town website.
- "Swap Shop Committee Update: Councilor Tucker stated the committee had met and will have a report for the Town Board at the next meeting. The committee did agree that the Swap Shop had gotten out of control and might not work at the Transfer Station anymore. He also stated the committee reviewed the signage at the Transfer Station and that could also be improved.

## Resolution #18-148

**Budget Amendments/Adjustments:** On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following budget amendments were authorized for the abstract #18-013:

## General Fund

\$ 665.00 Increase 067722.01.002.00 Programs for the aging – Equip. \$ 665.00 Decrease 019904.01.004.00 Contingency – C/E

Costs associated with new computer in the outreach office

### Highway Town Wide

\$ 50.00 Increase 90458.03.008.00 Life Insurance

\$ 50.00 Decrease 90898.03.008.00 Other Employee Benefits

Additional Costs associated with life Insurance premium

## Highway Part Town

\$ 50.00 Increase 90458.04.008.00 Life Insurance

\$ 50.00 Decrease 51104.04.004.00 General Repairs – C/E

Additional Costs associated with life Insurance premium

#### Resolution #18-149

**Abstract #18-013:** On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with Unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board voucher #18-0462 to #18-0553 were authorized from the following funds:

General Fund: \$ 25,797.90 Part Town: \$ 5,321.97 Highway: \$ 101.25 Water: \$ 2,949.72

T & A: Street Lighting	\$ \$	1,747.40 823.80	Highway P/T	\$ 179.64
Total:	\$ 36,921.68			

**Public Comment:** Holly Gregg, Citizens to Preserve the Character of Skaneateles, spoke about the zone change request from Mr. Graham. He asked if it should be referred to Joel Russell, since he is currently working on the updated Comprehensive Plan and Zoning. Supervisor Aaron stated that was a good idea. The Board will consider referring the request to Joel Russell.

Mr. Gregg asked Supervisor Aaron and the Town Board to promote education on protecting the lake. Any information that could be added to the Town's website or sent out from the Town regarding lake protection would be appreciated by CPCS and the Skaneateles Lake Association.

#### Resolution #18-150

**Executive Session**: On a motion of Councilor seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss personnel.

The meeting was returned to open session at 8:30 p.m.

#### Resolution #18-151

Councilor Badami moved a resolution authorizing Curt Coville to continue as Codes Officer part time during the interim for a maximum of 20 hours per week at \$50 per hour till the end of August. Seconded by Councilor McCormack.

Councilor Badami	Yes
Councilor Coville	Yes
Councilor McCormack	Yes
Councilor Tucker	No
Supervisor Aaron	Yes

Carried 4-1

On a motion of Councilor Badami seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Stenger

Town Clerk

## Nurses in the Military

Women had been taking care of the sick and wounded as early as 1775. In 1861 Congress authorized the employment of women or nurses in the service at a pay of \$12 per month.

However, the Army Nurse Corps was not established until 1901 as a result of the Spanish American War.

When World War I broke out there were 403 nurses in the Corps. By the end of the war the number had risen to approximately 21,480. Two hundred and one died during the war

In World War II 36,607 women were on active duty in the Corps. Also, 215 died while serving – 11 went down in a plane crash in the Pacific. And 67 were held prisoners of the Japanese – taken on Guam and on Corregidor in the Philippines.

In addition Army nurses served in MASH units in Korea, in Vietnam, and are currently serving in the Middle East.

In July of 1949 flight nurses broke away to form the Air Force Corps of Nurses. They were known for their global nursing and precision care.

The Navy Nurse corps was established in 1908. By the time World War I broke out there were 160 women serving as nurses in the Corps. As the war progresses, this number rose to 1,5550, some even serving on ships. Nineteen died from the influenza epidemic.

Several Navy nurses were among those captured by the Japanese in 1942 and held prisoners until 1945.

Navy nurses served on vital hospital ships during the Korean and Vietnam War. And in 1965 the first male nurse was commissioned into the Nurse corps.

The Navy medical personnel also served the Marines.

# Military Nurses

Bowker, Lulu M. -Army - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. -WWII

Burns, Elizabeth - Navy - Lt. - Vietnam

Church, Helen – Army – 1st. Lt. WWII

Cleveland, Eulalia - Army - WWII

Cunnan, Mary Elizabeth -Army - 2nd Lt. -WWII

Feeney, Mary L. - Air Force - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. - WWII

Green, Evelyn - Army - Lt. -WWII

Grinnel, Norma – Army – WWII

Keebler, Margaret Mary - Air Force - Capt. - Vietnam

Kelly, Maud - Army – WW I

Kenney, Dorothy - Army - 1st. Lt. - WWII

Kenney, Marguerite - Air Force - Lt. - WWII

Lewis, Janet H. - Army – 1st. Lt. - WWII

Loperfido, Julia - Navy - Lt. - Korea

Pitman, Kathleen - Army- WWII

Vino, Ann – Army – 1<sup>st</sup>.Lt. – WWII

Vino, Jane – Air Force – Col. - Korea & Vietnam

Weeks, Carrie - Army - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. -WWI

Wooster, Alice – Army - WWI