

Town Board Meeting
June 20, 2013
6:00 p.m.

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

Resolution #13-98

Executive Session: On a motion of Councilor Greenfield seconded by Councilor McGlynn and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss the Codes Enforcement position.

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

Also Present: Jessica Soule (Skaneateles Journal), Julie Stenger, Bridgett Winkelman, Beth Battle, Jim Card, Allan Wellington, Joe Genco (Skaneateles Press), Pat McHale, Fred Singler, Jeff Casper, Amy Duke, Catie Blackler, Rich Williams.

Department Reports

▪**Highway, Water, Transfer Station:** Jim Card reported that they were mowing the banks and sides of the roads and otherwise doing routine operations.

▪**Parks:** Sue Murphy reported that the first Saturday of the Farmers Market was very successful. Last Thursday was the first day with no rain for the market. They have been busy mowing and preparing the Pavilion for the Rotary Father's Day Pancake Breakfast.

▪**Conservation, Outreach, Historian, Cemeteries, Town Hall:** Councilor Murray reported that she attended a Conservation meeting this week that focused on organizing the July 20th fishing derby.

▪**Codes:** Supervisor Roney reported that the Codes Department was busy with issuing permits and handling violations.

▪**Budget:** Bridgett Winkelman reported that she was doing the semi-annual review of the Town's insurance coverage and reviewing where the budget was at 6 months into the year. She said that the budget was in good shape.

▪**Historian:** Beth Battle reported to the Board that she and her husband, Jorge Battle, Village Historian, met with 120 4th grade students at the Creamery. The students were particularly interested in the new interactive lake model. Ms. Battle also reported that she had been contacted regarding her story on Emily Badman, who was on the Titanic. Emily survived. Her niece and nephew were Irene and Cecil Arthur, longtime residents of Skaneateles. Beth's video on this subject is being sent to England to be aired on one of their networks. Ms. Battle said that she and Jorge met with representatives decorating Krebs to look at historical pictures that they may use in the restaurant. Councilor Murray presented Ms. Battle with flowers recognizing the presentation she made at Mottville and Shepard Settlement cemeteries on Memorial Day.

Resolution #13-99

Budget Amendments: On a motion of Councilor Greenfield, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the following budget amendments were authorized:

General Fund

\$ 1,770.00	Increase	013552.01.002.00	Assessment – EQ
\$ 1,770.00	Decrease	000693.01.000.00	Def. Rev – STAR

Use – Deferred Revenue – STAR, Assessors equipment

\$ 2,171.00	Increase	019904.01.004.00	Contingency
\$ 2,171.00	Decrease	071404.01.004.48	Winter – Utilities

Transfer due to 2012 Collamer Supply Invoice

Resolution #13-100

Abstract #13-12: On a motion of Councilor Keyes, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, voucher #13-0726 to voucher #13-0814 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$89,992.05	Part Town:	\$15,656.45
Highway:	\$ 4,288.71	Water:	\$ 3,952.21
Sewer:	\$ 359.41	T & A:	\$ 8,027.18
Highway P/T:	\$ 10,484.76		
Total:	\$132,760.77		

Resolution #13-101

Resolution - Designate Town Clerk to Receive Notice of Claims: Supervisor Roney reported that General Municipal Law §53 requires towns to file a certificate with the Secretary of State designating the Secretary of State as an agent for service of a Notice of Claim and designating an officer of the Town of Skaneateles whom the Secretary of State shall transmit a copy of any Notice of Claim served upon the Secretary of State. The public corporation also must designate the time limit for filing a notice of claim.

Councilor Murray made a motion, seconded by Councilor Keyes and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board designating the Secretary of State as an agent for service of a Notice of Claim on the Town of Skaneateles, naming Janet L. Aaron, Town Clerk, the officer designated by the Town Board to receive notice of claims from the Secretary of State on behalf of the Town and determining that 90 days is the time limit to serve a Notice of Claim upon the Town of Skaneateles.

Resolution #13-102

Request Extension to Eligible List for Codes Enforcement Officer: On a motion of Councilor McGlynn, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Clerk was authorized to submit a request to the Onondaga County Department of Personnel for a 60 day extension of the Eligible List for Codes Enforcement Officer.

Boat Launch Signs: Attorney Sardino requested contact information for Fran Rotunno in order to discuss some of the concerns with the wording with her before the Town Board approves them. Ms. Rotunno reminded the Board that the Finger Lakes Land Trust has funded the stewards that are currently at the NYS and Town Boat Launch and it is important to have these signs to reinforce the good work they are doing. It was agreed to put this on the next agenda.

Resolution #13-103

Request to Waive Fee for Fundraiser – Tennis Courts: Supervisor Roney read the request from Jim Gregg asking the Town Board to waive the fee for use of the tennis courts for

a Leukemia and Lymphoma Society fundraiser during the weekend of August 17th and 18th in memory of his nephew Herm Gregg.

Sue Murphy said that they held this event previously and there were no issues.

On a motion of Councilor Greenfield, seconded by Councilor McGlynn and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the fee was waived for the use of the tennis courts for the August fundraiser in memory of Herm Gregg.

Resolution #13-104

Authorization to hire additional PlayDay Counselors and Lifeguard: Sue Murphy said that they received more PlayDay registrations than expected and that they need to hire two more counselors in order to comply with Onondaga County Department of Health's requirements. In addition Ms. Murphy said she needed to hire an additional lifeguard to replace a lifeguard who broke his leg and can't work this summer.

On a motion of Councilor Keyes, seconded by Councilor McGlynn and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board authorization was given to hire two additional PlayDay Counselors and one additional Lifeguard.

Discussion of Austin Pavilion Ice Rates and Fall Startup Date: Supervisor Roney said that she was unable to attend the last Town Board meeting. At that meeting the Town Board authorized increasing the contracted ice rental rates from \$80 to \$95 per hour and to approve October 16, 2013 as the fall startup date. Ms. Roney said that she had received several requests to reconsider reducing the hourly rate and to have the startup date as October 14, 2013, a Monday.

On a motion of Councilor McGlynn, seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board it was agreed to change the fall ice arena startup date for the Austin Pavilion from October 16, 2013 to October 14, 2013.

Keith Krieger from Skaneateles Youth Hockey (SYH) said that 15% was a steep jump in the hourly ice rates. He said he had a meeting with representatives of the Town Board in early May and it was not indicated at that time that the rates would go up that high. He said that next year's registration costs have been set. This will be a hardship for all groups.

Councilor McGlynn said if there had been an increase of just 4% since 2002 the cost would now be \$91/hour. The goal is to have the ice rink break even. The \$1,800 in losses last year did not include \$25,000 in repairs. The Town has consistently had very low hourly rates compared to other rinks. Cicero is \$185/hour, Auburn \$90/hr. and Ithaca \$180/hr.

Rich Williams from SYH said that this is a hardship for families and does not provide for any additional services from the Town. He said Shove Park charges \$35/hour and the Town subsidizes this amount. He said that a \$15 an hour increase will be very difficult for families.

Amy Duke from Skaneateles Figure Skating (SFSC) said that they planned on contracting for more hours at the Austin Pavilion this year but due to the rate increase they know they will lose participants.

Councilor Murray asked what was being proposed for the Town Board to consider. Mr. Krieger said he thought \$80-\$85 was reasonable. SYH purchases 642 hours of ice time last year and they also plan on contracting for more hours this year.

Councilor McGlynn said he believes the alternative would be to either raise the rates to try and break even or have the contracted groups reimburse the Town at the end of the year for the shortage. Mr. Krieger said that if there is another loss of \$25,000 they could purchase their own Zamboni and run the rink.

Fred Singler said that this is a service to the community and that the general fund could supplement these programs like the Town supplements other programs such as Rotary and other programs. Councilor McGlynn questioned how many in the community would support supplementing hockey. Mr. Singler said that Austin Pavilion is just a shell of a building and there are no other services other than actual skating that the users receive from it. The Town will already save on expenses from starting later in the season this year.

Mr. Williams said the Town subsidizes the waterfront. Councilor Keyes said that there are choices that are made. All residents can swim in the park and there is a balance. Councilor McGlynn said that the budget is all about nickels and dimes. He asked if a small annual increase would be more palatable. Mr. Singler said that 4% a year would be fine.

Councilor McGlynn questioned when the second rink would be built. Mr. Krieger said hopefully this time next year. Councilor Keyes questioned if the programs would still need to contract for ice at Austin Pavilion. Mr. Krieger said the program is growing and they believe they would still need the additional ice time.

The Town Board said they would take all the discussion into consideration.

Resolution #13-105

Resolution – **State Assistance Application for Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day:** Councilor Keyes made a motion seconded by Councilor Murray and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board to authorize Supervisor Roney to make application to the NYSDEC for 50% reimbursement for the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day tentatively scheduled for September 14th.

Resolution #13-106

Schedule Special Meeting: Supervisor Roney said that the Town Board has only one regular meeting during July and August. In order to keep bills paid a special meeting is needed that would be mostly for paying bills but could include other items that come up and need to be taken care of before the July 18th regular meeting.

On a motion of Councilor Murray seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board a special meeting was scheduled for 10 a.m. July 1st.

Resolution #13-107

Minutes

May 2, 2013: Councilor Keyes made a motion to accept the minutes of May 2, 2013 as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Roney.

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

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Resolution #13-107

June 6, 2013: Councilor Murray made a motion to accept the minutes of June 6, 2013 as presented. Seconded by Councilor Greenfield.

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

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Updates

- Open Space Proposal:** The Town Board noted receipt of the comments from the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals and tabled it until July 18, 2013 in order to further review.
- Comprehensive Plan:** Attorney Sardino said he will update the Board on his review at the July 18th meeting
- Western Gateway:** Supervisor Roney said that the landscaping plan is a NYS approved plan. She said the Town did not have enough in the Western Gateway budget to fund landscaping. She said the only way would be to receive donations.

Councilor Murray said that she is working with the Chamber of Commerce and Bridgett Winkelman is willing to help with this project. She said Sue Dove, Administrator from the Chamber questioned if in memory plaques could go on the trees. Attorney Sardino said it is a NYS right of way and they would have to approve if that is allowed. Councilor Murray said she believes it would be hard to get donations unless the plaques could be added to the tree. Councilor Murray said she would contact Kelly Thompson at Bergmann Associates to find out about the NYSDOT requirements.

Announcements/Correspondence/

- NYS Public Service Commission (PSC) Seeking Additional Comments – 315 Numbering Plan Area:** Supervisor Roney read an announcement from the PSC that they are seeking comments on their investigating and evaluation for making additional area codes available within the 315 area code.
- Funding Alert – Transportation Enhancement Program:** Supervisor Roney read a letter from the Laberge Group bringing to the Town's attention that there is funding available through the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act for transportation-related projects such as sidewalks, pedestrian or bicycle trails, streetscape improvements, and rehabilitation of scenic or historic transportation facilities. She said if any member of the Board was interested in following up on funding possibilities, that they should contact the Laberge Group.
- C&S Road Proposal:** Supervisor Roney noted receipt of a proposal from C & S Engineers for a Local Roadway Management Program. Jim Card stated that he has just ordered the same program from Cornell.

Resolution #13-109

Executive Session: On a motion of Councilor Keyes seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the Codes Enforcement Officer position and contractual issues.

The meeting was returned to open session at 8:25 p.m.

Resolution #13-110

2013-2014 Contracted Ice Rates: On a motion of Councilor Keyes, seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board to change the contracted ice rates at Austin Pavilion from a previous resolution on May 16, 2013 of \$95 per hour to \$87 per hour.

Resolution #13-111

Symphoria: On a motion of Councilor McGlynn seconded by Councilor Greenfield and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the fee for the use of Austin Pavilion for the Symphoria Concert on July 25, 2013 was waived.

Assessment Settlement: Attorney Sardino presented to the Town Board a proposal to settle the assessment on the Estate of Margaret Shepard. A motion to accept the settlement was not rendered at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk