

TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 6, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Meeting Id: 842 8365 9217 Passcode: 864146

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

5:30 p.m. Executive Session: On a motion, of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Dove and with unanimous (4-0) 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 Milne, seconded by Councilor Dove and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting returned to open session at 6:30 p.m.

Also, Present (In Person): Tim Dobrovosky, Karen Barkdull.

Also, Present (via Zoom): Brian Buff, Robert Herrmann, Miranda Robinson, Sue Murphy.

Department Reports

Highway: Highway Superintendent Dobrovosky submitted his report to the Board for their review. Mr. Dobrovosky stated they had plowed 28 times in the month of March and removed numerous downed trees.

*Report attached

Transfer Station: Municipal Liaison Brian Buff reported the Transfer Station had sent out 14 loads of trash, 8 open top containers and 4 loads of recycling. He reported that this has been the fourth consecutive year of decreased disposal costs despite rising tipping fees. Brian announced upcoming changes to the glass and tin can recycling areas, including a new display to better separate and showcase materials, which could potentially generate revenue for glass recycling.

*Report attached

Planning and Zoning: Town Planner Karen Barkdull submitted the Planning and Zoning reports for the month of March and reviewed the Planning and Zoning updates which included ongoing work on zoning and PDDs, with plans for the Zoning Code Committee to meet at the end of the month.

* Planning & Zoning Report attached.

Codes: Codes Officer Herrmann reviewed the March Codes Office report. He reported to the Board he would be absence from the office for Codes Enforcement training this week, and he thanked the Highway Department for installing tires on the codes office vehicle.

*March Codes Report attached

Parks: Parks Manager Sue Murphy provided updates on the fencing project which would be starting Wednesday, Play Day availability, and baseball season preparations, also reminding residents to clean up after their dogs.

Water: The Town Board discussed the Andrews Road water project, with Town Engineer Robinson explaining that due to increased costs of piping materials, a change order of \$239,300 had been approved by the Town Board to maintain the project's schedule, with completion still targeted for 2027.

Engineering: Town Engineer Robinson reported on the following:

- Two streetlights were reported to NYPA.
- Created Safety Training Logbook for the Highway Department.
- Created Safety Training Log Sheets for the Transfer Station.
- Completed the grant application for the \$200,000 Congressional Spending Grant for the pickleball courts.
- Helped out the codes and zoning departments with regard to the Battery Energy Storage discussion.
- Attended the blue ways and greenways project meeting with Onondaga County Planning Department.
- I will be attending and presenting at the Annual New York Section American Water Works Association next week so I will be out of the office.

Budget: *Budget* Officer Fey presented the town's financial updates, including the completion of an in-house audit and quarterly reports on expenses and revenue. She discussed plans to create individual reports for department heads and proposed NYCLASS transfers to manage funds more efficiently, earning over 3% interest.

Dog Control: Councilor Milne reviewed the March Dog Control report.
*Report attached

Fire Department: Councilor Dove provided an update on the fire department's March report, highlighting 30 calls and 753 volunteer hours, and announced the availability of money raffle tickets.
*Report Attached

Minutes of March 30, 2026: On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Dove, and with a (4-0), with affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of March 30, 2026 were approved as presented.

The Board did not approve the minutes of March 16, 2026 since there was not a quorum of Board members present that attended the meeting of March 16th.

Abstract #26-06: On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Dove and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board payments were authorized as presented on attached report.

A00 A-GEN	104,972.82
B00 B-PT	1,889.20
DA0 DA-HWY	18,613.05

EW0 EW-WTR CNSL	8,550.15
H24 WATER TOWER CAPITAL PROJECT	3,950.00
SF0 SF-FIRE DIST	506,266.24
SL0 SL-LIGHTG	1,669.49
TA0 TA-T & A	1,050.00
TOTAL	\$646,960.95

Water & Septic Utility Emergency and Repair Service Bid Opening: Supervisor Legg stated the following proposals were received for the Water and Septic Emergency and Repair Service:

Town Engineer Miranda Robinson explained that two qualified bidders submitted proposals who could be called upon during crises, with the ability to use either contractor for up to 5 years.

Bids were received on Wednesday, March 25th 2026 by 2pm to the Town Clerk's Office. The RFP was published in the Skaneateles Press and emailed to interested contractors.

Below is the canvass of bids that were received:

Item	units	Brillo Rate/Cost	JMR Rate/Cost
Base Crew - normal working hours	per hour	\$ 780	\$ 895
Base Crew - outside normal working hours	per hour	\$ 1,850	\$ 1,150
Additional Laborer	per hour	\$ 98	\$ 125
Additional Laborer - overtime	per hour	\$ 147	\$ 165
Traffic Control	per hour	\$ 98	\$ 195
Dump Truck	Per hour	\$ 150	
Dump Truck to Quarry	Per Trip		\$ 370

Per the RFP, the town has the option to pick either of these qualified contractors to aid in the repair of the water or septic emergencies within the Town.

Councilor Lotkowitz asked if there was one contract that would be called first? Engineer Robinson stated that would be up to the Water Department Foreman and who was available.

The Town Board agreed JMR and Brillo would both be on the call list for the Town of Skaneateles Water and Septic Emergency Repair.

Zoning Code Proposed Updates: Supervisor Legg reviewed the proposed zoning code updates as submitted by Town Planner Karen Barkdull and the Zoning Committee. The Board approved the following resolution to refer these proposed amendments to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and County Planning Department for review:

**RESOLUTION
OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES**

Proposed Amendments to the Town of Skaneateles Zoning Law

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20(4), Board Member Lotkowitz introduced for consideration Introductory Local Law No. A of 2026 entitled “A Local Law Amending Chapter 148 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles” (the “Proposed Local Law”); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Proposed Local Law is to amend certain provisions of Chapter 148 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles, more commonly known as the Zoning Law of the Town of Skaneateles (the “Zoning Law”), related to: conservation easement area calculation; definitions of data processing center battery energy storage system, lodging facility, temporary fence and temporary storage structure; dimensional requirements for two family and multi-family dwellings; prohibited uses; location of boathouses; fence standards; regulation of outdoor storage areas and temporary storage structures; and exclusion of lodging facilities from accessory uses; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and its implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617, and Section 239 of the General Municipal Law, with respect to these proposed amendments to the Zoning Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby declares its intent to serve as lead agency for purposes of a coordinated review under SEQRA of the Proposed Local Law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby preliminarily classifies the Proposed Local Law as a Type 1 Action under SEQRA, and the Town Board hereby directs the Town Clerk to send Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form and the Proposed Local Law to all interested agencies to request their comments thereon;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall refer the Local Law to Onondaga County Planning for its review pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall refer the Proposed Local Law to the Town of Skaneateles Planning Board for its review and report pursuant to Section 148-10-11 of the Zoning Law, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this resolution; and

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilor Lotkowitz, seconded by Councilor Milne, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Sue Dove	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Absent
Lori Milne	Voting	Aye
Bob Lotkowitz	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: April 6, 2026

The Town Board agreed to schedule the Public Hearing after comments had been received from the planning and zoning agencies.

NYS Pro Housing: Supervisor Legg reviewed that New York State had a program called the Pro Housing Program. Its main goal was to be able to address the existing housing shortage across New York State.

The Board and Town Planner Karen Barkdull discussed adopting a Pro Housing Communities Pledge, which included streamlining permits for various housing types, adopting fair housing policies, and increasing residential development capacity. She shared research on ADU regulations from other states and explained that the current focus is on identifying benefits to the town from PDDs (Plan Development Districts).

Attorney Smith asked if the Town Zoning code needed to be adjusted for the Pro-Housing proposal? Town Planner Barkdull stated they are in the process of looking at PDDs and are looking for incentives within the PDD to encourage this mixed housing that the Town is missing. That would also be tied into pro housing, one of the issues with multifamily is you have to have infrastructure, you have to have the availability of public water and sewer. It is really difficult to do it with a septic system. She stated they could look at the ADU (Accessory Dwelling Units) section again, but that part of the zoning is pretty flexible.

The Board approved the Pro Housing Communities resolution as presented:

TOWN OF SKANEATELES PRO-HOUSING
COMMUNITIES RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Town of Skaneateles believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State's economic growth and community well-being.

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities.

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town of Skaneateles, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts

the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilor Lotkowitz, seconded by Councilor Dove, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Sue Dove	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Absent
Lori Milne	Voting	Aye
Bob Lotkowitz	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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Comp Alliance Member Participation Agreement: Town Clerk Stenger stated the Town Board was in receipt of a 2-year contract with Comp Alliance, the Town's workers' compensation insurance carrier. The 2-year contract would lock in savings of 7.5% for the next 2 years due to the Town's safe workplace rating being so good. She stated the Town had worked with Comp Alliance since 2012 and recommended the Board approve this 2-year contract.

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Dove the 2-Year Contract with Comp Alliance for the Town of Skaneateles, workers compensation insurance was approved.

Use of the Austin Park Parking Areas – Central NY Land Trust April 18, 2026: Supervisor Legg announced CNY Land Trust was hosting a tree planting event at the O'Neill Family Farm Preserve on April 18, 2026 from 8:00am – 4:00 pm. The access to the land is off of Whitegate Drive and there is limited parking. CNY Land Trust has made arrangements with Laker Limo to shuttle people and would like to use the Austin Arena Parking area.

Parks Director Sue Murphy and the Board agreed this would not be a problem.

Van Camp Road Residents Request for Speed Reduction: Supervisor Legg and The Town Board discussed a petition from residents on Van Camp Road requesting a reduction in the speed limit from 55 mph to 35-45 mph due to safety concerns.

Supervisor Legg recommended the Board forward the request to the New York State Department of Transportation and Onondaga County Transportation.

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Lotkowitz and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board authorized the Town Clerk to submit a request to the NYS Department of Transportation for a traffic study to consider lowering the speed limit on Van Camp Road in the Town of Skaneateles.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

2026 Seasonal Parks Employment Opportunities: Supervisor Legg announced the Parks Department is accepting applications for day camp councilors and lifeguards for the summer.

Shred Day at the Transfer Station – April 25th 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Town of Skaneateles Conservation Area – “NO Trapping” posting: Supervisor Legg announced the Town Board had prohibited trapping at the Conservation Areas to protect the beaver colonies.

O’Neill Family Farm Preserve Tree Planting – April 18, 2026 8:00am – 4:00 pm

Public Comment: Joe Vehicco, Town of Spafford resident, raised concerns about the Climate Smart Communities program, questioning its goals and the feasibility of transitioning to renewable energy sources.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Dove and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the meeting was reopened at 7:40 pm.

Supervisor Legg stated he had closed the meeting before the Board could approve the tax settlement regarding Mr. Joseph Lane and Mrs. Renee Lane, property in the Town of Skaneateles and further identified as Tax ID No. 040.-01-17.2 and located at 3193B East Lake Road.

The Town Board approved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION
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To Settle Proceedings to Review Real Property Assessment Challenges

WHEREAS, certain premises are owned and/or controlled by Mr. Joseph Lane and Mrs. Renee Lane, in the Town of Skaneateles and further identified as Tax ID No. 040.-01-17.2 and located at 3193B East Lake Road, in the Town of Skaneateles (hereinafter the “Subject Property”); and

WHEREAS, the parties have engaged in settlement discussions with respect to the Subject Property for the Assessment Roll year 2025/26 (Index No. 2025/007847), and have agreed to resolve the litigation which will culminate in a Stipulation of Settlement and Order, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, a compromise and settlement of the aforesaid proceeding specified in the Exhibit is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Skaneateles; and

WHEREAS, this settlement is expressly conditioned upon all settlement papers for the Subject Property being finalized and executed, a copy of only certain exhibits which are attached, and approval by all parties including the Supreme Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the foregoing recitations with exhibits are incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if set forth hereafter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby approves settlement of the underlying tax assessment challenge for Assessment Roll year 2025/26 (Index No. 2025/007847) for the Subject Property as being in the best interest of the Town of Skaneateles;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Town Attorneys for the Town of Skaneateles, and associated conflicts counsel, their respective agents and/or representatives are authorized to sign all documents and take all steps necessary to resolve the underlying proceedings on the terms and conditions specified herein and the Exhibits attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Law shall take effect upon April 6, 2026.

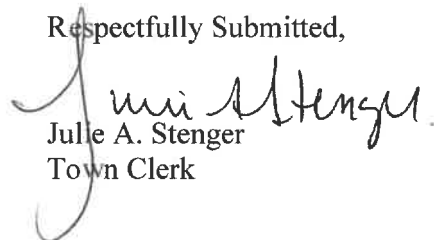
The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Chris Legg	Voting	Aye
Sue Dove	Voting	Aye
Mark Tucker	Voting	Absent
Lori Milne	Voting	Aye
Bob Lotkowitz	Voting	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Dove and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Julie A. Stenger
Town Clerk