

Councilor
Mark Tucker

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Susan Dove

Supervisor
Chris Legg

Councilor
Lori Milne

Councilor
Bob Lotkowitz

Town Attorney
Brody Smith

Town Clerk
Julie Stenger



TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 27, 2026

Location: Town Hall, 24 Jordan Street, Skaneateles, NY 13152

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85370447616>

Meeting ID: 853 7044 7616 Passcode: 905558

5:30 pm – Executive Session

6:30 pm – Regular Scheduled Town Board Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1. Austin Park Baseball Fields Fence Project Presentation**
- 2. Schedule Bid Opening Austin Park Baseball Fields Fence Project – February 6, 2026 at 10:00am**
- 3. Minutes of January 5, 2026**
- 4. Budget Amendments**
- 5. Abstract #25-24**
- 6. Abstract #26-02**
- 7. 2026 Reserve Fund Transfers and Encumbrances**
- 8. Sims Building Remote Lock System**
- 9. Resolution of the Town of Skaneateles in Support of the Americal 250th Commemoration**
- 10. Town of Skaneateles Open Space Committee Policy**
- 11. Town of Skaneateles Zoning Code Proposed Updates**
- 12. Climate Smart Committee**
- 13. Announcements/Correspondence/Updates**
 - Town Board Meeting -February 9, 2026*
 - 2026 Transfer Station Permits on Sale Now -2025 Transfer Station Permits Expire January 31, 2026*
 - Winter Swap Shop February 7, 2025 at the Austin Arena*
 - Bid Opening – Andrews Road Water Project January 30, 10:00am*
 - Grant Applications Updates*
- 14. Public Comment**
- 15. Annual Audit of Financial Records**

Regular Board Meeting – The public has the right to attend and listen to the board deliberations. The public may participate upon the invitation of the board. **Public Hearing** – The public is invited to speak. The board is not obligated to answer questions or render a decision. All comments should be directed to the Board.

Town Board Meeting
January 27, 2026
5:30 p.m.
Zoom: Meeting ID: Passcode:

Present: Supervisor Legg, Councilor Dove, Councilor Tucker, Councilor Milne, Councilor Lotkowitz, Attorney Kokoris

5:30 p.m. Executive Session Executive Session/Attorney Advice: On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Dove and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned for Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

Present: Sue Murphy, PJ Snyder, Justin Reeves, Keri Fey.

Also, Present (via Zoom): Brian Buff, Jason Gabak, Karen Barkdull, Tim Dobrovosky, Brian Buff, Chris Buff, Tina Haynes.

Austin Park Baseball Fields Fence Project Presentation: Supervisor Legg announced Justin Reeves and PJ Snyder would be giving a presentation on the proposed fencing upgrade at the baseball fields at Austin Park

Mr. Reeves presented the proposal for new fencing at the Austin Park Baseball fields and the Jordan Steet T-Ball field. This project would be done in 2 phases.

Mr. Reeves presented a plan to upgrade several baseball field backstops and fences, focusing on the Sims Field which will receive a 12-foot-high backstop with an overhang to improve safety after recent incidents. He stated the Sims Field is the most used field. It is used during the baseball season and through the summer leagues.

The project will use black fencing to match the varsity field and include concrete pads for bleachers instead of crushed stone, with the work being done in phases to stay within budget. The long-term plan extends to two years, including potential upgrades to the Northfield and other fields.

He reviewed maps of the fields and the current fencing and what would be upgraded. Mr. Reeves also presented a proposal for maximizing budget allocations to benefit children, focusing on a holistic plan for the current fiscal year with a longer-term Phase 2 in mind. The project would be done in 2 phases over a 2-year period.

Supervisor Legg discussed the maintenance and development of the park, emphasizing the importance of community involvement and responsible stewardship. He highlighted the successful funding and design of the softball diamond dugouts by the girls' softball team, which included private donations and in-kind contributions. He also acknowledged the dedication of volunteers like Justin and PJ, who continued to support the park despite their children aging out of the league.

Mr. Reeves praised the cooperation with Sue Murphy, Parks Director, and other community members in maintaining the park's integrity and ensuring projects do not negatively impact the park's condition.

Supervisor Legg and the Board agreed with Mr. Reeves and the importance of this project for the safety of park users.

Supervisor Legg stated that the Board appreciated the public-private effort that continued with Lakeshore Baseball with the maintenance and development of the park. If somebody is willing to put in something that we agree should be in the park, as grandfathers and great-grandfathers did for Lakeshore originally the Board should support these efforts.

Parks Director Sue Murphy thanked Justin Reeves and PJ Snyder for all their work in the Parks and stated they had been great to work with for this project and other projects in the Park.

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Dove, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board authorized the fencing project for the Baseball Field at Austin Park as presented by Lakeshore Baseball.

Schedule Bid Opening Austin Park Baseball Fields Fence Project – February 6, 2026 at 10:00am: On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board authorized the bid opening for the fencing project at Austin Park for February 6, 2026 at 10:00a.m.

Minutes of January 5, 2026: On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with a (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of January 5, 2026 were accepted as presented.

Budget Amendments: On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Lotkowitz, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following budget amendments for abstract #25-24:

TOWN BOARD BUDGET AMENDMENTS

ABSTRACT # 25-24

January 27, 2026

General Fund

\$1,500.00	Increase	12201.01.001.00	Supervisor PS
\$1,500.00	Decrease	10101.01.001.00	Town Board PS
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$420.00	Increase	13301.01.001.00	Tax Collector PS
\$420.00	Decrease	14101.01.001.00	Town Clerk PS
Operating Statement Cleanup			

\$2,250.00	Increase	13304.04.001.00	Tax Collector CE
\$2,250.00	Decrease	14104.01.004.00	Town Clerk CE
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$3,716.59	Increase	13404.01.004.00	Budget CE
\$3,716.59	Decrease	13402.01.002.00	Budget Equ
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$2,350.00	Increase	13551.01.001.00	Assessor PS
\$2,350.00	Decrease	14101.01.001.00	Town Clerk PS
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$2,675.00	Increase	14102.01.002.00	Town Clerk Equ
\$2,675.00	Decrease	14104.01.004.00	Town Clerk CE
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$3,900.00	Increase	14304.01.004.00	Personnel CE
\$3,900.00	Decrease	19904.01.004.00	Contingency Acct
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$306.00	Increase	19504.01.004.00	Taxes & Assessments
\$306.00	Decrease	19904.01.004.00	Contingency Acct
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$976.00	Increase	19104.01.004.00	Unallocated Insurance
\$976.00	Decrease	90508.01.008.00	Unemployment
Insurance			
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$7,00.00	Increase	90108.01.008.00	State Retirement
\$7,00.00	Decrease	90508.01.008.00	Unemployment
Insurance			
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$2,700.00	Increase	90308.01.008.00	Social Security (Town
Portion)			
\$2,700.00	Decrease	90508.01.008.00	Unemployment
Insurance			
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$50.00	Increase	90458.01.008.00	Life Insurance
\$50.00	Decrease	90508.01.008.00	Unemployment
Insurance			
Operating Statement Cleanup			

\$3,250.00	Increase	90558.01.008.00	Disability Insurance
\$3,250.00	Decrease	90508.01.008.00	Unemployment
Insurance			
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$900.00	Increase	19204.01.004.00	Municipal Dues
\$900.00	Decrease	19904.01.004.00	Contingency Acct
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$410.00	Increase	85101.01.001.00	Community Beautification PS
\$410.00	Decrease	71101.01.001.00	Summer Rec PS
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$1,050.00	Increase	35101.01.001.00	Animal Control PS
\$1,050.00	Decrease	19904.01.004.00	Contingency Acct
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$520.00	Increase	35104.01.004.00	Animal Control CE
\$520.00	Decrease	35102.01.002.00	Animal Control Equ
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$450.00	Increase	51824.01.004.00	Street Lighting
\$450.00	Decrease	19904.01.004.00	Contingency Acct
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$225.00	Increase	67724.01.004.00	Program of the Aging CE
\$225.00	Decrease	65104.01.004.00	Veterans CE
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$330.00	Increase	70204.01.004.00	Recreation Admin CE
\$330.00	Decrease	71104.01.004.00	Summer Rec CE
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$1,400.00	Increase	71404.01.004.00	Winter Rec
\$1,400.00	Decrease	71104.01.004.00	Summer Rec CE
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\$1,350.00	Increase	71414.01.004.00	Creamery CE
\$1,350.00	Decrease	71104.01.004.00	Summer Rec CE
Operating Statement Cleanup			
<u>Part Town</u>			
\$7,300.00	Increase	80101.02.001.00	Planning PS

\$7,300.00	Decrease	80101.02.001.00	Zoning PS
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$6,200.00	Increase	90608.02.008.00	Medical Ins
\$6,200.00	Decrease	80101.02.001.00	Planning CE
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$920.00	Increase	80104.02.004.00	Zoning CE
\$920.00	Decrease	80101.02.001.00	Planning CE
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$95.00	Increase	90458.02.008.00	Life Insurance
\$95.00	Decrease	90558.02.008.00	Disability Ins.
Operating Statement Cleanup			

HWY Town Wide

\$23,250.00	Increase	51421.03.004.00	Snow Removal CE
\$23,250.00	Decrease	51421.03.001.00	Snow Removal PS
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$82.00	Increase	90558.03.008.00	Disability Ins.
\$82.00	Decrease	90608.03.008.00	Medical Ins.
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$520.00	Increase	90108.03.008.00	State Retirement
\$520.00	Decrease	90608.03.008.00	Medical Ins.
Operating Statement Cleanup			

HWY Part Town

\$32.00	Increase	90558.04.008.00	Disability Ins.
\$32.00	Decrease	90608.04.008.00	Medical Ins.
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$520.00	Increase	90108.04.008.00	State Retirement
\$520.00	Decrease	90608.04.008.00	Medical Ins.
Operating Statement Cleanup			
\$360.00	Increase	90108.03.008.00	Other Emp Benefits
\$360.00	Decrease	90608.04.008.00	Medical Ins.
Operating Statement Cleanup			

Fire District

\$16,500.00	Increase	97106.06.006.00	Debt on Service Bond
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\$16,500.00	Decrease	79107.06.007.00	Interest on Service Bond
Coding Error			

Water

\$7,150.00	Increase	90108.08.008.00	State Retirement
\$7,150.00	Decrease	83101.08.008.00	Water PS
Operating Statement Cleanup			

\$500.00	Increase	90308.08.008.00	Social Security (Town Share)
\$500.00	Decrease	83101.08.008.00	Water PS
Operating Statement Cleanup			

\$50.00	Increase	90458.08.008.00	Life Insurance
\$50.00	Decrease	83101.08.008.00	Water PS
Operating Statement Cleanup			

\$2,900.00	Increase	90608.08.008.00	Medical Ins
\$2,900.00	Decrease	83101.08.008.00	Water PS
Operating Statement Cleanup			

Abstract #25-25: On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Lotkowitz, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers were authorized from the following funds:

Abstract #26-25

General	\$ 206,395.16
Sewer	\$ 2,539.73
Part Town	\$ 18,972.00
HWY	\$ 22,780.27
HWY PT	\$ 19,931.48
St Light	\$ 2,237.00
Water	\$ 33,552.31
T&A	\$ 2,667.07
Water Capitol Project	\$ 8,100.00

TOTAL	\$ 317,175.02
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Abstract #26-02: On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Lotkowitz, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers were authorized from the following funds:

Abstract #26-02	
General	\$ 79,334.00
Sewer	\$ 48.23
Part Town	\$ 17,799.86
HWY	\$ 36,863.31
HWY PT	\$ 16,235.37
Fire District	\$ 246,858.20
Water	\$ 18,658.81
T&A	\$ 424,902.52
 TOTAL	 \$ 840,700.30

2026 Reserve Fund Transfers and Encumbrances: On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the following 2025 Reserve Fund Transfers were authorized by the Town Board subject to the permissive referendum requirements of Town Law and General Municipal Law.:

- Town Hall Office Equipment Reserve not to exceed \$7,000 for display screen for board room.
- General Recreation Reserve not to exceed \$42,000 for mowing equipment, picnic tables and a SandPro machine.
- Highway Equipment Reserve not to exceed \$228,000 for a new plow truck.

Budget Officer Fey stated all these purchases were authorized in the 2026 Town of Skaneateles Budget.

Budget Officer Fey reviewed the following proposed encumbrances:

Cemetery

\$1,000.00 encumbrance from 2025 to repair damages to a shed from a fallen tree

Parks

\$60,000.00 encumbrance from 2025 for fencing at Austin Park

Highway

\$40,000.00 Building Lease (01)

\$276,744.00 Truck Lease Payments (03)

The truck that the Highway Department had ordered had taken three years for stock and delivery and it is finally scheduled for delivery this year. The Board had budgeted each year for the lease payments and now would be able to pay outright for the new truck.

Supervisor Legg stated that these are good examples of financial stewardship by department heads and by the Town Board. Which means that these previous year's dollars that were brought in with taxes were put forward, so that we could be able to meet the requirements in this current year.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the following 2026 Encumbrances as presented.

Sims Building Remote Lock System: Supervisor Legg stated the Board had reviewed the remote lock system proposals as presented by Parks Director Sue Murphy. He stated the locking system would allow the Sims building restrooms to be programed to unlock at 6:00 am and lock at 9:00 pm. Sue Murphy had addressed the Boards concerns on locking if the restrooms were occupied and if there was the wireless network needed to run this system.

Parks Director Murphy stated the door would not be locked from the inside, therefore if the restrooms were occupied you could still exist and the wireless network had all the requirements needed. These locks can be controlled by a cell phone and there is battery backup in the case of a power outage.

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the remote locking systems from Syracuse Time and Alarm was authorized for installation at the Sims building restrooms in Austin Park.

Resolution of the Town of Skaneateles in Support of the Americal 250th Commemoration: Supervisor Legg stated the United States of American would be celebrating its 250th anniversary this July 4th and the Town of Skaneateles would be joining in the celebration with fireworks and a community gathering at Austin Park.

Councilor Dove presented the following resolution for the Town Board's approval:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES IN SUPPORT OF
THE AMERICA 250 COMMEMORATION AND AUTHORIZING
RELATED EXPENDITURES**

WHEREAS, the United States of America will commemorate its 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026, marking a historic milestone in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, asserting the American colonies' freedom from British rule and laying the foundation for the principles of democracy and self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Semi quincentennial Commission, known as the America 250 Commission (america250.org), was established by Congress in 2016 to plan and coordinate the national commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the New York State 250th Commemoration Commission was created to lead statewide efforts to commemorate the founding of the United States and New York's pivotal role in the nation's formation and development; and

WHEREAS, Town Law authorizes the town board to appropriate funds for the proper observance of patriotic and historical events (Town Law§ 64 [12], [14]), and Arts and Cultural Affairs Law§ 57.07 further authorizes local governments to appropriate and expend funds for historical purposes within their jurisdiction, including the erection of markers and monuments, the preservation of historical materials, and cooperation with local historical organizations; and

WHEREAS, these statutes provide the legal authority for towns to engage in and support commemorations that are educational, patriotic, and historical in character, including public programming, exhibits, community events, and historical preservation activities connected to America 250; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Skaneateles recognizes the importance of America 250 as an opportunity to reflect on our community's contributions to the American story, honor the achievements of past generations, and inspire renewed civic engagement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles hereby expresses its support for the America 250 Commemoration and authorizes the town board and appropriate departments to plan, promote, and participate in programs and events consistent with the purposes of Town Law§ 64 and Arts and Cultural Affairs Law§ 57.07; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such activities may include, but are not limited to, educational programming, historical exhibits, patriotic decorations, community celebrations, and collaborations with local schools, libraries, and historical societies, provided that all expenditures serve a proper public purpose and comply with applicable fiscal and procurement requirements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of 2026.

I hereby certify that at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles, Skaneateles, New York on January 27, 2026 adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Legg	Aye
Councilor Dove	Aye
Councilor Tucker	Aye
Councilor Milne	Aye
Councilor Lotkowitz	Aye

Carried 5-0

Town of Skaneateles Open Space Committee Policy: Supervisor Legg announced the Board was in receipt of the updated Open Space Policy as submitted by the Open Space Committee.

Town Planner Karen Barkdull stated this policy, updated the current policy to clarify fund dispersion criteria and developed an application form to help review properties. The updates were small modifications to the 2010 Town of Skaneateles Open Space Policy.

Supervisor Legg stated money used to help purchase property for open space in the Town of Skaneateles is not tax dollars. It is money that comes from property owners or builders that pay into this fund calculated by a formula which is used to purchase property or easements for open space.

Councilor Tucker stated the Open Space Committee is always looking for new members as well.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Dove, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board approved the updated Town of Skaneateles Open Space Policy and application as presented.

Town of Skaneateles Zoning Code Proposed Updates: Supervisor Legg stated the Board was in receipt of proposed changes and updates to the Town of Skaneateles Zoning Code as prepared by the Town of Skaneateles Zoning Committee.

Town Planner Karen Barkdull stated there were a series of minor changes to the Zoning Code that would help to provide more clarity in some of the sections of the code, these proposed changes are based on recent applications during the past last year and a half.

Supervisor Legg reviewed the proposed changes, including updates to regulations for two-family and multi-family dwellings, outdoor storage areas, and shoreline structures.

The Town Board agreed to table these proposals and follow a process of review by the Planning and Zoning Committee, with comments to be considered at a future meeting in March.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Lotkowitz, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board agreed to table the acceptance of the proposed Zoning Code changes as presented to the Town Board to discuss proposed changes with the Planning and Zoning Committee.

*See attached for proposed list of changes

Climate Smart Committee: Supervisor Legg stated the Town of Skaneateles register as a Climate Smart Community in 2009.

Supervisor Legg stated the Town of Skaneateles registered as a New York State climate-smart community in 2009. The Climate Smart Program encourages communities to increase cost savings through greater efficiency and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through awareness by providing resources. The program offers grants to communities.

Skaneateles has won numerous Climate Smart grants. The grants fully funded LED streetlights, free air source heat pump systems, an electric UTV for the conservation area and other items. Each grant is competitive based on a point scoring system.

The Climate Smart certifications at the bronze or silver level qualifies the community for more points in grant applications. The Town has completed steps towards bronze certification. The creation of a climate-smart community task force is required for both bronze and silver certifications.

The purpose of this committee is to gather input from representatives to advise the town at this point, we are seeking residents to join with municipal representatives on the Climate Smart Community Task Force to consider specific topics, plans, or programs in an advisory capacity to the town boards.

Residents can submit a letter of interest to the Town Climate Smart Coordinator, Miranda Robinson, by February 27, 2026.

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board authorized to advertise for interested residents to be appointed to the Town of Skaneateles Climate Smart Committee.

Winter Swap Shop February 7, 2026: Supervisor Legg reported the Swap Shop Committee had requested the use of the Austing Arena south end area to hold their winter swap shop on February 7, 2026.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board approved the use of the Austin Arena south end for the winter swap shop on February 7, 2026 and to waive all fees.

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

Town Board Meeting -February 9, 2026

2026 Transfer Station Permits on Sale Now -2025 Transfer Station Permits Expire January 31, 2026

Winter Swap Shop February 7, 2025 at the Austin Arena

Bid Opening – Andrews Road Water Project January 30, 10:00am

Grant Applications Updates: Supervisor Legg updated on the following:

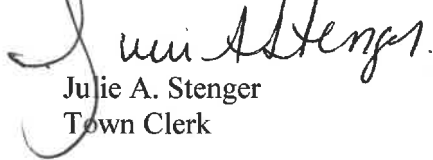
The Town did not receive the grant that the Town had applied for a brine system. We have a follow-up request with the agency to get feedback on why we were denied that application.

Councilor Dove thanked the Skaneateles and Mottville Fire Department for all their efforts with calls and tragic fire of late in our community. She also thanked the Highway Department for all the overtime hours and commitment to keeping our roads safe during this hard winter. She also thanked the American Legion for hosting an appreciation dinner for all of our first responders.

Public Comment: Cris Buff, Sheldon Road asked the Board if they had any plans for the 25th anniversary of 911 which would be in September of 2026. The Board stated they had not heard of anything but with it being in September they were sure there would be plans made close to the date.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie A. Stenger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Julie A. Stenger
Town Clerk

TOWN OF SKANEATELES
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 27, 2026 the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles authorized the transfers for the following: Parks Department not to exceed \$42,000.00 for mowing equipment, picnic tables and a Sand Pro machine; Budget Department not to exceed \$30,000.00 for software update conclusion; Highway Department not to exceed \$228,000.00 for the purchase of ordered highway truck; Town Hall Equipment \$7,000 for a meeting room display screen, all subject to the permissive referendum requirements of Town Law and General Municipal Law.

Dated: January 28, 2026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES IN SUPPORT OF THE
AMERICA 250 COMMEMORATION AND AUTHORIZING
RELATED EXPENDITURES**

WHEREAS, the United States of America will commemorate its 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026, marking a historic milestone in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, asserting the American colonies' freedom from British rule and laying the foundation for the principles of democracy and self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Semi quincentennial Commission, known as the America 250 Commission (america250.org), was established by Congress in 2016 to plan and coordinate the national commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the New York State 250th Commemoration Commission was created to lead statewide efforts to commemorate the founding of the United States and New York's pivotal role in the nation's formation and development; and

WHEREAS, Town Law authorizes the town board to appropriate funds for the proper observance of patriotic and historical events (Town Law§ 64 [12], [14]), and Arts and Cultural Affairs Law§ 57.07 further authorizes local governments to appropriate and expend funds for historical purposes within their jurisdiction, including the erection of markers and monuments, the preservation of historical materials, and cooperation with local historical organizations; and

WHEREAS, these statutes provide the legal authority for towns to engage in and support commemorations that are educational, patriotic, and historical in character, including public programming, exhibits, community events, and historical preservation activities connected to America 250; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Skaneateles recognizes the importance of America 250 as an opportunity to reflect on our community's contributions to the American story, honor the achievements of past generations, and inspire renewed civic engagement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles hereby expresses its support for the America 250 Commemoration and authorizes the town board and appropriate departments to plan, promote, and participate in programs and events consistent with the purposes of Town Law§ 64 and Arts and Cultural Affairs Law§ 57.07; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such activities may include, but are not limited to, educational programming, historical exhibits, patriotic decorations, community celebrations, and collaborations with local schools, libraries, and historical societies, provided that all expenditures serve a proper public purpose and comply with applicable fiscal and procurement requirements.

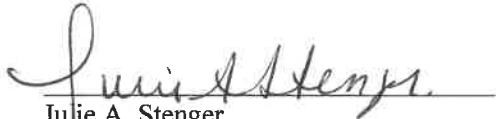
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27 day of January 2026.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles, Skaneateles, New York on January 27, 2026 the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Legg, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Legg	Aye
Councilor Tucker	Aye
Councilor Milne	Aye
Councilor Dove	Aye
Councilor Lotkowitz	Aye

Carried 5-0


Julie A. Stenger
Skaneateles Town Clerk