

**Town Board Meeting
October 20, 2025
5:30 p.m.
Zoom: Meeting ID: 864 5100 7564 Passcode: 962447**

Present: Supervisor Legg, Councilor Tucker, Councilor Dove, Councilor Milne, Attorney Marquette.

5:30 p.m. Executive Session Executive Session/Attorney Advice: On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Dove and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned for Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Tim Dobrovosky, Keri Fey, Bill Mahood, Mickey Mahood, Lilly Grover, Emerson Decker, Monica Pohl, Aubrey Bendall, Megan Charlton.

Also, Present (via Zoom): Sue Murphy, Brian Buff, Jason Gabak.

Minutes of October 6, 2025: On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the minutes of October 6, 2025 were accepted with the corrections made by Councilor Milne.

Abstract #25-18: On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Dove, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board vouchers were authorized from the following funds:

ABSTRACT #25-18:

General	\$	23,505.07
Sewer	\$	3,735.88
Limeledge Wtr	\$	14,948.00
Part Town	\$	4,758.29
HWY	\$	314,569.77
HWY PT	\$	4,333.77
Fire District	\$	5,600.00
St. Lgt.	\$	631.11
Water	\$	28,318.48
T&A	\$	2,470.13
Water Tower	\$	7,900.00
TOTAL	\$	410,770.50

Declare Surplus 2006 Dump Truck – Highway Department: On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne, and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board declared the Highway 2006 Dump Truck surplus.

Soldiers and Sailors Monument: Supervisor Legg stated the Town Board had the updated design and wording for the Soldiers and Sailors plaque and pedestal. The Board had approved the quote of \$1,350.00 in May of 2025. This plaque would be installed at the Civil War Soldiers and Sailor Monument located in Lakeview Cemetery.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board authorized Supervisor Legg to sign the quote for the Soldiers and Sailor plaque and pedestal in the amount of \$1,350.00.

Continuation of Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law 3 of 2025 “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy”: Supervisor Legg stated the public hearing for Local Law 3 of 2025 “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy” would be continued at this meeting. There was an error in the posting of the Public Notice in the Skaneateles Press therefore the Board agreed to continue the hearing from October 6, 2025. Supervisor Legg stated proposed Introductory Local Law 3 of 2024 had to do with overriding the tax levy limit, established by section 3C of New York General Municipal Law. Several years ago, New York State put a tax cap rate requirement on local governments stating their budgets had to be within the percentage that was outlined by the state. The Board is trying to keep the percentage under 2%, but with the increase in costs this could be difficult. He stated they are still in the process of working on the budget before it goes to a public hearing on November 4th.

Supervisor Legg asked if there was anyone who would like to make a comment.

Bill Mahood, 60 West Lake Street: Mr. Mahood read a statement that thanked the Board for their commitment to our Town. He stated his concerns over exceeding the tax cap due to the 2026 expenditures for the Austin Park project. This seems too open ended. He asked for more transparency regarding the Austin Park Project. He questioned the \$1.6 million in the 2025 budget and the \$1.7 million in contractual expenses/Parks.

Mr. Mahood stated he and his wife questioned going over the tax cap given the impact the reassessments have had on the taxpayers.

He also stated with the election only 2 weeks away would it make more sense to wait till after the election when the new board would be in place?

Supervisor Legg stated funding for Phase 1 of the Parks Project was awarded and funded in 2025 was approximately \$1.3 million, this was under budget. He explained that over \$400,000 were ARPA funds, \$400,000 was from the sale of the Fennell Street property to the library and the remainder was from unappropriated funds. There was no new tax levies involved in Phase I. Phase II has not been reviewed in detail and it is not in the 2026 Budget. The 2026 Preliminary Budget will be posted within a few days. The Board has held budget meetings since September. The State

dictates the budget cycle and each year the local law to override the tax cap must be completed before the budget is finalized.

Mr. Mahood asked if the electrical contract was in addition to \$1.3 million. Supervisor Legg answered that it is included in \$1.3 million. There is a contract for the construction with separate contracts for electrical and HVAC and these are all included in the total cost of Phase I of the project.

Supervisor Legg stated at this point there is no foreseen reason that the 2026 budget will go over the 2% tax cap, this is just a precaution to have in place.

Mr. Mahood asked if in the past 3 years the Town had approved the Tax Cap Override and if the Budget did exceed the 2%. Supervisor Legg stated yes. Reasons being COVID and a restructuring of the water district funding. Last year this new water district was added to the taxes which put us over the 2%, but this was a onetime occurrence. This year the budget is on track to stay under the 2%.

Mickey Mahood, 60 West Lake Street: Ms. Mahood stated the Board should take into consideration the new assessments and should not go over the 2% tax cap.

Supervisor Legg reviewed the reassessment and stated the assessments are independent of the taxes.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board closed the Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law 3 of 2025 - "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established by Section 3-C of the New York General Municipal Law".

Attorney Marquette reviewed the Local Law and stated the Board had complied with the requirement to hold a Public Hearing. This does not require SEQR determination, it is considered a Type 2 action which makes it exempt from SEQR. This local law would take effect once it is filed with the Secretary of State. This local law requires that not less than 60% of the board to authorize the law.

Councilor Dove moved a resolution to declare Local Law 3 of 2025 - "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy" a Type 2 action which makes it exempt from SEQR, Seconded by Councilor Milne.

Councilor Dove	Yes
Councilor Tucker	Yes
Councilor Milne	Yes
Supervisor Legg	Yes

Carried 4-0

Councilor Milne moved a resolution to adopt Local Law 3 of 2025 - "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy", Seconded by Councilor Tucker.

Councilor Dove	Yes
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Councilor Tucker	Yes
Councilor Milne	Yes
Supervisor Legg	Yes

Carried 4-0

Introductory Local 2025-4 “Town of Skaneateles Renewal and Assessment of Occupancy Tax”: Supervisor Legg stated the Board was in receipt of Proposed Local Law 4 of 2025 “A Local Law Relating to the Implementation and Assessment of an Occupancy Tax in the Town of Skaneateles”.

In 2023 the Town of Skaneateles enacted a 5% Occupancy Tax, and the original law was only allowed to be enacted for 2 years as approved by the NYS Senate and NYS Assembly. The purpose of the Proposed Local Law is to amend the Town Code of the Town of Skaneateles to extend the five percent (5%) occupancy tax upon persons occupying any room for hire in any hotel located within the Town through 2027. And identify such an occupancy tax as a potential means of offsetting additional costs in providing various Town services including, but not limited to, maintaining Town parks and Town infrastructure, incurred by the Town as a result of its popularity as a tourist destination.

Supervisor Legg explained a public hearing would need to be scheduled.

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board schedule the Public Hearing for Introductory Local 2025-4 “Town of Skaneateles Renewal and Assessment of Occupancy Tax”.

Letter of Resignation – Samantha Parker-Fann – Planning Board: Supervisor Legg announced a letter of resignation was received from Samantha Parker – Fann. She would be moving out of the area and would be missed on the Board.

On a motion of Councilor dove, seconded by Councilor Milne, and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board accepted the resignation of Samantha Parker – Fann from the Town of Skaneateles Planning Board.

Letter of Resignation – David Palen – Zoning Board of Appeals: Supervisor Legg announced a letter of resignation was received from David Palen. He would be missed on the Board.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Milne, and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board accepted the resignation of David Palen from the Town of Skaneateles Zoning Board of Appeals.

Advertise for Open Positions – Planning Board 2 Positions and Zoning Board of Appeals 2 Positions: Supervisor Legg announced with these resignations and the term ending of 2 other members there would possibly be 2 positions open on the Planning Board, and 2 positions open on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Milne, and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board authorized the Town Clerk to advertise for 2 positions on the Town

of Skaneateles Planning Board and 2 positions on the Town of Skaneateles Zoning Board of Appeals.

Advertise for Board of Assessment Review Position: Supervisor Legg stated there is a term expiring for one of the Board of Assessment Review Members. The Board agreed the position should be advertised for interested members of the community to apply.

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board authorized the Town Clerk to advertise for the position on the Town of Skaneateles Board of Assessment Review.

Change Orders for Austin Park Project: Supervisor Legg stated the Board was in receipt of a change order from Kuehne Construction regarding the ventilation systems. This change order from Kuehne Construction was only for the administration of the contracts and there is no additional cost.

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved change order #MC-01 with Kuehne Construction for the distribution of contracts for the HVAC system at no additional cost to the Town.

Supervisor Legg stated the Board was in receipt of a change order from O'Connell Electric to install electrical items on the south side of the new wall between the park's storage area and the rest of the building for the amount of \$30,665.00. Supervisor Legg recommended the Board approve this change. It would be the time to upgrade the electricity since the walls are open, and it is still under budget.

On a motion of Councilor Tucker, seconded by Councilor Dove and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board approved change order # EC-02 with O'Connell Electric to install additional electrical items on the south side of the new wall between the Parks storage area and the rest of the building for the amount of \$30,665.00.

Plumley Engineering Post-Closure Monitoring: Supervisor Legg reviewed the Plumley Engineering Landfill Post- Closure Monitoring proposal. The projected cost is \$10,195. He asked Plumley what they projected the costs to be for the next year and since the landfill monitoring had been clean for years could we reduce the requirements from the DEC. Plumley Engineering stated they have requested to stop the monitoring and are waiting for a response.

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with a (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Board accepted the Plumley Engineering proposal for the annually required NYS DEC Landfill Monitoring for an amount not to exceed \$10,200.

General Recreation Reserve Fund Transfer: Supervisor Legg stated there was a recent accident in the Parks Department. The Ford F-150 was totaled, but our employee driving was not hurt. The Parks department would need to replace the truck and are they requesting to purchase a Ford F-250. The insurance payout is \$38,000 and the replacement F-250 would be approximately \$56,000.

The Parks department is asking to take an additional \$18,000 out of the General Parks Reserve Fund.

On a motion of Councilor Milne, seconded by Councilor Tucker and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board authorized the transfer of \$18,000 from the Town of Skaneateles General Recreation Reserve Fund to purchase a replacement Ford F 250, subject to the permissive referendum requirements of Town Law and General Municipal Law.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

Town Departments Closings: Supervisor Legg announced the following Town Department closures.

November 11, 2025 Veterans Day Closed – All Departments Including Transfer Station

November 27, 2025 Thanksgiving All Departments

November 28, 2025 Town Hall Closed – Transfer Station Open

Update – Austin Park Project: Supervisor Lagg announced the paving is in progress and the catch basins had been installed.

Swap Shop – Saturdays through November 1st 8:00 am – 12:30 pm Weather Permitting

2025 CNY Veterans Parade and Expo – November 8, 2025

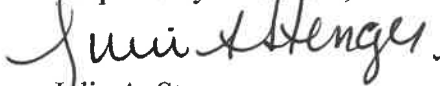
Seniors of Skaneateles November 5th PEACE Luncheon: Councilor Dove announced the Senior PEACE Luncheon would be held the Wednesday November 5th at the First Presbyterian Church. There would be representatives from The Onondaga County Office of Aging for any questions.

Councilor Dove announced the Girls Lacrosse team will be displaying the flags in the park on Veterans Day for local veterans.

Public Comment: No Comments

On a motion of Councilor Dove, seconded by Councilor Tucker 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