

VILLAGE OF SKANEATELES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Hubbard, Trustees Jones, Sennett and Lanning. Police Chief Perkins, Village Historian Batlle.

ABSENT: Trustee Angelillo

Others: Carrie Chantler, *Skaneateles Journal* and Joe Genko, *Skaneateles Press*.

Minutes - Resolution #2013-142: On Motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Sennett it was resolved and carried (4-0 in favor) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2013 as submitted.

Correspondence & Announcements – Mayor Hubbard noted the following:

- Receipt of Treasurer's Reports for August, 2013. Trustees have copies.
- NYCOM Statement regarding Newly Announced Pension Contribution Rates. Trustees have copies.
- NYS Public Service Letter regarding Case 09-M-0311 – Implementation of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2009 Establishing a Temporary Annual Assessment Pursuant to Public Service Law §18-a(6).
- Cricket Letter of August 20, 2013 Rescinding Non-Renewal Letter relative to their cell antenna lease. The Board is happy that Cricket will continue its lease with the Village.
- 2013 Fall Brush Pick-up Starts Sept. 30 and ends Oct. 21. The Mayor is hopeful that this will receive coverage from the newspapers.
- Thank you note from Grace Chapel Senior Pastor Barry Sisson for allowing them to hold their baptism service at Clift Park.
- Receipt of Environmental Compliance Management Corporation's Asbestos Abatement Project Monitoring Records Manual for the new Village Hall. Mayor Hubbard wanted to commend this company for the excellent service rendered to the Village in connection with the new Village Hall.
- Save the Date Notice regarding Preserving Water Quality in a Changing Climate Seminar Saturday, October 26, 2013 by Cornell Cooperative Extension.
- Receipt of Maxwell School's Comparative Analysis of Municipal Labor Contracts in Onon. County. Mayor Hubbard wanted to be sure that Chief Perkins receives a copy.
- Receipt of Grossman St. Amour Independent Accountant's Report relative to Municipal Electrical Utilities Annual Report for the year ended May 31, 2013. This report is required for our public service obligations.
- Note thanking Police Department from Tom Robertson & Martha Johnson commending the police department for looking after their property while they were away for six months.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department – Police Chief Perkins has copied all Trustees on his written report. Mayor Hubbard asked that copies be furnished to the press. Chief Perkins said that the Police are moving into

their new offices at the Village Hall. The race weekend and Fire Department weekends went fine; though there is continual effort to improve. Last weekend was busy with the Sherwood Inn's Seafood and Music Fest. There were two officers there. He noted that there cannot be spillover into Veteran's Park. Trustee Jones commended the Police for the effective use of barricades along Route 20. Chief Perkins noted that while working well, they can also be moved in an emergency.

Operations - Mayor Hubbard noted that Director of Municipal Operations Bob Lotkowitz is out of town. Mayor Hubbard noted a compliment to DPW on sidewalk replacements at Presbyterian Manor and in front of Verizon. Roadwork is underway at Sachem Drive and Teasel Lane. The Tallcott Lane water line is pretty well done and work will be done to correct the drainage problems on West Lake Street.

Codes Enforcement - Trustees have copies of the report. Mayor Hubbard noted that permits have been issued to Finger Lakes Luxury Homes to begin work at the old Village Hall, with the building to be completely renovated and remodeled.

Skaneateles Volunteer Fire Department - no report.

WWTP - Mayor Hubbard noted that we are well within the 12 month rolling average. No problems there.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of NYS LGE Grant/Elevated Water Tower Painting Project - All of the administrative work discussed at the last Village Board meeting has been completed. Contractor provided bonds and insurances. Need better weather for painting.

Status of new Village Hall Project - The Police Dept. has begun moving in. Exterior improvements will be done in the next few days. Contractors are working diligently in wrapping up the Net Zero energy project involving the Solar PV system. There are lots of details to be wrapped up.

Status of NYSERDA Grant/NYSERDA Sept. 24 Ribbon Cutting - This date is going to be put back. We also have a request from the EPA for a visit. The public opening is scheduled for October 5 on a Saturday.

Status of Consideration of Additional Bench Locations - Mayor Hubbard made a map for the Historian for possible bench locations.

Status of Kay Kraatz Safety Concerns/Proposals - Letter has been sent to NYS DOT Diana Graser.

Status of UV Disinfection Project Debt - This is essentially the same with our obligation for the elevated water tank. Commencing and completion of the work there, the interior inspection and reuse of the tower will allow the transfer to the Town, if approved.

Status of Chief Sell's Parking Concerns (including Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Preschool request to consider changing the parking restrictions in front of the church and preschool) - Chief Perkins reported that he has been keeping an eye on the parking situation in front of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. He reported that some of the biggest violators of the current 15 minute restriction are people going into the church. Adoption of a 'no parking' situation there would apply equally to the general public and also the church members. So it would defeat the goal sought by the church. Chief Perkins has recommended that all drop-off and pick-up of kids from

the church should be done from the south side of Genesee Street, so crossing the street is not necessary. Chief would like a little more time to review this particular situation.

Chief Perkins observed that parking in this area is only going to get worse, when the Krebs reopens. Trustee Jones said that “we may have to revisit parking meters on West Genesee Street.” Chief says that meters will encourage turnover but will not fundamentally change the conditions; one solution might be to revisit parking behind the Krebs. It may also impact the parking conditions at the fire station. Mayor Hubbard stated that a formal response to the request will be required. Chief Perkins will be given a copy of the letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclaim October as Anti-Bullying Awareness Month - Mayor Hubbard noted that the President of NYCOM has asked for support on this measure and had proposed a draft resolution. **Resolution #2013-143:** Upon motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Lanning it was resolved and carried (4-0 in favor):

WHEREAS, We must safeguard schools and communities for our children, and, through our recognition of the serious issues that face them each day, offer our children an environment

that holds promise and security; and

WHEREAS, Many organizations, school districts, educators and parents have publicly expressed concern about the bullying of children; and

WHEREAS, Each day an estimated 160,000 children refuse to go to school because they dread the physical and verbal aggression of their peers, and the loneliness that comes from being excluded and made the target of rumors and cyber-bullying; many more students attend school in a chronic state of anxiety; and

WHEREAS, It is important that we acknowledge and heighten awareness about the serious issues and the negative effects of bullying, including the long-term damage it can cause in our youth as well as the risks of teenage suicide; and

WHEREAS, Providing a safe physical and emotional environment is a significant goal and a personal responsibility of each individual; and

WHEREAS, It is time to “Stand UP for Character - DOWN to Bullying!”; now, therefore be it

PROCLAIMED, that I, Martin L. Hubbard, Mayor of the Village of Skaneateles, 26 Fennell Street, Onondaga County, Skaneateles, New York do hereby designate the month of October 2013 as Anti-Bullying Awareness Month in Skaneateles, New York as a symbol of our commitment to the year-round struggle against bullying.

Recognize Lisa Banuski’s Letter of Resignation from the ZBA - Mayor Hubbard read the letter into the record:

“I have enjoyed my long tenure with the Board. It has been a privilege to serve the Village. The Board in place is experienced and thoughtful; I anticipate a smooth transition with the new member. Please don’t hesitate to ask if there is anything I can do to ensure that. I look forward to many years as an active, if unofficial, citizen of our lovely Village.” Mayor Hubbard observed that it is a nice letter. The Mayor hopes that the press will cover the fact of a vacancy on the Zoning board of Appeals. There is no firm deadline for filling the opening, which becomes effective on October 1, 2013. Any Village resident who is genuinely interested in serving should submit a written letter of interest to the Village. The Trustees will make a “well-judged” decision on the candidates, tentatively on October 10, 2013.

Authorize placement of “Dead End” or “No Outlet” sign at intersection of Orchard Rd. and

Sinclair Street. Chief Perkins noted that these are “non-regulatory” signs, so a local law is not required. Chief also observed that therefore they may not be required to be the Uniform Code size, shape and color. Chief prefers ‘No Outlet’ for the wording. He requested that DMO Lotkowitz investigate the availability of such alternative signs.

Authorize Publication of Notice of Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. on October 10, 2013 to Consider a Local Law (#2 of 2013) to repeal language of the Village Code which regulates political signs.

Mayor Hubbard stated that the objective of such a law would be to remove restrictions on political signs that are not lawful. Trustee Lanning asked if the restrictions on placement would still be in force. Trustee Sennett noted that changes are proposed only to Section D, which has a limit on the size of the sign and number of days that it may be placed. The distances are not part of Section D. Trustee Sennett went on to state that she is sorry to see the Village in the situation where the law must be amended. But we do need to amend, because we do not want to put the Village in a position of having a lawsuit on this matter. She noted that similar restrictions have been successfully challenged elsewhere; there was an article in the *Post Standard* today on the subject. She stated that while she will place her own political signs, that 30 days seems like sufficient time for them to be up. Having the signs in place is ‘visual clutter’ and she hopes that voluntary agreements to limit the duration may be reached. **Resolution #2013-144:** Upon motion of Trustee Sennett, seconded by Trustee Jones it was resolved and carried (4-0 in favor) to publish notice of a Public Hearing to be held October 10, 2013 at 7:30, to consider proposed Local Law #2 of 2013.

Five Minute Recess – at 8:01 p.m., Mayor Hubbard announced that after the recess the Board will review and approve the bills.

Approval of Bills - Abstract #7 - Resolution #2013-145: Upon motion of Trustee Sennett, seconded by Trustee Lanning it was resolved and carried (4-0 in favor) that bills from Abstract #7 be audited and paid as follows:

General Fund	Vouchers #272-322	Checks #15263-15309	\$58,896.68
Sewer Fund	Vouchers #77-90	Checks #4472-4485	\$12,666.73
Electric Fund	Vouchers #86-101	Checks #5097-5112	\$24,741.33
Water Fund	Vouchers #52-58	Checks #3592-3598	\$ 6,793.70

Adjournment - Resolution #2013-146: Upon motion of Trustee Sennett, seconded by Trustee Jones it was resolved and carried (4-0 in favor) that the meeting be adjourned at 8:17 pm.