

**VILLAGE OF SKANEATELES
MUNICIPAL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – February 26, 2014**

Present: Chairman Moffa, Commissioner Blackler, Advisor Dienst, Commissioner Hall, DMO Lotkowitz, Electric & Water Superintendant Allan Abbott

Minutes: On motion of Comm. Blackler, seconded by Comm. Hall, the minutes from the meeting of January 22, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Chairman Moffa called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

AMR – Mr. Abbott reported that the department has been replacing non-working meters, mainly electric. It appears to be related to the radios; in every case it was possible to retrieve that data so that accurate billing could be maintained. Some 8 – 9 failed meters have been replaced recently. The department is setting up appointments on Onondaga Street. There has been continued progress on installations; electric meters are nearly done. Chairman Moffa again cautioned that the Village needs to take a careful look at the failure rate because it's concerning that we are having failures during the 10 year warranty period. The rough count of remaining meters is 127 water and 223 electric, though many of the electric meters will not be done since they are on streetlights and other village services. Most of them are in the Downtown District with the stores.

Community Center – DMO Lotkowitz reported that the electric services project is done. The Community Center may consider a proposal for combined heat and power generation with gas used to generate power and use of waste heat for building heating. The Village could own the plant, offsetting some purchased power needs and making money from the sale of heat. Chairman Moffa mentioned that the economics depend significantly on the price of gas. He referred to *The Third Industrial Revolution* by Jeremy Rifkin whose premise is that society will wean itself off oil and gas but acknowledges that constraints in the grid are a problem. Energy efficient buildings may overbuild their energy generation capacity to produce and sell surplus energy. He said that mini power producers are common in Europe. DMO said that estimated capital costs are about \$2,000 per KW. The Y is looking carefully at energy balancing.

URD service for Fennell/Jordan – There is no update on this item.

LED Street Lighting – There is no update on this item.

Parkside Section 4 – Mr. Abbott reported that the ditches had been left open for the gas company to install its infrastructure, but they pulled off the job, presumably over road crossings issues. Mr. Abbott does not intend to pull wire until the ditches have been backfilled. Chairman Moffa reported that the developer is pushing for the HOA to kick into operation.

Water System Plan – DMO Lotkowitz reported that the bid opening for Phase 1 – down East Street – was very favorable with bids ranging from \$213,900 to \$466,000 from a total of 14

bidders. The low bid was from a reputable and experienced contractor, Highlander Construction from Memphis. DMO Lotkowitz intends to recommend to the Village Board that it accept the bid at its meeting tomorrow night.

New Village Hall – DMO Lotkowitz handed out the current design concept for the Village Hall site and reported that EDR was looking at an update for the Fennell Street changes. There was some discussion regarding parking reductions. The electric vehicle charging station company is in final negotiations with NYPA.

Senior Living Center – There is no update on this item.

Demand Response - DMO Lotkowitz and Advisor Dienst will do their review of the competing proposals sometime the week of March 3. This will probably benefit the Village to the extent of \$2,000 per year. Both vendors Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc. and Constellation Energy will install their own metering. The requirement is for the Village to run the generators for one hour twice per year (summer & winter) for testing, and then whenever the demand manager calls the Village on two hours notice to run the generators for two hours. In essence it releases the load from those two locations.

DMO Lotkowitz said that the Purchased Power Adjustment will be \$0.047 compared to \$0.037 last year and \$0.039 for last month. The increase in resident bills is attributable to the cold winter and increased usage as much as the PPA.

Electric Master Plan – Chairman Moffa said that this item will be reviewed in depth at next month's meeting.

Waste Water Treatment Plan – DMO Lotkowitz presented a graphical analysis showing that total flows have been trending downward over time and rolling averages remain below the SPEDES permit limits. Measured influents are below design levels, while flows have been maintaining at or over design levels; peak at 2 Megagallons a day. Chairman Moffa and DMO Lotkowitz are looking at a grant opportunity for anaerobic and digesting gases. Chairman Moffa suggested that adding food waste to the fuel stream can greatly enhance production.

Next Meeting – After discussion about dates to accommodate Mr. Dolmatch's schedule the next meeting was scheduled for Monday March 24, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

On motion of Comm. Hall, seconded by Comm. Blackler, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards