

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2014
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Hubbard, Trustees Angelillo, Jones, Lanning, and Stokes-Cawley, SVFD President Perkins, Village Historian Batlle, Village Atty. Byrne

Others: Jonathon Monfiletto Skaneateles JOURNAL
Jason Gabak Skaneateles PRESS
Andy Ramsgard 161 East Genesee Street

Minutes – Resolution #2014-174: On the motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Angelillo, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2014 as presented.

Correspondence & Announcements – Mayor Hubbard reviewed the following:

- Glens Falls National Bank LOSAP Statement for August, 2014
 - Certified Letter from Andy Ramsgard regarding the Village Board Meeting of Thursday, September 11, 2014. Mayor Hubbard noted that now that the Minutes have been approved, Mr. Ramsgard will be able to find the answers to his inquiries.
 - Certified Letter from Andy Ramsgard regarding his Village account #60030. Mayor Hubbard said Clerk/Treasurer Couch replied with a letter yesterday.
 - Invitation to the Second Annual It Could Happen to You Servants of Justice Awards Banquet on Oct. 7, 2014 at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel. Mayor Hubbard said he won't be able to attend, but said any of the Trustees are welcome to.
 - Phone call from Bill Ryan relative to his concern about storm water overflows on Leitch Avenue. Mayor Hubbard said he talked to Dick Perkins who talked to the school and found out that they have no immediate future plans for the area at the head of Leitch Avenue that is currently used for parking.
 - Onondaga County Finance Dept. letter regarding their tax delinquent auction
 - Email from Elizabeth McBride concerning sidewalks on West Genesee Street. Mayor Hubbard noted that CEO Cromp provided a few photographs of the area between 86 and 88 West Genesee Street.
 - 2014 Fall Training School Report from Clerk/Treasurer Couch
 - Letter from NYS DOT – 2014 Local Highway Inventory used in determining the allocation of CHIPS funds due no later than December 12, 2014. Mayor Hubbard confirmed that there is no change from 8.03 centerline miles or 16.06 lane miles for the 2014 Annual Certification of Local Highway Mileage. Clerk/Treasurer Couch confirmed that she will complete and submit the certification tomorrow.
 - Email from Town Supervisor Sennett relative to the Town/Village west side water system evaluation
 - Invitation to the Central NY Solar Summit on Tuesday, October 14, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, E. Syracuse sponsored by the CNY Regional Planning and Development Board. Trustee Stokes-Cawley said she will attend and thinks CEO Cromp should as well, so she will contact him.
- * Other Matters That Have Come Before the Board since Posting the Agenda***
- NYS DEC letter of August 13, 2014 relative to the unannounced Annual Inspection SPDES #NY 0094480 Village of Skaneateles Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mayor Hubbard reported that once again we received a very favorable report on the operation, maintenance, and performance of the WWTP and that is a compliment to Water/WWTP Operator Zlatko Psenicnik.

Village Historian – Village Historian Batlle read aloud his report as follows:

- Researching family histories for the Greene family and the George Sullivan family
- Still creating new files at the Historian's office and repaired the printer
- Did research on the Roosevelt's in Skaneateles in preparation for an interview for the WCNY Magazine. Article is in October edition.
- Researched parking rules and regulations for the Fire Department's President, Richard Perkins
- Prepared and presented Historic Moment on Lake View Cemetery
- Assisted on research on MidLakes "Pat II" for Penn Yan boat museum

Assisted and verified research of house plaque for 185 E. Genesee Street. Ordered date plaque and delivered same.

Attended a regional Historian's meeting in Clay, NY

Research information on house at 44 West Lake Street

Photographed and researched names found on recently uncovered walls at the former Village Office, 46 E. Genesee Street

Assisted Architect Eggleston with research on a future project

Research Moses Legg history

Prepared Historic Moment of the Fire Dept. Labor Day event

Assisted with "Do You Remember" display at the Creamery

Village Historian Battle read aloud the following:

Historic Moment

Fire Department's Labor Day Event

1876, on October 10, there was what was called the Annual Parade with the Skaneateles Band providing the music.

Village Law Section 89 provides that the Village have "public inspection and parade of the fire department". It was up to the Chief to declare a specific day as Inspection Day. This Inspection Day varied from late August to late September. For example, in 1888 Inspection Day was September 12th. There was the inspection by the Village Trustees who were also by Law deemed Fire Commissioners. A parade followed. It was not a fund raising event.

In 1889, Skaneateles' Torrent Engine Company #1 held a fund raising masquerade ball at Legg Hall for the New Year's celebration. In 1892, Inspection Day was September 15 with a parade and supper. In 1893, Inspection Day was Sept. 19, with a parade, music and public reception at the new fire station on Jordan & Railroad (Fennell) Streets.

Labor Day did not become a Federal holiday until 1894.

1895, the Fire Department held Inspection Day with a parade on August 23rd. In 1896 the Fire Department parade and Inspection actually fell on the Federal Labor Day. A dinner was held at the Packwood House (Sherwood Inn).

1898, The Skaneateles Free Press announced that the Labor Day Committee will have baseball games, bicycle races, southern cake walk, a grand ball at Legg Hall, band concert, and boat parade. This was all run by Levi Brounstein. In August of 1898 Fire Chief Bray designated Labor Day as Inspection Day of the Department. However, in 1899 the Chief designated September 21 as Inspection Day.

1900 Inspection Day was September 3rd and it carried through from there to be on the Labor Day holiday. The Chief has the responsibility to designate a specific date and time for the Inspection. The department was part of the Village-wide Labor Day celebration. The Department did have many fund raisers, such as dances, and a weeklong "fair" in February at the Odd fellows Hall

1910 was the first mention of fireworks.

1916 With the Village under quarantine, Inspection Day moved to November.

1943 due to the War, the Department voted to discontinue the Labor Day Celebration. In 1945, the Department sent out letters soliciting funds. Labor Day was resumed in 1946.

These events were held in Clift Park on the shore of the Lake. The fireworks were shot off the end of the jetty or from a barge on the lake. In 1954, the City repaired the jetty to accommodate the fireworks. In August of 1956 the Department voted to have Labor Day "as usual in the park on Genesee Street".

1959, voted to have a beer tent. 1964 discussed having rides; tabled due to insurance costs. 1970 rides suggested to be located between the Sims Building and the tennis courts.

1974 July, it was suggested to have all events at the Ice Rink and do away with the use of tents. Sink the Boat was held at Sandy Beach. Alcohol sales approved for Austin Park.

1979 Rink's rest rooms off limits due to new addition to the building; Porta-Johns now used.

Status of new Village Hall Project – Mayor Hubbard said the design work at the front entrance commenced and we are gathering energy information that ties in with the next topic.

Status of NYSERDA Grant – Mayor Hubbard said we know what we need to do.

Status of Additional Bench Locations – Mayor Hubbard noted that we have four additional benches.

Status of Creek Walk Maintenance Plan – Dick Perkins reported that they have a plan and will pursue it soon.

Status of East Street Road Work – Mayor Hubbard noted that the project is moving along and there have been compliments about the work. Dick Perkins said it is complete except for the hydro-seeding that is planned to be done this coming Monday. For the most part, people are happy with the work. In response to Mayor Hubbard, Mr. Perkins said he is working on plans for East Lake Street, Jordan Road (north of Austin Street), and Goodspeed Place that he hopes to fit in this year.

Status of Village's Cable TV Franchise Agreement with Time Warner – Atty. Byrne said that there are no developments on this matter.

New Business

Adopt Skaneateles Climate Action Plan – Trustee Stokes-Cawley said the plan was introduced, there were meetings, and no comments were received. **Resolution #2014-175:** On the motion of Trustee Stokes-Cawley, seconded by Trustee Lanning, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to adopt the Skaneateles Climate Action Plan. Trustee Stokes-Cawley confirmed with Clerk/Treasurer Couch that the plan is on the Village's website with an easy to notice green menu pick.

Brush Pick-up – Mayor Hubbard announced that brush pick-up will commence Monday, September 29 – leaves should be separate from brush. The last day to put out brush is Monday, October 27 so that the crews can then concentrate on picking up leaves as needed.

National Grid Support Services Agreement – Mayor Hubbard recognized that this is relative to the substation that we are purchasing from the Bath Electric Gas & Water Systems. The National Grid Support Service Agreement needs to be in conjunction with NYSEG because we get power from both and the \$25,000 escrow amount is for engineering services for the study of the impact on adjacent lines. Atty. Byrne noted that if all the escrow money is not used, it will be returned; it is an estimate for the work by National Grid. He said he is comfortable with the agreement that we'd need to enter into no matter where we locate the new substation. Atty. Byrne said we will perhaps need a similar agreement with NYSEG. In response to Trustee Lanning, Atty. Byrne said that he can't imagine that National Grid would deny us the right to connect the new sub-station. In response to Trustee Angelillo, Atty. Byrne said we do not have a schedule of fees for their service. Mayor Hubbard said we hope that Municipal Board Advisor Ed Dienst will be able to help and the group can talk about it at the meeting tomorrow morning. **Resolution #2014-176:** On the motion of Trustee Lanning, seconded by Trustee Angelillo, it was resolved and unanimously carried to authorize Mayor Hubbard's execution of the National Grid Support Service Agreement, approve the \$25,000 escrow, and designate Ed Dienst as the project manager. Mayor Hubbard said the new substation will be a tremendous improvement to the Village's electric system.

Penflex, Inc. – Atty. Byrne explained that under NY State law, the Service Award Plan and its financial assets must be audited annually by an independent firm; it is the Village's statutory responsibility to engage an actuarial firm. Penflex has been providing the service to the Village since the inception of the Plan in 1991. Penflex verifies that the plan is adequately funded to meet its obligations and calculates the required minimum contribution to be made to the plan. Atty. Byrne said Penflex, the premier firm in the

State, proposed a modest \$100 fee increase and he recommends that the Trustees approve the engagement of Penflex for 2014-15. **Resolution #2014-177:** On the motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Lanning, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to authorize Mayor Hubbard's execution of the Penflex 2014/2015 Service Award Program Service Fee Agreement.

Part-time Police Officers' Rate-of-Pay – Trustee Angelillo explained that years ago Chief Perkins was a big proponent of establishing the same rate-of-pay for part-time and full-time Police Officers. It helps attract good, reliable officers - we actually have more part-time officers than full-time. Trustee Angelillo clarified that the full-time officers received a 2% increase and, if approved, the part-time officers would receive the same 2% increase, but not retroactively. Trustee Jones agreed that the rate-of-pay makes it attractive to work as a part-time Police Officer in the Village of Skaneateles. In response to Trustee Lanning, Trustee Jones said when our Police Officers are hired by others (i.e. the Sherwood Inn, etc.) they wear the Skaneateles police uniform, but are paid by the group that hires them. Atty. Byrne noted that we are comfortable with them wearing the Skaneateles uniform when moonlighting as they are confined to events within the Village. **Resolution #2014-178:** On the motion of Trustee Angelillo, seconded by Trustee Jones, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to authorize the same full-time Police Officer rate-of-pay for part-time Police Officers effective with the next pay period.

Approval of Bills – **Resolution #2014-179:** On the motion of Trustee Angelillo, seconded by Trustee Jones, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) that bills from Abstract #8 be audited and paid as follows:

General Fund	Vouchers #376-420	Checks #16559-16603	\$ 35,451.02
Sewer Fund	Vouchers #93-100	Checks #4769-4776	\$ 4,875.22
Electric Fund	Vouchers #95-107	Checks #5426-5438	\$107,755.52
Water Fund	Vouchers #44-47	Checks #3776-3779	\$ 1,401.56

In discussing the bills, several vouchers were questioned as follows: Earthlink Business - at 46 E. Genesee Street – a matter of getting the service address corrected; at 1433 Lacy Road – Mandana fire station; at 26 Fennell for RCFS (remote call forwarding service); Verizon Wireless – Lotkowitz cell phone that remains active for the next DMO; Tax Collector – school tax Fennell Street parking lot behind the Post Office that the Village leases to 2016; Roland's bills for work boots and clothing (Clerk/Treasurer Couch noted that in the future the Village is requiring more timely billing with signed receipts); Independent Energy Efficiency - \$0.001 surcharge on kWh billed the prior month – reimbursable upon submission of receipts for energy saving eligible expenditures; Inductive Components Mfg. Inc. – purchase of recloser control as recommended by the Municipal Board.

Trustee Jones suggested considering a Halloween curfew at the October 9, 2014 Village Board Meeting. Clerk/Treasurer Couch will include it on the Agenda and check with Police Chief Perkins as to his availability to attend that meeting.

Executive Session – Mayor Hubbard explained that an Executive Session was not on the Agenda as it wasn't until late yesterday afternoon that we received news about the Director of Municipal Operations (DMO) position. Therefore, **Resolution #2014-180:** On the motion of Mayor Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Angelillo, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to move into an Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. for a personnel discussion relative to the DMO position. **Resolution #2014-181:** On the motion of Trustee Lanning, seconded by Trustee Angelillo, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to move out of Executive Session at 9:07 p.m.

Adjournment – **Resolution #2014-182:** On the motion of Trustee Angelillo, seconded by Trustee Lanning, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Patty Couch
Patty Couch, Village Clerk/Treasurer