

VILLAGE OF SKANEATELES
MUNICIPAL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – November 19, 2014

Present: Chairman Moffa, Commissioners Blackler and Hall, Advisor Dienst, Electric & Water Superintendant Allan Abbott, Trustee Stokes-Cawley.

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

Chairman Moffa called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

DMO position. Chairman Moffa announced the hiring of Shannon Harty as DMO, and welcomed her to the Village.

Electric Department Master Plan. Chairman Moffa believes this document will provide a great basis for informing Ms. Harty on the condition and needs of the electrical system. Mr. Dienst said that he would get his comments to Mr. Dolmatch for inclusion in the document.

Unit substation. Mr. Abbott stated that recommendations on siting for the WWTP/DPW parcel are being developed and that design of the connection into the Village system is being discussed. The survey of this site is now completed; the plan being to ensure that the unit can be located on land which is already part of the Village, near where the spoils piles are located currently. That would preclude any Town Zoning issues coming into play. It is within easy access of the 34.5KV tap that National Grid has running through this area.

Recloser controllers. The new recloser controllers have been received to replace the current units which are obsolete. We have received CHA's specification of trip settings and the recommended programming; then will proceed to install the new recloser controllers at the main substation, probably by end of year.

LED street lighting. Chairman Moffa learned from Bob Lotkowitz that Spring City is a source for new lighting; Mr. Abbott said that they are currently the source for our light poles. They have a retro-fit head as opposed to a modification as Ephesus had proposed (supplier of the two Thayer Park demo units). American Lighting has also offered a 2 for 1 deal on replacement heads in the past. Mr. Abbott suggested an approach where we would no longer use high pressure sodium lights as replacements, replacing failed units with LED devices. Chairman Moffa stated that we need a comprehensive look at the cost and opportunity; getting referrals from Solvay or Auburn on their suppliers may be useful. Comm. Hall offered to contact Auburn for input. Chairman Moffa is hopeful that the Board could make a recommendation at its next meeting.

Underground Service. Mr. Abbott reported that the small phase to replace poles on the south side of Fennell Street is underway as part of the feed for the Teasel Barn project at 21 Fennell street. Brillo is doing the excavating for conduits. The Kinney Drug transformer pad would be

replaced in the beginning of December; the Village will have to rent a generator to keep Kinney operating during that project.

Community Center. Chairman Moffa noted that he had sent an email to Charlie Wallace asking about the status of the expansion and the possible incorporation of green alternatives as part of the Community Center expansion. A committee has been formed, including Bob Lotkowitz, Peter Moffa, Ed Dienst, Carol Stokes-Cawley and Connie Brace.

Screening plantings near Steve Krause Trail. The Tree Board has recommended the use of Service berry as the plant material and was going to meet with Fernando regarding this project. He may have some transplant materials that could be used. The developer made promises that the development would be screened, according to Chairman Moffa.

NYS Unified Solar Permit. Mr. Dundon explained that the Planning Board has expressed concerns about unrestrained approval of solar installations. Trustee Stokes-Cawley explained that this is an effort to help reduce some of the soft costs of solar energy deployment by standardizing and streamlining the permitting process throughout many communities. Chairman Moffa stated the Board's jurisdiction as being a technical board. All have recognized the importance of individual residents and all users employing alternative energy sources – which should be open to individual selection and freedom of choice. **Comm. Hall said, "I move that the Municipal Board recommends that some type of solar application be framed by the Planning Department and the Planning Board. We think it important technically and the Unified Solar Permit is a good framework. The Municipal Board finds that there is no objection to this expedited process so long as the requirements herein and any additional regulations imposed by the Trustees are met. The Board therefore recommends its adoption by the Board of Trustees. The Municipal Board encourages the development of alternative energy sources as a way to offset the need to procure costly purchased-power by the Village utility." Comm. Blackler seconded the motion.** Upon the unanimous vote of the members in favor of the motion, Chairman Moffa declared it had been passed.

Solarize NY program. Ms. Stokes-Cawley explained that this was a program to advance larger scale installations of solar generation for municipality applications. Chris Carrick from the CNYRPDB suggested several locations within the Village and the Town where solar deployment could be evaluated, including WWTP, Transfer Station, Schools, and Community Center. TOPS may not be eligible since it is not a municipal location. The Board also suggested Bus Garage, the former SAVES building at Village Hall, Fire House, the old Allyn Arena. This list will be transmitted to the Trustees by Trustee Stokes-Cawley.

Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday December 17, 2014 at 6:30 pm. It will be limited to one hour in length, since the Historical Landmarks Preservation Commission meets at 7:30 on that date.

On motion of Comm. Blackler, seconded by Comm. Hall the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards

