

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2016

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Hubbard, Trustees Angelillo, Dove, and Stokes-Cawley, DMO Harty, Village Atty. Pavlus

EXCUSED: Trustee Eriksen

Others: Jonathan Monfiletto Skaneateles JOURNAL
Jason Gabak Skaneateles PRESS
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Minutes – Resolution #2016-160: On the motion of Trustee Stokes-Cawley, seconded by Trustee Dove, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-0 in favor) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2016 as presented.

Correspondence & Announcements – Mayor Hubbard reviewed the following:

- Receipt of letter from William Burch relative to parking fees. Mayor Hubbard said that Clerk Couch responded by forwarding a copy of the July 14, 2016 resolution extending the residents of the Town of Skaneateles the same discounted parking rates available to Village residents in the Municipal Parking Lot.
- Receipt of letter from Marcia Hepford Watt regarding culvert between her 72 Jordan St. property and her 7 E. Elizabeth Street neighbors Pat and Jerry Carroll. DMO Harty said she met with Pat Carroll and Labor Crew Leader Short agrees with the maintenance/repair plan that he hopes to squeeze in this summer. DMO Harty confirmed that the DPW will do the work when time allows.
- Receipt of letter from Skaneateles Garden Club President Sandra Weigel regarding a memorial urn for Shirley Feldman. Mayor Hubbard said this matter has been addressed. In response to Trustee Dove, he advised that he and Trustee Stokes-Cawley talked with Nancy Easter about the Library or in front of Kinney Drugs (owned by the Feldman's) as alternate locations for the memorial urn.
- FEMA letter of July 22, 2016 relative to implementing the floodplain management measures for the Village to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- Email from Alan Dolmatch relative to a large tractor-trailer attempting to negotiate the intersection of Leitch Ave. and Academy Street. In response to Mayor Hubbard, Clerk-Treasurer Couch said she will check to make sure the email was forwarded to the Police Department.
- Onondaga County Mayors Association Summer Outing Wednesday, August 24, 2016, NBT Stadium, \$35/member, RSVP no later than August 17, earlier if possible
- Email from US Public Interest Research Group Transportation Advocate Ashley Russo relative to a greenhouse gas (GHG) performance standard in the proposed congestion and air quality rule for surface transportation. Clerk-Treas. Couch said Ms. Russo is merely looking for support so that they can list the Village of Skaneateles as a supporter – nothing more will be required of the Village. **Resolution #2016-161:** On the motion of Trustee Stokes-Cawley, seconded by Trustee Angelillo, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-0 in favor) to support the inclusion of a carbon performance measure in the new proposed rule on congestion and air quality, currently under consideration at USDOT.

*** Other Matters That Have Come Before the Board since Posting the Agenda***

- Email from Bill Eberhardt complimenting Shannon Harty's performance. "Recently, when the "old" electrical lines and transformer exploded and shut down the Sherwood Inn, Shannon worked "over the top". Although it was a very expensive, challenging, and dangerous problem, she did an excellent job."
- Receipt of Chase Design President Cregg's request to use the Austin Park pavilion on Sunday, August 14 from 2-6 for a tribute to Todd Abernethy. Trustee Angelillo said he has no problem with the use of the pavilion, but he does have an issue with having alcohol on Village property. He noted that the Skaneateles Volunteer Fire Department has alcohol at the park for the Labor Day Field Days, but they have a permit to sell alcohol. Trustee Dove said if we permitted alcohol for an event like this she thinks we'd be going down a slippery slope. The Board agreed that no alcohol is permitted.

DMO – Director of Municipal Operations (DMO) Harty announced that pending completion of sewer

repair, East Lake Street between Onondaga and E. Genesee Street will be closed to thru traffic on Tuesday, August 2 at 7 am until 4 pm. In response to Trustee Dove, DMO Harty confirmed that local traffic will be permitted to use the street, but it will not be open to thru traffic.

Status of NYSEERDA Grant – Mayor Hubbard said there is no news, but he encouraged DMO Harty to submit the remaining information.

Status of Annexation of W. Genesee Street / Mirbeau – DMO Harty said she is working on the mapping.

Status of Renewal of Charter Communications (fka Time Warner) Cable TV Franchise Agreement – Mayor Hubbard said there is no news.

Consideration of the Updated and Revised Comprehensive Plan – Atty. Pavlus confirmed that this is in the hands of the Planning Board – they are getting their comments together.

Status of Peters' Farm Water Connection – DMO Harty said the Peters farm is connected and drawing water from the Town water district. She contacted the Town of Skaneateles and forwarded the Village's approval letter requiring some final as-built drawings and some other information be submitted back to the Village. The Town of Skaneateles forwarded it to the Town of Sennett Water Department and followed up with a phone call. The Town of Sennett responded that the items will be sent to the Village.

Think DIFFERENTLY – Resolution #2016-162: On the motion of Trustee Stokes-Cawley, seconded by Trustee Dove, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-0 in favor) to adopt the following: Resolution Calling on Village of Skaneateles, Residents and Business Owners to Adopt the “Think Differently” Initiative to Assist Individuals with Special Needs and their Families

WHEREAS, the “Think Differently” initiative is about promoting awareness and acceptance of all people, and advocating for the inclusion of all individuals living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs; and

WHEREAS, our state and communities are stronger because of our diversity and differences; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) over 55 million people, or approximately 19% of Americans, have a type of disability or special need; and

WHEREAS, for some people with special needs, the very things that make them unique can also keep them on the sidelines, separate from those who might not understand their differences or uniqueness; and

WHEREAS, it is important to promote and provide guidance to those with special needs on how to access publically supported services available to them in the community; and

WHEREAS, it is important to encourage and educate the community and businesses on ways they can make facilities and services more accessible and on how to train staff to welcome and support special needs customers and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this initiative is to provide a supportive and inclusive environment for individuals of all abilities by supporting community events that expand family friendly opportunities for people with special needs and their families; and

WHEREAS, adopting the “Think Differently” initiative is an important statement that our Village officials, business owners and residents can make to show their support for the differently-abled children and adults with special needs, and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Skaneateles, residents and business owners to adopt the “Think Differently” initiative so that all are better prepared to communicate with, provide for, and support those living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs.

Status of Rental Compliance – Atty. Pavlus distributed a letter that CEO Crompt finalized and signed this afternoon in response to complaints still be received about Loft 42 continuing to advertise short-term accommodations through the medical practice. CEO Crompt contends it is still a violation of Village code. Atty. Pavlus said the medical practice is advertising the short-term rental to people who come to the area for medical services and purchase packages that offer accommodations at Loft 42. CEO Crompt's interpretation of Village code is reasonable as there is consideration exchanging hands. Atty. Pavlus said Dr. Kiltz can appeal the cease-and-desist letter to the Village ZBA for their review and subsequent decision based upon its interpretation of the code. Mayor Hubbard asked if complaints are similar to ones received last summer. Atty. Pavlus said that's his understanding and there have been multiple complaints about noise, people coming and going with suitcases, etc. Loft 42 does not have on-site management for its rentals. Mayor Hubbard said that Dr. Kiltz signed a plea deal, he is clearly a repeat offender with an unattended facility that we are getting the same complaints about. Atty. Pavlus said Special Counsel Brody Smith is sending out three more cease-and-desist letters to properties in the Village that are alleged to be renting short-term. No enforcement action has already been taken against those properties. Short-term rental activity has definitely decreased, but there are some that are continuing to do it. Trustee Dove said according to our code, it is a criminal offense. Atty. Pavlus said it has not been brought to his attention – that is a question for the ZBA. Judge Major sees it as a misdemeanor and could have interpreted it as such because of the amount of penalty. If the ZBA took it up and judged it as a misdemeanor, then that's what it would be. Trustee Dove said she'd like to know what it all means. Atty. Pavlus said we should get an interpretation from the ZBA first. Atty. Smith has said we just want activity to stop; it appears that is not true with Loft 42 and that's why we are going through Codes. Trustee Angelillo expressed frustration saying that the Village keeps paying attorneys fees. Dr. Kiltz was found guilty and he keeps it up – people are staying for less than 30 days. Atty. Pavlus said he is the only repeat offender that we know about.

NEW BUSINESS

Additional Hours for CEO Crompt – Mayor Hubbard recalled that Clerk-Treasurer Couch emailed the Board explaining that CEO Crompt said he does not have adequate hours to do his job. After discussion with CEO Crompt and Clerk-Treasurer Couch, additional hours, up to 35 hours a week was proposed. Clerk-Treasurer Couch said Civil Service will deem more than 20 hours a week as full-time, but it is up to the Village to determine full-time status relative to benefits. The Village does not offer benefits to employees working fewer than 40 hours per week. Trustee Dove said she is okay with authorizing more hours as long as he spends time on substantive issues. She said she wants the extra hours used in the best interest of the village. Trustee Dove recalled a couple of instances when she questioned CEO Crompt's interpretation of the zoning code and the time spent. After some additional discussion, **Resolution #2016-163**: On the motion of Trustee Angelillo, seconded by Trustee Stokes-Cawley, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-0 in favor) to authorize CEO Crompt to work and track his hours up to 35 hours per week at his discretion, with the job classification remaining the same for the Codes Enforcement Officer position.

Draft Flood Plain Law – Mayor Hubbard said Atty. Pavlus emailed the Board advising that “we are simply following the procedures required in order for the Village to maintain eligibility for the National Flood Insurance Program.” The Board “does not have to spend the time reviewing and absorbing the entire law because the language is provided by the DEC and we have no discretion in altering the substance of it.” Atty. Pavlus said the Village has to send a draft local law to the DEC for review on or before August 5, 2016. Subsequent to their review and comments on the draft local law, the Village will go through the usual process of adopting a local law. This is due to FEMA's drafting new flood plain maps and the new local law will replace the existing law adopted in 1987. **Resolution #2016-164**: On the motion of Trustee Dove, seconded by Trustee Stokes-Cawley, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-0 in favor) to authorize Atty. Pavlus to send the draft local law to the DEC for review.

Public Comment – Other than Mayor Hubbard saying that it is too hot in the room, there was no public comment.

Approval of Bills – Mayor Hubbard asked about the bill to Patterson for the Fire Department because he thought they had a service contract with Upstate. Trustee Dove said she will check on it. Trustee Stokes-Cawley asked if we purchased more tree gators. DMO Harty said no, we are replacing checks that were lost. **Resolution #2016-165:** On the motion of Trustee Dove, seconded by Trustee Stokes-Cawley, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-0 in favor) that bills from Abstract #4 be audited and paid as follows:

<i>Abstract #4</i>	General Fund	Vouchers #2578-2630	Checks #18836-18888	\$ 28,549.66
	Sewer Fund	Vouchers #588-596	Checks #5263-5271	\$ 7,674.12
	Electric Fund	Vouchers #696-709	Checks #6065-6078	\$101,232.84
	Water Fund	Vouchers #353-357	Checks #4086-4090	\$ 767.50

Adjournment – **Resolution #2016-166:** On the motion of Trustee Angelillo, seconded by Trustee Dove, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-0 in favor) to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.


 Patty Couch
 Village Admin./Clerk-Treasurer