

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2016

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Hubbard, Trustees Angelillo, Dove, Eriksen and Stokes-Cawley, Director of Municipal Operations (DMO) Harty, Police Officer Shingledecker, Village Historian Batlle, Atty. Pavlus

Others: Jonathan Monfiletto Skaneateles JOURNAL
Jason Gabak Skaneateles PRESS
Andrew Ramsgard 181 E. Genesee Street
Bill Eberhardt* 26 W. Genesee Street
Julia Bergan* accompanied Bill Eberhardt

Resolution Recognizing Bill Eberhardt – Mayor Hubbard said he'd like to begin the meeting by recognizing Bill Eberhardt and read aloud the following resolution.

WHEREAS, when Bill Eberhardt purchased the Sherwood Inn in 1974, he began a careful, thoughtful and thorough restoration of this historic relic. He nourished the Grande Dame back to life. That project, which continues to this day, began a more than 40-year commitment to the Village of Skaneateles. In the process, Bill has helped transform our once sleepy upstate community into the most vibrant, healthy and attractive village in all of New York State, and

WHEREAS, Bill Eberhardt's personal generosity and unflagging civic spirit are legendary. His leadership within the merchant community has been invaluable. Bill has a keen understanding that Skaneateles is both an exceptional place and one that can continue to improve, and

WHEREAS, Bill brought these convictions with him when he began service as a Village Planning Board member twenty-five years ago, and

WHEREAS, the essence of Bill's vision and convictions have become guiding principles of the Planning Board and remain so to this day, and

WHEREAS, Bill Eberhardt is truly one of a kind.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Village Board of the Village of Skaneateles thanks Bill for his many contributions to our community and honor him for his twenty-five years of service to the Village of Skaneateles Planning Board.

Mr. Eberhardt recalled a bit about his tenure on the Planning Board saying that it was a pleasure to participate in this rewarding experience with the current and past Board members and so many other community members who dedicate their time, energy and knowledge. It is the wonderful commitment, demonstrated by many, that retains the values that create the special quality of life we enjoy in the Village of Skaneateles. *Mr. Eberhardt shook hands with the Board, thanking them each before leaving the meeting with Ms. Bergan.

Minutes – Resolution #2016-176: On the motion of Trustee Stokes-Cawley, seconded by Trustee Dove, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2016 as presented.

Correspondence & Announcements – Mayor Hubbard reviewed the following:

- Email from NYCOM's Executive Director Peter Baynes with attached Op-Ed on the Tax Cap
- Email from Marilee Williams suggesting bright orange flags at the end of each of the crosswalks for added safety. Mayor Hubbard recalled that Mary Sennett also brought up this idea several years ago and he thinks we could start at the crosswalk at the Lutheran Church. DMO Harty said she has been looking into flags and showed some pictures on the overhead screen of some that are available. She confirmed that we will do a trial at the Lutheran Church and see how it goes. Undoubtedly, flags will be taken so we will have to buy them in bulk; the flags are relatively inexpensive. We will figure out what type of container to use for the flags – perhaps PVC pipe attached to a pole.
- Email from Diana Sadlon relative to parking meter rates

- Thank you note from Chamber Director Tara Lynn on behalf of the Skaneateles Foundation and the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society for the Village's support of the boat show
- * **Other Matters That Have Come Before the Board since Posting the Agenda***
- Letter from Francis Sheehan resigning from the Skaneateles Housing Authority
- Letter from Dana Hall resigning from the Municipal Board. Mayor Hubbard said Mr. Hall will live in Skaneateles in the summer, but is moving his winter residence to Camillus. Mayor Hubbard said we will miss both their contributions.
- Letter from Judy Kilborne (127 Norris Avenue, Auburn, NY) relative to parking
- Letter from Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC) informing the Village of the availability of funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program. Mayor Hubbard said he is not sure this would apply to us; DMO Harty said she will look into it.

DMO – DMO Harty presented a slideshow review of some of the projects recently completed by the DPW. Displayed on the overhead screen were the following projects:

- DPW repair at 7 E. Elizabeth Street / 72 Jordan Street storm drainage easement area. DMO Harty expressed kudos to the DPW for undertaking this project and doing such expedient and good work.
- Mini Park Renovations – DMO Harty said the project is coming along well. We anticipated completion this week, but unexpected repairs came up that had to be dealt with.
- Fueling Station Remediation and Improvements
- Website – DMO Harty said Clerk/Treasurer Couch does a great job making sure that the website is up to date with Minutes, Agendas, etc., but she thought the website could offer even more information so she (DMO Harty) designed a “page” for each of the departments, including the Tree Committee. DMO Harty encouraged everyone to visit our website as there is a lot of information available.
- Memorial Wall – DMO Harty said the wall is done - it is completely constructed and the landscaping is in. Trustee Dove said she went to see the wall tonight and said it is awesome. DMO Harty complimented all involved – Kurt Reilly and the committee, Dave Bean and his crew, Architect Janice Miller, the DPW that did the landscaping, and the Tree Committee. Jorge Batlle said his wife, Beth, has been on the committee for years and reported that they currently have 62 names for the plaque. Beth said she and the committee are extremely happy with the way the wall turned out and really appreciates the help from the DPW.
- Dry hydrant – DMO Harty said the dry hydrant was installed on the Genesee Street bridge and the water stream was able to hit the Old Stone Mill building from the bridge. The dry hydrant is a big asset to the water system. In response to Trustee Stokes-Cawley, Jorge Batlle said there is a hard suction connection; DMO Harty confirmed that the pipe drains after use. Trustee Dove said the Fire Department has been concerned for years and is very pleased as they will now be able to deal with fire in the downtown area.

Status of NYSERDA Grant – Mayor Hubbard said there is no news.

Status of Annexation of W. Genesee Street / Mirbeau – DMO Harty said she has one quote on map production and wants to secure one or two more.

Status of Renewal of Charter Communications (fka Time Warner) Cable TV Franchise Agreement - Mayor Hubbard reported that Clerk to the Boards Dundon sent an email stating that there is no new development since the last conversation and email earlier this month.

NEW BUSINESS

Cemetery Board Update – Trustee Dove gave an update of the Cemetery Board business that was carried on at the meeting of August 23. Commissioner Gary Trenti is moving south to be closer to family

so resigned from the Cemetery Board. Commissioner Shappell brought up the fact that the sales and burials from 2014 need to be brought up to date. Jorge Batlle asked if there'd be additional pay for this task. Trustee Dove said Clerk-Treasurer Couch wrote an email providing some history. Barb Spain did the work on an hourly basis a few years ago and prior to that the DPW Superintendents did. Trustee Dove said the Cemetery Board also would again like to consider software packages to go forward with computerized records, so Chairman Gray will research some options. In Clerk/Treasurer Couch's email relative to recording the sales and burials, she advised that Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Dufford is enthusiastic to learn more about the cemetery. She would need some additional hours to do the "catch-up" work, but thereafter would record the sales and burials on a monthly basis during regular work hours. Clerk/Treasurer Couch wrote that it would be sensible to have Kierstin learning as much about the cemetery as possible and this work would be a good opportunity to become better acquainted with the processes. In response to Mayor Hubbard, Jorge Batlle said that is fine with him.

Advertisement for various Board Vacancies – Mayor Hubbard said Clerk-Treasurer Couch drafted an advertisement and asked if the Trustees had any changes. **Resolution #2016-177:** On the motion of Trustee Dove, seconded by Trustee Eriksen, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to authorize publishing advertisement seeking interested individuals for the vacancies on the Planning Board, Municipal Board, Cemetery Board, and Skaneateles Housing Authority. DMO Harty confirmed that she can put the advertisement on the Village's website in the morning.

Public Comment – Trustee Dove commented that it was news to her to read in the local newspapers that the Village no longer owns Austin Park as it's been transferred to the Town according to Town Supervisor Lanning. Atty. Pavlus said only the first step in the transfer of Austin Park from the Village to the Town is done. The governor's signature of the Parkland Alienation bill is the first step and only step that has been taken so far. Next, the Village needs to file a petition because the park is held in trust. The petition is not complete or filed yet. Subsequent to that, the Village must hold a public hearing before the deed for the park is officially transferred to the Town. Atty. Pavlus clarified that as it stands now, the park is owned by the Village and operated by the Town pursuant to the lease.

Trustee Dove praised Kristin Gray for her amazing job on this year's posters for the SVFD Labor Day Field Days. She encouraged volunteers to call Jay Williams (315.706.5164) if they are able to help with the 5K walk/run on Sunday, September 4.

Mayor Hubbard said Labor Day is a great time to recognize all village employees for the labor they do for us all. He said he has heard many compliments on the appearance of the Village – the crews do a fantastic job in keeping our Village looking great, as evident in DMO Harty's slideshow, and staff does a lot behind the scenes. For example, DMO Harty did a lot of work last week with the school that is appreciative of her help, as well as help from the DPW and Light/Water with recent water testing. Mayor Hubbard said the wastewater treatment plant is a gem, and he's seen many plants around the state to compare it to. Annual inspections of the WWTP are consistently good as a result of our well-managed/operated plant. The Light Department recently dealt with difficult power outages. As trying as the conditions were, they dedicated themselves to restoring the power as quickly as possible. Also behind the scenes are the various Boards that get so much done – their commitment is to be commended. Mayor Hubbard complimented DMO Harty for all her interest in Village business. Since she commenced employment with the Village, she got herself up to speed quickly and is a true asset to the Village. He also praised the Village Office staff for all their great assistance. Their willingness to help, great motivation, and dedication is a testament to the leadership of Clerk/Treasurer Couch. Mayor Hubbard said make no mistake about it, there's a lot of very good things going on in the Village of Skaneateles.

Approval of Bills – Trustee Dove thanked DMO Harty for getting the Storz nozzle caps ordered and commented that they are expensive. DMO Harty said we have 150 hydrants and are purchasing approximately 50 fittings at time, so will be ordering more. **Resolution #2016-178:** On the motion of Trustee Stokes-Cawley, seconded by Trustee Eriksen, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) that bills from Abstract #6 be audited and paid as follows:

<i>Abstract #6</i>	General Fund	Vouchers #2689-2737	Checks #18946-18995	\$ 15,864.46
	Sewer Fund	Vouchers #609-616	Checks #5284-5291	\$ 3,732.15
	Electric Fund	Vouchers #722-733	Checks #6090-6101	\$112,850.26
	Water Fund	Vouchers #366-371	Checks #4098-4103	\$ 7,653.95

Adjournment – **Resolution #2016-179:** On the motion of Trustee Angelillo, seconded by Trustee Eriksen, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.


Patty Couch
Village Admin./Clerk-Treasurer