

**OPERATIONS MEETING, VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017
5:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Hubbard, Trustees Dove, Eriksen*, Sennett, and Stokes-Cawley, DMO Harty, Clerk to the Boards Dundon

Designate Accredited Delegate – Resolution #2017-180: On the motion of Trustee Sennett, seconded by Trustee Dove, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-0 in favor) to designate DMO Harty as the accredited delegate at the NYMPA Semi-Annual Meeting, October 25, 2017, in East Syracuse.

Skaneateles Lake – Trustee Stokes-Cawley reported that she attended yesterday's Skaneateles Lake Association (SLA) meeting at the Hilton Garden in Auburn, NY. The meeting was quite well attended and attendees included Joanie Mahoney and the head of the DEC who advised that they have money for infrastructure projects. DMO Harty said the governor has pushed more money in the Clean Water program; when submitted, plans are scored. The scoring program is being remediated to be fairer. For us, the key is having an engineering report. GHD is doing a proposal as tasked by the Municipal Board. *Trustee Eriksen arrived. In response to Mayor Hubbard, DMO Harty said the City of Syracuse is also using GHD. She explained that the Village might be in a different situation because of chlorine contact. If the City has to do a treatment plant it probably wouldn't be located where it would be a benefit to us. Mayor Hubbard asked if the GHD proposal will be received in time for next week's Municipal Board Meeting. DMO Harty said she hopes so and sent a reminder email to GHD. Trustee Stokes-Cawley displayed on the overhead screen a re-cap of the SLA meeting that included:

- Village Hall and the Skaneateles Community Center were identified as water distribution locations for people on the municipal water system if toxins were confirmed in the public drinking water. Trustee Sennett suggested that perhaps the Allyn Arena should be considered as it has plenty of parking, restrooms, etc.
- Locations were identified (i.e. Village Landing, The Athenaeum, etc.) by the Skaneateles Fire Department where known residences / assisted care facilities of people with disabilities reside.
- How can we protect the lake – can't predict if it will happen again. It was stated that every Finger Lake had a bloom. Warm temperatures, sunlight, still waters and nutrient loads are the contributing factors. The only thing we can control is the nutrients. Trustee Stokes-Cawley said SLA wants to study it, but we can all do things to help prevent another event. We can decrease or stop using fertilizer on lawns, especially not phosphorus. The second number, or middle of three numbers, of the fertilizer label (known as fertilizer grade) should be zero as that is the amount of phosphate. We can also leave clippings on our lawns. In response to Trustee Dove asking if SLA is going to put out any information, Trustee Sennett said they are meeting next week. Trustee Stokes-Cawley said the Village needs to get ahead of this – educate the public. We don't want water ways, tributaries, going directly into the lake. Anything we can do to capture water before it enters the lake – ensure storm water ponds work adequately; consider creating a wetland to capture storm water. Review Village zoning to see: buffer zones for people whose property is on the lake; look over draft regulations for shoreline structures, consider adopting these; inspect new construction along lakeshore to ensure they aren't letting sediment flow into the lake. Trustee Sennett talked about training our Codes Enforcement Officer. Trustee Dove asked Trustee Stokes-Cawley if she has enough technical expertise to write something. Relative to this year's blue green algae event, Trustee Stokes-Cawley said she thinks communication was great, but thinks we should add what Village residents could do – perhaps some links to helpful information. Cazenovia Lake has a great document they put out about protecting the lake. There are some great graphics and do's and don'ts for lake protection. Trustee Sennett said 100-year storms are happening more often, so suggested that the Planning Board take that into consideration and plan for that. Trustee Stokes-Cawley said we could announce at a Village

Board meeting that we are going to look at the effect of leaves, grass clippings, and fertilizers. In response to Trustee Sennett, DMO Harty said we don't use fertilizers or herbicides on Village properties. Clerk to the Boards Dundon said he thinks Town Code includes a ban within so many feet of the lake. Trustee Eriksen agreed that the Village ought to take the informational lead. DMO Harty suggested a Village newsletter; Clerk-Treasurer Couch said perhaps the Village could submit articles to be included in the Town's newsletter. She will check with the Town relative to their newsletter deadlines. Other vehicles to communicate are the Village's website, utility billing inserts, and the back of the utility bills. Mayor Hubbard and Clerk-Treasurer Couch said graphics are a great way to communicate a message. Clerk-Treasurer Couch said she also likes the "Did you know..." as is included in the Skaneateles phone books. DMO Harty displayed Kane Ave. on the overhead screen and talked about drainage, concluding that maybe that could be a project to submit for funding. She agreed to talk to the City of Syracuse about helping with a game plan. In response to Trustee Sennett, DMO Harty talked briefly about silt fences. Clerk to the Boards Dundon summarized the discussion as long-term measures but short-term treatment.

Christmas Holiday Party – In response to Trustee Dove, those who were on the Board agreed that last year's Christmas Holiday Party at the Village Hall was very nice and enjoyed by all who attended. Trustees Dove and Stokes-Cawley offered to work on a similar party for this year.

Adjournment –The Operations Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Patty Couch, Village Admin./Clerk-Treasurer