

VILLAGE OF SKANEATELES OPERATIONS MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020
9:15 AM

PRESENT: Mayor Hubbard, Trustees Eriksen, Sennett, Stokes-Cawley (by phone), and Zapata, Police Chief Heggelke, *Electric Superintendent Reap, *Line Leader Abbott, *Lineman Dries, *Lineman Wolf

Sensus - Recognizing the Light Department employees present, Mayor Hubbard suggested discussing Sensus that was brought up by Clerk to the Boards (CTB) Dundon yesterday, advising that the Municipal Board (MB) recommended the system in conjunction with the Town of Skaneateles. Trustee Stokes-Cawley confirmed that, noting that Sensus notified us that the data-radio collection hardware/software system being used had reached end-of-life and would no longer be supported after a certain date. In response to Mayor Hubbard asking if the Village Board needs to approve the Municipal Board's recommendation, Trustee Stokes-Cawley said that is correct. She said the MB spent a lot of time on this, as well as Line Leader Abbott who recommended approving the 5-year contract. Trustee Sennett recognized that we will begin the process to switch over to Landis & Gyr (L&G). Trustee Zapata said she read the notes and recognized them as the experts. Line Leader Abbott said that it's taken so long to make a choice, we need to upgrade to the cloud as we don't want to manually read. Mayor Hubbard asked if a formal resolve to adopt the system is needed. Line Leader Abbott said, yes, approve and let the Town know. Trustee Sennett asked who's responsible for the plan for moving to L&G. Line Leader Abbott said we have the first round of equipment to slowly migrate to L&G. Trustee Zapata asked if this is the preferred system. Line Leader Abbott said the Sensus cloud-based solution has some upfront costs that would be largely offset by the grant obtained by the Town and annual maintenance fees that would aggregate to less than \$50K over 5 years. L&G, the provider of the Electric meters could add the water meters to the Village's network, but each radio transmitter at each meter location would have to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$183K. Because of those costs, the Town said it will not adopt the L&G system. After thorough discussion, the Municipal Board recommended that the Village plan on using the Sensus cloud system for the five-year initial period. During that time, the Village will prepare to transition to the L&G system by replacing any failed Sensus radios with L&G units. Line Leader Abbott said we are starting to run out of battery life with the Sensus system, but for now have to go with the Sensus system to keep running. Trustee Sennett asked MB liaison Stokes-Cawley to let the MB know that the Village Board needs to be updated on the progress with L&G. **Resolution #2020-202:** On the motion of Trustee Stokes-Cawley, seconded by Trustee Sennett, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) that the Village Board approves participation in the Sensus 5-year contract that's been approved by the Town. Trustee Stokes-Cawley said we need to let the Town know that it's been approved. Line Leader Abbott noted that we will keep the same agreement with the Town. *The Light Department employees left the meeting.

West Lake Street (WLS) - Mayor Hubbard said this is typically police business, but rose to a higher level with a petition and all. He asked Chief Heggelke to brief the full Board on the Zoom meeting that he had with the West Lake Street residents. Chief Heggelke said they want a crosswalk, the speed limit reduced from 30 mph to 25 mph, and a ban on boat trailers. He said he was very up front with the 10 people on Zoom and explained that the problem is that others will want the same. He told them that we could agree to have a little more enforcement on WLS. Chief Heggelke said he learned how to access data from the speed signs and learned that 99% of motorists were doing less than 40 mph. A nice part of the signs is the pie chart - it's very valuable. He said he told the WLS residents that they can buy the signs, but anonymously - not in someone's name. If they pay for the signs, he thinks they should stay on WLS with the option to move them in the case of an emergency. Chief Heggelke said they want the speed at 25 mph. Toby Millman did research and recognized there is a law and they can't be given preferential treatment. They also want a crosswalk. Trustee Zapata said there are a couple of families with small children. Chief Heggelke said traffic calming measures were also discussed. Mayor Hubbard asked if they are going to

meet again. Chief Heggelke said they are going to talk about funding and there will be a follow-up meeting. He reiterated that signs would be from a group, not an individual. Relative to the purchase, Mayor Hubbard asked what about “perpetual care”. Trustee Eriksen recognized that the Police Department received donations before. Mayor Hubbard said Romano’s signs were gifted and we have moved them. When one wears out, there is no impetus to “re-ignite” it. WLS signs would be different. Chief Heggelke said that is a good point. Six months from now, if one wears out, would the Village have to buy another? Trustee Zapata said it is compelling that 99% of cars are under 40 mph. Chief Heggelke agreed, adding that there have not been a lot of accidents on WLS either. We have to have facts as opposed to the perception of speeds. We can move the Kane Ave. sign to WLS, get data and show a little more police presence. Former Chief Coon has a folder when he had officers hand write speeds. Trustee Eriksen said they want two signs, but he’d be okay with one. He agreed that other streets will want signs too. Mayor Hubbard said the message is that this is police business - segregate interest of a few to all residents. This group is talking to individual Village Board members. Trustee Zapata suggested having a WLS resident on the Pedestrian group that will be considering SMTC ideas/suggestions.

Halloween - Trustee Eriksen said the CDC came out with guidelines and the State and County will probably come out with more heavy-handed guidelines. Trustee Zapata said she won’t be asking to shut down Academy Street this year as she thinks it would be promoting trick-or-treating. Trustee Eriksen said the State and County will probably be telling us if we should or should not have Halloween. Mayor Hubbard said having additional discussion about Halloween on the October 15 Agenda would probably be good timing. Trustee Zapata talked about crowds on certain streets, such as Academy. Trustee Eriksen said he doesn’t think we should be closing off any streets this year. He’s afraid that people would think that because they are outside, with costume masks that are not the same, they’d be protected from COVID-19. Chief Heggelke said there are 3 active cases in Skaneateles now. Trustee Zapata recognized that a lot of people come into Skaneateles to trick-or-treat. Mayor Hubbard suggested having a position statement at the October 15 Meeting if nothing comes down from the State or County. We can’t have a disconnect.

Crop Walk - Chief Heggelke said he talked to the organizer and is okay with it.

Laker Limo - Mayor Hubbard said he wanted to let the Board know the background; Randy Stockweather asked about the Village property on Fennell Street for the Laker Limo. Mayor Hubbard said he asked for an email as usual, but with nothing in writing, he didn’t feel like discussion was necessary. Mayor Hubbard said he asked Village Board members their thoughts. There was not a lot of interest from the Village and he told Randy that. Fast forward, perhaps because of some discussion about the Town property and the Library, Laker Limo resurfaced with the notion of getting bumped from their current location. Mayor Hubbard said he told Randy perhaps Laker Limo could have their place incorporated into the area, say at the end of Ace Hardware. Subsequently, Randy approached Trustee Sennett who gave background in an email. Atty. Pavlus responded in his usual respectful, succinct way, explaining that the property is not surplus land and the Village is not in the position to give it to the Laker Limo. The Village wants to hold onto the property and even if it was surplus, it would have to be offered at fair market value. Mayor Hubbard noted that surplus is a big obligation - forever. It has to go to sealed bid/auction to determine value. Trustee Sennett questioned if we should have Atty. Pavlus write a letter, but the Board concurred not to spend tax payer dollars. Instead, it was decided to inform Mr. Stockweather of the advice from Atty. Pavlus by sending him the Minutes.

Status of Electric Inventory Clerk Position - Trustee Sennett said discussion has been postponed to next Wednesday.

ICS Quote - Mayor Hubbard said the Board has copies of the ICS quote. Trustee Sennett said she is somewhat uncomfortable with no option of returning the unit if it doesn’t work for us. She said ICS explained that it is not something they stock; she will call the company. Trustee Eriksen said, other than

that, he is okay with it. Trustee Zapata said she thinks we need it and other boards could use it too. Trustee Sennett said she will verify that they stand behind their unit. Trustee Zapata said she's noticed that Teams has gotten better too - now it can do more people. Trustee Sennett said it probably won't be ready for the October 1 meeting. Mayor Hubbard noted that the Planning Board is also meeting that night and he will tell CTB Dundon that the Village Board will be in the bays. Perhaps the Planning Board can meet at the Fire Station. **Resolution #2020-203:** On the motion of Trustee Sennett, seconded by Trustee Eriksen, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to initiate the ICS quote for Yealink CP-960 TEAMS Edition conference phone with wireless microphones.

Skaneateles Girls Lacrosse - Resolution #2020-204: On the motion of Trustee Sennett, seconded by Trustee Zapata, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to approve the Skaneateles Girls Lacrosse Association request for their Veterans Day Flag Fundraiser.

Bills - Resolution #2020-205: On the motion of Trustee Eriksen, seconded by Trustee Zapata, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to approve paying Abstract #10 as follows:

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General Fund	Vouchers #1424-1459	Checks #23546-23581	\$144,432.13
Sewer Fund	Vouchers #185-191	Checks #6414-6420	\$ 3,139.43
Electric Fund	Vouchers #386-396	Checks #7313-7323	\$124,470.29
Water Fund	Vouchers #183-185	Checks #4780-4782	\$ 2,602.68

Chamber Events - Trustee Zapata recognized that approval for the Chamber's events was already given. However, because of COVID-19, it would be prudent to ask for an update. Clerk-Treasurer Couch was asked to email Executive Director Fenner asking that she re-submit and present plans for Dickens and any other events during the remainder of the year.

Executive Session - Resolution #2020-206: On the motion of Trustee Eriksen, seconded by Trustee Zapata, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to move into Executive Session on a personnel matter at 10:24 AM. **Resolution #2020-207:** On the motion of Mayor Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Sennett, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to move out of Executive Session at 10:36 AM.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Brown - Resolution #2020-208: On the motion of Trustee Sennett, seconded by Trustee Zapata, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to increase Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Brown's hourly rate from \$20 to \$21 to recognize her strong work ethic and outstanding performance in her first six months of employment.

Adjournment - Resolution #2020-209: On the motion of Mayor Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Zapata, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 AM.


Patty Couch, Vil. Admin./Clerk-Treasurer

