

**REGULAR MEETING, VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Bob Green, Trustees Marc Angelillo, Marty Hubbard, Sue Jones, and Tim Lynn, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) Jorge Battle, Police Chief Lloyd Perkins, SFD Chief Eric Sell, Village Historian Pat Blackler, Village Attorney Mike Byrne

OTHERS	Nathan Baker	Skaneateles JOURNAL (Auburn CITIZEN)
PRESENT:	Ellen Leahy	Skaneateles PRESS
	Cliff Abrams	37 State Street
	David Short	DPW/CSEA Union President
	Lorraine Gleason	Skaneateles Dispatcher
	Greg Surbeck	Skaneateles Dispatcher
	Cody White	Finger Lakes Paddleboard
	Donlinda Barron	47 West Elizabeth Street
	Alex McPartland	31 Sherman St., Auburn
	Kortney Dodson	2532 Giles Road

Public Hearing on Local Law #3 of 2010 Exemption of Cold War Veterans – At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Green opened the Public Hearing on Local Law #3 of 2010 which would create a partial exemption from Village tax for qualifying Cold War Veterans. The amount of the exemption would be 15% of the assessed value of the property up to a maximum of \$36,000. Additionally, a Cold War Veteran who is receiving a service-related disability will be entitled to an additional exemption equal to the assessed value of his/her property, multiplied by 50% of his/her disability rating, up to a maximum of \$120,000. Mayor Green said the Town of Skaneateles and Onondaga County already offer the exemption. Persons already receiving a Veteran’s exemption may not receive a Cold War Veteran’s exemption. Mayor Green noted that this particular exemption is limited to a 10-year period, commencing with the first Village tax year following the adoption of the local law and continue for ten years thereafter. There is a one time application and thereafter the exemption would be automatic for the remaining nine years. Mayor Green said there are currently five Village residents who could receive the exemption. At 7:02 p.m., Mayor Green opened the hearing to the floor for comments for or against. **Resolution #2010-127:** With no comments from the floor, at 7:03 p.m., on the motion of Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Angelillo, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to close the Public Hearing. **Resolution #2010-128:** On the motion of Trustee Lynn, seconded by Trustee Jones, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to adopt Local Law #3 of 2010 Cold War Veterans Exemption.

Minutes – Resolution #2010-129: On the motion of Trustee Angelillo, seconded by Trustee Jones, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 26, 2010.

Bills – Trustee Hubbard noted Voucher #230 for \$24,000.00 to Amcrete Products for two Stormceptors and asked if quotes were received. Atty. Byrne confirmed that there is a \$10,000 threshold for the purchase of materials. Mayor Green added that according to our Procurement Policy, three quotes (verbal or written) would be required. Inasmuch as DMO Lotkowitz is on vacation and not present, Mayor Green asked that this payment be held until he can answer. **Resolution #2010-130:** On the motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) that bills from Abstract #5 be audited and paid, except Voucher #230, as follows:

General Fund	Vouchers #198 - 237	Checks 12191 - 12230	\$ 64,684.40
Sewer Fund	Vouchers # 55 - 62	Checks 3604 - 3611	\$ 8,460.35
Water Fund	Vouchers # 35 - 43	Checks 3013 - 3021	\$ 3,505.20
Electric Utility Fund	Vouchers # 63 - 73	Checks 4172 - 4182	\$ 13,618.97

Correspondence & Announcements

Mayor Green announced the following:

- A thank you note from Skaneateles Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sue Dove for the Board's support of the 2010 Antique and Classic Boat Show.
- Natalie Gongol wrote thanking the Police Dept. for house checks while she was away during the winter.
- On behalf of Governor Paterson, a letter from David Swarts, NYS Chair and Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, notifying the Village that we've been awarded \$2,160 to participate in the statewide "Buckle Up New York" campaign.
- Letter from Town Councilor Rick Keyes thanking the Board for the offer to review the Fire Department's invoices and vouchers.
- An Email from Governor Paterson regarding municipal solid waste (MSW) trucks.
- Corinne Buterbaugh (103 E. Genesee) wrote about home ownership as residents of a current historic district. She said they have been before the Historic Commission and believe the process is reasonable, helpful, and not erroneous.
- Wayne Clark letter suggesting a place to change at the swimming area. The Board noted that there are restrooms under the gazebo; they stated they are not advocating another structure. Clerk Couch was asked to formally respond to Mr. Clark and Trustee Hubbard suggested forwarding copies of the correspondence to the Town of Skaneateles for their information.
- Ann German Higbee request to designate a new or existing bench in memory of Beulah "Boots" Kuhns. Trustee Hubbard reported that he has talked to Mrs. Higbee who is receptive to purchasing a bench for the open spot in the front of the bank.
- J. Richard Lynch letter requesting that the limbs of the trees on the Jordan Street property be trimmed (the next time the Village does tree trimming) so that they do not over-hang his building.
- CNY Regional Planning & Development Board's (CNY RPDB) CNY Climate Change Innovation Program letter announcing that over the next three years nine municipalities in five counties will receive technical assistance and financial incentives to improve energy performance in local government operations; and remove barriers for greenhouse gas management and the reduction of vehicle miles traveled through the development of effective local government programs, policies, and outreach in the areas of land use, transportation, and community master planning. The CNY RPDB will administer a competitive grant program and provide up to \$30,000. Mayor Green noted that this may be a good fit for the Municipal Board or the Alternate Energy Technology (AET) committee.
- A postcard announcing that the EFC Draft 2011 Intended Use Plans for the Clean Water & Drinking Water State Revolving Funds is now available. Mayor Green said he has been and will continue to try to find out where our grant application stands.
- US EPA letter regarding Motor Vehicle Waste Disposal Well Requirements that has been passed on to DMO Lotkowitz.
- A letter from Cody White and Ryan Saca owners of Finger Lakes Paddleboard requesting permission to use Clift Park as their event site for the Flatwater SUP Charity Paddle to benefit Upstate University Hospital's research for the Treatment of Psychosis in individuals with Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome (VCFS). Mayor Green noted that the 6-mile stand up paddleboard (SUP) paddle is scheduled for Sunday, August 29 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The letter states that they are hoping for about thirty participants, will arrange for a safety boat in case of emergency and the non-profit supporting the event will cover the insurance. In response to the request to use the gazebo as an announcement stand and to hang some banners, Mayor Green said banners are not allowed on the gazebo. Trustee Lynn added that loud speakers are not to be used. Cody White introduced himself as being present to answer questions and responded to Trustee Jones that the paddleboards are provided and there is a \$15 entry fee. The paddleboards are not rented in the park – it's a mobile service. He acknowledged being aware that they should refrain from commercial activity in the park. Clerk Couch was directed to formally respond to the request with the Village's requirements in writing.
- An invitation from the Skaneateles Fire Department to attend their Annual Inspection on Sunday, September 5 at 9:30 a.m. at Skaneateles Station #1 and the Skaneateles Field Day's Parade at 4:00 p.m.. The lineup will be on State Street at the intersection of Austin Street. Mayor Green noted that the Fire Department is in need of help and is looking for volunteers to assist them at the various stands throughout the weekend.

Police/Dispatch Activity Report – Chief Perkins reported that he and Sergeant Stevens attended the disaster planning meeting and he has also had several meetings with SPLASH relative to the Labor Day weekend triathlon. With West Lake Street under construction, alternate plans are being discussed. Chief Perkins said there was a meeting strategic planning meeting this morning regarding the closing of dispatch; information will be given to the media to educate people about calling 911.

Codes Enforcement – CEO Battle reported the following:

- The Planning Board reviewed Parkside sub-division Phase III at last Thursday's meeting at which Dr. Elstein was present. A resolution is being drafted and the paving is hopefully going to start this week.
- According to architect Bob Eggleston, the Keady building project will start just after Labor Day.
- He is working with Town Assessor Ron Miller to digitally transport data to convert to the new Williamson Law Book Building and Code Enforcement software.

Mayor Green said he has received complaints about trucks coming and going on Elizabeth Street and recalled that they should be using Orchard Road from Genesee Street. Relative to the bridge being finished but needing Tobin back to do the paving, Trustee Jones suggested that perhaps stop work orders be issued because the Planning Board's condition to use the new road by June 30 is long exceeded. CEO Battle said that in addition to Dr. Elstein not wanting trucks on the unpaved roads, DMO Lotkowitz doesn't either. Mayor Green reported two other complaints; 1) the chain link fence being removed allowing people to enter the creek walk behind residences, and 2) planting a screen around the generator and pump station. CEO Battle said he will check on these complaints.

Public Hearing on Local Law #4 of 2010 Retirement Incentive – At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Green opened the Public Hearing on Local Law #4 of 2010 and read out loud the latest revision of July 13, 2010. He noted that certain dates were set by the State and clarified the areas that can be revised by the Village Board – the period of time for the opt-in period of not less than 30 or more than 90 days, and the dates on which that period will begin and end. Atty. Byrne explained that the State specified the provisions of Part A and Part B so the details are provided elsewhere. Part A is for eligible employees who are currently eligible to retire or at least 50 years of age with at least ten years of service credit. Part A provides one month of additional service credit for each year of service up to 36 years or a total of 3 years. Part B permits employees who attain the age of 55 with 25 years of service to retire without penalty. Atty. Byrne said we can offer both Part A and B – the employee has to choose one. This incentive is not for Police or Fire. In response to Mayor Green, Atty. Byrne said we can target positions but the draft does not do so. Trustee Angelillo clarified that the dates for the opt-in period can be re-set but have to be a part of the Local Law. Atty. Byrne said he drafted the law a month ago with the full 90 day opt-in period ending December 29. Mayor Green noted that the Local Law has to be into the State by August 31. At 7:42 p.m., Mayor Green opened the hearing to the floor for anyone speaking in favor of the Local Law. Skaneateles Dispatcher Lorrie Gleason read a prepared statement on behalf of all the Dispatchers imploring the Board to adopt the early retirement incentive program.

(Insert copy of Dispatcher Gleason's Statement)

SFD Chief Sell reminded the Board that he submitted a letter supporting the adoption of the early incentive for all eligible employees a month ago. He added that the Dispatchers especially deserve the retirement incentive as they have served the community over the years 365 days a year. No responses were offered to Mayor Green's asking if anyone wished to speak against adoption of the Local Law. Atty. Byrne said there seems to be concurrence to shorten the opt-in period to 30 days and move it up to sooner rather than later – ultimately the Board has to decide. Discussion followed about the opt-in period with Mayor Green explaining that we are trying to coordinate shutting down Dispatch, transferring calls, and offering the retirement incentive. We met with 911 and department heads this morning and learned that emergency calls made to the Village's communications office can be routed to the 911 Center as early as September 1st. In response to Ellen Leahy, Mayor Green said the Town of Skaneateles is involved in the process and Town Supervisor Roney was at this morning's meeting. The Board

concluded to keep the Public Hearing on Local Law #4 of 2010 open and hold off a vote until the August 23 meeting.

Fire Department – Chief Sell reported the following:

- The Fire Department put 4 members through a four week Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) class in May. The class puts confidence in a firefighter and the SCBA. It also teaches ways to escape if you are trapped in a confined space.
- Two new members completed the Basic Firefighter Course (87 hours) in Cayuga County and this was a two week day-time course.
- On Saturday, July 24, the members of the Skaneateles and Mottville Fire Departments hosted an all day School Bus Extrication Drill. The instructor, Ron Moore, is a nationally recognized instructor. Members of the Moyers Corners Fire Department were also there. Trustee Jones commented that she was very impressed watching the drill.
- All the mobile radios from the county have been installed. There were some minor issues of programming, but should be up and running.
- The Firemen's Field Days are coming up and they are asking for help to run this year's event and are looking for donations for sponsoring. Anyone who gives the SFD \$100 or more will be listed on a sign to advertise them.
- SFD responses – 13 Fire; 3 Rescue; 12 EMS (assist SAVES); 5 Mutual Aid; 0 Water Rescue; 33 July calls; to date in 2010 - 185 calls, 12.65 average personnel, and 1500.1 Personnel Hours.

Regarding the letter he wrote on August 1 about the department's need to purchase 42 new UHF pagers, Chief Sell said he'd prefer the money come out of reserve because the budget will be very tight. In response to Mayor Green, Chief Sell said he isn't sure if the pagers are on State Contract. In response to Trustee Hubbard, he said we'll just be purchasing the hardware at this time – programming will be at a later date. Mayor Green explained the urgency – the County plans to shut down the low-band base station equipment on August 31, 2010. The pagers currently used by the SFD will not work on September 1. Mayor Green said Chief Sell proposed transferring money from various lines in the budget to Account # A3410.200 Operating Equipment to buy the hi-band pagers. He suggested that Chief Sell talk to the Grant Writer we hired, Jeff Brown. Chief Perkins said it may be possible to secure grant money for equipment and he's looking into it. **Resolution #2010-131:** On the motion of Trustee Lynn, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to authorize Chief Sell to move forward with the procurement process for the new UHF pagers, but not to look at the budget at this time. In discussing the motion, Atty. Byrne asked that Chief Sell be careful in determining if there is any trade-in value to the old pagers.

POM Parking Meters – Chief Perkins said we are still waiting to hear from POM on how they want to proceed. Atty. Byrne said he wrote POM with the numbers Chief Perkins calculated for the meter change out time. Chief Perkins also gave POM the cost of the last meter change out. Trustee Jones agreed with Trustee Hubbard's suggestion to hold off until next spring at this point. Chief Perkins said we'll work out the logistics.

WWTP July Report - Trustee Angelillo reported for July 2010 – flow average was 362,000 gpd which is below the 12-month rolling average flow, precipitations were 3.27 inches, BOD removals were 97% and suspended solids' removals were 98%, and the DPW transferred 54000 gallons of liquid sludge to the Auburn WWTP. The facility met requirements of its permit and no violations were reported. Atty. Byrne noted no change in the ammonia level and stated that as a good thing because if there were to be a change in level it would happen in July.

Town SEQR Lead Request Forms – Mayor Green said we received two SEQR Lead Request forms from the Town of Skaneateles. One for the proposed acquisition and conveyance of property with Mott Ventures, LLC and one for the proposed sale of property to Grace Chapel. He noted that “if no response is received within thirty calendar days, the Skaneateles Town Board will assume that you have no objection to it acting the role of lead agency”. The Board didn't have any objections to either. Mayor Green asked Clerk Couch to advise Town Clerk Aaron accordingly.

MEUA ANNUAL MEETING DELEGATE - Resolution #2010-132: On the motion of Trustee Angelillo, seconded by Trustee Jones, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to designate DMO Lotkowitz as the accredited delegate at the MEUA Annual Conference on September 14 to 16, 2010 to be held at the Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid, NY.

Proposed Expansion of the Historic District – Mayor Green said that in response to questions as to why there hasn't been a Public Hearing following receipt of the written HLPC report, he prepared and read the following statement.

Mayor's Statement Regarding Proposed Expansion of Historic District

In December, 2009, the Village received a petition signed by a number of residents of West Lake Street, asking that the Village Historic District be expanded to include all of West Lake Street. The request was referred by the Trustees to the Historic Landmark Preservation Commission ("HLPC") so that it could perform the review required by Section 225-25 of the Village Code.

Over the next few months, the Village also received petitions from a number of residents of West Lake Street who opposed the expansion of the Historic District. Several of the people who signed petitions in opposition to the proposal had originally signed a petition in support. Copies of the opposing petitions were also forwarded to the HLPC.

Following a review of the proposal, the HLPC submitted a report to the Trustees in April, in which they recommended that the Historic District be extended to include all of West Lake Street.

The Village Code, Section 225-25 requires that the Trustees hold a public hearing following receipt of a written report from the HLPC. In order to schedule a public hearing, I would need a motion from a Trustee to set the date for a public hearing. Does any Trustee wish to make such a motion?

With no motion put forward, Mayor Green again asked if any Trustee wishes to make such a motion. Again, no motion was offered.

Acknowledge Receipt of Treasurer's Reports – **Resolution #2010-133:** On the motion of Trustee Lynn, seconded by Trustee Angelillo, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Reports for July 31, 2010.

Executive Session – **Resolution #2010-134:** At 8:19 p.m., on the motion of Trustee Angelillo, seconded by Trustee Jones, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to enter into an Executive Session for an Attorney/Client discussion. The Executive Session ended at 9:45 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.


Patty Couch
Village Clerk

August 9, 2010

Mayor and Village Board-

We, the dispatchers are asking that you pass the state's early incentive. The dispatchers are the lowest paid village employees and we are the ones that you are targeting instead of starting at the top.

We all have been committed to our jobs and to the community that we serve. None of us have ever abused our sick and / personal time. We have worked swing shifts for many years working evenings, nights and holidays keeping the center operational 24/7 365 days a year. This was more than just a job for us, it was neighbor helping neighbor. We enjoy what we do at the Communication Center on a daily basis.

Mayor, you approached the dispatchers with the early incentive before it was even told to us that the communication was closing. I know myself with the expectation of receiving the early incentive it interested me into thinking about retirement. Then, Mayor you called us in for another meeting and told us the Communication Center would be closing. In that meeting you told us there were some on the board that was questioning the early incentive. You were asked if you were in favor of the early incentive, you stated yes. When you were asked if you were willing to try and persuade the board members to accept the early incentive, you again stated yes, We, hope we can count on your support, Mayor.

We, at the dispatch have had stress put on us every time the budget time came up. The first thing that was ALWAYS on the cutting block was the dispatch, even though the public who are the taxpayers wanted it. Once again we ask that you pass the early incentive to show your support to your employees that were loyal to the village and to the community.

In this morning's Post Standard Jeff Kramer the Humor columnist made a mockery of our Communication Center. I took offense to that as we have all thought of our jobs as a service to the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorrie Gleason".

Lorrie Gleason
Dispatcher