

**OPERATIONS MEETING, VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011
5:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Marty Hubbard, Trustees Marc Angelillo, John Crompt, and Sue Jones, Codes Enforcement Officer (CEO) Battle*, ZBA Chair Lisa Banuski*

ABSENT: Trustee Sennett

OTHERS Jim Greenfield* Greenfield Farms
PRESENT:

ZBA Member Appointment – Mayor Hubbard reported that the names submitted for the opening on the ZBA are Steve Hartnett and Marty Lynn. He explained that the Town of Skaneateles advertises for openings and the public process would be of interest to the Village in the future. However, in this instance, after recently interviewing for the opening on the Planning Board, we were fortunate to secure a list of interested residents from Planning Board Chair Kenan. ZBA Chair Banuski said she interviewed both candidates and believes that either would be an asset. Trustee Jones asked for confirmation that the ZBA opening was not advertised as she wouldn't want the public precluded from the process. Mayor Hubbard verified with Clerk Couch that the opening was not advertised. He recognized the need for the fifth board member especially in the case of a tie vote. Given that we have two excellent candidates, and in the interest of time, Mayor Hubbard recommended the appointment of Steve Hartnett. **Resolution #2011-71:** On the motion of Trustee Angelillo, seconded by Trustee Crompt, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-0 in favor) to appoint Steve Hartnett (5 Prentiss Drive) to the Zoning Board of Appeals to serve out John Crompt's 5-year term to 2013. ZBA Chair Banuski offered to deliver the packet of material to Mr. Hartnett for his review of matters coming before the ZBA at their meeting of April 26. Mayor Hubbard advised that Trustee Crompt will be serving as liaison to the ZBA, Planning Board, and CEO Battle. He encouraged contacting Trustee Crompt prior to bringing matters to the Village Board. *ZBA Chair Banuski thanked the Board and left the meeting; Jim Greenfield arrived.

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) – Trustee Angelillo reported receiving disparaging remarks about the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) holding up projects. CEO Battle explained that the Planning Board sub-committee was initially formed when the Whitegate sub-division commenced. The 2-person ARC reviews and signs off on the architect's design – a Building Permit cannot be issued until they sign off. CEO Battle reiterated that the ARC began with Whitegate and is a condition of the Parkside sub-division and downtown district (not Historical District) as well. Trustee Angelillo said he received a call from Mark Aberi who is building for one of the Nutting girls. She indicated that there is a dispute over a shed roof versus awning roof between the ARC and herself and thus her project is being delayed. She indicated that she will be seeking legal advice. Mayor Hubbard noted that the email he received relates to a home on Academy Street – not in Whitegate or Parkside. CEO Battle clarified that the Planning Board reviews and recommends only to the ZBA. Mayor Hubbard concluded that a meeting is needed with Planning Board Chair Kenan, CEO Battle, and Special Counsel Galbato prior to the Planning Board Meeting of May 5th. Mayor Hubbard also noted his having to get involved with issues about the Parkside Creek-walk and the Prentiss Drive walk and suggested that these are exactly the type of matters that ought to be initially discussed with Trustee Crompt. *Prior to leaving the meeting, CEO Battle agreed to arrange a meeting regarding the ARC.

D.O.T. Traffic Checks – Jim (Skinny) Greenfield explained that he is present to report on the D.O.T. truck stops in Mandana. He said he is the middleman, but assured the Board that he is speaking for numerous area farmers and local business owners. Last week, all five loads of corn and soy beans (from the Greenfield Farms) got stopped by the State Police in Mandana and one of those stops took 45 minutes. Delays such as those, especially when they have food products to be delivered, are unacceptable. Mr. Greenfield said he receives angry calls from their destination sites because of the delivery delays. Some businesses tell us they will stop coming to us for product if these unwarranted stops of their trucks continue. Mr. Greenfield said it's understandable if there is an obvious reason to stop a vehicle due to an apparent violation. However, Daniel Brey (President of a family run farm in business since 1932) wrote of getting a violation from D.O.T. for a reflector not being perfect on a mud flap and his driver was told

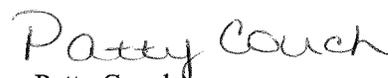
not to drive on Routes 41A, 41, and 90 unless he was picking up from that road. Similarly, a letter was received from Oakliff Transportation (NY-CAN Farms) pleading the case of an unwarranted ticket for over dimension for a couple of inches of hay. Mr. Greenfield said these trucks are being stopped simply for being a truck and that kind of behavior is a waste of time and money and may affect the viability of our businesses without any ticket being issued. In response to Trustee Jones referencing the length restriction sign just before Route 41A, Mr. Greenfield said he checked with Ag & Markets and they stated that there are not truck length restrictions for farm machinery and that they can travel on Route 41A. Mr. Greenfield said the truck coalition formed among Skaneateles, Aurora, Owasco and other Fingerlakes communities has done a good job bringing the issue of long-haul trash trucks cutting through these communities to the attention of the general public. The farmers and other local business owners understand the value of regulating their routes and keeping them out of the watershed for all our benefit and appreciate the efforts made. Mr. Greenfield said the farmers and companies that we regularly do business with continue to be subjected to D.O.T. traffic checks that are not promoting that cause. Trustee Angelillo asked how the Village can help. Mr. Greenfield said the farmers and local businesses want to get off the D.O.T. list. Mayor Hubbard noted that garbage truck traffic through the Village has subsided, but undoubtedly would pick back up without the traffic checks. Trustee Jones agreed, adding that it is difficult to have it both ways. Trustee Crompt said the stops need to be reasonable. Trustee Angelillo suggested that perhaps the D.O.T. schedule could be amended to perform truck traffic checks at a time of year when farmers are not so busy hauling crops and fertilizer. Mr. Greenfield said he would discuss that idea with others. *He thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting. Mayor Hubbard asked Clerk Couch to research if the Village formally signed any agreement with the other communities involved with the Truck Coalition. Trustee Jones stated that she doesn't recall any formal action by the Board.

Terminations – Trustee Angelillo reported meeting with the CSEA the Tuesday following the three employee terminations and they had a number of issues. Additionally, he phoned Jennifer Wells at Civil Service and she suggested abolishing the three job positions if we don't intend to bring them back; we could re-establish the positions if need be in the future. **Resolution #2011-72:** On the motion of Trustee Angelillo, seconded by Trustee Jones, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-0 in favor) to abolish the three DPW Public Works Maintenance Worker positions. Clerk Couch will provide Jennifer Wells with the resolution and the P-100's if required.

Union Negotiations – Mayor Hubbard expressed his appreciation for the time that Trustee Angelillo has devoted to the CSEA and suggested that the same person negotiate for both the unions. **Resolution #2011-73:** On the motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Crompt, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-0 in favor) to confirm Trustee Angelillo as the delegated liaison for the CSEA and Police Officers Council 82 union negotiations. In discussing the resolution, Mayor Hubbard said that Police Department liaison Trustee Sennett is welcome to sit in also.

FYE '12 Budget – Mayor Hubbard referenced the article in the Skaneateles JOURNAL relative to the FYE '12 Budget. Clerk/Treasurer Couch confirmed that the General Fund has been paying as we go for the West Lake Street (WLS) project. She is of the understanding, but will verify with Fiscal Advisors, that we can roll over the B.A.N. for a year; interest payments will be due in July. The Board concurred to keep the B.A.N. as a cushion for the WLS work.

Adjourn – **Resolution #2011-74:** On the motion of Trustee Angelillo, seconded by Trustee Crompt, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-0 in favor) to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.


Patty Couch
Village Clerk/Treasurer