

**REGULAR MEETING, VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Present** Mayor Bob Green, Trustees Marc Angelillo, Kathryn Carlson, Sue Jones, and Tim Lynn, Codes Enforcement Officer Jorge Batlle, Police Chief Lloyd Perkins, Municipal Board Commissioner Alan Dolmatch, Village Attorney Mike Byrne

<b><u>Others</u></b>	Nate Robson	Skaneateles JOURNAL
<b><u>Present</u></b>	Miranda Pennock	Skaneateles PRESS
	Richard Clayton	Severn Trent, Operator for Wastewater Treatment Plant
	Cliff Abrams	37 State Street
	Charles R. Thomas	69 State Street
	Bill Mahood	60 West Lake Street
	Rick Parcels	61 West Lake Street

**Continuation of Public Hearing, Local Law #4 of 2008**

Mayor Green noted that the Public Hearing of September 8<sup>th</sup> was kept open and we did receive a letter from Rick Parcels which will be added to the file. He reported that he met with residents Bill and Miki Mahood, Linda Roche, and John and Carol Young, along with contractors Bill Dallam, Jim Falso, and Kurt Nelson on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The following work hours were agreed to for construction on the Weitsman residence at 45 West Lake Street:

Monday through Friday	7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. with no noise until 7:30 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
Saturdays	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with no noise until 8 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
Sundays/Holidays	No work/construction to occur

There were no comments for or against. The hearing was closed. No action was taken.

**Minutes**

On the motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Angelillo, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-0 in favor) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8<sup>th</sup> as presented. Trustee Carlson abstained from the vote as she was absent from that meeting.

**Bills**

On the motion of Trustee Lynn, seconded by Trustee Carlson, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) that bills from Abstract #8 be audited and paid as follows:

General Fund	Vouchers 397 – 449	Checks 10228 – 10280	\$59,119.25
Sewer Fund	Vouchers 88 - 100	Checks 3127 - 3139	8,334.53
Water Fund	Vouchers 81 - 89	Checks 2670 - 2678	1,121.64
Electric Utility Fund	Vouchers 118 – 141	Checks 3569 - 3592	76,430.25

It was further resolved to authorize the payment from the Joint Village/Town Municipal Offices Capital Projects account in the amount of \$4,950 (Check #1006) to C.T. Males Associates.

**The Long Bike Back**

Mayor Green announced that Pearson and Pete Constantino will speak about their coast-to-coast bike trip as they come through Skaneateles on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. at the Library. They will speak about Pearson's recovery from a hit and run accident that left him with terrible injuries and the need for improved bike riding safety.

**Irondequoit Concert Band**

Mayor Green announced that the Irondequoit Concert Band will perform at the gazebo on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

**County Mayors' Association Meeting**

Mayor Green and Trustee Carlson reported that they will be attending the Onondaga County Mayors' Association dinner meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Inn Between. The association's website will be presented.

**Letter of Thanks from Village of Jordan**

Jordan Mayor Richard Platten wrote thanks to the Skaneateles DPW for their help in cleaning Jordan's drainage structures in July.

**Firefighter Pola's Letter on Alcohol Use at Station 1 and "Green" Technology**

In his letter of September 13<sup>th</sup>, Firefighter Pola suggested that limited alcohol use be allowed at Station 1, contrary to the rules adopted by the Village Board on March 24, 2008. It was noted that the rules for the new facility, adopted by the Village and Town Boards, were thoroughly considered and discussed with SFD Chief Sell and President Murphy. With regard to Mr. Pola's suggestion that green technology be incorporated in any new municipal building, it was recognized that this is an admirable goal but will need to be weighed against costs over the life of the building. Mayor Green agreed to respond to Mr. Pola's letter.

**Finger Lakes Institute**

Mayor Green announced that the Finger Lakes Institute is hosting a land use symposium on October 30<sup>th</sup> at Belhurst Castle. Anyone interested, should contact Clerk Sheehan.

**Truck Traffic Enforcement**

Mayor Green announced that the NYS Department of Transportation is holding a public hearing this Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Home Center and he encouraged everyone who could attend to do so as the truck lobby is expected to turn out in full force.

**Master Planning Committee**

Committee Chairman Dolmatch reported that the Committee is close to wrapping up its work. A final report from the architect is expected this Thursday and the Committee members will have a week to review it and send comments back to the architect. The Master Planning Committee will be disbanding and the Police Station Project Committee will start its work the first week in October. Village Attorney Byrne commented (in light of the discussion tonight with the Town at the Operations Meeting) that if there is any sentiment about a joint police station and court, now is the time to tell the masterplanners. Trustee Lynn said he is not comfortable bringing a \$3.6 million project to the voters. Mayor Green said if the court is included, it might jeopardize our opportunity to be exempt from the Wicks law. Chairman Dolmatch said the masterplanners can accommodate anything, but they will charge to develop an alternate site plan, how you access the site and where the PO easement is placed. He also cautioned that a police/court plan will increase design time and delay the time we go out to bid by perhaps six months. Village Attorney Byrne said the site plan has immediate impact. He said if the Village decides to build in a second floor and add the court at a later date, fine, but you should decide now before the Masterplan is finalized. The Board agreed to hold an Operations Meeting on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. to discuss the issue further.

**EDR Proposal for West Lake Street Survey and Improvements**

Mayor Green said we'd need Phase 1 and 2 which EDR estimated at \$50,000 when we budgeted \$10,000. He agreed to seek additional quotes and to ask EDR to sharpen their pencil. Attorney Byrne said hearing the scope of work, \$10,000 would never have done it.

**Parme Park Lease**

Village Attorney Byrne said there is no update and he feels we've done everything we can do. He offered to re-draft the lease, but the City's attorney prefers to do so. Attorney Byrne confirmed for Trustee Jones

**Parme Park Lease (Cont'd)**

that we've responded to the State's letter about the park maintenance. He noted that as of the end of October, we will no longer have a lease and the property (and maintenance issues) will revert to the City of Syracuse

**Violation of Village Code Section 187 – Unsafe Structures**

Mayor Green referenced the letter from Marcelle Riter to Codes Enforcement Officer (CEO) Battle which she delivered this evening, indicating that good progress is being made on her roof and the work should be completed within a week. CEO Battle said he had reviewed the code and she did not grant him access to the site. No action by the Village is required at this time.

**Nextel/Sprint Antenna Replacement**

Trustee Angelillo said the Municipal Board discussed bringing Dave Stevenson in to make an assessment at Sprint's expense and he agreed to contact Mr. Stevenson.

**Bucket Truck Bid**

Village Attorney Byrne reviewed the bids and noting that since there were several deviations from the bid specs by the low bidder, the Village would be authorized to reject the low bid and award to the higher bidder. Mayor Green reported that Municipal Board Commissioner Hubbard contacted Teitsworth Auctioneering and they know of a municipality who might be interested in our current truck at a higher price than either bidder offered us in trade. He'd like to hold off on an award to see about the sale to a third party. If that doesn't occur, we may want to award with the trade-in option. The Board agreed to table any action until its meeting of October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Transformer Enclosures**

Trustee Angelillo stated that Municipal Board Commissioner Dave Blackwell feels the Village needs to act on the safety concerns with our transformer enclosures which were identified during an earlier inspection. Trustee Angelillo said we have pole mount transformers being utilized on the ground which our guys indicated has been done for years. The Board agreed that the prior report should be circulated to the Village Board for discussion at its September 29<sup>th</sup> Operations Meeting.

**Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program**

Mayor Green reported that the State Department of Transportation has notified us that the joint Village-School SRTS grant application was not selected for funding.

**CHA Proposal for Engineering of Fennell-Jordan Intersection**

On the motion of Trustee Angelillo, seconded by Trustees Jones, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to approve the proposal of Clough Harbors & Associates (CHA) to develop a concept design and budgetary estimate to replace the Fennell and Jordan Streets overhead circuits with underground distribution.

**Winterize Old Fire Station at 26 Fennell Street**

On the motion of Trustee Angelillo, seconded by Trustee Jones, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to accept the \$1,500 proposal from DRC Sales & Service to shut down the water and boiler at the old fire station and provide in-line heat for the water line to the police department. With regard to the Chamber of Commerce request to have the Dickens people use the facility, it was felt that the old fire station should be completely shut down. Alan Dolmatch suggested that the old SAVES building space would at least be heated. He also suggested that a heat tape line be run down the roof drain lines of the old fire station to prevent ice build-up and potential roof overload with the building not being heated.

**Confirm Tory Blum as a Firematic Member SFD**

On the motion of Trustee Carlson, seconded by Trustee Jones, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to confirm Tory Blum of 1884 West Lake Road as a firematic member of the Skaneateles Volunteer Fire Department per the member's vote of September 9, 2008.

**Appoint Katharine Dyson to the HLPC**

On the motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Carlson, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to appoint Katharine Dyson to the Historical Landmarks Preservation Commission as recommended by Mayor Green to complete the term of Lee Overstrom. Trustee Jones suggested that Julie Sharpe be considered for any future openings on this board and Trustee Lynn endorsed the suggestion.

**Policy on Sidewalk Repairs**

The Board agreed to table this topic until their Operations Meeting of September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Engineering Oversight of Phase III, Parkside Subdivision**

On the motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Lynn, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to appoint Stearns & Wheler to provide construction oversight of Phase III of the Parkside Subdivision at an estimated cost of \$18,800 to be paid by the developer. Mayor Green noted that Dave Blackwell performed this service for Phase I, but Dr. Elstein didn't want Mr. Blackwell to continue even though the cost would be less.

**Change Order #5 for Patricia Electric**

On the motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Carlson, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to authorize Mayor Green to sign Change Order #5 for Patricia Electric relative to the new Fire Station at 77 West Genesee Street. It was noted that this change order has been approved by QPK Architects and Murnane Building Contractors and the Town of Skaneateles.

**Skaneateles Recreational Charitable Trust (SRCT) Agreement**

On the motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Angelillo, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to authorize Mayor Green to sign the extension of the lease agreement with the SRCT to March 31, 2009.

**City of Syracuse Water Alarms**

Trustee Angelillo reported that he met with Dan Rabino and Allan Abbott to review the City's plan for upgrading to a wireless alarm system which will include an Ethernet switch with fiber optic capability in our panel. Inasmuch as this part would be required for phase 2 of our AMR system and fiber optics help protect the system from voltage surges, he recommended that we participate in the costs. On the motion of Trustee Angelillo, seconded by Trustee Jones, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to contribute \$995 to the City's \$4,700 cost to upgrade its water alarm system.

**Memorandum of Understanding with Cayuga County Sheriff's Department**

Chief Perkins explained that since we don't have our own fire arms range, we use others' facilities and are scheduled now to use the range of the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Village Attorney Byrne said he's reviewed their agreement and is comfortable with it, noting that we would require a hold harmless provision for outsiders using a village facility. On the motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Angelillo, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to authorize Mayor Green to sign the 5-year Memorandum of Understanding with the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department.

**Executive Session**

At 8:15 p.m., on the motion of Trustee Carlson, seconded by Trustee Lynn, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to enter into an Executive Meeting to discuss a matter of pending litigation. The Executive Session ended at 9:15 p.m.

**Adjustment of Utility Accounts #81403 and #81404**

Clerk Sheehan distributed copies of the meter reading pages, account histories, and billing summary detail and explained that this new Fire Station service is a demand account, Service Classification 3, billed on kWh and kW; however, it was incorrectly entered as Service Classification 2 and as such was over billed. On the motion of Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Angelillo, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to credit Account #81403 by \$352.72 and credit Account #81404 by \$2,276.

**Adjustment of Utility Account #40100**

Reviewing the meter history of this account, the Board noted that usage increases for one month each summer (1000, 800, 1400 cubic feet). While the reading for this August was especially high and the resident indicated that he was away for 9 days, there is no way for the Village to determine whether something was left running in his absence and no basis on which to grant relief.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Sally L. Sheehan  
Village Clerk