

**VILLAGE OF SKANEATELES
MUNICIPAL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – March 25, 2015**

Present: Chairman Moffa, Commissioner Blackler, Commissioner Hall, Advisor Dienst, Trustee Angelillo, Trustee Lanning, David Colegrove

Chairman Moffa called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Approval of Minutes. Upon motion of Comm. Hall, seconded by Comm. Blackler, the minutes of the February 25, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Electric System Master Plan. Advisor Dienst reported that he and DMO Harty will meet to conclude the wrap-up of this document. Chairman Moffa noted that Alan Dolmatch has been the primary author of the document, and stated that it is his goal to put a cover on it and distribute the document.

Unit substation. DMO Harty had provided updated budget estimates. The Board's attention was drawn to the amounts estimated for materials, an amount of \$56,100. Mr. Dundon said that DMO would like the Board's concurrence and recommendation to the Trustees for the ordering of these materials; Advisor Dienst noted the breakdown was on the back and was developed in conjunction with CHA. It includes the cost to bring the feed down Fennel Street and across Austin. **On motion by Comm. Blackler, seconded by Comm. Hall and unanimously carried, the Board recommended that the Trustees authorize the expenditure of \$60,000 for construction materials.**

AMR. Mr. Dundon explained that the project to focus on water meter replacement may be delayed due to meter approval issues involving the New York State Public Service Commission.

LED street lighting. Comm. Hall reported that the Board is exploring the change-out of the decorative lights and the cobra heads in favor of LED lighting – and that he and Chairman Moffa had met with DMO Harty on this topic. DMO agreed to adapt the Municipal Solid State Lighting Consortium (MSSLC) draft requirements specification to cover the Village's lighting needs. The Board would like to issue an RFI; Comm. Hall is identifying potential vendors. Comm. Hall reported on his discussion with Mr. Rich Ladoucer of Solvay Electric. Solvay had installed some 2000 – 3000 heads using LED technology. After soliciting bids, the contract was awarded to Cree Lighting. Mr. Ladoucer offered to attend a meeting of the Board and to bring the Cree representative. Comm. Hall suggested we wait until after that meeting to forward them our fixture inventory. They will be invited to speak to the Board at the April 22 meeting at the end of the agenda, with Chairman Moffa noting that this is in line with the Climate Action Plan. The Board asked if we may have a spare ornamental fixture that could be on hand for that meeting? Mr. Dundon will refer this question to DMO Harty.

Electric System statistical performance. Chairman Moffa noted that the Community Center is coming before the Board of Trustees for a Public Hearing on its Critical Impact Permit on March 26, 2015. Trustee Angelillo said that was for the expansion and also for the easement issues and the proposed property trade. Chairman Moffa stated that he has been serving on an energy committee for the Community Center to look into green alternatives to lessen their impact on Village rates. While many energy saving proposals have been discussed – such as using heat from the chillers to warm the rest of the facility, geothermal wells and solar PV generation -- the expansion budget contains only \$200,000 devoted to implementation of these green measures. He said that LED lighting and controls to eliminate peak demands is the ‘low-hanging fruit’ – though they always have to keep electricity flowing to the ice. Choosing that alternative will require that most of those funds be used for that purpose alone. He also reported that there is a ‘NY Prize program’ that aims to set up emergency centers to be used in the event of major catastrophes. He thought the Skaneateles might be well positioned because of shelters and the ease of implementation for solar, wind and geothermal energy. Chairman Moffa reported that there will be a NY Prize meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 1. Brian Pincelli of CNYRPDB is attending to outline the criteria to qualify for a \$100,000 feasibility study award. Attending will be Chairman Moffa, DMO Harty, Charlie Wallace of SRCT and Brian Pincelli. Comm Hall observed that might be one way to bring solar power into the Y to begin to ease off the peaks in demand. SRCT had a company, IBC, do a study looking at alternatives like solar and internal HVAC, but wrote off geothermal. Chairman Moffa has been hopeful that geothermal might be reconsidered, but it will not be, ‘a disappointment’.

Chairman Moffa reported that the Y will spend \$105K on electric and \$28K on natural gas even if they implemented all the identified green initiatives. If they don’t do any more than LED lighting, the totals will be \$118K on electric and \$59K on gas annually. Looking at the total picture of expansion and the discontinuance of the Austin Arena ice shows that the 175KWH per month in electric usage at Austin Arena exactly matches the forecast of additional energy consumption expected for the expanded facility. He also mentioned that a company called Dynamic Energy might be willing to install solar and front the money but it may not be a good project because of the Village’s low rates. Chairman Moffa thinks that the Board should be encouraging any new development to implement green measures to reduce peak demands for electricity. Comm. Hall suggested that the Board might prepare such a letter to the Village Board expressing concern over the energy choices at the Community Center. Chairman Moffa said it would be appropriate to say that the Y should continue to pursue the possibility of doing more in the way of alternative energy; in keeping with our climate action plan that all should be part of. Trustee Lanning mentioned that it would put a spotlight on it; the challenge is the foundation wants to build as much structure as they can by providing the capital rather than to reduce operating expenses for the YMCA. The purpose of a municipal board is to offer direction and advice. Trustee Angelillo reminded the Board that the Y is a private entity. The Village Board has no jurisdiction over a private entity. We have jurisdiction over how they get power, but not how they use it. They are in the Village and we have to supply them power.

Water System. DMO Harty had stated in her report that she had a brief meeting with Pete Buehler from SFD to discuss water main sizing – fire flows versus water quality. She will be scheduling a meeting with the Chief and others in the next few weeks. Water system progress has been briefly delayed because of competing priorities.

Village Hall/NYSERDA Grant – Mr. Dundon reported that there has been considerable recent dialogue with NYSERDA and we know exactly what remains to be done. DMO Harty’s report stated that items include the commissioning documents, LEED certification, final report and PV monitoring results. DMO will be working with QPK/SACK to determine remaining items for the LEED certification and commissioning. Performance data is being collected via the Sunny Portal software program and the Village Hall Net Meter. NYSERDA have been patient investors with a keen interest in the project’s success as the state’s first net zero energy municipal building. Trustee Lanning verified that the Village will be pursuing LEED certification.

SU Senior Project – The SU student project has received a large packet of information regarding sludge removal at WWTP. They are working 'sight unseen' which is unfortunate. Chairman Moffa suggested that perhaps they could have access to the passageways -- looking through the doorways without actually entering the work spaces. Trustee Angelillo believes that the students have enough information to move it forward.

Demand Response – The Board had previously recommended that the Village contract with Constellation Energy for limited access by them to the Village’s standby generating capacity. Attorney Byrne has reviewed the proposed agreement with Cpower, a Constellation affiliate. DMO Harty’s report stated that she is awaiting pricing detail from Cpower.

EV Connect Charging Stations - The units are operational and available for use. The Board-approved charge of \$0.25 per KWH has been implemented. The Board encourages the Village to publicize their availability.

Review of National Grid Interconnection Agreement – Advisor Dienst reported that National Grid is working with each partner utility with the encouragement of FERC to formalize agreements with respect to technical connections, finance responsibilities and insurance to ensure stability of the transmission network. This National Grid Interconnection Agreement is that agreement. Skaneateles has not had such an agreement in place; this would have been required even without the new substation connection. The boilerplate was negotiated by MEUA; Mike Byrne has thoroughly reviewed the agreement, as have CHA, DMO Harty and Advisor Dienst. The agreement includes attachments reflecting details for the connection of the new substation, with an estimated cost of \$44,400 for loops, switches and other costs to connect to the system. The new substation will be connected to the National Grid transmission system that goes out through Elbridge. Trustee Angelillo stated that he had asked Mr. Dolmatch if the need for an additional substation was as a result of adding the Community Center. Mr. Dolmatch said absolutely not. Advisor Dienst observed that everyone is using the power. **On motion of Comm. Hall, seconded by Comm. Blackler, the Board unanimously concurs with the agreement and recommends its adoption by the Trustees.**

Review of proposed Mirbeau Gateway Project - Trustee Lanning said that he has requested that the Municipal Board review the electric impacts of the Mirbeau Gateway expansion, because currently the Village is relying on the applicant’s estimates of 0.2% increase in Mirbeau’s total consumption of 3.2% of total village electric. He would like such a review to be completed prior to a conclusion on annexation. The Board debated whether and how verification of the applicant’s numbers or an independent estimate might be accomplished. Trustee Angelillo

believes the information is available and that the Village Board might request it by letter. Trustee Lanning suggested that the DEC requires that the entire project scope be reviewed under SEQR to prevent 'segmentation'. Chairman Moffa said that such a review should also include impacts on water and waste water. The data requested should be the maximum impacts on the electric, water and waste water systems. If received by the Board, the data will be reviewed to attempt to evaluate the impact.

Renewal of generator maintenance agreement with Cummins – Mr. Dundon reported that DMO Harty requested the Board to review and recommend entering into a renewal of the generator maintenance agreement with Cummins Northeast. On motion of Comm. Blackler, seconded by Comm. Hall, the Board unanimously concurs in accepting the Cummins proposal of March 11, 2015 and recommends that the Trustees take such action.

Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday April 22, 2015 at 6:00 pm. The Board anticipates having the Solvay Electric presentation as part of that meeting.

On motion of Comm. Hall seconded by Chairman Moffa the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards