

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 28, 2023

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Sennett, Trustees Evans, Lynn, Richards and Zapata, DMO Posella, DDMO Pagano, MPDC Ian Carroll, and Village Attorney Pavlus

Others: Jason Gabak*

Skaneateles PRESS Editor

*Attended via Microsoft Teams

Minutes – Resolution #2023-358: On the motion of Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Zapata, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-0 in favor with Trustee Lynn abstaining) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2023, as presented.

Correspondence & Announcements – Mayor Sennett noted the following:

- Receipt of Cornell Cooperative Extension Winter 2023 edition of WAVE Newsletter.
- Receipt of an invitation for the Housing Needs Assessment Listening Tour.
- Receipt of invitation to the Swearing-In Ceremony for J. Ryan McMahon, II - Onondaga County Executive.
- Receipt of email from the Village of Orchard Park Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer regarding annexation.

Old Business

Consider authorizing DMO Posella to sign the SmartKable Skaneateles Assessment Proposal dated December 2023 for \$22,000 for the circuit directly behind the Northshore residents on E. Genesee St. from Jordan St. East to Thayer Park to be paid from account E781.61.

DMO Posella informed the Village Board that this was discussed with the Municipal Board at length. They asked DMO Posella what he would choose to spend this money on next. He asked SmartKable the cost of assessing Genesee Street. They are writing a proposal for a longer-term and more system-wide analysis. Once he receives the proposal he will share this with the Municipal Board, who will make a recommendation.

Consider Backroads Cycling's request for parking.

The Board agreed that the commercial activity is not allowable.

New Business

Consider appointing Mike Balestra to the ZBA.

Upon Mayor Sennett's request, Trustee Richards said that they had a few applicants with whom they held conversations. He felt very comfortable with Mike Balestra's knowledge and expertise.

Resolution #2023-359: On the motion of Trustee Richards, seconded by Trustee Zapata, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to appoint Mike Balestra to the ZBA.

Consider budget amendments as recommended by Treasurer Hanno.

Resolution #2023-360: On the motion of Trustee Zapata, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to approve budget amendments as recommended by Treasurer Hanno.

Water Fund:		original	to	diff				
Increase Budget line:	8320-200	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	To cover the vac truck Water portion			
decrease	8310-400	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)				
decrease	8340-411	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)				
				\$ -				
Sewer Fund:								
Increase Budget line:	8130-220	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	To cover the vac truck Sewer portion			
decrease	8130-418	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (20,000.00)				
Remaining from Fund balance:			\$ (35,000.00)	\$ (35,000.00)				
				\$ -				

Consider extending the new Floating Holiday (8 hours) through February 29, 2024 to the benefitted staff who are allocated holidays.

When the new holiday schedule was adopted on December 14, the Christmas Eve holiday was eliminated so the Board would like to offer an extension to the 2023 Floating Holiday into 2024.

Resolution #2023-361: On the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Richards, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to approve extending the new Floating Holiday (8 hours) through February 29, 2024 to the benefitted staff who are allocated holidays.

Public Comment – Mayor Sennett asked for public comment – there was none.

Mayor Sennett commented that she saw the leaf monster finishing up the leaves at the cemetery; and thank you. DMO Posella said they are glad to have the college students helping over their recess. The Village has begun picking up Christmas trees.

Trustee Evans complimented a property owner who has expeditiously progressed with completion of the exterior finishes and landscaping of their project. He would like to see projects such as these thanked moving forward. MPDC Ian Carroll thinks that the feedback should be offered, even if it's just informally in the Codes office during the next project.

Approval of Bills – **Resolution #2023-362:** On the motion of Trustee Zapata, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to pay the bills.

General Fund	Vouchers #590-631	Checks #27076-27117	\$133,130.84
Sewer Fund	Vouchers #109-115	Checks #7086-7092	\$137,590.71
Electric Fund	Vouchers #138-151	Checks #8266-8279	\$186,201.52
Water Fund	Vouchers #83-86	Checks #5265-5268	\$ 50,460.16

Executive Session – **Resolution #2023-363:** At 7:22 p.m., on the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Zapata, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to enter Executive Session on attorney/client advice.

Resolution #2023-364: At 8:43 p.m., on the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Zapata, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to come out of Executive Session.

Adjournment – **Resolution #2023-365:** On the motion of Trustee Lynn, seconded by Mayor Zapata, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.


Laurie A. Walter, Village Administrator/Clerk