

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2024

7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Sennett, Trustees Evans, Lynn, Richards and Zapata, and DMO Posella

**Others:** Jason Gabak\*  
Olivia Dunn  
Nick Nolan  
Claire Neumann  
Ella Arroyo

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101 Ramble Wood Drive  
1034 Butters Farm Lane

\*Attended via Microsoft Teams

**Minutes – Resolution #2024-11:** On the motion of Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Lynn, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2024, as presented.

**Correspondence & Announcements** – Mayor Sennett noted the following:

- Receipt of notice from Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium regarding annual audit.
- Receipt of email from Eileen Marrinan asking Codes questions.

Mayor Sennett highlighted that the Codes Department has expanded their hours to Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 to 3.

- Receipt of preliminary summary of Governor Hochul’s 2024-25 Executive Budget from NYCOM.
- Receipt of thank you email from Seth Kieffer.
- Receipt of email from Amy Roller regarding The Barrow Gallery walking tours.

Trustee Evans suggested that The Barrow Gallery have a conversation with The Historical Society about the potential for collaboration. Trustee Richards will be talking to Ms. Roller about this tomorrow.

- Receipt of email from Onondaga County regarding The Onondaga County Planning Federation's 35th Annual Planning Symposium will be held on March 13, 2024 at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown.
- Receipt of letter from Robert H. Gregory regarding a tree in front of his property on Genesee Street.
- Receipt of email regarding the Onondaga County Public Arts Project 2023-24 Grant.
- Receipt of notice of turbidity event.

Mayor Sennett said this was because of the wind storm and we are noticing residents as required.

### 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 gave a brief update.

### New Business

**Consider resolution regarding the Kelley Street Bridge Supplemental Agreement #2 with the DOT.**

**Resolution #2024-12:** On the motion of Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Lynn, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to adopt the following resolution approving the Kelley Street Bridge Supplemental Agreement #2 with the New York State Department of Transportation:

Authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal-aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds therefore.

WHEREAS, a Project for the Kelley St. over Skaneateles Creek Bridge Replacement, BIN

2257710, P.I.N. 3756.85, Comptroller's Contract No. D040328 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2021, the Village of Skaneateles adopted Resolution No. 2021-187, whereby it made a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of all Engineering, ROW and Construction phases; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Skaneateles desires to continuing advancing the Project by making a modified and renewed commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of all Engineering, ROW and Construction phases.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Village Board hereby approves the above-subject Project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor of Skaneateles to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of all Engineering, ROW and Construction phases for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$2,326,000.00 is hereby appropriated from --the Village general fund and other qualifying sources, and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Village of Skaneateles Board shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Mayor thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Skaneateles be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the Village of Skaneateles with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Consider approval of Change Order No. 1 – Blower Building Relocation for the WWTP Ammonia and TRC Removal Upgrades Project in the amount of \$16,552.66.**

DMO Posella said that this is the cost additional material because the building will be further away than originally planned.

**Resolution #2024-13:** On the motion of Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Zapata, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to approve the Change Order No. 1 – Blower Building Relocation for the WWTP Ammonia and TRC Removal Upgrades Project in the amount of \$16,552.66.

**Consider the Municipal Board's recommendation to appoint Lee Klosowski to the Municipal Board effective immediately.**

Trustee Evans said that Mr. Klosowski spoke with Chair Angellilo and Ms. McQuaid, has an impressive background, attended the Tuesday Municipal Board Meeting, and has a lot to offer.

**Resolution #2024-14:** On the motion of Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Richards, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to accept the Municipal Board's recommendation to appoint Lee Klosowski to the Municipal Board effective immediately.

**Public Comment** – Mayor Sennett asked for public comment:

Claire Neumann asked about the potential art installation. Trustee Zapata thanked her for her question and explained that we received the information today about the art grant so we are unsure at this point.

Ella Arroyo asked about the process for the art installation. Trustee Zapata said that the process depends on the type of project and what approvals are required. She spoke of the Planning and Zoning Boards and what levels of approval are needed by them depending on the project and where it is within the Village.

Mayor Sennett explained that the Board has the final say on considerations when they set resolutions. She wanted the students to understand that the resolutions that were set tonight were the formal approvals of the considered items.

DMO Posella said he met with Todd Marshall from the Polar Bear Plunge to check on whether there was space for his tent. DMO Posella told him they could set up their tent during the day tomorrow. Todd Marshall was concerned about people jumping the orange safety fence. DMO Posella will talk to Chief Heggelke tomorrow about a potential patrol. It is important that they do their best to monitor the event for safety.

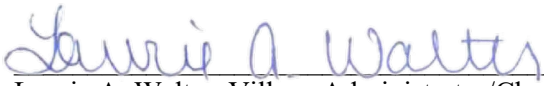
**Approval of Bills** – **Resolution #2024-15:** On the motion of Trustee Zapata, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to pay the bills.

General Fund	Checks #27000-27536	\$115,645.50
Sewer Fund	Checks #7200-7208	\$ 9,547.46
Electric Fund	Checks #8500-8510	\$142,842.40
Water Fund	Checks #5650-5657	\$ 9,556.17

**Executive Session** – **Resolution #2024-16:** At 7:25 p.m., on the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Lynn, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to enter Executive Session for Personnel.

**Resolution #2024-17:** At 8:36 p.m., on the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to come out of Executive Session.

**Adjournment** – **Resolution #2024-18:** On the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

  
Laurie A. Walter, Village Administrator/Clerk