

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2024

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Sennett, Trustees Evans, Lynn, Richards and Zapata, DMO Posella, DDMO Pagano, CEO Crompt, Police Chief Heggelke, SVFD Chief Buehler, WWTP Operator Twitchell* and Village Attorney Pavlus

Others: Jason Gabak*

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*Attended via Microsoft Teams

Public Hearing Local Law #1 of 2024 – Tax Cap

Mayor Sennett noted that this local law is required if the Village determines it is necessary to exceed the tax cap in the Village budget. It gives the Village flexibility.

Resolution #2024-19: On the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Zapata, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to open the public hearing.

There was no public comment.

Resolution #2024-20: On the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to close the public hearing.

Attorney Pavlus read a prepared resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, Subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of 60% of said governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Skaneateles adopted a resolution on January 11, 2024 scheduling a public hearing to consider Local Law # 1 of 2024 – tax cap override (the "Local Law"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Local Law is to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Village of Skaneateles to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law § 3-c; and

WHEREAS, following publication of notice in accordance with all legal requirements, the Village held a public hearing concerning the Local Law on February 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in satisfaction of the requirements of the New York Village Law and the New York Public Officers Law; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and its implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations"), with respect to the adoption of the Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby classifies the Local Law as a Type II Action under SEQRA involving the "adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions" as set forth in Section 617.5(c)(33) of the Regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby adopts the Local Law. and that henceforth it will be designated as Local Law # 1 of 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Resolution #2024-21: On the motion of Trustee Zapata, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to adopt the resolution as read.

Minutes – Resolution #2024-22: On the motion of Trustee Lynn, seconded by Trustee Richards, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2024, as presented.

Correspondence & Announcements – Mayor Sennett noted the following:

- Receipt of email from Rick Keyes regarding Military Tribute Banners.

Mayor Sennett said that Shotwell Park recognizes everyone and Trustee Zapata added that focus should stay on Shotwell Park's beautiful recognition of veterans.

- Receipt of revised Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency Uniform Tax Exemption Policy.
- Receipt of letter from Richard and Marian Marchand regarding Village actions during the power outage.
- Receipt of Skaneateles Education Program January Updates from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County.
- Receipt of email from Betsy Edinger regarding the Kambuyu Marimba playing at the gazebo this summer on Saturday, 7/6 at 3:30, or 7/7 as a rain date.

Discussion of the summer event schedule, including the DeSantis Orchestra will be tabled.

- Receipt of "Notice to File Annual Report" from the NY State Department of Public Service.
- Receipt of email from Maria DeSantis regarding DeSantis Orchestra gazebo concert date of August 18, 2024 at 1:30.

Police Department – Upon request by Mayor Sennett, Chief Heggelke noted that this year he will be discussing fees. He also reported the following: **Incident Types:** 221 Calls for Service; **Criminal:** 2 Larceny; 1 Domestic; **Non-Criminal:** 1662 Property Checks; 14 Ambulance Calls; 8 Fire Calls; 7 Alarms; 5 Recovered/Found Property; **Traffic:** 27 Total Traffic Stops; 11 Traffic Tickets Issued; 25 Total Parking Tickets; 150 Courtesy Cards; **Motor Vehicle Accidents:** 4 Property Damage; 2 Personal Injury; **Arrests:** 0.

Codes Enforcement – Mayor Sennett acknowledged that Codes Enforcement Officer Crompt submitted his report which included 3 Framing Inspections; 1 Window Flashing Inspection; 2 Insulation Inspections; 4 Final Inspections; 1 Fire Inspections; 9 Building Permits; 1 Demolition Permit; 1 Stop Work Order; 3 Meetings with Architects; 6 Meetings with Property Owners; 1 Meeting with Chairman. The following 2023 information was also included: 155 Building Permits for a total of \$54,102; 12 "Other" Permits (sign, demo, etc.) for a total of \$575; 8 Temporary and Final Certificates of Occupancy for a total of \$550; 67 Fire Inspections for a total of \$1,675. The total received by the Village was: \$56,902.

Operations – Upon Mayor Sennett's request, DMO Posella said he will be interviewing 4 qualified linemen. He also said that the Kelley Street bridge project is moving forward. A weight limit may be added to dissuade cars from passing over the bridge. DMO Posella also reported: **DPW** – Continues with the ongoing maintenance of the equipment; plowing as needed; Christmas tree removal. There was storm clean-up; holiday clean-up, support for Winterfest and the Polar Plunge and a lateral dig at 4 E. Genesee. **St. Electric** – Had a service installation/upgrade at 16 E. Austin; NEPPA safety classes; monitoring and replacing of streetlights; Lakeview Circle project work; meter changeouts; electric outage on January 9 and 10; and holiday decoration clean-up. **Water** – Dig Safe requests; UV alarms and troubleshooting; meter readings and repairs; turbidity sampling; bacteria sampling; hydrant winterization.

WWTP – In response to Mayor Sennett, WWTP Operator Twitchell reported that in January, they treated 25.3 million gallons of wastewater; average flow per day was .82 MGD; total rainfall was 8.36 inches; and hauled 37,800 gallons of sludge to the Auburn wastewater treatment plant. They performed all of the monthly maintenance on equipment; passed all of the monthly tests; and successfully filled out and submitted the monthly DMR to the DEC. They also had their annual DEC inspection with Jennifer Smith. They also borrowed a meter from Cyclops to try out on their sludge line. A locksmith will also be checking on the security of the plant.

Fire – In response to Mayor Sennett, Chief Buehler read his report which included the status on Engine 31, and that all the medical and AEDs will have annual maintenance on 2/26. He also said that tickets are now available from any firefighter or online at www.skaneatelesvfd.com for the High Stakes Money Drawing. The Annual Casino Night and High Stakes Money Drawing is scheduled for Saturday, 9/14 at Station #1.

Calls for the month of December: 50 Total Alarms; 2 Structure Fires; 1 Vehicle Fire; 8 EMS; 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents; 1 Extrication; 4 Hazardous Conditions; 10 Service Calls; 21 False Alarms; 2 Cancelled Enroute; 5 Mutual Aid Given; 15 Mutual Aid Received; 8.2 Avg. Personnel; 1:51 Avg. Enroute time; 5:28 Avg. On-scene Time; 1 Meetings; 2 Drills; 1 Training; 11 Miscellaneous; 1227 member hours.

Upcoming Trainings: 2/12 – Safety Meeting; 2/19 – Hydrants/Portable Ponds at 19:00; 2/16 – Ice Rescue at 19:00

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 said that this should be ready by the next meeting.

Consider approving The Barrow Gallery walking tours starting in May and continuing on a month-to-month basis.

Resolution #2024-23: On the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Zapata, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-1 in favor, with Trustee Evans voting no) to approve The Barrow Gallery walking tours starting in May and continue on a month-to-month basis for 2024.

New Business

Consider request from the Skaneateles Cares Car Club to use Clift Park this summer for the event “Cars by the Lake.”

Resolution #2024-24: On the motion of Trustee Lynn, seconded by Trustee Richards, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to approve the request from the Skaneateles Cares Car Club to use Clift Park this summer for the event “Cars by the Lake” for August 10, 2024 with the 11th as the rain date.

Consider authorizing a chosen staff member to access and use the Internet Government Solutions Equitable Business Opportunities System for Federally funded projects.

Attorney Pavlus explained that the Department of Transportation asked the Village Board to designate a person to access the Internet Government Solutions Equitable Business Opportunities System.

Resolution #2024-25: On the motion of Trustee Zapata, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to authorize Deputy Director of Municipal Operations Cosimo Pagano to access and use the Internet Government Solutions Equitable Business Opportunities System for Federally funded projects and adopt the prepared resolution as follows:

Authorizing the Deputy Director of Municipal Operations to access and use the Internet Government Solutions Equitable Business Opportunities System for Federally funded projects.

WHEREAS, NYSDOT has an Internet Government Solutions (IGS) Equitable Business Opportunities (EBO) System to track payments, participation in construction, consultant engineering and professional services pertaining to Federally funded projects; and

WHEREAS, the system allows for more efficiency in the monitoring and reporting aspects of Federally funded project(s); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Skaneateles oversees these projects and would benefit from accessing this system; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Cosimo Pagano, Deputy Director of Municipal Operations, is authorized and directed to access the NYSDOT IGS EBO system on behalf of the Village of Skaneateles; and

RESOLVED, that Cosimo Pagano is authorized to agree with the terms and conditions of access to the system set forth in the System User Agreement; and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Consider appointing Michael Strangeway as Lieutenant at \$40/hour effective immediately.

Resolution #2024-26: On the motion of Trustee Lynn, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to appoint Michael Strangeway as Lieutenant at \$40/hour effective immediately.

Consider the Tolling Agreement.

The Tolling Agreement is an agreement between the Town and Village to allow time for a solution to be found regarding the Austin Park plans.

Resolution #2024-27: On the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Lynn, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to authorize Mayor Sennett to sign the Tolling Agreement with the Town of Skaneateles.

Public Comment – Mayor Sennett asked for public comment:

Trustee Lynn met with a sculptor to discuss initial ideas about an installation in the park in front of Village Hall.

It was also noted that the new logo is approved and the Village will get the trucks outfitted with them in the new budget.

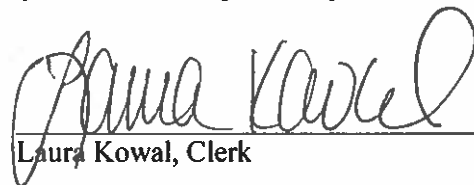
Approval of Bills – **Resolution #2024-28:** On the motion of Trustee Zapata, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to pay the bills.

General Fund	Checks #27537-27589	\$ 59,122.33
Sewer Fund	Checks #7211-7219	\$ 25,887.34
Electric Fund	Checks #8511-8518	\$ 1,298.49
Water Fund	Checks #5658-5662	\$ 2,245.35

Executive Session – **Resolution #2024-29:** At 7:55 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 #2024-30: At 8:25 p.m., on the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-0 in favor) to come out of Executive Session (Trustee Zapata left during executive session).

Adjournment – **Resolution #2024-31:** On the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Lynn, it was resolved and unanimously carried (4-0 in favor) to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.


Laura Kowal, Clerk