

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2021

7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Sennett, Trustees Eriksen, Evans, Lynn, and Zapata, Fire Chief Buehler, Police Chief Heggelke, WWTP Operator Twitchell\*, CEO Cromp and Village Attorney Pavlus

**Others:**

Jason Gabak*	Skaneateles PRESS Editor
Shawn Luce	2689 Pine Grove Rd.
Braden Parker	3256 Center St. Rd.
Matthew Domino	3547 Lost Hollow Rd.
Holly Teasdale-Edwards	12 Calemad Dr.
Fiona Foley	3809 Highland Ave.
Hannah Barkley	193 E. Genesee St.
Zoe Barkley	193 E. Genesee St.
Brady Guy	3665 Fisher Rd.
Nolan Gryzlo	3665 Fisher Rd.

\*Attended via Microsoft Teams

**Minutes – Resolution #2021-283:** On the motion of Trustee Eriksen, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to approve the minutes from the Operations Meeting of November 22, 2021 and Regular Meeting of November 23, 2021.

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

- Receipt of email/mail regarding the marijuana legislation from:
  - Norma Ferris
  - Clara Clark (Mrs. Doug)
  - Patricia and Gerald Carroll

Mayor Sennett said she is pleased to see community engagement and appreciates that anyone who has written has signed their name.

- Receipt of letter from Eastern Shore Associates Insurance introducing the NYMIR (New York State Municipal Insurance Reciprocal) insurance program.
- Receipt of email from Faridoon Razzaq of the NY Department of Transportation Central NY Region regarding a non-structural bridge observation.
- Receipt of email from Susan Fox regarding making the Village more bike friendly.

**\* Other Matters That Have Come Before the Board since Posting the Agenda\***

- Receipt of email/mail regarding the marijuana legislation from:
  - Harry & Maria Dunham
  - Kira Fiutak
  - Mary Purington
  - Bonnie Cunningham
  - Jim and Sheila Ryder
  - Larry Keough
  - Joseph Morley
  - Andrew Hagen
  - Marlene Billhardt
  - Jane Downs
  - Doreen and Harvey Simmons
  - Clara Clark (2<sup>nd</sup> letter)
  - Mark Cahill
  - Mary Tucker
  - Kevin Hayes
  - David Bean
  - Lawrence Palmieri
  - Audrey Clark
  - Nancy and Guido van der Ven
  - Nancy Cannucciari
  - Susan Wolstenholme
  - Mary Gardner
  - Alan Dolmatch
  - Carrie Scholz
  - Sandi Frackenpohl
  - Dessa Bergen
  - Stacy and Jay Seiler
  - Ellen O'Shea
  - Mark and Amy Marsden (2<sup>nd</sup> letter)

**Police Department** – Mayor Sennett also noted we received the Police Department monthly report for November 2021 that was emailed and Chief Heggelke noted that a new category has been added. There were a couple of new death cases. All is well with Dickens so far. Mayor Sennett said she saw officer McGinn yesterday and said he worked the weekend and talked to a lot of people. She said she appreciates the officers on the street. Chief Heggelke reported the following: **Incident Types:** 197 Calls for Service; **Criminal:** 1 Larceny; 3 Domestic; 3 Harassment; **Non-Criminal:** 1 Vehicle Lockout; 937 Property Checks; 12 Ambulance Calls; 5 Fire Calls; 2 Alarms; 1 Recovered/Found Property; 2 Dead Bodies; **Traffic:** 26 Total Traffic Stops; 13 Traffic Tickets Issued; 65 Total Parking Tickets; 97 Courtesy Cards; **Motor Vehicle Accidents:** 6 Property Damage; 1 Personal Injury; **Arrests:** 0.

**Codes Enforcement** – Upon Mayor Sennett’s request, CEO Crompt said they had a very busy end of October, beginning of November and that it has been a banner year for the Village. Mayor Sennett acknowledged that Codes Enforcement Officer Crompt submitted his report which included 4 Footer Inspections; 1 Foundation Inspections; 7 Framing Inspections; 1 Insulation Inspections; 17 Final Inspections; 12 Fire Inspections; 1 Certificate of Occupancy; 2 Certificates of Compliance; 9 Building Permits; 1 Demolition Permit; 1 Demolition Permit; 4 Violation Letters; 3 Complaint Investigations; 1 Meetings with Attorneys; 3 Meetings with Architects; 4 Meetings with Homeowners.

**WWTP** – In response to Mayor Sennett, WWTP Operator Twitchell said the plant has been running well, we passed the tests, with help of Marty Hubbard and one of his employees the aerators are running correctly. It will take some testing to see what kind of effect they have on the lagoon. Cyclops coming tomorrow to finish phase 2 of the communications down there. They should be coming maybe around 9. Otherwise, the blowers have been ordered and are due in February. In November, they treated 19.4 million gallons of wastewater; average flow per day was .65 MGD; total rainfall was 3.4 inches; and hauled 36,268 gallons of sludge to the Auburn wastewater treatment plant.

**Fire** – In response to Mayor Sennett, Chief Buehler read his report. ISO has approved Skaneateles Lake and the reservoirs next to school as static water source. All members are in the process of receiving their annual physical examinations to maintain their firefighting status. The Cancer Bill Eligibility Roster and other cancer documentation has been submitted. The Chief’s old vehicle is at the body shop getting repaired.

**Calls for the month of November:** 35 Total Alarms; 1 Structure Fires; 7 EMS; 4 Motor Vehicle Accidents; 2 Extrication; 3 Hazardous Condition; 3 Service Calls; 1 Good Intent Call; 13 False Alarms; 3 Cancelled Enroute; 6 Mutual Aid Given; 13 Mutual Aid Received; 8.1 Avg. Personnel; 2:01 Avg. Enroute time; 5:23 Avg. On-scene Time; 1 Meetings; 5 Drills; 0 Training; 4 Miscellaneous; 2 Stand-by, 599.1 member hours.

**Upcoming Trainings:** 12/13 – Annual Bail-out Training at 19:00; 12/20 – Arson Awareness for Firefighters, CMEs for EMTs at 19:00; 12/27 – Movie Night at 18:00

Trustee Zapata also announced that on December 18 Santa will make his rounds through the Village on the fire truck.

Mayor Sennett addressed the students who attended the meeting noting that we are very lucky to have a police department that is here 24/7. This is an amazing service. We have a fire department that is on-call. They put in a significant amount of time to keep residents safe and help people. She encouraged community service in some way.

## **Old Business**

**Status of ZBA vacancy** – Trustee Eriksen reported he is in touch with a candidate and hope to schedule an interview soon.

New Business

**Consider \$6,670 quote submitted by Electric Superintendent Pete Reap from T&R Electric for a replacement transformer.**

**Resolution #2021-284:** On the motion of Trustee Zapata, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to accept the quote and approve the purchase of a replacement transformer from T&R Electric for \$6,670.

**Consider Memorandum of Agreement with CSEA, Local 1000 pertaining to vacation time for CSEA union members.**

Mayor Sennett stated that the Village has offered non-union new office members vacation after 6 months' vacation and would like to be able to offer the same to new benefit for new staff union members. Trustee Zapata is happy that everyone is happy.

**Resolution #2021-285:** On the motion of Trustee Evans, seconded by Trustee Lynn, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to authorize Mayor Sennett's signature on the Memorandum of Agreement with CSEA, Local 1000 pertaining to vacation time for CSEA union members.

**Public Comment** – Mayor Sennett asked for public comment and Trustee Eriksen spoke, as summarized below, taking the opportunity to make a statement in advance of the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting where the questions around whether the Village of Skaneateles will choose to opt in or opt out of the marijuana dispensaries and/or on-site consumption will be considered.

Trustee Eriksen seconded Mayor Sennett's appreciation for the signed letters that have been submitted regarding the pending decisions. He noted that many of the concerns around the opt in option are regarding the current lack of state regulations asking that future correspondence of this type specify areas of concern noting what regulations they would like to understand before making the decision.

Trustee Eriksen also made a brief comment around an ad placed in this week's paper by a special interest group. The Board has no way of knowing if anonymous statements are made by their constituents. These statements also make it difficult to know how many people support a particular statement. In order to make a collective decision, it is important that the Village residents and Board are able to communicate. Trustee Eriksen encouraged people to move past anonymity in the future.

Thanks to Trustee Eriksen were given by Mayor Sennett, Trustee Lynn, and Trustee Zapata.

Trustee Zapata also noted that the public hearings regarding dispensaries and onsite consumption will be held at the next Village Board meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup>. A full house is expected at that meeting so residents are encouraged to dial into the Teams meeting. If you choose to attend in person masks will be required. If you are concerned about crowds or wearing a mask, we encourage you attend on Teams. You can even use your camera so people can see you. More information will be available on our Facebook page and web site.

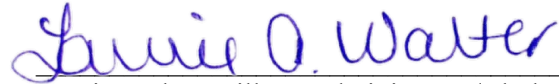
**Approval of Bills** – **Resolution #2021-286:** On the motion of Trustee Zapata, seconded by Trustee Evans, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to pay the bills.

General Fund	Vouchers #518-565	Checks #24835-24882	\$102,744.12
Electric Fund	Vouchers #139-151	Checks #7680-7692	\$8,947.72
Water Fund	Vouchers #66-74	Checks #4943-4951	\$8,841.25
Sewer Fund	Vouchers #97-108	Checks #6663-6674	\$8,579.49

**Executive Session** – **Resolution #2021-287:** At 7:24 p.m., on the motion of Mayor Sennett, seconded by Trustee Eriksen, it was resolved and unanimously carried (5-0 in favor) to enter Executive Session on

personnel and attorney/client advice. **Resolution #2021-288:** At 8:34 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 #2021-289:** 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 8:34 p.m.



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Laurie Walter, Village Administrator/Clerk