



July 2, 2018

**CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**City Council Room**  
**7:00 PM**

- 6:10 PM P.H. – Amend Chapter 225 – Bike Lane  
6:40 PM P.H. – Amend Chapter 148 – Noise  
6:50 PM P.H. – Amend Chapter 240 and Chapter 118 – Enforcement Powers  
6:55 PM P.H. – Amend Chapter 225 – Parking Joseph St and Stop Sign at Union, Adelphi and Finlay

**7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**SALUTE TO FLAG**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD / 15 MINUTES**

**PRESENTATION**

1. Charter Review Update

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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2. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Contract with the Saratoga Springs Public Library
3. Discussion and Vote: Civil Service Commission Appointment
4. Appointments: Downtown Special Assessment District
5. Proclamations: Design Review Commission Retirements
6. Announcement: Schedule for August 21, 2018 City Council Meeting

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**SUPERVISORS**

Matt Veitch

1. Saratoga County Capital Resource Corporation
2. Saratoga County Law Library Annual Report
3. Galway Supervisor Paul Lent
4. July 17, 2018 City Council Meeting

Tara Gaston

1. Nothing at this time.

**ADJOURN**



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**PRESENT:** Meg Kelly, Mayor  
Michele Madigan, Commissioner of Finance  
John Franck, Commissioner of Accounts  
Anthony Scirocco, Commissioner of DPW  
Peter Martin, Commissioner of DPS

**STAFF PRESENT:** Lisa Shields, Deputy Mayor  
Mike Sharp, Deputy Commissioner, Finance  
Maire Masterson, Deputy Commissioner, Accounts  
Joe O'Neill, Deputy Commissioner, DPW  
John Daley, Deputy Commissioner, DPS

Vincent DeLeonardis

Matthew Veitch, Supervisor

**EXCUSED:** Tara Gaston, Supervisor

**RECORDING OF PROCEEDING**

The proceedings of this meeting were taped for the benefit of the secretary. Because the minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings, the minutes are not a word-for-word transcript.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Amend Chapter 225 – Bike Lane

Mayor Kelly opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Commissioner Martin advised this is to amend chapter 225 of the City Code to add bike lanes on Lake Avenue. They have been told by the city attorney that they may not have to amend the code to add the bike lanes, however; he is keeping this public hearing to hear what the public has to say.

Erin Conklin of North Street stated she and her children bike 4 – 5 times a week. They are excited that they would have more possibilities to bike to other locations.

Bill Boehmke of Sustainable Saratoga read a message into the record (attached).

Greg Redling of Saratoga PLAN stated he is here to support the City accepting funds for a traffic and engineering study for bike accommodations on Lake Avenue. They would like to see a plan for safety for cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers.

Douglas Meyer of Saratoga Springs and part of the Greenbelt Trail Committee stated they are encouraging the Council to get to final plans. He read letters into the record from the principal of (attached)

Peter Goudos of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Firecracker Race stated this race supports the Greenbelt Trail. It is important to take a paced and measured approach.

Molly Gagne of Saratoga Springs stated she saw a poster today advertising bike benefits and perks that come with biking to downtown businesses. She referenced the e-mail she sent to the Council (attached) and read part of an article from the Times Union regarding striping of bike lanes in Albany.

Joanne Klepetar, Patrice Carroll, and Matt Hoctor, read a letter that went to all the commissioners and the mayor (copy attached).

Ted Oris, member of the Complete Streets Advisory Board stated the Board supports the addition of complete streets and traffic calming across the City. They look forward to working with the Council and staff

Todd Shimkus of Saratoga Springs and president of Saratoga county Chamber stated they reached out to AAA and Blue Sky Cycles to promote videos to teach drivers and cyclists what they need to do to be safe.

Kathryn Hover of Saratoga Springs stated she is excited to have this moving forward. They are excited to be involved as a business owner.

Dillon Moran of 177 Lake Avenue stated he believes the bike lanes on Lake Avenue will address safety issues and will help decrease the speeds on Lake Avenue. He appreciates the Council taking a look at this issue.

Jen Hunt, communication director of Waldorf School stated their older children and a lot of faculty ride to work. They welcome the bike lanes on Lake Avenue.

Darlene McGraw of Saratoga Springs stated the plan for the bike lanes on Lake Avenue is a great plan. We need the bike lanes as the bikers will take up the lane if they don't have their own.

Ken Gray of Saratoga Springs thanked the Council for doing a lot of listening. Everyone has heard the challenges; we want it to be safe. The chance to expand and bring us into other communities is a great opportunity.

Erin Marciel of Saratoga Springs stated she is encouraged with the Council's support of the bike lanes.

Colin Klepetar of Saratoga Springs stated bike lanes do make it safer for bicyclists and cars.

Mayor Kelly concluded the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. and left it open.

#### Amend Chapter 148 – Noise

Mayor Kelly opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Commissioner Martin stated this amendment will change the maximum level of noise from 90 decibels to 85 on week nights (Sunday through Thursday). There is also a correction that defines weekends mean Friday and Saturday nights.

Dillon Moran of Saratoga Springs stated he is one of the people that approached Commissioner Martin about this. He has skin in this from every angle; local resident, local business owner, and local musician.

Mayor Kelly closed the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.

Amend Chapter 240 and Chapter 118 – Enforcement Powers

Mayor Kelly opened the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.

Commissioner Martin stated this amendment will allow the code enforcement officers to enforce the building code. This will help with efficiencies and will be backed by an internal memorandum between the Public Safety Office and the Mayor's Office.

No one spoke.

Mayor Kelly concluded the public hearing at 6:51 p.m. and left it open.

Amend Chapter 225 – Parking Joseph St. and Stop Sign at Union, Adelphi and Finley

Mayor Kelly opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

Commissioner Martin stated the amendment to this chapter includes making the intersection of Union, Adelphi and Finley a 4 –way stop. The amendment will also address the removal of parking spaces on Joseph Street and Empire Way.

No one spoke.

Mayor Kelly concluded the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. and left it open.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Madigan asked for a moment of silence for Amy Raimo who passed away over the weekend. She was the executive director of the Saratoga Hospital Foundation and Vice-President of Community Engagement. The Saratoga Springs community is a better place because of her and she will be missed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mayor Kelly said the public comment period is limited to a total of 15 minutes and individuals are limited to two minutes.**

Mayor Kelly opened the public comment period at 7:02 p.m.

Darlene McGraw of Saratoga Springs stated she doesn't see a big recycling initiative in the City. She feels people should be forced to recycle.

Mayor Kelly closed the public comment period at 7:05 p.m.

## PRESENTATION

### Charter Review Commission Update

Vince DeLeonardis, city attorney and chair of the Charter Review Commission stated they held their 9<sup>th</sup> meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>. They reviewed responses received from the public, employees, former commissioners, and former mayors. The information received was consistent with the direction they were finding they were headed. The information confirmed the following:

- Moving the capital program to the Finance Department.
- Moving the Recreation Department to DPW.
- Risk and Safety and HR will be in the Legal Department
- There is no momentum for changing the terms from 2 years to 4 years or instituting term limits.
- There is interest in increasing the terms of the County Supervisors from 2 years to 4 years with alternating elections.

The upcoming meetings are as follows:

- 7/11/18 - regular meeting at 3 p.m.
- 7/19/18 - workshop from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 7/25/18 – regular meeting at 3 p.m.
- 7/31/18 – regular meeting at 3 p.m.
- 8/14/18 - regular meeting at 3 p.m.
- 8/28/18 - regular meeting at 3 p.m.
- 8/21/18 – public forum to be held during the City Council meeting

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to accept the consent agenda as follows:**

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**Ayes – All**

## MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Approval for Saratoga PLAN to Apply to 2018 Saratoga County Trails Grant Program on Behalf of City (18-210)

Brad Birge explained this is an opportunity for the City to authorize Saratoga PLAN to apply for a grant on behalf of the City. This is a matching grant not to exceed \$10,000 for a bridge in Bog Meadow Trails.

**Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Martin seconded to approve Saratoga PLAN to apply to 2018 Saratoga County Trails Grant Program on behalf of the City.**

**Ayes – All**

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Contract with the Saratoga Springs Public Library (18-211)

Mayor Kelly advised the Recreation Department will provide a learn to skateboard program.

**Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with the Saratoga Springs Public Library as attached to the agenda.**

**Ayes – All**

Discussion and Vote: Civil Service Commission Appointment (18-212)

Mayor Kelly advised she is re-appointing Paul Kisselbrack effective May 31, 2018 – May, 31, 2024.

**Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to approve the appointment of Paul Kisselbrack to the Civil Service Commission.**

**Ayes – All**

Appointments: Downtown Special Assessment District

Mayor Kelly appointed the following people to the Downtown Special Assessment District: Rod Sutton and Amy Smith.

Proclamations: Design Review Commission Retirements

Mayor Kelly read the following proclamations into the record:

**A PROCLAMATION  
OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Saratoga Springs is bestowed with a significant historic and architectural legacy including more than 1,000 properties listed on the New York State and National registers of historic places, and four National Historic Landmarks; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has created and designated the Design Review Commission as the entity to protect, maintain and enhance these historic resources. Our City has long been recognized as a leader in historic preservation in New York State due, in no small part, to the efforts and guidance of the Design Review Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Steven Rowland was first appointed to the Design Review Commission by Mayor Michael Lenz in 2004. Since then, Steven has served on the Design Review Commission for more than 16 years and during the tenure of six Mayors, including serving as Vice Chair of the Commission for five years and more than eight years as Commission Chair; and

**WHEREAS**, Steven recently announced his intent to retire as a regular member of the Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Meg Kelly, Mayor of City of Saratoga Springs, hereby recognize the expertise, commitment, and leadership that Steven Rowland has provided the community and fellow Commission members throughout his tenure, and I join with my fellow Saratogians in expressing our gratitude for the countless hours of volunteer service that Steven Rowland has provided the City and for his dedication, assistance and generosity that has contributed to the betterment of the City of Saratoga Springs.

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**WHEREAS**, Richard Martin was first appointed to the Design Review Commission by Mayor A.C. Riley in 1990. Since then Rich has demonstrated exemplary dedication to the community and to the Design Review Commission in his service of more than 25 years. He has earned the distinction of being the longest serving member of the Design Review Commission and has served during the tenure of eight consecutive Mayors.

**WHEREAS**, Rich recently announced his intent to retire as a regular member of the Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Meg Kelly, Mayor of the City of Saratoga Springs, hereby recognize the significant contribution that Richard Martin has provided the community and fellow Commission members through his expertise, his fair-minded approach, his good humor and generosity, and I join with my fellow Saratogians in expressing our gratitude for the countless hours of volunteer

service that Richard Martin has provided the City and for his dedication, assistance and generosity that has contributed to the betterment of the City of Saratoga Springs.

Announcement: Schedule for August 21, 2018 City Council Meeting

Mayor Kelly announced the Charter Review Commission is going to hold their second public forum as a part of the regular City Council meeting. The Council meeting will begin an hour earlier at 6 p.m. and the public forum will begin after the public comment period.

**ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT**

Award of Bid: Finance Department Renovations architectural/Engineering Services to Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects, LLP (18-213)

**Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to award the bid for the Finance Department Renovations for Architectural/Engineering Services to Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects, LLP in the amount not to exceed \$78,280 and amend the excess insurance limits of \$3 million dollars.**

**Ayes - All**

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Agreement with Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects, LLP to Perform Architectural and Engineering Services for the Finance Department Renovation Project (18-214)

**Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects, LLP for architectural and engineering services for the Finance Department Renovations for \$78,280 plus reimbursable expenses in the amount not to exceed \$1,000.**

**Ayes – All**

Discussion and Vote: Standard Workday Resolution (18-215)

Commissioner Madigan stated the standard workday resolution was updated and distributed with the agenda. The resolution is for Margaret Kelly, Michele Madigan, Peter Martin, John Franck, Vince DeLeonardis, Lisa Shields, Michael Sharp, Joe O'Neill, John Daley, and Maire Materson to properly have their retirement calculated.

**Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Martin seconded to approve the standard workday resolution as circulated with the agenda.**

**Ayes – All**

Discussion and Vote: Accept Donations on Behalf of the Downtown Special Assessment District for Way Finding Signage (18-216)

Commissioner Madigan advised the following donations were received: \$390 from Embrace the Race, \$140 from Pro Nails, \$400 from Impressions of Saratoga, \$90 from Saratoga Community Federal Credit Union, \$100 from the Adelphi Hotel Partners, \$100 from Salt and Char, \$4,643 from Saratoga Springs City Center for a total donation of \$5,863.



**Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Martin seconded to accept the donations on behalf of the Downtown Special Assessment District for Way Finding signage as previously distributed and uploaded with the agenda.**

**Ayes - All**

Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendment – Payroll (18-217)

**Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to approve the budget amendment – payroll as previously circulated with the agenda.**

**Ayes – All**

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll and Benefits (18-218)

**Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to approve the budget transfers – payroll and benefits as previously submitted with the agenda.**

**Ayes – All**

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Contract with Schnabel Engineering of New York for the Loughberry Lake Dam Project (18-219)

Commissioner Scirocco explained this is for the next phase of the project which includes design and negotiation and permitting.

**Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a agreement with Schnabel Engineering of New York for the Loughberry Lake Dam Project in the amount of \$789,970.**

**Ayes – All**

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Contract with Grant Street Construction, Inc. for the Waste Water Pump Station Upgrades (18-220)

Commissioner Scirocco explained this is for the sanitary waste water pump station upgrades. Each station has exceeded its lifespan.

**Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Grant Street Construction, Inc. for the waste water pump station upgrade project in the amount of \$619,000.**

**Ayes – All**

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Agreement Addendum #8 with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. for the Ballston Avenue Traffic Improvement Project (18-221)

Franck recused himself as he owns property on Ballston Avenue. He left the room at the vote.

Commissioner Scirocco explained this is for the review of additional construction claims by Bast Hatfield and recommendations to the City to avoid potential litigation. The project was completed 2 years ago but the contracture has submitted for additional funds.

**Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to authorize the mayor to sign agreement addendum #8 with Greenman-Pedersen for the Ballston Avenue Traffic Improvement Project in the amount of \$10,154.70.**

**Ayes – All**

Discussion and vote: Establish Step & Longevity for DPW Purchasing Coordinator (18-222)

Commissioner Scirocco explained the person qualified for this position was working at an engineering assistant at a grade 11. Moving to this position would be a decrease in pay for this person. To rectify the situation, he is asking for approve to have this person start at grade 13 step 6. The employee has agreed to increase their hours from 33 per week to 40 per week.

**Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to upgrade the DPW purchasing coordinator to be a step 6. This would be effective July 9, 2018. The employees corresponding longevity date would continue to be July 1, 2002.**

**Ayes – All**

Set Public Hearing: Amend 2018 Capital Budget for the Katrina Trask Gateway Projects

Commissioner Scirocco set a public hearing for Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 6:55 p.m.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Renewal Affiliation Agreement with Hudson Valley Community College (18-223)

Commissioner Martin advised this is a revenue contract where the City provides training for Hudson Valley Community College's training program.

**Commissioner Martin moved and Commissioner Franck seconded that the mayor be authorized to sign the affiliation agreement for furnishing clinical experience to EMT/Paramedic students which is attached to this agenda item.**

**Ayes – All**

Appointment: Erin Maciel to the Complete Streets Advisory Board

Commissioner Martin appointed Erin Maciel to the Complete Streets Advisory Board.

Discussion and Vote: Accept Funds from the New York State Department of Transportation for a Multi-Modal Project for the Purpose of Conducting Surveying & Engineering, and Installation of Signage to Facilitate Bicycle Lanes on Lake Avenue (18-224)

Commissioner Martin advised NYSDOT has made up to \$50,000 available in funds for this purpose.

**Commissioner Martin moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to accept funds from the New York State Department of Transportation for this multi-modal project for the purpose of conducting, surveying, and engineering, and installation of signage to facilitate bicycle lanes on Lake Avenue.**

Commissioner Scirocco asked if an RFP should be done before the money is accepted as this may not be enough money.

Commissioner Martin advised the RFP will follow after they have these funds.

Commissioner Scirocco advised this may not be enough money. Also, the money needs to be in their budget as it is a reimbursable grant.

Commissioner Martin stated they have a strong belief they will be able to get engineering done for less than the \$50,000 grant. They have money in their budget to pay for this.

Commissioner Scirocco verified this is for bike lanes specifically on Lake Avenue.

Commissioner Martin advised that was correct.

Commissioner Scirocco stated he is troubled by the fact no RFP was done to take this money on.

Commissioner Martin stated they are not taking the money on before they do the project. They are doing the project first. He has confidence they will be able to get engineering services for less than \$50,000.

Commissioner Madigan stated this is how they handle a grant like this. They need to amend the budget, which they have done through the Consent Agenda and this item. The City has plenty of cash flow to make a \$50,000 revenue line item and do have access to \$200,000 through complete streets.

Commissioner Scirocco stated he can't support this as they are not following the process.

**Ayes – 4**

**Nays – 1 (Commissioner Scirocco)**

Discussion and Vote: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York Supporting the Installation of Bicycle Lanes on City Streets in Saratoga Springs (18-225)

**Commissioner Martin moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK SUPPORTING THE INSTALLATION OF BICYCLE LANES ON LAKE AVENUE BETWEEN REGENT STREET AND HENNING ROAD**

Be it resolved, by the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York as follows:

**WHEREAS, this body adopted the City of Saratoga Springs' Complete Streets Plan in 2016, with the goal of making travel safer for all modes of transportation; and**

**WHEREAS, We as a City Council believe in the benefits of improving our city's transportation infrastructure for all modes of transportation; and**

**WHEREAS, Major corridors into the heart of Saratoga Springs, connecting its greenbelt to its downtown and bringing travelers into our city; and**

**WHEREAS, many bicyclists currently ride on city streets without the safety benefits of designated bicycle lanes; and**

**WHEREAS, Bicycle lanes on our streets will provide numerous benefits to the community; and**

**WHEREAS, The city has been fortunate to attain a state grant to fund an engineering study and survey to make this project possible;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT IS RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs supports the installation and signage of bicycle lanes as recommended in Section 3.1 of the 2016 Saratoga Springs Complete Streets Plan.**

Commissioner Scirocco stated he supports the Complete Street Plan but feels this resolution is redundant of the plan. The letter from the state indicates the money is for Lake Avenue only. He is going to support this because he supports the Complete Streets Plan.

Mayor Kelly stated there is community wide support of bike-able and walk-able neighborhoods. An engineering firm can now be selected through our purchasing process. She challenged the Council to

establish a clear process for building a network of bike lanes and trails throughout the City. This was a process problem throughout the bike lane on Lake Avenue.

Commissioner Madigan thanked Commissioner Martin for his work on this and hopes to see more of this on the west side.

Commissioner Franck stated we have in the past accepted grant funding before doing an RFP.

Mayor Kelly stated again that she feels the process is really broken. They could have started this in April when the letter was received. She is on board and talked it out with Commissioner Martin and they are going to move forward. Her biggest problem was the process.

Commissioner Madigan asked if the engineering services don't cost the full \$50,000 could they use the difference for another piece of the project.

Commissioner Martin advised he is going to have the RFP ask for alternatives as there are many complete street applications that can be made on Lake Avenue such as crosswalks.

Commissioner Madigan reminded everyone there is \$200,000 available to be used in complete streets.

Commissioner Scirocco stated the grant was originally applied for from Circular Street to Weibel Avenue. It changed to from Regent Street to Henning; that raised concern for him. The letter is specific; it is for Lake Avenue only.

#### **Ayes – All**

#### Discussion and Vote: Amend Chapter 148 of the City Code, Noise with Respect to Noise on Sunday through Thursday Nights (18-226)

Commissioner Martin advised they received complaints regarding noise on the east side.

The ordinance is as follows:

#### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 148 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY, ENTITLED "NOISE"

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs, NY, as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 148-4 (C) of the Code of the City of Saratoga Springs, NY, entitled "Noise – Specific Acts Deemed Unreasonable Noise" is hereby amended as follows (new material underlined, old material in brackets):

C. In any nonresidential zoning district, the use of any device for the amplification of sound in the following manner:

1. [Monday through Friday:] Sunday through Thursday:
  - (a) Daytime: between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight, in such a manner as to generate an instantaneous sound-pressure level of [90] 85 decibels (dBA) or greater, as measured from any point along the boundary line of the real property on which the sound pressure is generated.
  - (b) Nighttime: between the hours of 12:00 midnight (1:00 a.m. for Sunday) and 8:00 a.m. either outdoors or inside a building or structure so as to allow the amplified sound to be clearly and distinctly heard outside such building or structure.
2. [Saturday and Sunday] Friday and Saturday:
  - (a) Daytime: between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. the following day in such a manner as to generate an instantaneous sound-pressure level of 90 decibels (dBA) or greater, as measured from any point along the boundary line of the real property on which the sound pressure is generated.
  - (b) Nighttime: between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. either outdoors or inside a building or structure so as to allow the amplified sound to be clearly and distinctly heard outside such building or structure.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect the day after publication as provided by the City Charter of the City of Saratoga Springs, NY.

**Commissioner Martin moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to amend chapter 148 of the City Code – noise with respect to noise on Sunday through Thursday nights pursuant to the resolution that is attached as a part of this agenda.**

**Ayes - All**

## **SUPERVISORS**

### **Matt Veitch**

#### Saratoga County Capital Resource Corporation

Supervisor Veitch reported they approved the bond for the Hudson Headwaters Network for new construction of a facility in Moreau. The bond is for up to \$9 million dollars. They also set aside \$40,000 for grants for the Capital Resource Corporation.

#### Saratoga County Law Library Annual Report

Supervisor Veitch reported the hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. – 3:45 .pm. on weekdays. They have looked at several locations and will announce the new location once decided upon.

#### Galway Supervisor Paul Lent

Supervisor Veitch reported Supervisor Paul Lent passed away. He had been supervisor since 2014.

#### July 17, 2018 City Council Meeting

Supervisor Veitch reported he will not be here for that meeting.

### **Tara Gaston**

Nothing at this time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis  
Clerk

Approved: 7/17/18  
Vote: 5 - 0

CC: 7/2/18



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**STATEMENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 2, 2018 AT THE PUBLIC HEARING  
ON AMENDING CHAPTER 225 RE: BIKE LANES ON LAKE AVENUE**

**Bill Boehmke, Vice Chair of Sustainable Saratoga**

Sustainable Saratoga is dedicated to promoting sustainable practices and protecting the natural resources in Saratoga Springs for current and future generations. It is with this mission in mind that we have long supported initiatives that work towards improving the safety and accessibility of public, pedestrian, and bicycle transportation in and around Saratoga Springs.

Improvements in our city's bicycling infrastructure will help to promote and encourage bicycling in the community, which has many benefits to the environment, public health, and the economic vitality of the community. In addition, by creating safer bicycle opportunities, the City will be encouraging more residents and visitors to reach their destination on bikes rather than automobiles which helps to reduce congestion in our inner core, reduces parking demands, reduces pollution and strengthens local economies. It is through these benefits and many more that Sustainable Saratoga believes that well-designed bicycle lanes on Lake Avenue are a huge benefit for the entire community and supporting this investment will make Lake Avenue safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.

We don't have to look too far to see how busy streets can be calmed through adding bicycle lanes. Just recently the City of Albany completed some traffic calming measures on Madison Avenue by adding bicycle lanes on both sides. Madison Avenue is much more heavily traveled than Lake Avenue and serves as a good example of how bike lanes can be an improvement.

In addition, Sustainable Saratoga wants to recognize the steps that the City Council has taken over the past few years to support pedestrian, bicycle, and public transportation by unanimously approving the Complete Streets Plan. Included in this framework are guidelines for improving the safety, connectivity and access of bicycle infrastructure in the City and, more specifically, it identified the implementation of bicycle lanes on Lake Avenue as a goal. In addition to unanimously approving the Complete Streets Plan, the City Council unanimously approved the Greenbelt Trail Plan which also advances these ideas. As a result of these initiatives, and embracing the more recent bike share program, Sustainable Saratoga and its supporters are confident that the City Council will continue to support these ideals by amending the City Code and accepting the funding to take the next steps to make bicycle lanes on Lake Avenue a reality.



We would also like to applaud the City Council for their open and transparent process as we truly are at our best when we have an engaged and active community. We recognize that there has been some misinformation surrounding this project, which is not even in the design phase yet, but we are confident that by amending the code and accepting the grant funding, the City will be able to work with experts in the field to create a design that meets the needs of the community and will be safe for all users.

In closing, Sustainable Saratoga would like to thank you all for the opportunity to address the Council as we support moving forward with designing bike lanes for Lake Avenue. If approved, we encourage the Council to work together with transportation experts, planners, and engineers to come up with the best design for this route. While parking and traffic are two concerns, we believe a comprehensive design process can result in safe bikeable access for our community.



From: **Marty Shields** mshields@bouchey.com  
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CC: 7/2/18  
via Douglas Meyer

To Whom it May Concern,

I attend Mass at St. Clements church and taught faith formation at the church for four years. We have three teenage children and we are big supporters of adding a bike lane to Lake Ave. With automobile traffic in the city continuing to increase, it is more important than ever to promote bike riding as a form of transportation and exercise. From my experience of riding in other cities that have dedicated bike lanes, they are a great way to increase bike ridership and rider safety. The visitors who come to Saratoga Springs and the residents who live here, expect our city to offer safe biking routes throughout the city. I think the bike lane would be a great addition to continue to improve the bike path system in the city.

Please let me know if I can assist in any way or if you have any questions. Thank you.

Best Regards,

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**To Whom It May Concern:**

My name is William Crowe and my wife, Teri, and I are in support of a bike lane on Lake Avenue. Our children attend St. Clements School and we are a family of 6 who exercises and bikes quite often. We are life long residents and think a bike lane is very safe and will be very effective in this area.

Thank you for your time. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

William and Teri Crowe  
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Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

The recent Bike to School day was a true testament to the interest in and love for riding bicycles; especially to school! The number of students who walk or ride bikes to Lake Avenue Elementary School on any given day is often almost half of our student body, so you can imagine the great anticipation and excitement for better accommodations on Lake Avenue.

Accessing our school with safe routes is so very important to all of us. We eagerly await and hope September's school opening finds perhaps not just these final plans in place, but the actual improvements ready for use by our many students who enjoy and greatly benefit from walking or biking to school.

Respectfully,  
Barbara Messier

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**bike lane marking on city streets**

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As a resident of our city's sw neighborhood, I totally support the addition of bike lanes on appropriate streets such as Lake Avenue and Hathorn Blvd.

Both of these streets are wide and busy. Both are known for "speeding" and it's documented that bike lanes are "traffic calming".

I will expect that the ongoing violation of parking on the sidewalk at the old Waltons Sport shop property will be corrected when Lake Avenue is striped for bike lanes. There is absolutely no reason for cars to be parked on any downtown city sidewalk and across the public right of way. Currently, a cyclist traveling downtown on Lake Avenue runs the risk of a car backing into a bike.

Thank you for taking every possible step to make our city "bikeable" including lane striping and building the Geyser Road bike trail.

Sincerely,  
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Janne Klepetar

## A Bicycle Lane on Lake Avenue?

Bikeatoga supports the development of bike lanes, paths, and traffic-calmed streets that connect local neighborhoods, schools, parks, and businesses. We also strive to educate the general public about the rights and responsibilities of both motorists and cyclists to make bicycling safer for all users.

Over the past ten years, Bikeatoga has donated over 1,000 bicycles to community members. As we help bring more transportation options to these individuals, both adults and children, we understand that safety is paramount - this can't be stated enough. We understand that the ultimate responsibility for safety falls on those sharing the roads, both bicyclists and drivers, but the infrastructure needs to accommodate those users and road treatments should be used to further the shared road ideas to support safety for all users (bicyclists and drivers).

Saratoga Springs City Council has gone on record to support accommodations for all modes of transportation which is why we strongly applauded the City Council for unanimously approving the Complete Streets Plan. This plan is an overview of road treatments that improve the safety and accessibility for transportation and specifically calls for the City to provide bicycle lanes on Lake Avenue.

We understand that Lake Avenue is a heavily traveled road, however by creating a road diet which includes bicycle lanes, studies have shown that safety can be greatly improved for all users – pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers. It is through these improvements that we can work together to create safe access to schools, parks, places of worship, and businesses. We also understand this road diet would also preserve most of the parking along this corridor, only losing a handful of spots on the North side of the street in a very small section near St. Clement's.

Given the fact that these "road diets" improve the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers we believe that supporting bicycle lanes on Lake Avenue is a no brainer for the City Council and we urge them to do the right thing and join hundreds of cities nationwide in providing safe bicycle lanes. We also suggest that our City leaders jump on a bicycle and enjoy themselves, it's been too long, hasn't it?