

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2022

Supervisor Randall called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>MEMBER</u>		
Howard Newton	X	
Martin Perrotte		X
Vernon Bruno	X	
Reginald Facteau	X	
Kevin Randall	X	
Donna Hamel	X	
Michael McCormick	X	
Michael Snider	X	

PUBLIC RECOGNITION Richard Donah, Larry Whalen, Barb Benkwitt, James Staley, Paul Licourt, Jason Bruno

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Public Hearing, (Water), that was held on January 25, 2022.

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes as presented; Seconded by Mr. Facteau.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau, Mr. Randall

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Public Hearing, (Local Law), that was held on January 25, 2022.

Mr. Bruno made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes as presented; Seconded by Mr. Newton.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau, Mr. Randall

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on January 25, 2022.

Mr. Facteau made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes as presented; Seconded by Mr. Bruno.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau, Mr. Randall

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

MONTHLY REPORTS Town Clerk, Supervisor, Woods Mills Water, Morrisonville Water, Macey Lane Historian, Tax Collector

Mr. Newton made a motion to file the reports; Seconded by Mr. Facteau.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau, Mr. Randall

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

COMMUNICATIONS/ 1. The Zoning Board meeting minutes are now being done electronically. All Board members will provide e-mail address to receive them.

2. Received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency preliminary copies of the revised flood insurance rate map and flood insurance study report for all of Clinton County.

3. Received new information on state highways that might make it easier to include state highways in a no parking ban for winter months.

RECEIPTS Town Clerk/\$491.00, Morrisonville Water/\$4,757.49, Woods Mills Water/\$832.44, Macey Lane Water/\$622.23, Tax Collector/\$668,278.12

Mr. Facteau made a motion to file the receipts; Seconded by Mr. Newton.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau, Mr. Randall

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

Mr. Newton made a motion to file the minutes of the Planning Board dated 01/4/22. This motion was seconded by Mr. Randall and Unanimously Approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Councilman/ Mr. Facteau brought up one of the discussions held at the work session regarding the replacement of the furnace at the storage building on Soper Street. Mr. Randall told him that he has this listed to discuss at the Supervisor's time. Mr. Facteau had an inquiry from a resident in the Macey Lane Water District regarding the proposal to install the new 8-inch water pipes and what the price of the project would cost the residents. Mr. Randall told him that at the work session, only ball park figures were given on the project. He said that he was given two alternatives on how to approach this issue. They could either try to repair the problem with the water pressure or replace the full 1,2000 feet of water line. One main concern, if the repair option was agreed on would be that this scenario might be less expensive, but might blow water lines. Mr. Randall said that the Town could use two-thirds ARPA funds that the Town received along with money that can be taken out of the Macey Lane Water reserve fund. Either way, it should not cost the residents any additional monies to absorb, as they are strapped at this point in their water tax amounts. After all is finalized, Mr. Facteau would like to present the scenarios to all the residents of Macey Lane. He suggested sending out mailings to them. It was said that there are other ways to get the information out to the residents without going to the expense of a mailing as this might be interpreted as solicitation.

Highway/ Mr. Snider presented the Board members pictures of some of the highway trucks to show them just how rotted they have become. He stated that the Highway Department is in dire need of new equipment. Mr. Snider told them that there is now way that a new truck could be bought and delivered this year. He suggested possibly buying two used trucks for the department which would be less expensive than a new one. Of course, this would have to go out for bids unless the purchase would fall under the State Comptroller guidelines. Mr. Randall said that Mr. Snider would have to present the Board on what direction he wants to go and what equipment he wants as nothing can be done until he does so. Mr. Bruno asked if used trucks were purchased, would a warranty come with the purchase. This was not known at this time.

Mr. Snider told the Board members that he is reviewing the cost of replacing parts for the radios in the trucks or possibly purchasing new radios from Bearcat. This will be discussed at the next work session. Mr. Snider also brought up the possibility of installing a VHF repeater system antenna on the water tower to help with the reception of the communications with the radios.

Supervisor/ Mr. Randall told the Board members that all the paperwork has been submitted to lock in the 1.25 million CDBG grant. He is working with the insurance company to increase coverage that would be needed to cover the draws that would be taken.

The contract has been signed with Northeastern Computer Web Development regarding the updates for the website. Mr. Garsow should have all that is needed to record and place meetings on the Town's website hopefully by the March meeting. An additional \$200.00 was needed to purchase an external microphone for the laptop to record the meetings. Mr. Facticeau asked if the Zoning and Planning Boards would be taping their meetings. Mr. Randall said that he will ask them, but they are independent Boards.

Mr. Randall said that he would get the RFP done for the sidewalk machine bids and e-mail it to all Councilmembers for their review before placing the ad in the paper. Mr. Facticeau asked why the Board is leaning to a particular machine as it has no vehicle ID on it and there is no way to confirm what year it is. He added that if the machine is no longer made, repair parts could not be ordered or received and there is no warranty on the machine, why consider it. He revealed the price given for the machine. Mr. Randall said that he should not have done so, as sealed bids are being sought.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS After Mr. McCormick reviewed the Short-Term Assessment Form Part 2 & 3 for the proposed Splash Pad, Mr. Newton made a motion to proceed with the completion of the SEQR at the meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Facticeau and was Unanimously Approved. Mr. Randall read aloud the questions contained in the SEQR form and the form was completed.

Mr. Randall told the Board members that he received four quotes that were needed, per grant specifications, for the purchase and installation of a new furnace at the storage building located on Soper Street. Because this will hopefully be covered by a \$5,000 NYSERDA grant, the Town can go no further at this point. All documents for the application will be submitted.

A three-year contract was received from UniFirst for uniforms for the Highway crew. A five-year contract was signed by the previous Highway Superintendent. UniFirst was willing to work with the Town to provide extra uniforms for the men and allow a new three-year contract to be signed. Previously, seven uniforms were given to the men at a cost of approximately \$135.00 weekly. This three-year contract would bring the cost down to \$98.56 a week. Mr. Snider would be added to the contract to receive uniforms at this price. By signing the new three-year agreement, the Town would save \$2,538.15 off the current agreement that has 115 weeks remaining. The garment maintenance would go down to \$9.16 for all uniforms per month. A discussion followed on not renewing after that until other companies could submit a bid for the uniforms. Mr. Bruno made a motion to accept the new three-year contract with UniFirst for the uniform service for the Highway Department. This motion was Seconded by Mr. Newton and was Unanimously Approve.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #22-31

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, according to section 29(10) of the Town Law, the Supervisor must prepare and file with the Town Clerk within 90 days after the close of the fiscal year an annual financial report accounting for all monies received and disbursed by him, together with the certificates of the banks or trust companies where Town monies are deposited, showing the amount of monies on deposit, and

WHEREAS, the Accountant has requested an extension of the filing of the 2021 report with the Office of the State Comptroller for an additional 30 days, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the request and the Supervisor shall submit to the Town Clerk and the State Comptroller a copy of the Annual Financial Report on or before April 30, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facticeau, Mr. Randall

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLUTION #22-32

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the advertisement in the Press Republican for bids to purchase a used sidewalk maintenance machine, or machines, and be it further

RESOLVED, that at the next Regular Meeting in March all sealed bids will be opened. Any and all bids may be rejected by the Town Board at that time. The Town Board may also accept the bid that represents the best value subject to the Town Board's review of the bid for conformance to the bid specifications after the Town Board meeting.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

DISCUSSION Specs to be picked up at the Town Offices. Mr. Facticeau asked that the Town Board consider tabling this resolution pending review of the completion of the specification for the ad. He thought that the Board should review them before a vote is done. He mentioned that the mini bid website might be of some value to review. He told the Bord members that he had done some research on the specific sidewalk machinery that was discussed at the last work session. He said that he found out that that specific sidewalk machine that was discussed is no longer being made and the parts to repair the machine would come from

Canada and might not be so readily available. Mr. Bruno said that if they needed to be ordered from Canada, that would be a concern.

Mr. Randall asked Mr. Fecteau why he did not bring this information to him earlier. Mr. Fecteau replied that he just obtained the information.

It was advised that this resolution should be acted upon one way or another before a new resolution would be brought up for tabling the resolution.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Randall

NAYS: Mr. Fecteau

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of February	\$ 4,579.82
Highway Abstract for the Month of February	\$ 11,380.05
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of February	\$ 62,642.84
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of February	\$ 51,444.09
Macey Lane Water Abstract for February	\$ 32,019.72
Audit only Abstract for the Month of February	\$ 2,562.07

Mr. Bruno made a motion to pay the claims, which was seconded by Mr. Fecteau.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Fecteau, Mr. Randall

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

PUBLIC FORUM Mr. Whalen told the Board members that the Town of Plattsburgh purchases their sidewalk equipment machines from a company called Exell. They are still manufacturing the machines and the parts.

Mr. Donah told the Board members that he is not in favor of purchasing the sidewalk machines or maintaining the sidewalks at this time. He said that if the sidewalks in the hamlet are going to be ripped up due to the proposed new water lines that would be installed, he thought it senseless to start maintaining them at this point in the winter. Mr. Randall explained that nothing is definite at this time to purchase or maintain the sidewalks as there is a clause in the bid that any and all bids can be rejected.

NEXT MEETING

Work Sessions (if Needed)	Monday	March 07, 2022	6:00 p.m.
	Monday	March 21, 2022	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Tuesday	March 22, 2022	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Randall made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Bruno; and was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ADJOURNMENT/8:30 p.m.**

Donna Hamel/Town Clerk