

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 27, 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 (arrived at 7 pm)
Reginald Facticeau	X	
Kevin Randall	X	
Donna Hamel	X	
Michael McCormick	X	
Michael Snider	X	

PUBLIC RECOGNITION Rich Dabrowski, Richard Donah, Barb Benkwitt, Jason Rock, Larry Whalen, Barb Benkwitt, Sam Campbell

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on March 29, 2022.

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Bruno

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

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Bruno

COMMUNICATIONS/ 1. Notice of a fundraiser to benefit the Douglass Family who lost their home to a fire, (Jon Douglass is the Supervisor in the Town of Black Brook). This benefit is scheduled for May 7th at Riverside Park in Ausable Forks.

2. E-mail from Johathan Carman who hosted the Zoom meeting regarding what steps need to be taken to appeal the FEMA map revisions.

RECEIPTS Town Clerk/\$680.00, Woods Mills Water/\$5,975.56, Macey Lane Water/\$1,686.75, Morrisonville Water/\$14,615.00, Tax Collector/\$11,605.87, CVPH Fitness in the Park/\$1,300.00, CC Treasurer-Complete Streets Grant/\$8,000.00, Securix LLC Division Court Program/\$45.00, Casella Waste System Host Fees 1st Quarter/\$95,034.87, New England Waste Scrap/\$267.90, Judge Barber/\$3,146.00, Judge Van Nortwick/\$3,205.00

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Bruno

Mr. Newton made a motion to file the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals dated 02/22/2022. This motion was seconded by Mr. Facticeau and Unanimously Approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Councilman/ Mr. Facticeau asked if there were any updates on the new website. Mr. Randall explained that Mr. Garceau is still working on updates.

Mr. Facticeau received an e-mail from Richard Donah regarding his removal by law enforcement from the Town building on April 27th. Mr. Facticeau stated that Mr. Donah would like Mr. Facticeau to assist him with filing an ethics complaint. Mr. Donah states that his removal from the building was improper and a violation of the open meetings law. It was decided that the Town Board will enter into Executive Session to discuss this at the end of the meeting.

Highway/ Mr. Snider reported that his crew has started the Spring sweeping of the sidewalks and clean-up of the roads. He has been working on the purchase of a used truck from another Town. All paperwork has been submitted to the Town for approval tonight.

Water/ The Annual Quality report for the water districts have been submitted by the Town of Plattsburgh' water department. There is a link to follow on the Town's website and hard copies have been printed for all who wants one.

Historian/ Barb Benkwitt mentioned that there are sign up sheets for anyone who would like to volunteer for the following: To clean markers in the Town on April 29th, to serve on the Town's 175th Anniversary Celebration Team, to host visitors of AARCH Tour of the Town, to volunteer at the Historian's office. An AARCH Tour of Schuyler Falls will be held on June 9th. There is a DAR Cemetery Stone Cleaning Workshop that will be held on April 30th.

Assessor/ Mr. Drollette is getting pressured from the County to conduct a full reassessment of the Town. At this time, the Town is at 95% value and the County would like a full 100% value. This will be reviewed by the Town Board.

Supervisor/ A representative from Solar on Earth attended the Town Board Work session on April 28th. He explained how the Town would benefit on some of the electric bills by switching to his company. Examples of the Town's savings were passed out to the Board members that showed what the savings would be in all the Town's accounts. This contract would be a commitment for ten years. Jason Rock, a town resident, told the Board members that he did not think that this would be a good idea to switch companies.

Mr. Bruno arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Randall gave the Board members three different proposals for this year's expenditures of highway monies for the paving of the roads. This paperwork was given to him by the Highway Superintendent. Every year, the Town Board and the Highway Superintendent are required by Highway law to enter into a written agreement stating the places and manner in which the highway fund appropriations for repairs and improvements are to be expended. The Board members will review the proposals.

Mr. Randall told the Board members that Mr. Newton would like to hold a Public Input Meeting in the near future to hear constructive input from the public to assist in the update of the Zoning Laws that the Zoning Advisory Committee is working on. Since this informal meeting needs to be advertised to allow the resident a chance to plan, **Mr. Randall made a motion to hold a Public Input Meeting, time and date to be announced. Mr. Perrotte seconded the motion.** Discussion: Mr. Facteau stated that he would like Mr. Donah to be a part of the Zoning Advisory Committee as he said that there were openings on that committee.

Roll call on the future meeting was as followed: AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Randall. NAYES: Mr. Facteau

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Randall stated that only one bid was received for the project proposed for the highway garage floor. He proceeded to open the bid. This bid was received from Murnane Building Contractors, Sharon Avenue, Plattsburgh, NY in the amount of \$203,400.00. It was mentioned that the bid to complete the project was higher than expected. The bid and all the paperwork will be forwarded to Barton and Loguidice to review before any decision will be made.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #22-43

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board acknowledges the Resignation of Paul Licourt, Highway Department/MEO, effective date of May 18, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Facteau

DISCUSSION: This open position will be advertised in the Press Republican.

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

RESOLUTION #22-44

MOTION BY: Mr. Bruno

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the creation of two additional part-time Building and Grounds Maintenance Worker, one being seasonal for the summer months and the other being part-time year-round, and be it further

RESOLVED, that an ad for this position will be placed in the newspaper and the Town's Official website.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

DISCUSSION: These positions will be in addition to the current building and grounds position that will be advertised due to the resignation of Daniel Goslin.

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

RESOLUTION #22-45

MOTION BY: Mr. Facteau

WHEREAS, the Town has received notice that Spotless Janitorial will no longer be able to provide the service to the Town of Schuyler Falls Building as of May 29, 2022, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board acknowledges this and will place an ad in the Press Republican to seek another Janitorial service.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

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

RESOLUTION #22-46

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls approves the purchase, from the Town of Wilmington for the Highway Department of a 2010 Peterbilt dump truck, VIN # 1NPTLOOX6AD102794. The purchase price is \$35,000.00 for this truck and to be sold in "as-is" condition.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: Price is contingent on all snow equipment to be included

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

RESOLUTION #22-47

MOTION BY: Mr. Facteau

RESOLVED, that an information meeting will be held on May 17th 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for the residents in the Macey Lane Water District to give the residents in that district an overview of the proposed project to update the public water line main in that district and to give them an opportunity to provide input.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

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

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of April	\$37,147.26
Highway Abstract for the Month of April	\$53,979.06
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of April	\$ 5,868.20
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of April	\$ 422.01
Macey Lane Water Abstract for April	\$ 497.39
Audit only Abstract for the Month of April	\$ 2,453.21

Vouchers for Claims (#202200544-202200635)
Vouchers for Audit Only (#202200532-202200543)
Payroll Vouchers (#202200499-202200531)

**Mr. Perrotte made a motion to pay the claims, which was seconded by Mr. Randall.
AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Facteau, Mr. Randall**

PUBLIC FORUM/ Jason Rock mentioned that there was no advertisement on tonight's meeting change from the fourth Tuesday of the month to the Wednesday night. It was said that this meeting change was placed in the Press Republican and the Town's website. Mr. Rock told the Board members that the 2008 survey map completed for the Town's sandpit on Mason Street does not jive with where the cast iron rods are placed at this time. He said that the mining laws are not being followed by the Landowner and the land that the Town owns is being encroached by the landowner. He said that the right of way should only be used by Town employees and a gate should be installed

Mr. Dabrowski asked about the meeting to be held regarding the proposed work on the Macey Lane water lines and mentioned that he will get the word out to the resident in that district.

Mr. Whalen did not think a change in the electric supplier was a good idea. He added his own experience he had with a certain supplier and eventually the rates increased. Mr. Randall told him that this was a ten-year contract on the pricing.

Mr. Facteau asked the Town Board if letters were to be mailed to the Macey Lane residents. When it was said that a notice will be put in the paper and on the website, Mr. Facteau did not think it was adequate. A discussed followed on several options to get the letters to the residents of that district.

Mr. Randall made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bruno and was Unanimously Approved. Executive Session/8:20 p.m.

Mr. Newton made a motion to reconvene the meeting with all Board members present. This motion was seconded by Mr. Randall and was Unanimously Approved. Meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m. No action taken in Executive Session.

NEXT MEETING

Work Sessions (if Needed)	Monday	May 2, 2022	6:00 p.m.
	Monday	May 16, 2022	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Tuesday	May 24, 2022	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Newton made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Bruno; and was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ADJOURNMENT/9:45 p.m.

Donna Hamel/Town Clerk