

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING May 24, 2022

Supervisor Randall called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present

MEMBER

Howard Newton	X
Martin Perrotte	X
Vernon Bruno	X
Reginald Facteau	X
Kevin Randall	X
Michael Snider	X

PUBLIC RECOGNITION Rich Dabrowski, Richard Donah, Mike Thomas, Jason Rock, Larry Whalen, Mike Emde, Sam Campbell, Haiden Blair, Kyler White, Rachel Cliché, Connor Fresn, David Souliere

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on April 27, 2022.

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

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

MONTHLY REPORTS Town Clerk, Supervisor, Woods Mills Water, Morrisonville Water, Macey Lane Historian, Supervisor, Codes Officer, Dog Control

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS/ 1. Memo from Charter Communications regarding upcoming changes in the channel line-up.

2. Memo from Clinton County Personnel thanking the Town for reporting personnel actions and salary changes to comply with Civil Service Law.

3. Mr. Randall had many telephone conferences with the LaBerge Group who recommended going forward with the Macey Lane and Rickson Avenue water projects. Resolutions are in the packets to be considered tonight.

4. Proposal from Spotless Janitorial regarding the cleaning of the Town Hall. They would be willing to continue their services if the Town would pay the extra for the stripping and the waxing of the floors. This service would be an additional \$800.00. Mr. Randall explained that an ad for a new janitorial service was placed in the Press Republican. He had one response to the ad, but the company never submitted a proposal.

RECEIPTS Town Clerk/\$387.00, Woods Mills Water/\$484.28, Macey Lane Water/\$287.77, Morrisonville Water/\$1,672.10, Dicks Sporting Goods Refund/\$25.00, Citi Bank Tractor Supply Refund/\$43.98, Judge Barber/\$1,957.00, Judge Van Nortwick/\$1,036.19

Mr. Bruno made a motion to file the receipts; Seconded by Mr. Perrotte.

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

Mr. Facteau made a motion to file the minutes of the Planning Board dated 04/05/2022. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bruno and was Unanimously Approved.

Mr. Newton made a motion to file the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals dated 04/18/2022. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bruno and was Unanimously Approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Councilman/ Mr. Facteau told the Board members that he sent an e-mail to Mr. Bruno regarding Senior Citizen funding. He said that the amount they are funded, \$1,700.00, seems minimal and would like to see more programs added and possibly coordinate with the County Senior Citizens as they seem to have more programs available. It was mentioned that to date, the Seniors have not met and have not met for a few years due to COVID.

Mr. Facteau had a few concerns regarding the LaBerge Group receiving the go ahead to monitor the funds awarded to the Town from the American Rescue Fund Act and also being the Engineering firm hired to perform the professional services for the Macey Lane water improvements and the Rickson Avenue water improvements. He feels that this could be considered a conflict and should be discussed at a work session. Mr. Randall explained that quotes were received from two firms and according to the monies received from the ARFA, there is a set amount that can be used for the service.

A discussion followed on the work that was done on River Street. The Town of Plattsburgh's water department had to run a water line from one side of the street to the other for a resident who needed to have this work done due to the sale of one of her properties.

Mr. Newton mentioned that he and Mr. Perrotte met with the Highway Union Representative and the Teamster's Union Representative to discuss the new Highway Union Contract. He said that tentative changes have been reached and will be discussed with the full board. Hopefully, the new contract can be voted upon at the next Board meeting.

Supervisor/ Mr. Randall told the Board members that all job openings in the Town have been posted in the paper twice as the first time no one applied. A new hire for the vacant Buildings and Grounds is in the packets for tonight to be acted on. Mr. Randall and Mr. Campbell met with this individual and both thought that he might be a good fit for the job as he has good experience being a "Jack of all Trades".

Mr. Randall brought up the item regarding switching to Community Solar Power that would save money on the Town's electric bill. He said that this was discussed a few months ago and a packet was handed out to all Board members for review. He would like to have an answer one way or the other.

Mr. Randall mentioned that a green-up clean-up has been scheduled for the Town June 1st through June 4th. Garbage bags, pickers, vest and pamphlets listing items that are not excepted will be available at the Town hall from May 31-June 2. A dumpster will be placed in the Town hall parking lot and will be available for use free of charge. If prior arrangements have been made, Town employees will drive around to the residents' homes to pick up bags of garbage and dispose of them.

Mr. Randall passed out three proposals given to him by the Highway Superintendent for the paving of the roads this year. Hopefully a resolution can be acted on at the next meeting, as the Board, by law, needs to approve the monies that will be used for the paving. A discussion followed on the CHIPS money that the Town would receive to offset this cost.

Mr. Randall mentioned that the Highway garage project still needs to be done. The bid for this project came in a lot higher than thought. Options are being discussed as this project needs to be taken care of.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #22-48

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board acknowledges the Resignation of Paul Sarbou, Highway Department/MEO/Mechanic, effective date of May 12, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

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

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

RESOLUTION #22-49

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the hiring of Leo Barto for the part-time Building and Grounds position as needed, not to exceed eighteen and three-quarters hours per week, with a starting salary of \$17.55 an hour.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Facticeau

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

RESOLUTION #22-50

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Schuyler Falls has recognized the health and safety issues of residents drinking water to homes located on Rickson Avenue due to contaminants in their local wells; and

WHEREAS, these contaminants have been verified by NYSDEC & The Clinton County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, Rickson Avenue has a long history of serious uncorrected safety and health deficiencies of their local wells making the water unpalatable for human consumption; and

WHEREAS, after recognizing this issue a preliminary engineering study and maps were prepared by LaBerge Group to look into the feasibility of a municipal town Water line to provide clean palatable drinking water to this location of the Town; and

WHEREAS, after receiving Two bids to complete final engineering were obtained and investigated by the Town Board to move on this project, deciding to award the contract to one of them; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has decided to move on this project; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board does grant said contract to Laberge Group engineering AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$14,500.00 so that these water safety deficiencies of high-concern will be resolved and mitigated for the residents of Rickson Avenue.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds for this contract will come from the American Rescue Fund Act (ARPA) and be paid for by same.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

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

RESOLUTION #22-51

MOTION BY: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Schuyler Falls has recognized the health and safety issues of residents drinking water to homes located on Macey Lane due to experiencing low water pressures in their local water main; and

WHEREAS, these low water pressures and at times low water volumes have been verified by LaBerge Group Engineering & The Town of Plattsburgh Water and Waste Water dept. to which we hold an OM contract for this water district.; and

WHEREAS, Macey Lane has a long history of serious uncorrected water volume/water pressure deficiencies at their local water district making the water pressure fall below acceptable Clinton County PSI of a municipal Water District at times; and

WHEREAS, after recognizing these issues a preliminary engineering study and maps were prepared by LaBerge Group to look into the feasibility of a how to correct these deficiencies to the Macey Lane Water main to provide the proper water volume and pressure needed to this location of the Town; and

WHEREAS, after receiving Two bids to complete final engineering were obtained and investigated by the Town Board to move on this project, deciding to award the contract to one of them; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has decided to move on this project; and

WHEREAS, a Public Information Meeting was held at the Town Offices to receive public input as to whether the district users wanted to move forward to contract and fix identified deficiencies and agreed that \$30,000.00 was reasonable to take from the Macey Lane Water District Unallocated Fund Reserve, **NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board does grant said contract to Laberge Group engineering AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$28,000.00 so that these water safety deficiencies of high-concern will be resolved and mitigated for the residents of Macey Lane.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds for this contract and work to be completed come from this districts unallocated Fund Reserve not to exceed \$30,000.00 and the remainder from the American Rescue Fund Act (ARPA) and be paid for by same.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Facteau

DISCUSSION: Mr. Facteau asked if new laterals were needed, who would have to pay for them. Mr. Randall explained that the residents would need to pay to have them replaced. .

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

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of May	\$19,617.30
Highway Abstract for the Month of May	\$10,513.64
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of May	\$ 6,700.28
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of May	\$ 595.30
Macey Lane Water Abstract for May	\$ 3,443.14
Audit only Abstract for the Month of May	\$ 2,877.18

Vouchers for Claims (#202200676-202200737)

Vouchers for Audit Only (#202200650-202200662)

Payroll Vouchers (#202200636-202200649)

(#202200663-202200675)

Mr. Newton made a motion to pay the claims, which was seconded by Mr. Perrotte.

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

PUBLIC FORUM/ Mr. Donah mentioned that after doing some research, last month's executive session that was held was illegal as more than one subject was discussed. He stated that the reason given He thought that the Board should have come out of the session and request to go into another session. He said that a name of the person that will be discussed in executive session needs to be stated. Mr. McCormick told him that he did not think this to be right. Mr. Donah will forward Mr. Randall a copy of what he received regarding Executive sessions for review. Mr. Donah asked the Town Board if while working on electrical projects for the Town, does a licensed electrician need to be conducting the work for liability purposes. Mr. Randall told him that the Codes Officer can review the work. Mr. Donah asked if the new water line for Rickson Ave. would involve adding Trombley Way in the loop. He did not think this to be right as Trombley Way is a private road. He added that all new water lines would be consolidated into the Morrisonville Water District upon completion. Mr. Randall explained that any work done on the Trombley property would not be done at the expense of the taxpayers. Mr. Donah asked if the residents in the Morrisonville Water District was aware of what their obligation would individually, as far as extra expense, if the Town would go forward with the water project and securing the 5.6-million-dollar loan/bond. Mr. Randall told him that nothing has been decided to go forward with the project and there are other grants still being considered for this project.

Jason Rock brought up the survey done at the Turner Park location. It was determined by that survey that the neighboring residence was encroaching on the Town's property. Mr. Randall told him that this was being reviewed.

NEXT MEETING

Work Sessions (if Needed)	Monday	June 06, 2022	6:00 p.m.
	Tuesday	June 21, 2022	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Tuesday	June 28, 2022	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Newton made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Bruno; and was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ADJOURNMENT/7:55 p.m.

Donna Hamel/Town Clerk