

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING September 27, 2022

Supervisor Randall called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board to order at 6:15 p.m.

Present

MEMBER

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

PUBLIC RECOGNITION Richard Donah, Larry Whalen, Barb Benkwitt, Sam Campbell, Laurie Williams, Richard Dabrowski

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on August 23, 2022.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS 1. Letter from Charter Communications introducing Charter's new point of contact for Governmental Affairs

2. Notification that a Tire Round up will be held at the Schuyler Falls Highway Garage on October 13th hosted by the Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Town.

3. Notification that the Clinton County Landfill will be holding an open house on October 15th.

4. Notification that there will be a meeting at the office of Emergency Services on 9/28 regarding an emergency response plan for sheltering animals during an emergency.

5. Information received from New York Rural Water Association regarding a cost recovery action.

6. Information from T-Mobile on Government programs and promotions.

7. Received a quote for a new utility trailer and a new loader.

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. Bruno.

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

RECEIPTS/ Town Clerk/\$728.00, Morrisonville Water/\$71.50, Woods Mills Water/\$141.39, Judge Barber/\$654.00, Judge VanNortwick, \$2,594.00, Charter Communications Franchise Fees/\$18,222.97, Music in the Park 8/12/22/\$201.00, Music in the Park 8/27/22/\$123.78, NYS Grant Preservation on Leagues, \$4,400.00, WB Mason Refund/\$205.02, LaBerge Group Refund for overpayment/\$500.00

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

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ Councilman/Mr. Newton received several requests from residents who inquired about possibly placing the upcoming Town Board meetings on the Morrisonville Fire District signage. Mr. Randall will check into this.

Mr. Bruno asked about the status of the employment openings at the Highway Department. He mentioned that sanding and plowing will begin shortly and Mr. Snider is down two men. Mr. Randall stated that the ad for the openings plus other openings have been placed in the Press Republican several times with no answer to them. Mr. Randall mentioned that Sam Campbell has been doing all the work needed at the parks himself as his department is short with the summer employee going back to school and a job opening for a building and grounds person. It was mentioned that the Town should reach out to the County as they carry a list of possible candidates that would be able to work. It was also mentioned that the Town should reach out to various employment agencies in the County.

Mr. Facteau asked if possibly ARPA funds could be used to purchase and install signage outside of the Town Hall. Mr. Randall said that he will check with the Fire Department first to find out the possibility of having the meetings posted at that location.

Mr. Perrotte asked if it would be possible to contact the State to install a speed limit monitoring sign at the intersection of Sand Road and Route 22B. It was discussed that the speed limit changes very quickly going up the hill on Rt 22B. This would give drivers an indication on their speed while they are still in the 30 mile an hour speed zone.

Highway/Mr. Snider told the Board members that his crew has been busy cutting brush, cleaning shoulders and ditching. He hopes to start the paving of the roads on the 5th of October. It was mentioned that this should be posted on the Town's website due to possible delays in traffic.

A discussion followed on the slow progress of the Town's website. This will be discussed further at a work session.

Town Clerk/ Tentative Budgets were given to the Councilmen. Budget Hearing work sessions will be held on October 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. and again on October 4th if needed. The dates will be placed in the Press Republican in the notes of interest section.

Historian/ The Town's 175th anniversary is next year and many events are being planned for a celebration. Barb Benkwitt told the Board members that the former Historian, Marv Connor passed away. It was mentioned that a card along with a letter of appreciation should be sent to the family.

Assessor/ Mr. Randall told the Board members that in their packet of resolution for tonight, there is an introductory law to raise the senior citizen exemption for the taxes. This has been recommended by the Assessor.

Supervisor Mr. Randall reported that the installation of the playground equipment at the park on Mason Street will be done on PM Leary's next available opening.

The Music in the Park was a big success this summer. He suggested that the events next year be scheduled for the months of June-August and should not be held in September, as it was very chilly and the event was not attended by a lot of people. He mentioned that the food sales have been good. All profits are turned back into that fund and to date, a little money has been made. NYSCOB sponsored Bootleg and is willing to do so again next year. He thanked all that helped make the events successful.

The final paperwork for the splash pad is now confirmed to be awaiting review.

NYSEG is working on the work order to place decorative street lights at Shane, Darren and the remainder of Joyce Ave. The lights were bought and installed by NYSEG as long as there is not any special work required to install them. There are two lights that will be installed that will have a trenching cost to the Town due to the length of distance from pole set and the connection location. He will keep the Councilman updated as the project moves forward and with the estimate of the trenching costs.

Work is still being completed with the County, Casella and the Town of Plattsburgh for a Memorandum of Understanding to bring the water line to the residents with contaminated wells on the Sand Road. Hopefully, an agreement will be in place next week.

Within the next few weeks, the crosswalks at Maple & Emory and Church & Emory will be completed.

RECEIPTS Town Clerk/\$729.00, Woods Mills Water/\$141.39, Morrisonville Water/\$71.50, Judge Barber/\$654.00., Judge Van Nortwick/\$2,594.00.00, Charter Communications-Franchise Fees/\$18,222.97, Music in the Park-August 12th/\$201.00, Music in the Park-August 27th/\$128.75, Preservation League of NYS-Grant/\$4,400.00, WB Mason-Refund/\$205.02, LaBerge Group-Refund for overpayment/\$500.00.

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

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

Mr. Newton made a motion to file the minutes of the Planning Board dated 08/02/2022. This motion was seconded by Mr. Randall and was Unanimously Approved.

Mr. Facticeau made a motion to file the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals dated 08/15/2022. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bruno and was Unanimously Approved.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #22-79

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

WHEREAS, a Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls at its Regular Meeting held introducing proposed Local Law #2 of 2022, entitled "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C" and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing concerning said Local Law was duly advertised in the Press Republican, the official newspaper of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was held on, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls after due deliberation finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the introductory Local Law #2 of 2022- entitled "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C" and be the same is hereby adopted as Local Law #2 of 2022 and the Town Clerk is directed to enter said Local Law in the Local Law Book of the Town and to give notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

DISCUSSION: Mr. Facticeau stated that he will be voting no as he does not feel that this resolution should be acted on tonight. It was told to Mr. Facticeau that this resolution needed to be acted on tonight as it needed to be sent to the Secretary of the State for filing.

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

NAYES: Mr. Facticeau

RESOLUTION #22-80

MOTION BY: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, The Association of Town is holding a Planning & Zoning School on October 6, 2022, and

WHEREAS, Reginald Facticeau, Town Councilman, would like to attend the training and,

WHEREAS, Michael Snider, Highway Superintendent, would like to attend a training on October 12, 2022 in Canton regarding Snow and Ice Control

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the attendance of said conferences and expenses will be chargeable to the General Fund as provided for in the 2022 budget.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

DISCUSSION: Cost to the Town would be approximately \$90.00 for the one- day conference for Mr. Facticeau plus mileage

Cost to the Town would be 50.00 for the one- day conference for Mr. Snider. Mr. Snider will be using the Town Truck for the travel.

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

ABSTAIN: Mr. Facticeau

RESOLUTION #22-81

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation District has funding for the local highway salt reduction/environmental protection project grant that would benefit the Town’s Highway equipment to be a cost-effective practice that leads to the reduction of road salt application on roads, and

WHEREAS, a proposal will be submitted by the Highway Superintendent to be reviewed, ranked and funded up to an award of \$1,50000 with the applicant to have a match of at least 25% of the amount requested, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves and authorizes the submission of the proposal.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

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

RESOLUTION #22-82

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the memorandum of understanding between the Town and the Lower Saranac Hydro Partners, LLC for the purpose of establishing a framework of cooperation upon which the Town of Schuyler Falls and Lower Saranac may work collaboratively to install and maintain convenient access to a public bike fix-it station on private property.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Facteau

DISCUSSION: Memorandum of Understanding attached to resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #22-83

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls to raise the income level guideline for Real Property Tax Relief for persons sixty-five years of age and older from the current amount which is \$24,000.00 to 26,000.00 and

WHEREAS, such a change would require a Local Law, which first requires a Public Hearing, be it hereby RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls will hold a Public Hearing on October 25, 2022, at 5:45 p.m. at the Town Hall on Mason Street to hear comments for or against proposed Local Law 22-3.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

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

RESOLUTION #22-84

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls approves the following General Fund Budget Transfers.

From: WML 0909.000	Fund Balance Unreserved	\$ 6,000.00
To: WML 8310.400	Administration Cont. Exp.	\$ 6,000.00

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

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

RESOLUTION #22-85

MOTION BY: Mr. Bruno

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls approves the following General Fund Budget Transfers.

From: WM 0909.000	Fund Balance Unreserved	\$ 7,500.00
To: WM 8310.400	Administration Cont. Exp.	\$ 7,500.00

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

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

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of September	\$23,496.70
Highway Abstract for the Month of September	\$19,358.53
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 13,363.63
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 393.65
Macey Lane Water Abstract for September	\$ 5,656.25
Audit only Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 3,628.00

Vouchers for Claims	(#202201156-202201252)
Vouchers for Audit Only	(#202201123-202201136)
Payroll Vouchers	(#202201090-202201122)
	(#202201137-202201155)

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

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Facteau (in favor of all with the exception of Voucher #22001136/\$2,000 for the Rickson Avenue Surveying using ARPA funds.), Mr. Randall

PUBLIC FORUM Mr. Dabrowski asked about the status of the new water line for the Macey Lane Water District. Mr. Randall told him that the survey was complete. Still working on the engineering maps. Once completed, they

will be sent down to the Clinton County Health Department for approval. The bidding process will have to be done hopefully by this fall but to be realistic, the project would probable not be started until the spring.

Mr. Dabrowski asked about the property that was in disarray on Birchwood Drive. Mr. Randall told him that the property has been taken over by a bank. He said that the Codes Officer has had preliminary contact with the Bank but needs to be directed to another department. Progress is being made on this matter.

NEXT MEETING

Work Sessions (if Needed) needed Tuesday October 4, 2022 6:00 p.m.	Monday	October 3, 2022	6:00 p.m. Budget if
	Monday	October 17, 2022	6:00 p.m.
Public Hearing	Tuesday	October 25, 2022	5:45 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Tuesday	October 25, 2022	6:00 p.m.

Mr. Bruno made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. This motion was seconded by Mr. Fachteau and was Unanimously Approved. Executive Session/8:15 p.m.

Mr. Newton made a motion to reconvene the meeting with all Board members present. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bruno and was Unanimously Approved. Meeting reconvened at 9:22 p.m. No action taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Newton made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Bruno; and was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ADJOURNMENT/ 9:23 p.m.

Donna Hamel/Town Clerk