

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 26, 2024

Supervisor Smith 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>		
Jason Bruno	X	
Martin Perrotte	X	
Vernon Bruno	X	
Tim Aubin	X	
Mindy Smith	X	
Kelsi Russell	X	
Michael McCormick	X	
Michael Snider	X	

PUBLIC RECOGNITION: Peggy Garner, Sheridan Garner, Mary Sorrell, Ryan Smith, Howard Newton, Penny Cowan, Rebecca Newell, Clifton Christon, Rick Dabrowski, Susan Picard, Jason Rock, Eden LaPlante, Zachariah, Harblin-Bowlby, Penny Cowan, Barb Benkwitt, Bill Cochran

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 26, 2024
Mr. Vern Bruno made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes as presented; Seconded by Mr. Aubin.
AYES: Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mrs. Smith

MONTHLY REPORTS Town Clerk, Supervisor, Codes Enforcement, Woods Mills Water, Morrisonville Water, Macey Lane, Historian
Mr. Vernon Bruno made a motion to approve and accept the reports as presented; Seconded by Mr. Aubin.
AYES: Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mrs. Smith

COMMUNICATIONS/ Charter has sent communications about various notifications.

RECEIPTS Tax Collector/\$999,962.20 Town Clerk/\$470.00 Morrisonville Water/\$889.00, Macey Lane Water/\$61.04, Woods Mills Water/\$316.46, Judge VanNortwick/\$3,575.00
Mr. Aubin made a motion to approve and accept the receipts as presented; Seconded by Mr. Vernon Bruno.
AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mrs. Smith

DEPARTMENT REPORTS
Highway /No report given
Water/_No report given
Town Clerk/No report given
Supervisor/No report given
Councilman/ No report given

PLANNING BOARD: Mr. Vern Bruno made a motion to accept the Planning Board minutes dated 1/2/24 and 2/6/24. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perrotte.
AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mrs. Smith

ZONING BOARD: Mr. Aubin made a motion to accept the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals dated 3/18/24. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Smith.
AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mrs. Smith

CLAIMS: Mr. Vern Bruno made a motion to pay the claims; Seconded by Mr. Perrotte.
AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mrs. Smith

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION#24-48

MOTION BY:

WHEREAS, THE New York State Tax Collector’s Association’s Annual Training Seminar is scheduled June 9-12 2024 in Lake George, NY and,

WHEREAS, Kelsi Russell, Tax Collector has submitted her budget and it has been approved in her budget to attend this conference, and

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the attendance of said conference and expenses will be chargeable to the General Fund as provided for in the 2024 budget. Allocation of funds for attendance of this conference will come under the Town Clerk Contractual Budget Line.

SECONDED BY:

DISCUSSION: Cost to the Town would include meals, mileage, and accommodations.

AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mrs. Smith

RESOLUTION #24-49

MOTION BY:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board authorizes the Town of Black Brook to Purchase the 1999 International S26741435 Dump Truck/Plow Truck VIN# 1HGTLAET5XH640895 for \$5,000 as it is not being used by the town.

SECONDED BY:

DISCUSSION

AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mrs. Smith

RESOLUTION#24-50

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board authorizes the Town of Black Brook to Purchase the 1999 International S26741435 Dump Truck/Plow Truck VIN# 1HGTLAET01H370966 for \$5,000 as it is not being used by the town.

SECONDED BY:

DISCUSSION

AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mrs. Smith

RESOLUTION#24-51

MOTION BY:

WHEREAS, at the March 26th meeting a resolution was passed to reschedule the Regular Town Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 26th for Wednesday November 20, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the meetings had been previously scheduled just before the Thanksgiving Holiday

RESOLVED, that the Regular Town Board Meeting was re-scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION:

SECONDED BY:

AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mrs. Smith

RESOLUTION #24-52

MOTION BY:

WHEREAS, at the March 26th meeting a resolution was passed to reschedule the Regular Town Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday December 24, 2024 for Wednesday December 18, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the meetings had been previously scheduled just before the Christmas Holiday

RESOLVED, that the Regular Town Board Meeting was re-scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION:

SECONDED BY:

AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mrs. Smith

RESOLUTION 24-53

MOTION BY:

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Highway Superintendent's Annual Conference is scheduled to be held in Ithaca, New York, June 03-05, 2024 and

WHEREAS, Michael Snider has submitted his budget and it has been approved in said budget for this conference, be it hereby,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the attendance of said conference and expenses will be chargeable to the General Fund as provided for in the 2024 budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Supervisor is authorized to advance funds for pre-registration and purchase of travel, meals, and hotel accommodations for said workshop.

SECONDED BY:

DISCUSSION: Cost to the Town would include meals, mileage, and accommodations

AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mrs. Smith

RESOLUTION 24-54

MOTION BY:

WHEREAS, at the Regular Meeting on February 27, 2024 Nicholas Bracy of Niles & Bracy was appointed as Town Attorney and,

WHEREAS, on March 1 2024, the agreement for the law firm's services for the Town was received, per contract, Nicholas Bracy shall receive payment in the amount of \$10,000 per year to be paid monthly for the period of March 1, 2024 through December 31,2024 be it hereby,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the new agreement with the Law Firm and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town Board.

SECONDED BY:

DISCUSSION:

AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mrs. Smith

RESOLUTION #24-55

MOTION BY:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the water supply agreement between the Town of Plattsburgh and the Town of Schuyler Falls Macey Lane Water District, the Town of Plattsburgh notified the Town that the annual metered water rate for the 2024 calendar year will be raised to \$3.88 per thousand gallons, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Schuyler Falls needs to raise the water rate charge to the customers in that district to reflect the increase, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the new water rates for the district will be \$ 51.84 for the first 0-7,000 gallons and \$4.66 a thousand for anything over the initial charge.

SECONDED BY:

DISCUSSION: The 51.84 is 15% over the Town’s charge. The \$4.66 rate is the 20% over the cost of what the Town of Plattsburgh is charging this District.

AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mrs. Smith

RESOLUTION #24-56

MOTION BY:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the water supply agreement between the Town of Plattsburgh and the Town of Schuyler Falls Woods Mills Water District, the Town of Plattsburgh notified the Town that the annual metered water rate for the 2024 calendar year will be raised to \$3.88 per thousand gallons, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Schuyler Falls needs to raise the water rate charge to the customers in that district to reflect the increase, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the new water rates for the district will be \$ 43.56 for the first 0-7,000 gallons and \$4.27a thousand for anything over the initial charge.

SECONDED BY:

DISCUSSION: This rate is 10% over the cost of what the Town of Plattsburgh is charging the Town

AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Perrotte, Mrs. Smith

Mr. Aubin made a motion to enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Bruno. The Board Entered into executive session at 7:15PM to discuss a town matter.

AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mrs. Smith

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

Mr. Bruno made a motion to return from executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aubin

AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mrs. Smith

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLUTION 24-47

MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls appoints Nick Bracy from the Law Firm Niles & Bracy to the position of Town Attorney a salary to be discussed and determined per contract

SECONDED BY: Mr. Vern Bruno

DISCUSSION:

AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mrs. Smith

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

CLAIMS

- General Abstract for January \$50,325.44
- Highway Abstract for the Month of January \$22,814.70
- Morrisonville Water Abstract for January \$59,127.08
- Woods Mills Water Abstract for January \$55,258.41
- Macey Lane Water Abstract for January \$64.01
- Lighting District Abstract for January
- Capital Projects Abstract for January 3,367.92

Vouchers for Claims: (#202400195-202400209)

Payroll Vouchers: (#202400152-202400194)

Mr. Bruno made a motion to pay the claims, seconded by Mr. Aubin and Unanimously Approved.

AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mrs. Smith

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

NEXT MEETING

- Work Session (if needed) Wednesday 3/6/24 6:00 p.m.
- Work Session (if needed) Wednesday 3/20/24 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Meeting Tuesday 3/26/24 6 :00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Vernon Bruno made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Jason Bruno, and was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ADJOURNMENT.