

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	
Nick Bracy	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: Mrs. Smith

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: Mr. Perrotte

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: Mr. Aubin

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: Mrs. Smith

DISCUSSION

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

RESOLUTION#24-50

MOTION BY: Mr. Vernon Bruno

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# 1HGTLAET01H370966for \$5,000 as it is not being used by the town.

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Smith

DISCUSSION

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

RESOLUTION#24-51

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

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: Mr. Aubin

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

RESOLUTION #24-52

MOTION BY: Vernon Bruno

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: Mr. Perrotte

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

RESOLUTION 24-53

MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin

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: Mr. Vernon Bruno

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: Mr. Vernon Bruno

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: Mrs. Smith

DISCUSSION:

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

RESOLUTION #24-55

MOTION BY: Mr. Vernon Bruno

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: Mrs. Smith

DISCUSSION: The 51.84 is 15% over the Town's charge. The \$4.46 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: Mr. Vernon Bruno

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: Mr. Jason Bruno

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

RESOLUTION 24-57

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls approves the following General Budget Fund Transfers. From: A.1990.400 Contingent Account \$2,840.00 To: A.3510.400 Control of Dog Contingent Expense \$2,840.00

SECONDED BY: Mr. Aubin

DISCUSSION:

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

RESOLUTION#24-58

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls, authorizes, the additional capital expenditures of \$48,350.00 plus administrative, project delivery, and other soft costs in accordance with the Town of Schuyler Falls Housing Rehabilitation Program for Project #SF-22-03.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Vernon Bruno

DISCUSSION

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

RESOLUTION# 24-59

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls enter into an agreement with the Bangor Dog Shelter in the amount of \$1,200 for the 2024 calendar year.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Aubin

DISCUSSION:

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

RESOLUTION# 24-60

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the purchase of a remanufactured transmission for 1991 GMC C3500 5.7 RWD Automatic.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: The list price of 3,817.00 will be split evenly between the Highway and Recreation Department Budgets. Each department will contribute \$1,908.50 toward this cost. The town will receive an \$800.00 core charge upon completion. The Town will also receive a \$150.00 core charge for the skid.

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

RESOLUTION #24-61

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the purchase of a HP15 laptop for the Highway Department.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: The list price of the laptop is 659.99 at Walmart

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

RESOLUTION #24-62

MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the purchase of a 7x14 Aluminum Enclosed Trailer for the Highway Department.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Jason Bruno

DISCUSSION: The list price of the trailer is \$8,405.00 at Tedford's Mobil

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

RESOLUTION #24-63

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the purchase of a Road Widener for the Highway Department

SECONDED BY: Mr. Aubin

DISCUSSION: The list price of the road widener is \$74,500 at Road Widener LLC.

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

RESOLUTION#24-64

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the purchase of a Brush Hog for the Highway Department

SECONDED BY: Mr. Jason Bruno

DISCUSSION: The list price of the Brush Hog is \$16,122.00 at Dragoon's Farm Equipment

RESOLUTION#24-65

MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls acknowledges the town-wide field day taking place on August 3, 2024.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Jason Bruno

DISCUSSION: The Field Day will take place on August 3, 2024 at the Jefferson Duquette Memorial Park, formerly known as Salmon River Road Park. More details will be forthcoming.

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

RESOLUTION#24-66

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls acknowledges the summer music series Music in the Park.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Vernon Bruno

DISCUSSION: The Music in the Park Series will take place on Friday evenings at the Jefferson Duquette Memorial Park and will run from June 21, 2024 to August 23, 2024. More details will be forthcoming.

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

RESOLUTION#24-67

MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls acknowledges and approves that a project will be put out to bid. The project will involve installation of more electrical outlets at the Jefferson Duquette Memorial Park for the pavilion.

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Smith

DISCUSSION: More power will be needed for the Music in the Park Series, as well as for additional lighting.

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

RESOLUTION#24-68

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board acknowledges and accepts Ryan Smith's written resignation, effective date March 19 2024, from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Vern Bruno

DISCUSSION Mr. Smith was a board member on the Zoning Board of Appeals

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

RESOLUTION #24-69

MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board acknowledges and accepts Dan Garner's written resignation, effective date March 19 2024, from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Vern Bruno

DISCUSSION Mr. Garner was a board member on the Zoning Board of Appeals

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

RESOLUTION #24-70

MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin

RESOLVED, that due to the vacancy of the second Justice position, the current justice will have a higher case load.

WHEREAS: Philip VanNortwick will receive a prorated pro stipend of \$10,277.36. A monthly payment of \$1,284.67 will be paid from May 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Jason Bruno

DISCUSSION:

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

RESOLUTION 24-71

MOTION BY: Mr. Jason Bruno

RESOLVED, that due to the vacancy of the second Justice position, the current justice will have a higher case load, resulting in a larger volume of paperwork for the court clerk.

WHEREAS: Mary Sorrell will receive a prorated pro stipend of \$8,383 A monthly payment of \$1,284.67 will be paid from May 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Vern Bruno

DISCUSSION:

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

RESOLUTION#24-72

MOTION BY: Mr. Vern Brno

WHEREAS, The Town of Schuyler Falls is considering installing a water main along Rickson Avenue to provide water service to all the properties along the road. Rickson Avenue is not within the Morrisonville Water District, and therefore the Town will need to enter an out of district user agreement with each property owner to provide this service. NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls will send a letter via postal mail with an Out of District Agreement to each resident in the area of this project being considered.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Aubin

DISCUSSION:

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

RESOLUTION#24-73

MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Regular Cab from Mohawk Chevrolet for \$41,603.95

SECONDED BY: Mr. Vernon Bruno

DISCUSSION: The list price of \$41,603.95 is the state contract price

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

CLAIMS

**General Abstract for February \$25,239.54
Highway Abstract for February \$17,581.02
Morrisonville Water for February \$7,844.55
Woods Mills Water for February \$1,880.90
Macey Lane Water for February \$664.65
Lighting District Abstract for February \$0.00
Capital Projects Abstract for February 46,263.66**

Vouchers for Claims: (#202400403-202400500)

Payroll Vouchers: (#202400355-202400368)

Payroll Vouchers: #202400384-202400402

Mr. Vernon 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

NEXT MEETING

Work Session (if needed) Wednesday 4/2/24 6:00 p.m.

Work Session (if needed) Wednesday 4/17/24 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting Tuesday 4/23/24 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.

Kelsi Russell, Town Clerk