

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 23,2024

Supervisor Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board to order at 6:00 p.m. Mary Sorrell was appointed by Supervisor Smith to take the minutes/sit the meeting since Kelsi Russell is away at training.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>MEMBER</u>		
Jason Bruno	X (Arrived 6:20PM)	
Martin Perrotte		X
Vernon Bruno	X	
Tim Aubin	X	
Mindy Smith	X	
Kelsi Russell		X
Nick Bracy	X	
Michael Snider	X	

PUBLIC RECOGNITION: Richard Dabrowski, Ryan Smith, Michael Snider, Howard Newton, Karen Newton, Peggy Garner, Barb Benkwitt, Mary Evans, Penny Cowan

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

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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, Mrs. Smith
ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

COMMUNICATIONS/ Charter has sent communications about various notifications. Updates were received from Friends of the North Country and further discussed.

Mr. Aubin made a motion to accept the communications as presented; Seconded by Mr. Vern Bruno.
AYES: Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mrs. Smith
ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

RECEIPTS Tax Collector Town Clerk/\$745.00 Morrisonville Water/\$130.00, Macey Lane Water/\$60.46 Woods Mills Water/\$48.26, Judge VanNortwick/\$4,134.00

Mr. Bruno made a motion to approve and accept the receipts as presented; Seconded by Mrs. Smith
AYES: Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mrs. Smith
ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

HIGHWAY/ Mr. Snider reported that we have been hit hard with several storms. He has bids for the Road Widener as well.

Water/ We are on Phase 1 on Flat Rock Road and are starting over on Macey Lane with Garrow's. We should be seeing progress soon. Mr. Dabrowski questioned what the specifics were for Phase 1. Discussion took place regarding this matter. A FOIL request is needed for this information

SAFETY/CODES Mr. Bruno requested an inspection and there are three stored vehicles, everything else is there for repair or other reasons. Mr. Newton also mentioned that the Irish Settlement property has been cited.

TOWN CLERK/No report given

HISTORIAN/ Mrs. Benkwitt discussed the eclipse and asked for volunteers to help clean up the historic markers.

ATTORNEY/ Mr. Bracy expressed that he has answered some questions for the Town Clerk regarding Local Laws. Brief discussion took place on these matters. Mr. Bracy expressed that there was a gentleman in Schuyler Falls who challenged his assessment and filed a lawsuit. The time period expired that he could file a lawsuit, so the court dismissed the lawsuit. Mr. Bracy gave an update on the McKinnon Property, following up from the last meeting.

SUPERVISOR/ The supervisor is working on several projects. She has spoken to VORTEX and town will be drawing up a new contract with VORTEX. Mrs. Smith gave a brief update on Phase 2 water project progress.

COUNCILMAN No report given

NEW BUSINESS/ Mr. Vern Bruno questioned about quotes on vehicles. Mrs. Smith expressed that there were two quotes. Further discussion took place on the matter. Mr. Vern Bruno questioned the progress on the electrical at Jefferson Duquette Park. Discussion took place on this matter. Mr. Bruno questioned the Highway purchases that had been previously approved. Mr. Snider and the board discussed these matters further. Mr. Bruno questioned the status of the Bangor Dog Shelter. Mrs. Smith explained that they are now the shelter

being utilized by the town. Mr. Vern Bruno questioned Mr. Snider about the furnace problems at the highway garage. The board and Mr. Snider discussed this matter further.

BID OPENING/ Mr. Bracy opened the bids for the Road Widener.

1. Bid from Evolution Engines \$54,327.60
2. Bid from Tracey Roads \$74,500

CLAIMS: Mr. Vern Bruno made a motion to pay the claims; Seconded by Mr. Jason Bruno.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION#24-74

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

WHEREAS, PERMA is holding their annual 2023 conference in Bolton Landing on May 9-10 2024

WHEREAS, the Secretary, Mary Sorrell, would like to attend as she handles the Worker's Comp Claims for the Town, be it therefore

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.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Jason Bruno

DISCUSSION: Perma pays for one registrant so the only cost would be mileage.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLUTION #24-75

MOTION BY: Mr. Vern Bruno

WHEREAS, New York State Retirement Education Unit is holding an Employer Education Seminar on May 23, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Secretary, Mary Sorrell, would like to attend as she handles the Retirement for the Town, be it therefore

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.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Jason Bruno

DISCUSSION: Cost to the town would include mileage and one meal.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLUTION #24-76

RESOLUTION #24-76 for the purchase of a Road Widener for the Highway Department was not acted on.

RESOLUTION #24-77

MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls acknowledges and approves that the Town enter a contract with Clowney Electrical in the amount of \$8,100 for the completion of the electrical project at the Salmon River Park

SECONDED BY: Mr. Vern Bruno

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLUTION #24-78

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls acknowledges and approves that the Town pay the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) in the amount of \$2,579,062.50

SECONDED BY: Mr. Jason Bruno

DISCUSSION: This Bond Anticipation Note is for Morrisonville Water

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

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLUTION #24-79

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 sealed bid. The project will involve lawn care of the parks and town grounds for the 2024 year.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Vern Bruno

DISCUSSION:

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

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLUTION #24-80

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

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 the Morrisonville Water Watershed for the splashpad.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Vern Bruno

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

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

CLAIMS

General Abstract for March \$21,576.16
Highway Abstract for March \$21,225.68
Morrisonville Water for March \$4955.90
Woods Mills Water for March \$1865.32
Macey Lane Water for March \$550.36
Lighting District Abstract for March \$0.00
Capital Projects Abstract for March 2,131.10

Vouchers for Claims: (#202400543-202400645)

Payroll Vouchers: (#202400501-202400514)

Payroll Vouchers: (#202400530-202400542)

Audit Only (#202400515-202400529)

Claims # (202400543-202400645)

Mr. Vernon Bruno made a motion to pay the claims, seconded by Mr. Jason Bruno

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

ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

PULIC FORUM/ Mr. Dabrowski asked about a property in disarray. Mr. Newton expressed that it is due in court very soon. Mr. Golovach expressed a water problem in Woods Mills. The county put a culvert across the road. They did not properly dredge the ditch so water is now in his front yard. Discussion took place among Mr. Golovach and the board members. Mr. Golovach expressed that the reason he came in front of the board is that although Rabideau Street is a county road the rest of the property is in Schuyler Falls. Mrs. Evans questioned the progress of town water on Mason Street. Mrs. Smith expressed that we are now starting on the first part of this project and it was started in 2020. Mrs. Smith gave a more in-depth answer.

Mr. Newton turned in his letter of resignation as Code Enforcement Officer. A question was brought up about paving on Mason Streer. Mr. Snider expressed where he would like to pave this year. The board also discussed various equipment related matters with Mr. Snider.

NEXT MEETING

Work Session (if needed) Wednesday 5/1/24 6:00 p.m.

Work Session (if needed) Wednesday 5/15/24 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting Tuesday 5/28/24 6 :00 p.m.

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

Kelsi Russell, Town Clerk