

**TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS**  
**TOWN BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING MAY 28, 2024**

Supervisor Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>		
Jason Bruno		
Martin Perrotte	X	
Vernon Bruno		X(arrived at 6:10PM)
Tim Aubin	X	
Mindy Smith	X	
Kelsi Russell	X	
Nick Bracy	X	
Michael Snider	X	

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION:** Ryan Smith, Barb Benkwitt, Bryan Yanulavich, Peggy Garner, Sam Campbell, Dan Garner, Jason Rock, Theresa Hayden, Howard Newton.

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Town Board Regular Meeting on April 23, 2024

Mr. Jason Bruno made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes as presented; Seconded by Mr. Tim Aubin.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Vernon Bruno

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Vern Bruno

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

Town Clerk, Supervisor, Codes Enforcement, Woods Mills Water, Morrisonville Water, Macey Lane, Historian

Mr. Perrotte 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. Vern Bruno

**COMMUNICATIONS/** Charter has sent communications about various notifications. We received an update from Friends of The North Country on the NYS Office of Community Renewal. There are 18 applications in progress with four complete. Five assessments complete. Four bidding, two are approved by the board and two are under preconstruction closing.

Mr. Jason Bruno made a motion to accept the communications as presented; Seconded by Mr. Aubin.

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

**RECEIPTS** Tax Collector/47,592.98 Town Clerk/\$510.00 Morrisonville Water/\$7,294.10, Macey Lane Water/\$853.07 Woods Mills Water/\$2,242.98, Judge VanNortwick/\$2,209.00

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

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

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**HIGHWAY** /Mr. Snider expressed that his department has been getting the plows all undressed and cleaning the roadsides. They have started doing some ditching and are in the process of trying to figure out paving. Mr. Snider expressed that he wanted to do paving on Kelly Road and finish up Soper Street that he had begun a few culverts. Mr. Snider expressed interest in knowing about the signs placed at the end of Flat Rock Road. Mrs. Smith expressed that they were for Morrisonville Water Phase 1, but they had run into some permitting issues. Mrs. Smith asked about mowing. Mr. Snider expressed that they had not started mowing but will make do with the resources we have. Mr. Snider expressed that he still has one employee out on disability. He expressed that the shop is running short. Mr. Vern Bruno asked a about a large hole in the town pit road. He asked about who takes responsibility for that repair. Discussion took place on the matter. Mr. Rock expressed that he felt only town employees should have access to that road. Mr. Vern Bruno expressed that this was not the case. Mr. Bracy expressed that the situation should be fixed sooner rather than later. Discussion took place about the matter and other various related water matters.

**WATER** /Phase 1 of Morrisonville water has been delayed due to materials and permitting and other various reasons. Construction will begin the second week of June to begin the water tap and to begin construction. Construction on Macey Lane has begun. Mrs. Smith went out with Mary from the town and put-up boil water orders so that individuals would be notified. At the end of the route Mrs. Smith was greeted by the Town of Plattsburgh for the day after.

Town Clerk/The Town Clerk has returned from a very beneficial training and is looking forward to implementing new practices in the office of the Town Clerk as time permits. Mr. Garrow spoke to the engineer at Laberge suggesting a valve be installed at the end of the main being installed. Further discussion took place on this matter. There was also a brief update given on Phase 2 of Morrisonville water. We are waiting to be able to put the project to bid.

**SUPERVISOR** /Clinton County Personnel certified payroll for 2024. We welcomed a new employee. A truck was purchased for town use. We will need to do a vinyl decal on the doors. Mr. Snider expressed that he had some stick-on decals. Mrs. Smith expressed that the splash pad has been a difficult project to work on from the beginning. She has gone over all the figures. There have been various road blocks that have come up which means we would incur additional costs that were not presented from the beginning. Mr. Bracy said that he would assist the board in this matter if given their direction. Discussion took place on the matter. Mr. Guynup offered a resource that may help the Town in the future. Further discussion occurred between board members

regarding this matter. Mr. Bruno suggested that at some point the board should go into executive session to discuss the thoughts of the board on this matter.

**COUNCILMAN**/Mr. Perrotte spoke with Mr. Yanulavich about his dealership/business.

**HISTORIAN**/Mrs. Benkwitt expressed that there is an upcoming meeting on the new Schuyler Falls Cemetery. They are always looking for board members and volunteers. Mrs. Benkwitt also mentioned some of the Juneteenth Celebrations around the area.

**SAFETY/CODES**/ Mr. Guynup expressed that it has been an interesting month as he is the new face in town. He has been trying to stay on top of the various complaints. He did put together a codes report. Board members were provided with an opportunity to view the report. Mr. Guynup also expressed that he had put together an updated fee schedule. Mr. Vern Bruno expressed that Mr. Guynup has been spoken very highly of around town.

**NEW BUSINESS**/ Mrs. Smith has spoken with the county and they are looking at a meeting for residents of the Sand Road Water Project. Discussion took place on the matter.

**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#24-87**

**MOTION BY**: Mr. Aubin

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 DBL WT 4WD from Goss Chevrolet for \$40,233.50

**SECONDED BY**: Mr. Perrotte

**DISCUSSION**: The discounted price is because the town has a Chevrolet Fleet.

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

### **RESOLUTION #24-88**

**MOTION BY**: Mr. Aubin

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the purchase of a Road Widener from Tracey Roads for the Highway Department.

**SECONDED BY**: Mr. Jason Bruno

**DISCUSSION**: The purchase price of the Road Widener is \$74,500.00.

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

### **RESOLUTION #24-89**

**MOTION BY**: Mr. Perrotte

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Schuyler authorizes the repair of a 2021 Ford Super Duty F350 with single rear wheels XL Supercab 4WD with 6.75 box 4D Short8-6.2L Flex Fuel Sequential MPI RED by Trim's Autobody & Collision Repair.

**SECONDED BY**: Mr. Aubin

**DISCUSSION**: Of the two quotes, Trim's Autobody and Collision Repair is the higher bidder, however they have a lead time of two weeks return turnaround, whereas Dick's Collision cannot do the repair work until the end of August.

**AYES**: Mr. Aubin, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Perrotte

**NAYS**: Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Vernon Bruno

### **RESOLUTION #24-90**

**MOTION BY**: Mrs. Smith

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

From A.1990.400 Contingent Account \$1,105.00

To: A.1220.410 Accounting Expense

To: A. 1320.400

**SECONDED BY**: Mr. Vern Bruno

**DISCUSSION**: To cover the cost of services for AUD & Accounting

**AYES**: Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Vern Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mrs. Smith.

### **RESOLUTION #24-91**

**MOTION BY**: Mr. Vern Bruno

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls adopts the change in term from two years to four years for the office of Town Supervisor. This resolution is passed subject to mandatory referendum pursuant to Article 3 and 7 of the Town Law. Said referendum will be submitted for vote at the November 2024 election

**DISCUSSION**:

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

### **RESOLUTION #24-92**

**MOTION BY**: Mr. Jason Bruno

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the purchase and setup of a LanguageLine Phone System in the court room

**SECONDED BY**: Mr. Vern Bruno

**DISCUSSION**:

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

**RESOLUTION #24-93**

**MOTION BY: Mr. Vern Bruno**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board Appoints Theresa Hayden to the Zoning Board of Appeals, appointment effective immediately and to expire on December 31, 2025

**SECONDED BY: Mr. Aubin**

**DISCUSSION:** The board member is required to complete the training as required by state statute to obtain four hours of training per year or an accumulation of 25 hours per term. The board member will have 6 months to complete the required training.

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

**RESOLUTION #24-94**

**MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board Appoints James Hockney to the Zoning Board of Appeals, appointment effective immediately and to expire on December 31, 2025

**SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte**

**DISCUSSION:** The board member is required to complete the training as required by state statute to obtain four hours of training per year or an accumulation of 25 hours per term. The board member will have 6 months to complete the required training.

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

**RESOLUTION #24-95**

**MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board Appoints Mike Reil to the Zoning Board of Appeals, appointment effective immediately.

**SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte**

**DISCUSSION:** The board member is required to complete the training as required by state statute to obtain four hours of training per year or an accumulation of 25 hours per term. The board member will have 6 months to complete the required training.

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

**RESOLUTION #24-96**

**MOTION BY: Vern Bruno**

**RESOLVED**, that the town of Schuyler Falls Town Board authorizes the installation of an additional valve at the point of connection to the existing dead end on Macey Lane.

**SECONDED BY: Jason Bruno**

**DISCUSSION:** The price for this valve is approximately \$2,300.00

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

**CLAIMS**

General Abstract for April \$28,262.50

Highway Abstract for April \$26,311.04

Morrisonville Water for April \$7,294.10

Woods Mills Water for April \$2,242.98

Macey Lane Water for April \$853.07

Lighting District Abstract for April \$0.00

Capital Projects Abstract for April 89,578.87

Vouchers for Claims: (#202400669 and 202400703-202400800)

Payroll Vouchers: (#202400646-202400668)

Payroll Vouchers: (#202400670-202400682)

Payroll Vouchers: (#202400697-202400702)

Audit Only (#202400683-202400696)

Claims # (202400543-202400645)

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

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

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Dabrowski asked for clarification on the phase one Macy Lane Project. Mrs. Smith answered his questions as best as she could. Mr. Dabrowski expressed that they did a very nice job. Mr. Dabrowski also asked about the old House of Pine building and if anything has been resolved with that. Mr. Guynup expressed that there is a court appearance tomorrow (05-29-24) at 3PM. Mr. Dabrowski also asked about his FOIL request. His FOIL request will be ready for pickup tomorrow.

Mr. Yanulavich, owner of Cadyville Auto has been waiting for a letter from the town for approval so he can get his station authorized. He expressed that he never really closed the business but he had to change the address due to where his book of records, inspection station, and dealer plates were kept. He explained that the address has always been kept as a repair shop. The matter was discussed further. Mrs. Smith further explained this to Mr. Yanulavich.

Mr. Rock expressed that he was against the splashpad and felt it was something that the taxpayers never had a choice on. The board, and Mr. Rock discussed the matter further. Mr. Rock also mentioned and expressed that the minutes were not accurate. This matter was discussed among the board members, town clerk, town attorney, and general public. Mr. Rock also mentioned that there are social media platforms where this information can be posted, it was expressed that we are working on.

A member of the public expressed that we cannot have open ended resolutions. The matter was discussed. From this point forward resolutions will be clearly written and presented to the best of the ability of the board.

Mr. Newton expressed that he felt the April 23 ,2024 meeting minutes were not accurate.

A member of the public expressed that they have a daughter who is half Jewish and there was a comment made about Jewish Lightening at a current fire that Morrisonville Fire District had, not once but twice. He thinks a lesson on diversity, equity, and inclusion would be a great lesson for the Town Board. The matter was discussed in further detail. Mr. Vern Bruno expressed that Supervisor Smith gave every board member an information sheet. She addressed the matter after it occurred and addressed it well with all the board. He feels she should be given credit where credit is due.

Mr. Smith questioned who was responsible for the minutes. Mrs. Smith expressed that the Town Clerk is responsible for the minutes.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to enter executive session at 7:35pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perrotte. The purpose of executive session is to discuss the splash pad project.

A motion was made by Mr. Vern Bruno to return from executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perrotte. The board returned from executive session at 7:55pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

Work Session (if needed) Wednesday 6/5/24      6:00 p.m.  
Work Session (if needed) Tuesday 6/18/24      6:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting Tuesday 6/25/24              6:00 p.m.

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

Kelsi Russell, Town Clerk