

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING JULY 23, 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> |
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| <u>MEMBER</u> | | |
| Jason Bruno | X | |
| Martin Perrotte | X | |
| Vernon Bruno | X | |
| Tim Aubin | X | |
| Mindy Smith | X | |
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| Kelsi Russell | X | |
| Nick Bracy | X | |
| Michael Snider | X | |

PUBLIC RECOGNITION: Ryan Smith, Howard Newton, Karen Newton, Sean Lucas, Penny Cowan, Sherm Hamel, Bob Guynup, Sam Campbell

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Town Board Regular Meeting on June 25, 2024.

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

Mr. Lucas from Casella, addressed the board and general public about the upcoming open house at Casella on the 27th of July.

MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS/ We received an update from Friends of The North Country on the NYS Office of Community Renewal, the client project status report. 19 applications are in progress, four completed, five assessments.

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

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

RECEIPTS Tax Collector/Town Clerk/\$620.25 Macey Lane Water \$2,557.53, Morrisonville Water/\$13,139.06 Woods Mills Water/\$5,782.30, Judge VanNortwick/\$3,409.00.

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

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

PLANNING BOARD Mr. Vernon Bruno made a motion to approve and accept the Planning Board minutes as presented; Seconded by Mr. Perrotte.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

HIGHWAY /Mr. Snider and the board discussed his possible truck purchase and the wait for his piece of equipment. Mr. Snider also gave accolades to Mr. Hagar for all his help with the hydroseeding and other matters. Discussion took place about the culvert on Shingle Street.

SAFETY/CODES/Mr. Bracy represented the town on a court case and it seems a positive result has occurred. Mr. Guynup expressed that he has been working with Friends of the North Country on a property. The grass has been cut and the vehicles have been registered. Discussion took place about the next steps of the project.

WATER/ Mrs. Smith is working on Macy Lane. She has spoken to Laberge about the laterals. The town may have to outsource checking the laterals. Laberge has started the paperwork for Rickson Ave. Mrs. Smith expressed that there are people who want to be hooked up to the town water supply, however they are unable to due to how the grant was written. Mrs. Smith explained that the town is working with Laberge to try to figure out a way that people who want to hook into the water supply can at least have a tap, even if they pay for it themselves. Mrs. Smith is working to find a solution for individuals who want to hook into

TOWN CLERK/The town clerk is working on the ability to issue hunting/fishing licenses. Paperwork has been submitted to the DEC for review.

SUPERVISOR/ Mrs. Smith has been working with Mr. Snider to complete the mining permit. Mrs. Smith explained that a new map had to be drawn and they are waiting for help on that. She explained that there is still time to complete this as everything does not have to be done until November. They will not be able to completely submit by the first deadline of July 24th but will let the appropriate channels know they are diligently working on this process. The culvert Mr. Snider was referring to that he has been working on with Pete Hagar, he is working on getting a grant through Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District. Mrs. Smith explained that there are two free applications, he is asking for a grant of about 70-80 thousand dollars for study and design. There is a ten percent in kind match, which means no money is spent. It is usually done with time spent meeting about the project, time spent by the highway department cleaning up the beaver blockages. Further discussion took place about this matter.

ATTORNEY/ Mr. Bracy briefly discussed the court appearance with Christopher Carlo. It has been an interesting case. Mr. Bracy gave further details about the case as he was able. He explained that it was a process. Mr. Jason Bruno questioned if all the steps were followed, at what point would the town be able to go

in and do something with the property. Mr. Guynup explained a little bit about this process as he has encountered it in the Town of Peru. He expressed that the town must work with the county treasurer's office, hold a public hearing with the town board and some other steps.

COUNCILMAN/Mr. Vern Bruno asked if Mr. Snider had figured out his truck. Mr. Snider expressed that Mrs. Smith was working on further research. Mrs. Smith agreed. Mr. Vern Bruno expressed that he was impressed with the pit road and thanked Mr. Snider and crew for working on it. Mr. Jason Bruno asked about the status of Mr. Snider's mower. Brief discussion took place on this matter.

HISTORIAN/ No report given

DOG CONTROL/Mrs. Smith spoke with Mr. Christon. He has been dealing with various dog issues. He was asked to take a dangerous dog and he explained it would need to be taken to a facility.

CLAIMS: Mr. Vern 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

NEW BUSINESS

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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION#24-104

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Town Board acknowledges and approves that a project will be put out to bid. The project will involve construction of a Pickleball court at the Town Hall.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: Discussion took place about the old Pickleball Court and what would happen with that space. The new pickleball court will be in a new location on the grounds of the town hall

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

RESOLUTION #24-105

MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls acknowledges and approves that a position will be advertised. The position will be a Part time Laborer position for the Highway Garage.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: Discussion took place about the Teamsters contract. Mr. Vern Bruno asked if a part time position was still a union position. Brief discussion took place on the matter. At this time the resolution was tabled until the next board meeting.

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

RESOLUTION#24-106

MOTION BY: Mr. Jason Bruno

RESOLVED, That the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the installation of Scorpion Coating on the bedliner and undercoat of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 DBL WT 4WD. The cost of this installation is \$1,750.00.

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Smith

DISCUSSION: Discussion took place regarding the location of the company performing the work.

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

RESOLUTION #24-107

MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the increase in pay for Eugene Pelkey from \$15.00 to \$17.25

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Smith

DISCUSSION: Discussion took place about the rate of pay and raise for Mr. Pelkey.

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

NAYS: Mr. Jason Bruno

RESOLUTION #24-108

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the hiring of Krista Connelly for the position of Laborer in the Recreation Department.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: This is a part time position. Discussion took place regarding the rate of pay for this position. The position will start at \$15.00 per hour. The question was posed about what would happen if in 10 months this person asked for a raise. Mr. Campbell explained that Mr. Pelkey did not come to him and request a raise, instead he recommended him for a raise. Mr. Campbell discussed this further with the board.

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

ABSTAIN: Mr. Jason Bruno

RESOLUTION #24-109

MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin

RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls acknowledges and approves that a position will be advertised. The position will be a Laborer position for the Recreation Department.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Vernon Bruno

DISCUSSION: This position is a part time position. The rate of pay for this position will be \$15.00 to start.

Mr. Jason Bruno questioned if the Recreation Department was interested in a full-time employee. Discussion took place on the matter.

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

RESOLUTION #24-110

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

WHEREAS, The Court is requesting authorization from the Town Board to apply for during the upcoming grant cycle; and

WHEREAS a requirement to apply for this grant is to have a resolution of the legislative body of each municipality that is a party to the application evidencing its authorization thereof:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2024-2025 grant cycle up to \$30,000.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Vernon Bruno

DISCUSSION: This grant is for the court room. They need to update chairs, a P.A. system and other items.

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

RESOLUTION #24-111

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the hiring of Laberge Group to prepare and submit the information for the WQIP Grant for a fee in the amount of \$6,800.00.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Aubin

DISCUSSION: The grant will be used for the proposed salt shed at the highway garage site.

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

RESOLUTION #24-112

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the hiring of Laberge Group to prepare and submit the information for the WQIP Grant for a fee in the amount of \$6,800.00.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Vernon Bruno

DISCUSSION: The grant will be used for the proposed salt shed at the highway garage site.

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

RESOLUTION #24-113

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 284 of the Highway Law requires that prior to expending any funds appropriated for improvement or repair of highways, the Town Board and the Highways Superintendent is required to execute an agreement dictating how and where expenditures made for improvement and repair of highways, and

WHEREAS, the improvements will be made from Flat Rock Road to Soper, toward Turner Road and Guynup Lane for 1.6 miles. If the material comes from Jointa Line the estimated cost will be \$186,481.26. If the material comes from Upstone Materials, the estimated cost will be \$205,854.00

WHEREAS, under the statutory framework, the Highway Superintendent is responsible for preparing an annual budget for mandated items for the fiscal year, while the Town board is responsible for receiving and securing the public funds and may modify the budget prepared by the Highway Superintendent: be it therefore,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board along with the Superintendent of Highways enter into the agreement attached for the repair and improvement of highways for the year 2024, and be it further

RESOLVED, that any changes to this agreement must be modified by all parties.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Vern Bruno

DISCUSSION: Discussion took place among board members and Mr. Snider regarding specifics about the project.

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

CLAIMS

General Abstract for June \$60,451.21

Highway Abstract for June \$13,755.55.

Morrisonville Water for June \$8,694.47

Woods Mills Water for June \$2,610.65

Macey Lane Water for June \$877.64

Lighting District Abstract for June \$0.00

Capital Projects Abstract for June \$20,526.84

Payroll Claims: (#202400915-202400947)

Audit Only (#202400948-202400959)

Claims (#202400833-202400914)

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Newton expressed that at the last concert on the park he noticed that the emergency gate is in the corner. He expressed that we may want to have the codes officer look and perhaps close the gate so that it is for emergency use only. Mrs. Smith explained that there are two entrances that an emergency vehicle could fit through without a problem. Further discussion took place on this matter. Mr. Hamel suggested looking at state surplus for the piece of equipment the Highway Department is waiting for. Mr. Snider expressed that he would prefer new equipment but appreciated the suggestion from Mr. Hamel. Brief discussion took place about what Mr. Snider is looking for.

NEXT MEETING

Work Session (if needed) Wednesday 8/7/24 6:00 p.m.

Work Session (if needed) Tuesday 8/21/24 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting Tuesday 8/27/24 6:00 p.m.

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

Kelsi Russell, Town Clerk