

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING JULY 25, 2017

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

Present

MEMBER

George Seymour	X
Barry White	X
Howard Newton	X
Willard Todd	X
Richard Potiker	X
Donna Hamel	X
John Rock	X
Michael McCormick	X

PUBLIC FORUM Danielle O'Mara, Scott Campbell, Joanne Hockney, Barb Benkwitt, Sheila Martin

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on June 27, 2017 before this meeting.

Mr. White made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes as presented, Seconded by Mr. Newton.

AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. Potiker, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd

ADRESSESS **Danielle O'Mara**, the Tobacco Free CFE Program Coordinator for Clinton Essex and Franklin Counties, spoke to the Town Board about the measures being taken across the State to discourage the smoking of tobacco, vaping and the use of E-cigarettes. She stated that the average age of a new smoker in New York State is 13 years old. She said that several counties across New York State have increased the minimum legal sale age of tobacco products to 21 years of age. She stated that the percentage of adult smokers in the North Country exceeds the national and New York State percentage. She mentioned that even the Dollar Stores are now selling cigarettes. She would like the Town Board to consider updating their policy to include no e-cigarettes or vaping along with the use of tobacco in the form of cigarettes or chew in any of the Town owned areas. She said that the Town of Plattsburgh had just updated their policy. Mr. Newton asked if this was done, who would enforce the policy. She mentioned that possibly the Codes Officer could. She asked if the Town Board could possibly consider passing a resolution offering their support in increasing the age for the sale of tobacco products to 21 years old. This request will be reviewed at the next work session.

Scott Campbell, Executive Director for the Friends of the North Country, told the Board members that there is an open round to apply for a CDBG grant for the Town. The application is due by September 22nd. The maximum amount of an award that a Town could receive is \$500,000. At this time, he said that Friends have 17 households in the Town of Schuyler Falls that are on the waiting list for some degree of Housing rehabilitation.

In 2010, Friends wrote a successful grant for the Town. Thirteen Households were helped, with two being new construction. Their organization found other programs to provide extra funding for some of the households.

He stated that a Public Hearing is required before the application date, so if the Town is interested in applying for the grant, they would have to hold a Public Hearing in August. He said that since they are a not for profit organization, the Town would not have to request RFPs or advertise. Mr. Potiker said that they will discuss this at the work session in August.

Suzanne Randall asked the Board members if anything could be done regarding the pooling of water that occurs every time there is a rain storm on the corner of Mason Street and Emory Street. She owns an apartment house at that location and stated that she has asked numerous times for something to be done to alleviate the problem. She mentioned that this problem started about two years ago when the County dug up the big drain by Dare Street and filled the drain with road debris. It was mentioned that there is a problem with the drainage of water after a rain storm all along Mason Street close to the Village. Mr. Potiker told her that the drains along that area run uphill and there is no way to get rid of the water. He told her that the Town is working on a Comprehensive Plan and this issue will be included in the plan. She mentioned another problem she is having is that the Highway Department piles snow at the corner by her Apartment House. This makes for a dangerous situation and thought that the town should haul some of the snow away from that location in the winter. Mr. Potiker told her that he would speak to the Highway Superintendent about these issues when he gets back from vacation.

COMMUNICATIONS 1. Received the Compliance Review paperwork to complete from the USDA. Paperwork has been completed and sent back to USDA.

2. Received the information for the Dedication Ceremony for the Gordie Little Memorial Bridge. This ceremony will take place on July 29th at 11:00 am at the Morrisonville Bridge.

3. Responded to a request from the Clinton County Highway Department regarding the Dick Glode subdivision and the Reg Facticeau subdivision.

4. Responded to a request from an Attorney regarding 189 Irish Settlement Road.

5. Received information on the new area code requirements.

6. Received an e-mail from a resident on Rabideau Street regarding grassy area beside the new sidewalk that was installed last year. Mr. Potiker said that he will have the contractor see what he could do to repair that area on the side of the walkway.

7. Memorandum from CC Real Property Office regarding a possible increase for the Assisted Services/Full Assessment Services for 2018.

8. Received the approved Permit Transfer from J E Sheehan Contracting Corp to Graymont Materials.

9. Received the fully executed copy of the CC Highway Snow/Ice Agreement for 2017-2018.

10. Received the 2016 Annual Financial report from the Morrisonville Fire Department.
11. Received communications from Charter regarding some upcoming changes in channels and the cost of some services.
12. Received notification from Stantec Consulting Services that they have been contracted to progress preliminary and final design for removal of the bridge that carries Kent Falls Road over Saranac River in the Towns of Plattsburgh and Schuyler Falls.
13. Received a notice from the Town of Plattsburgh Zoning Office that that a hearing will take place on July 12th regarding Appeal #2094. Notice was sent as the requested variance is within 500 ft. of Town Line.

MONTHLY REPORTS Town Clerk, Supervisor, Morrisonville Water, Woods Mills Water, Macey Lane Water, Ambulance, Codes Enforcement, Dog Control, Deputy Dog Control
Mr. Newton made a motion to file the reports; Seconded by Mr. White.
AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd, Mr. Potiker

RECEIPTS Town Clerk/\$1,287.00 Judge Cumm/\$2,684.00 Judge Van Nortwick/\$3,002.00, Macey Lane Water/\$559.46, Morrisonville Water/\$5,821.40 Woods Mills Water/\$2,161.68, Casella Host Fees-2nd quarter/\$82,289.00 Lowes-Rebate for recreation paint/\$30.00
Mr. White made a motion to file the receipts; Seconded by Mr. Todd.
AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd, Mr. Potiker

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Safety and Codes/Mr. Potiker read the Codes Officer's report for July.

Water/ Mr. Potiker told the Board Members that a meeting with the Town of Plattsburgh's Water Department regarding the water meters will be held tomorrow morning.

Dog Control/ Mr. Potiker told the Board members that he received reports from both the Dog Control Officer and the Deputy Dog Control Officer.

Town Clerk/Donna Hamel told the Board Members that included in their packet tonight is the introductory Law #17-2.

Supervisor/ Mr. Potiker told the Board members that he received a complaint from a resident on Goddeau Road. The resident would like stripping done on the road. Mr. Potiker talked with the Highway Superintendent about this matter and was told that the Goddeau Road is on the list to be re-paved this year.

Historian/ Barb said that she and Marge have been responding to questions from different individuals. She showed the Board members a collage of pictures that she took of all the entry points into the Town. The Goddeau Road entry point into the Town has no signage stating the start of the Town boundary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ Mr. Potiker told the Board members that he received two estimates for the sidewalk replacement. He is waiting for one more to come in. Hopefully, he will have the quote and have the resolution ready for the next meeting.

He mentioned that the scrap tire round-up that was held at the Highway Department on July 22nd was a huge success. Because this event was open to all County residents, the trailer was filled up by 10:30 am. There will be another day available for the County residents to take advantage of disposing of the surplus tires on August 5th in the Town of Altona.

The Recreation Department was commended for the work being done at the park on Mason Street. Cement pads are being installed for the placement of picnic tables. Appreciation to the Highway Department for their role in installing a walkway into the park.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #17-51

MOTION BY: Mr. Todd

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 17-2 of the year 2017 entitled "A Local Law Providing for Benefit Protection for Town Employees Electing to Run for Public Office in the Town of Schuyler Falls" was introduced at this meeting, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby sets the date, time and place for a Public Hearing concerning Local Law No. 17-2 of the year 2017 as August 22, 2017 at 5:45 PM at the Town Offices located at 997 Mason Street, Morrisonville, New York and directs that Notice of the Public Hearing be published and posted within the timeframes set forth by law.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Mr. Newton

AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd, Mr. Potiker

RESOLUTION #17-52

MOTION BY: Mr. Mr. White

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the Highway Superintendent to advertise in the Press Republican for bids to purchase a used Gradall, 2004 or newer with the possibility of taking in trade the Town's 1984 Model 660 Gradall ; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that at the next Regular Meeting, August 22, 2017, all sealed bids will be opened. Any and all bids may be rejected by the Town Board at that time. The Town Board may also accept the bid that represents the best value subject to the Town Board's and Superintendent of Highways' review of the bid for conformance to the bid specifications after the Town Board meeting.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Todd

DISCUSSION Specs to be picked up at the Town Office or the Highway Garage.

AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd, Mr. Potiker

The Town Clerk asked Mr. McCormick if the resolution should contain the wording subject to Permissive Referendum. He said it should as the money for the Gradall would have to come from the Highway CD as it is not in the 2017 Budget. Mr. Newton made a motion to amend the resolution to include the wording subject to Permissive Referendum. This motion was Seconded by Mr. White and was Unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION #17-53

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, the Town of Schuyler Falls is the owner of certain parcels of real property located within the Town of Schuyler Falls at 90 Ram Road and 170 Turner Road which are unused by the Town and serve no useful purpose for the Town; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the parcels of property located at 90 Ram Road and 170 Turner Road are hereby determined to be surplus property of the Town of Schuyler Falls, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the advertisement in the Press Republican for bids to purchase the parcels of property located at 90 Ram Road and 170 Turner Road in the Town of Schuyler Falls with expenses for the conveyance of said parcels to be borne by the purchasers thereof; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that at the next Regular Meeting, August 22, 2017, all sealed bids will be opened and any and all bids may be rejected by the Town Board at that time. The Town Board may also accept the highest acceptable bid, subject to permissive referendum.

SECONDED BY: Mr. White

DISCUSSION:

AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd, Mr. Potiker

After some discussion regarding the deeds to both these properties, it was said that there were some deed restrictions with the property on 170 Turner Road stating that it could not be sold. It was decided this resolution would be voided and that the Town Attorney would review the deeds before any further action to sell the surplus properties would be taken. Mr. Todd made a motion to void Resolution #17-53 regarding the sale of the surplus land until further review of the deeds by the Town Attorney. This motion was seconded by Mr. Newton and was Unanimously Approved.

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of July	\$ 20,477.22
Highway Abstract for the Month of July	\$ 9,565.71
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of July	\$ 2,577.02
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of July	\$ 14,154.22
Macey Lane Water Abstract for July	\$ 384.57
Audit only Abstract for the Month of July	\$ 4,072.44
Vouchers for Claims (#201700891- 201700952)	
Vouchers for Audit Only (#201700877-201700890)	
Payroll Claims for Month of July (#201700850--201700876)	

Mr. Seymour made a motion to pay the claims, which was seconded by Mr. White.

AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd, Mr. Potiker

NEXT MEETING

Work Sessions (if Needed)	Monday August 7, 2017	6:00 p.m.
	Monday August 17, 2017	
Public Hearing	Tuesday August 22, 2017	5:45 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Tuesday August 22, 2017	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Seymour made a motion to adjourn, which was Seconded by Mr. Newton; and was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED/ 7:56 p.m.

Donna Hamel/Town Clerk