

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 22, 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

ATTENDEES Barb Benkwitt, Sheila Martin, Roland Carter, Mary Sorrell, Sherm Hamel

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on July 25, 2017 before this meeting.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Received from the Clinton County Real Property Office a request to set up a meeting to discuss the future rates for full and assisted assessing services. Gary Drollette, Town Assessor, will attend the meeting.
2. Received from Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance a form to fill out indicating interest in enrolling in their services.

MONTHLY REPORTS Town Clerk, Supervisor, Morrisonville Water, Woods Mills Water, Macey Lane Water, Codes Enforcement, Historian, Deputy Dog Control Officer

Mr. Newton made a motion to file the reports; Seconded by Mr. White.

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

Mr. Seymour made a motion to file the Minutes of the Planning Board meetings that were held on June 6, 2017 and July 11, 2017. Mr. Newton seconded the motion and motion was Unanimously Approved.

RECEIPTS Town Clerk/\$1,165.00 Judge Cumm/\$2,611.00 Judge Van Nortwick/\$3,466.00, Macey Lane Water/\$214.32, Morrisonville Water/\$2,015.50, Woods Mills Water/\$324.93, Earth Waste Metal-Scrap Metal/\$178.40

Mr. Todd made a motion to file the receipts; Seconded by Mr. White.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway/ Mr. Rock told the Board members that the Highway crew is trying to finish the paving of the roads for the year. They worked with Sam Campbell to finish the Pickle ball Court at the Town Park.

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

Dog Control/ Mr. Potiker told the Board members that he received a report from the Deputy Dog Control Officer, which he read to them. He did not receive a report nor has he not heard from Cliff Christon.

Town Clerk/ Donna Hamel told the Board Members that she was contacted by a Representative from the Honor Flight. Dick Reome, an ex-official, is going to Washington on the Honor Flight on September 2nd. They wanted to pass this information on to the Board members as they thought it would be nice to send him off with some members of the Town present. Sherm Hamel added that there are some openings for future Honor Flights if anyone knows of a World War 2 or a Korean War Veteran that would be interested in going to Washington.

Supervisor/ Mr. Potiker reported that he met with Billy Jones, Assemblyman, on August 3rd. He and Mr. Jones took a tour around the Town.

Two work sessions were held in August with the Board members.

On August 9th, Mr. Potiker attended a meeting at the Town of Plattsburgh where a LED presentation was given.

A meeting was held on August 10th with EMS representatives to discuss the new contract. It was said that the cost of the contract will remain the same, but if the Town would like to contribute more, they would welcome it.

On August 11th, he met with the County regarding the replacement of the Harney Bridge.

On August 16th, Mr. Potiker attended a Supervisor's meeting.

Historian/ Barb Benkwitt had flyers available for the Battle of Plattsburgh event that will be held September 7th through the 10th. She told the Board members that she and a recreational employee had been painting the historical sign on Route 22B. She mentioned that there are other historical signs around the Town could use some restoration work done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ Mr. Newton asked if Mr. Potiker had heard anything from NYSEG on the proposed natural gas line for the Town. Because he had not, Mr. Newton was going to contact NYSEG for an update.

At the same time, he will discuss if there is a possibility to run the sleeve for natural gas piping across the Harney Bridge to connect the natural gas to the Town of Schuyler Falls when the construction for the new bridge is done at that location.

Mr. Potiker read the letter that will be given to the Planning Board regarding the Richard Glode subdivision. The Planning Board will be meeting with Mr. Glode at their next meeting in September. After some discussion, it was advised that the last paragraph of the letter should be taken out as nowhere in the provisions in the Zoning Law regarding road requirements was that stipulation listed.

NEW BUSINESS/Donna Hamel told the Board members that she sent out four bid specifications to different companies and received three sealed bids.

1. Vantage Equipment, 5985 Court Street, Syracuse, NY 2001 Gradall XL3100 \$69,000-\$2,000 less trade in
Net Sale Price \$67,000
2. Gateway Machinery, 19 Kevan Circle, Manlius, NY 2006 dall XL-4100 \$59,750-\$5,750 less trade in
Net Sale Price \$54,000
3. Sheehan Equip. Corp. 208 Sissonville Road, Potsdam, NY 2007 Gradall XL 4100 \$95,000-\$15,000 less trade in
Net Sale Price \$80,000

It was determined that more information was needed on some of the quotes. Mr. Potiker will contact the sellers to get this information. **Mr. Newton made a motion to review the bids at the work session on September 5, 2017 and at that time award the bid to the most satisfactory bidder or the best value with the option to reject any and all bids if necessary. Mr. Todd seconded the motion and the motion was Unanimously Approved.**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #17-54

MOTION BY: Mr. Todd

RESOLVED, that the Regular Town Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2017 be rescheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

DISCUSSION: To satisfy the requirements for the FRIENDS grant application.

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

RESOLUTION #17-55

MOTION BY: Mr. Todd

WHEREAS, in the 2017 budget, funds are allocated for sidewalks,

WHEREAS, three quotes were received to repair/replace approximately 176 LF of sidewalk at the Rabideau Goddeau Road Intersection,

WHEREAS, the three quotes were received by: Hilltop Custom Landscape & Design/\$9,500.00, Ryan's Masonry/\$40,000.00 and Seymour's Masonry/\$11,000.00, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board awards the Job to the lowest quote being Hilltop Custom Landscape & Design.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

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

RESOLUTION #17-56

MOTION BY: Mr. Todd

WHEREAS, after review and modification, by the Town Attorney, of the Intermunicipal Agreement for operation and maintenance of the Morrisonville Dog Park between the Town of Plattsburgh and the Town of Schuyler Falls, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls enter into the four year agreement with the Town of Plattsburgh for the operation and maintenance of the Morrisonville Dog Park and be it therefore,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the payment of \$10,000.00 to the Town of Plattsburgh.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

DISCUSSION: Any operating costs, such as supplies associated with the operation of the Dog Park shall be calculated on a proportional basis, based on population and shall be reviewed on an annual basis.

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

NAYES: Mr. White

RESOLUTION #17-57

MOTION BY: Mr. White

WHEREAS, The New York State Association of Public Historian's Conference is scheduled October 31, 2017 through the 2nd of November in Poughkeepsie, New York

WHEREAS, the Historian, Barb Benkwitt desires to attend and has allocated it in her budget, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the attendance of said conference and expenses will be chargeable as provided for in the 2017 budget.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Seymour

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

RESOLUTION #17-58

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the Town Historian to apply for the William G. Pomeroy Foundation Historic Roadside Marker Grant for markers for Historic sites located in the Town that have a historic significance within the 1740-1917 time frame.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Todd

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

RESOLUTION #17-59

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, this Town Board authorized the Town's participation in the NYS Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), administered by the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation, Office for Community Renewal, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Friends of the North Country, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, is hereby authorized to prepare and submit an application to the New York State Office for Community Renewal for the purposes of Community Development within the Town's jurisdiction, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Town Board does hereby adopt the Town of Schuyler Falls Strategic/Consolidated Plan (November 2002), the Citizen Participation Plan, and the Residential Anti-Displacement Plan for the purposes of administering the proposed Town of Schuyler Falls Housing Rehabilitation Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of the Strategic/Consolidated Plan, Citizen Participation Plan and Anti-Displacement Plan be retained at the Town Office by the Town Clerk of the Town of Schuyler Falls, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held on September 19, 2017 at 5:45 p.m. at the Town offices located at 997 Mason Street, Morrisville, NY 12962 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Town of Schuyler Falls community development needs and to discuss the possible submission of one or more CDBG applications for the 2017 program year.

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign and execute all associated documentation for the aforementioned NYS Program Office for Community Renewal CDBG Application.

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be included in the 2017 New York State Office for Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant application.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Todd

DISCUSSION: Mr. Newton asked what the cost was going to be for Friends to submit the application. Mr. Potiker replied that the cost was \$1,250.00. There is no guarantee that the grant will be awarded.

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

ABSTAIN: Mr. White

RESOLUTION #17-60

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, the Town of Schuyler Falls would like to enter into a relationship with Absolute Auction & Reality, Inc. parent company of Haroff Auction & Reality, Inc. ("Auctioneers").

WHEREAS, THE Town of Schuyler Falls has the need to auction off surplus vehicles and equipment in their possession which are of no further use to the Town, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to enter into an agreement with the Auctioneers to conduct said auction as the Auctioneers have the ability and expertise to conduct the auction of said vehicles and equipment, and

WHEREAS, and the fees for said auction shall be 10% buyer premium paid by the successful bidder at the auction with no cost to the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Auctioneers to allow for a public auction of excess vehicles and equipment, to be in a form that is attached to this resolution and approved by the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Todd

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

RESOLUTION #17-61

MOTION BY: Mr. White

WHEREAS, Local Law #17-2 of the year 2017, a Local Law entitled, "Providing for Benefit Protection for Town Employees Electing to run for Public Office in the Town of Schuyler Falls," had been introduced at the Regular Meeting on July 25, 2017, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on Local Law # 17-2 was held on August 22, 2017 to hear comments for or against the proposed Local Law; be it hereby,

RESOLVED, that the introductory Local Law #17-2 entitled, "Providing for Benefit Protection for Town Employees Electing to run for Public Office in the Town of Schuyler Falls" be the same is hereby adopted as Local Law #17-2 and the Town Clerk is directed to enter said Local Law in the Local Law Book of the Town and to give notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

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

RESOLUTION #17-62

MOTION BY: Mr. Todd

RESOLVED, that the Regular Town Board work sessions, for the Month of October only, be changed to October 3rd and October 17th

SECONDED BY: Mr. White

DISCUSSION: Conflict with Supervisor's schedule for the month of October

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

RESOLUTION #17-63

MOTION BY: Mr. White

WHEREAS, the Town Board had discussed hiring a contractor for the 2017-2018 year for snow removal for the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Hall, be it therefore,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board authorizes the advertisement for quotes in the Press Republican.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Seymour

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

RESOLUTION #17-64

MOTION BY: Mr. Todd

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

From: A.1990.400 Contingent Account . \$ 2,140.00

To: A.9040.800 Workers Compensation \$ 2,140.00

To cover the cost of workers compensation for 2017.

SECONDED BY: Mr. White

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

RESOLUTION #17-65

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

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

INCREASE: A.7140.400 Playgrounds/Rec. Ctr. Cont. Personal Services	\$ 4,200.00
A.7140.400 Playgrounds/Rec. Ctr. Cont. Exp.	\$30,000.00
A.7310.140 Youth Program Maintenance	\$ 300.00
From: Fund Balance Unreserved 0909.000A	\$34,500.00

To allow for the expenditure for the Pickle Ball Court, payroll and other expenses for the remaining of the year.

SECONDED BY: Mr. White

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

RESOLUTION #17-66

MOTION BY: Mr. Seymour

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls approves the following Highway Fund Budget Transfer.

From: DA.5110.400 General Repairs Cont. Exp. \$ 200.00

To: DA.5110.410 Genera Repairs Signs \$200.00

To cover the cost of signs for 2017

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

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

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of August	\$ 67,939.53
Highway Abstract for the Month of August	\$ 37,592.48
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of August	\$ 3,306.88
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of August	\$ 1,551.68
Macey Lane Water Abstract for August	\$ 331.70
Audit only Abstract for the Month of August	\$ 3,311.35

Vouchers for Claims (#201700998- 2017001078)

Vouchers for Audit Only (#201700973-201700984)

Payroll Claims for Month of August (#201700953--201700972)

(#201700985-- 201700997)

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

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Newton said he had several inquiries from residents asking if the Town Offices telephone message could be changed to have the option of pressing 0 for the operator first before the other extensions are listed. Mr. Potiker will check with Prime Link.

NEXT MEETING

Work Sessions (if Needed)	Tuesday September 5 2017	6:00 p.m.
	Monday September 18, 2017	
Public Hearing	Tuesday September 19, 2017	5:45 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Tuesday September 19, 2017	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Todd made a motion to adjourn, which was Seconded by Mr. White; and was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED/7:12 p.m.

Donna Hamel/Town Clerk