

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 22, 2019

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

Present Absent

MEMBER

George Seymour		X
Barry White	X	
Howard Newton	X	
Martin Perrotte	X	
Richard Potiker	X	
Donna Hamel	X	
John Rock	X	
Michael McCormick	X	

ATTENDEES Stephen Waite, Ricky White, Barb Benkwitt

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on December 18, 2018 before this meeting.

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

AYES: Mr. Potiker, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte

ABSENT: Mr. Seymour

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting that was held on January 2, 2019 before this meeting.

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

AYES: Mr. Potiker, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte

ABSENT: Mr. Seymour

ADDRESSES Stephen Waite presented his idea of having a Green-up day in the Town. He explained to the Board that a green-up day would consist of volunteers walking the roads to pick up rubbish in the Town.

He told the Board members that in the Town that he grew up in a green-up day was held each year and received a lot of support from the residents. He proposed the date of May 18th from 8:00 am to noon. He explained to the Board what exactly a Green-up day is.

He would ask for volunteers from the Town residents to work in groups of two to four and cover an area of three to five miles of road. He spoke with County officials and State officials who are willing to lend the signage needed, garbage bags, picking tools and vests for their roads in the Town. He would like the Town to do the same for the roads in the Town. He would advertise this event on Facebook to hopefully draw volunteers for the day. If there is not enough volunteers for the whole Town, the roads for the trash pick-up would be prioritized. He spoke to Casella who would possibly provide snacks and drinks along with protective vests that they have.

Mr. Newton asked if there would be a liability issue with the Town's insurance. This would be looked into.

Mr. Waite presented a copy of the County's Adopt a Highway policy. Mr. McCormick took the policy to review to fit the Town's needs.

Mr. Waite told the Board members that there would have to be a meeting place for the volunteers. Mr. Potiker mentioned that a meeting place could be at the Salmon River Park and the Town Hall.

Mr. Waite said that the volunteers would have to be briefed on the job and sign a form before starting.

COMMUNICATIONS 1. Received a press release from Emergency Services regarding a possible issue with NYPA electric transmission facilities which feeds electricity to the Plattsburgh area.

2. Received communications from Charter regarding changes in their channel lineup.

3. Received the monthly update CDBG report from Friends of the North Country.

4. Received a request from the Elmore's SPCA for monies to enlarge their current facility to construct an addition to harbor dangerous dogs.

5. Received information from the Peru Central School District regarding recruitment to their Budget Advisory Committee.

6. Received an award letter for the grant that was applied for under the Justice Court Assistance Program.

MONTHLY REPORTS Town Clerk, Supervisor, Morrisonville Water, Woods Mills Water, Macey Lane Water, Codes Officer, Tax Collector, Historian

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

AYES: Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Potiker

ABSENT: Mr. Seymour

RECEIPTS Town Clerk/\$365.00, Judge Van Nortwick/\$ 1,629.00, Judge Barber/\$2,209.00Morrisonville Water/\$14,098.00, Woods Mills Water/\$2,672.54, Macey Lane Water/\$960.09, Tax Collector/\$584,557.49 CC Treasurer-Sales Tax/\$58,784.59, Casella Waste-4th Quarter Host Fees/\$91,974.05

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

AYES: Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Potiker

ABSENT: Mr. Seymour

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Councilman/ Mr. Newton mentioned that the Fire Department has yet to come up with a solution to the low water pressure problem that they are experiencing at the fire station.

Highway/ Mr. Rock told the Board members that his crew has been busy plowing and sanding the roads and doing maintenance on the trucks. He said that they are still having problems with the automobiles parking in the right of way on Christiansen Road. Mr. Potiker said that he has looked into a parking ban for the winter months. He stated that no other Town in the County has one. This brought up the subject of junked cars in the Town. Mr. Newton said that there are several locations in the Town that have many junked vehicles parked on their residence. Mr. Potiker will talk with the Codes Officer about this but he mentioned that junked vehicles are hard to enforce.

Supervisor/ Mr. Potiker attended an informational Land Bank meeting at the County on January 9th. The County is looking for help from the Towns to fund a bank to take care of zombie properties in the County.

He met with Laurie Williams on the proposed River Street Park. They reviewed the progress for the funding of the park. The grant application will be placed on the NYS Health Foundation's agenda for their meeting in June. It was decided not to go forward and spend the money on new wet land delineation but to instead use the outcome from the DEC's determination last year. An answer to whether Mr. O'Connell will sign off on the wetlands process and accept the DEC delineation that was done earlier will need to be determined to maintain the draft timeline for the work. Mr. Potiker will get a revised estimate from AES Engineering who included the wet land delineation cost in their proposal to the Town.

The PAX water circulator has been ordered and will be installed in the Morrisonville water tank in the spring.

Mr. Potiker met with Curt Gervich regarding the Comprehensive Plan. The committee is looking to conclude the Comprehensive plan that they have been working on. Mr. Gervich gave Mr. Potiker an outline with dates needed to present the plan to the Public, the Town Board, the Zoning Board and the Planning Board.

The Town is still collecting information from the Town of Plattsburgh to change the flat rate that is currently being charged to the Morrisonville water district residents to a metered rate.

Historian/ Barb Benkwitt told the Board members that she has an opportunity to have the Adirondack Architectural Heritage apply for a grant, with her help, that would develop a historical resource inventory for the Town. The inventory would identify key concentrations of historical buildings and themes. The grant would need to be applied for by March 25, 2019. If successful and the grant was awarded, the Town would be responsible for a 20% cash match for a grant up to \$10,000. Mr. Newton made a motion to authorize AARCH to draw up a proposal to start the grant process. This was seconded by Mr. Potiker and was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #19-16

MOTION BY: Mr. White

RESOLVED, that the Town Board re-appoints Peter Hagar to the Planning Board, appointment effective immediately and to expire on December 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. White, Mr. Potiker

ABSENT: Mr. Seymour

RESOLUTION #19-17

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLVED, that the Town Board re-appoints Frank Dorrance to the Zoning Board of Appeals, appointment effective immediately and to expire on December 31, 2023.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Potiker

ABSTAIN: Mr. White

ABSENT: Mr. Seymour

RESOLUTION #19-18

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the renewal agreement between the Emergency Medical Transport of CVPH, Inc. and the Town of Schuyler Falls, be and the same hereby is approved for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019; and it is further,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign said agreement for the Town.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. White, Mr. Potiker

ABSENT: Mr. Seymour

RESOLUTION #19-19

MOTION BY: Mr. Mr. White

WHEREAS, the Town Board did provide in its 2019 budget an appropriation in the amount of \$500.00 for LIFE FLIGHT; be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the contract between the Town of Schuyler Falls and North Country Life Flight, Inc. for the year 2019.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. White, Mr. Potiker

ABSENT: Mr. Seymour

RESOLUTION #19-20

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls enter into an agreement with the Elmore SPCA in the amount of 3,300.00 for the calendar year of 2019.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Potiker, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. White

ABSENT: Mr. Seymour

RESOLUTION #19-21

MOTION BY: Mr. White

WHEREAS, the Association of Town Annual Meeting will be held on February 17-20, 2019 in New York City, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board must name a voting delegate to represent the Town of Schuyler Falls in voting during the Annual Business Session, it is hereby,

RESOLVED, that the Town board appoints Howard Newton as delegate to cast the vote for the Town, pursuant to Section 6 of Article 3 of the Constitution and by-laws of said Association.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Potiker

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. White, Mr. Potiker

ABSENT: Mr. Seymour

RESOLUTION #19-22

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

WHEREAS, in accordance with the water supply agreement between the Town of Plattsburgh and the Town of Schuyler Falls Macey Lane Water District, the Town of Plattsburgh notified the Town that the annual metered water rate for the 2019 calendar year will be raised to \$2.22 per thousand gallons, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Schuyler Falls needs to raise the water rate charge to the customers in that district to reflect the increase, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the new water rates for the District will be \$ 24.40 for the first 0-7,000 gallons and \$2.44 a thousand for anything over the initial charge.

SECONDED BY: Mr. White

DISCUSSION: This rate is 10% over the cost of what the Town of Plattsburgh is charging the Town.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Potiker, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. White

ABSENT: Mr. Seymour

RESOLUTION #19-23

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, in accordance with the water supply agreement between the Town of Plattsburgh and the Town of Schuyler Falls Woods Mills Water District, the Town of Plattsburgh sent a letter to notify the Town that the annual metered water rate for the 2019 calendar year will be raised to \$2.02 per thousand, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Schuyler Falls needs to raise the water rate charge to the customers in that district to reflect the increase, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the new water rates for the District will be \$22.20 for the first 0-7,000 gallons and \$2.22 a thousand for anything over the initial charge.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: This rate is 10% over the cost of what the Town of Plattsburgh is charging the Town.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Potiker, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. White

ABSENT: Mr. Seymour

RESOLUTION #19-24

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the records of the records of the following Town officials who receive or disburse any money of the Town will be accepted and approved as presented:

Richard Potiker, Supervisor

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: Year end for 2018 is now complete

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. White, Mr. Potiker

ABSENT: Mr. Seymour

RESOLUTION #19-25

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls enter into an agreement with Eagle's Nest Veterinary Hospital to harbor and treat all dangerous dogs seized in the Town.

DISCUSSION: This is a requirement that is mandatory for all Towns per NYS Agriculture and Markets Law. Eagle's Nest requires a \$500.00 retainer fee for this contract. All fees that will be charged for the services that will be provided Eagle's Nest Veterinary Hospital are outlined in the attached contract.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. White, Mr. Potiker

ABSENT: Mr. Seymour

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of January	\$ 128,351.88
Highway Abstract for the Month of January	\$ 96,444.13
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of January	\$ 8,792.29
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of January	\$ 1,713.73
Macey Lane Water Abstract for January	\$ 392.29
Audit only Abstract for the Month of January	\$ 5,051.65
Fire Districts Abstract for the Month of January	\$ 492,623.52
Ambulance District 1 for the Month of January	\$104,201.84
Vouchers for Claims (#201900044- 201900157)	
Vouchers for Audit Only (#201900016--201900030)	

Payroll Claims (#201801537-201801555)
(#201900002-2019000015)
(#201900031-201900043)

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Seymour

NEXT MEETING

Work Sessions (if Needed) Monday February 4, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting Tuesday February 26, 2019 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. White made a motion to adjourn, which was Seconded by Mr. Newton; and was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ADJOURNMENT/7:40p.m.

Donna Hamel/Town Clerk