

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 28, 2020

Deputy Supervisor Hamel 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>
<u>MEMBER</u>		
Howard Newton	X	
Martin Perrotte	X	
Vernon Bruno	X	
Reginald Facticeau	X	
Kevin Randall		X
Donna Hamel	X	
John Rock	X	
Michael McCormick	X	

PUBLIC RECOGNITION Mary Sorrell, William Way, James McCartney, Michael Snider, Ricky White, Addison Keltling, Richard Donah, Heather Nadeau, Larry Whalen

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on December 17, 2019 before this meeting.

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

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facticeau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting that was held on January 6, 2020 before this meeting.

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

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facticeau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

ADDRESSES Mr. James McCarthy, CVTECH School Administrator, spoke to the Board members about the upcoming Career and Technical Education Month that is designated in February. He asked the Board members if they would consider supporting CVTECH's efforts to emphasize the services and benefits that are offered by the education programs at CVTECH. There is a resolution that is being offered in the Councilman's packets tonight for support of the February Career and Technical Education month. It was decided to offer the resolution at this time to allow Mr. McCarthy to leave the meeting.

RESOLUTION #20-30

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

WHEREAS: February 1-29, 2020, has been designated Career and Technical Education Month[®] by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS: career and technical education offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for true career readiness; and

WHEREAS: students in career and technical education programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education and increase their engagement and achievement; and

WHEREAS: career and technical education provides students with career exploration opportunities earlier in their educational experience, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and

WHEREAS: leaders from business and industry nationwide report increasing challenges related to addressing the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields, including healthcare, energy, advanced manufacturing, transportation, and information technology; and

WHEREAS: career and technical education prepares students for these and other fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary education and lead to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials; and

WHEREAS: ensuring that employers have access to a qualified workforce as a crucial step in ensuring productivity among the business and industry communities as well as continued American economic growth and global competitiveness; and

WHEREAS: The Smith-Hughes Act, the first act of Congress to provide funding for career and technical education, was signed into law 103 years ago and allows us to celebrate how far CTE has come to become a powerhouse of America's economy;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls

does hereby proclaim February 1-29, 2020, as Career and Technical Education Month

Town of Schuyler Falls and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual skills and productivity.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facticeau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

Mr. McCarthy thanked the Board members for their support.

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

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

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

RECEIPTS Town Clerk/\$334.00, Morrisonville Water/\$12,710.80, Macey Lane Water/\$886.57, Woods Mills Water/\$1,386.23, Tax Collector/\$1,096,901.38 Judge Van Nortwick/\$1,084.00 \$, Judge Barber/\$3,157.00, Clinton County Treasurer-Sales Tax/\$77,697.27, Bank of America-Credit Card Points/\$600.54, Casella Waste System Host Fees 4th quarter/\$170,115.60.

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

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

Mr. Newton made a motion to file the minutes of the Planning Board that was held on December 3, 2019. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bruno and was Unanimously Approved.

Mr. Perrotte made a motion to file the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting that was held on December 16, 2019. This motion was seconded by Mr. Facteau and was Unanimously Approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Mr. Rock reported that his crew has been trying to keep up with the plowing and the sanding of the roads. They have been doing repairs on some of the highway equipment.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #20-19

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

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, 2020 through December 31, 2020; 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. Newton

DISCUSSION: \$500.00 increase from last year's contract.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

RESOLUTION #20-20

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

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 2020.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

RESOLUTION #20-21

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, the 2020 Association of Towns Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held in New York City on February 16-19 2020 and

WHEREAS, Reginald Facteau, Kevin Randall and Sherman Hamel would like to attend and money is allocated in the budget to attend Conference; be it hereby,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the attendance of said meeting and expenses incurred in attending conference are chargeable to the Contractual Account for each department as allocated in the Budget; and it is further,

RESOLVED, the Supervisor is authorized to advance funds for pre-registration, purchase of travel, hotel accommodations and meals for said conference.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: There will not be a bus for the trip this year to NYC. Each attendee will be given \$200.00 to cover roundtrip travel to and from the conference. The attendee will be responsible to secure their own travel arrangements.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno

DISCUSSION: Mr. Facteau mentioned that next year it should be offered to employees that did not attend this year. He feels that if the employee is going this year, they should not attend next year. Mr. White, a resident, said that he checked with other Towns to see if they go to this training. He read off some Towns that he checked with and said that most of the Towns only send one or two employees with some Towns not sending any as they feel it is too expensive. It was mentioned that one employee did cancel the trip for the training. Mr. Hamel said that Mr. Randall and Mr. Facteau are attending this year. They can see for themselves if the training is valuable for the Town.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Facteau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

RESOLUTION #20-22

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, the Association of Town Annual Meeting will be held on February 16-19 2020 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 Kevin Randall 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. Facticeau

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facticeau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

RESOLUTION #20-23

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls enter into an agreement with Eagle's Nest Veterinary Hospital, for the year 2020, 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 by Eagle's Nest Veterinary Hospital are outlined in the attached

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: When asked by a member of the audience if the Town received bids or quotes for the service, it was explained that Eagle's Nest is the only place that offers the services.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facticeau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

RESOLUTION #20-24

MOTION BY: Mr. Facticeau

WHEREAS, the Town of Guilderland Animal Control Unit in Cooperation with NYS department of Agriculture and Markets will present the 11th annual DCO/ACO Conference on May 6th through May 7th, and

WHEREAS, Clifton Christon, Dog Control Officer would like to attend the training be it therefore,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the attendance of said conference and expenses will be chargeable to the General Fund as provided for in the 2020 budget.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

DISCUSSION: Cost to the Town would be approximately \$410.00 plus mileage.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facticeau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

RESOLUTION #20-25

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, in the 2020 budget, a line item was designated for work on a Zoning Update for the Town; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the process by seeking any interested residents who would be willing to serve on a committee to gain input on changes to the current Zoning Laws.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: Mr. Facticeau suggested that each Councilman select two individuals to serve on the committee. Mr. Newton, who will be the chairman of the committee said that names of individuals had been discussed already. When the question was asked by Mr. Facticeau as to why a Councilman would want to chair this committee, Mr. Newton replied that he was on the Comprehensive Plan committee and he wants to make sure that this Zoning update goes forward.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facticeau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

RESOLUTION #20-26

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls would like to update the Town's Zoning Laws that was implemented in 1999, and

WHEREAS, the Town appropriated monies for this project in the 2020 Town Budget, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the advertisement for Requests for Proposals from consulting firms who would be qualified to complete the update.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

DISCUSSION: Mr. Facticeau asked if this service requires three quotes/ bids. It was said that it does not have to have quotes or bids, as it falls under a professional service.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facticeau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

RESOLUTION #20-27

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 2020 calendar year will be raised to \$2.55 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 \$ 30.06 for the first 0-7,000 gallons and \$3.06 a thousand for anything over the initial charge.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

DISCUSSION: This rate is 20% over the cost of what the Town of Plattsburgh is charging the Town. Mr. Facticeau expressed his concern on the new rates stating that he feels that the residents pay a lot for the taxes in that water district and are strapped already. He would like to investigate further on what the cost of the water being charged by the Town of Plattsburgh is compared to what the residents pay for the water. It was discussed that Macey Lane Water District does not have a big surplus in their unallocated fund balance. If there were to be any big repairs, it could wipe out the fund or possibly additional funds would have to be sought.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno

NAYES: Mr. Facteau
ABSENT: Mr. Randall

RESOLUTION #20-28

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 2020 calendar year will be raised to \$2.32 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 \$27.80 for the first 0-7,000 gallons and \$2.78 a thousand for anything over the initial charge.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

DISCUSSION: This rate is 20% over the cost of what the Town of Plattsburgh is charging the Town.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

RESOLUTION #20-29

MOTION BY: Mr. Bruno

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, 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 2020, and be it further

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

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: Mason Street is scheduled to be paved this year.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

RESOLUTION #20-31

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

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. Newton

DISCUSSION: Year end for 2019 is now complete

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

RESOLUTION #20-32

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Regular Town Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2020, be rescheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Facteau

DISCUSSION: Town Supervisor will be out of Town

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

RESOLUTION #20-32

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

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

From: A.1532.200	Garage Improvements	\$ 2,937.63
To: A.5132.400	Garage Cont. Exp.	\$ 1,923.07
To: A.5132.410	Garage Electric	\$ 86.99
To: A.5132.420	Garage. Heat/Fuel	\$ 927.57
From: A.1410.400	Town Clerk Cont. Exp.	\$ 412.00
To: A.4020.400	Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$ 412.00

To cover the cost expenses through the 2019 year end.

SECONDED BY Mr. Facteau

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau

ABSENT: Mr. Randall

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of January	\$ 150,077.66
Highway Abstract for the Month of January	\$ 79,056.30
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of January	\$ 5,023.87
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of January	\$ 652.43
	\$ 284.66
	\$ 3,448.75

