

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 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 Mary Sorrell, Joanne Hockney

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Public Hearing that was held on March 28, 2017 before this meeting.

Mr. Newton 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

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

COMMUNICATIONS 1.Mr. Potiker received the Renewal of the Conner's Mining Permit from the NYS Environmental Conservation Office.

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

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

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

RECEIPTS Town Clerk/\$670.00 Judge Cumm/\$4,569.50 Judge Van Nortwick/\$4,594.00, Tax Collector/\$29,972.43 Macey Lane Water/\$756.29, Morrisonville Water/\$8,035.60 Woods Mills Water/\$2,532.96, Casella Host Fees-1st Quarter/\$43,483.30 Clinton County Treasurer-Snow Removal/\$56,591.50 Selective Insurance-Refund/\$132.00 Town of Plattsburgh-for purchase of 2007 John Deere 1435 Mower/\$3,500.00

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

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

Mr. Newton made a motion to file the Minutes of the Planning Board which was held on March 7, 2017. Mr. Seymour seconded the motion and motion was Unanimously Approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway/ Mr. Rock reported that his crew started the spring cleaning of the roads. Mr. Potiker asked Mr. Rock what needed to be done for the expansion of the parking lot in the back of the Town Hall. Mr. Potiker is having a meeting with Casella tomorrow and wanted to know if he should approach them on getting some fill. Mr. Rock told him to have someone contact him to see what they have and what would be needed to do this project.

Councilman/ Barry White mentioned that he was approached by a resident who would like to have the speed limit reduced on Staley Road. Presently, it is 55 MPH. This matter will be reviewed.

Howard Newton told the Board members that he attended the Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting on April 11th. He mentioned that the Committee Members seem very interested to progress forward. Subsequent meetings will be held once a month. Mr. Potiker added that he received four proposals for the Comprehensive Plan. He would like the committee to meet with the prospective applicants, knowing that the final decision is up to the Town Board. He would like to get their input as well, as the committee will be the ones that will be working very close with whoever gets the job.

Safety and Codes/ Mr. Potiker told the Board members that 1047 Mason Street will now fall under the Town's Unsafe Structure Law. Mr. LaCount will be working on this matter to get the proper paperwork done. There have been many complaints regarding junk and garbage strewn all over at the James Sayward property on Route 22B in Schuyler Falls. Mr. LaCount had sent a registered letter to Mr. Sayward that was returned unanswered. He will have a Processor try to locate him to serve him the papers necessary to get him back in Court.

Supervisor/Mr. Potiker reported that he attended a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce regarding the ongoing efforts to promote tourism that will benefit everyone in the County.

He responded to a dog complaint on Julia Lane and had to take the two dogs to Elmore's SPCA.

He told the Board members that the furnace needed to be repaired at the building, the old water shed on Soper Street, which the Recreation Department uses for storage. At that time of the repair, it was found that the chimney needs to be replaced. Two quotes were received; one from Tip Top Chimney Sweep for \$916.35 and one from K. Kipp for \$1,620.00. The repairs will be done by Tip Top Chimney.

He held a Board work session and attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting.

Mr. Potiker attended an informal tour of the Plattsburgh International Airport to view the renovations that are ongoing there.

He had a meeting this morning with Laurie Williams, from the Town of Plattsburgh regarding the proposed new Park on LaPierre Lane.

He mentioned that Mr. Keenan, County Legislator, met with him this morning. He usually comes in every month to advise him on what is happening on the County level.

New Business Mr. Potiker told the Board members that he received a letter that informed him of a grant that the County obtained for Towns to participate in a tire clean-up. This will involve having a trailer, at no cost to the Town, parked at the Town Garage sometime this summer for residents to bring tires to dispose of. More details on this venture will follow.

Mr. Potiker mentioned that the Town of Plattsburgh along with the help of LaBerge Engineering did some grant work to include a possible kayak area at Treadwells Bay on the Military Turnpike. After reviewing the plans, the Town of Plattsburgh realized that a part of this property belongs to the Town of Schuyler Falls. There seems to be a lot of interest in this project as it goes along with the Saranac River Trail Development. There were some questions on the legalities and liabilities that would need to be worked out. Mr. Potiker said that this could be discussed further once there are updated and definite plans worked out by the Town of Plattsburgh. He told the Board of the different options that the Town of Plattsburgh is reviewing for their proposed park on La Pierre Lane. He said that initially, they will be looking for possibly monetary support from our Town. This will be discussed further as new details evolve.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #17-36

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, at several Work Sessions in 2016, the Town Board had reviewed the current Dog Control Officer's job description, the number of calls vs cost and the performance of these duties, and

WHEREAS, after due consideration the Town Board did not to reappoint a Dog Control Officer for 2017 at its Regular Town Board Meeting held December 19, 2016, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has discussed several different options on how to proceed with the Dog Control for the Town to reduce cost on a per call basis; such as, shared services, subcontracting, reduced salary and revised job description,

WHEREAS, at the March 28, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting the Town Board appointed Bruce Drollette as Dog Control Officer, and

WHEREAS, since then, the Town Board has been contacted by Clinton County Civil Service that under Section 75 of the NYS Civil Service Law, an employee holding a position in the non-competitive class that has completed at least five years of continuous service cannot be terminated except for incompetency or misconduct shown after a hearing upon stated charges, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the such Civil Service provisions, the Town Board determined that the position of Dog Control Officer for 2017 should first be offered to Clifton Christon, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Bruce Drollette as Dog Control officer at the March 28th meeting is null and void and is hereby cancelled.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Todd

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

RESOLUTION #17-37

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, at several Work Sessions in 2016, the Town Board had reviewed the current Dog Control Officer's job description, the number of calls vs cost and the performance of these duties, and

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls hereby appoints Cliff Christon to the position of Dog Control Officer as modified effective May 1st, with the revised salary in the 2017 Annual Budget of \$6,000.00 to be prorated from the effective date of May 1st.

SECONDED BY: Mr. White

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

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of April	\$ 19,422.99
Highway Abstract for the Month of April	\$ 21,501.85
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of April	\$ 2,381.18
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of April	\$ 954.99
Macey Lane Water Abstract for April	\$ 264.71
Audit only Abstract for the Month of April	\$ 3,340.68

Vouchers for Claims (#201700506- 201700579)

Vouchers for Audit Only (#201700496-201700505)

Payroll Claims for Month of April (#201700475--201700495)

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 May 1, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Monday May 25, 2017

Mr. Potiker told the Board members that on May 1st, in lieu of the work session, there is a meeting at SUNY Plattsburgh hosted by the Department of State regarding the recently adopted County-wide shared services that was included in the new State Budget. He will attend this meeting and urged the Board members to attend.

Regular Meeting

Tuesday May 23, 2017 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Seymour made a motion to adjourn, which was Seconded by Mr. White; and was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED/ 6:37 p.m.

Donna Hamel/Town Clerk