

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 27 2021

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

Present

MEMBER

Howard Newton	X
Martin Perrotte	X
Vernon Bruno	X
Reginald Facteau	X
Kevin Randall	X
Donna Hamel	X
Michael McCormick	X
Michael Snider	X

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Larry and Ann Whalen, Richard Donah, Sam Campbell, Ricky White, Richard Dabrowski

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on March 23, 2021.

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

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

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting that was held on March 29, 2021.

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. Facteau, Mr. Randall

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence from Phyllis Rock, President, of the Schuyler Falls Senior Citizens
2. Certified 2021 payroll report from the Clinton County Department of Personnel
3. Letter from the Saranac River Trail Greenway Board of Director's Secretary regarding

Mr. Von Bargaen's reappointment

4. Received a fully executed 4-year Emergency Shared Service Agreement from NYSDOT
5. Received correspondence from charter Communications regarding upcoming changes
6. Received correspondence from Town of Plattsburgh's Water Department regarding a

water break repair for the Morrisonville Water District, upcoming testing for copper and iron for the Woods Mills Water District and the Macey Lane Water District and the iron testing results that was requested from a resident in the Macey Lane Water District.

MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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

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

RECEIPTS

Town Clerk/\$555.00, Morrisonville Water/\$16,598.89, Woods Mills Water/\$4,449.17, Macey Lane Water/\$1,649.44, Judge Van Nortwick/\$3,877.00 Judge Barber/\$4,171.00, Tax Collector/\$60,809.21, Selective Insurance-Refund/\$1,245.00, Earth Waste Scrap Metal/\$210.37, Casella Waste Systems Host Fees-1st Quarter/\$94,045.73, CC Treasurer-Snow-Ice Payment/\$54,234.50, Clinton County-Youth/\$1,796.00

Mr. Newton made a motion to file the receipts; Seconded by Mr. Bruno.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Councilman/

Mr. Facteau asked about the quotes that are being received for the web site update, consulting firm for the proposed engineering study for the repair of the existing problem in regards to the water pressure for the Macey Lane Water District, and a consulting firm for the engineering of the Highway Garage repairs. Mr. Randall stated that there has been a good response to date and that the quotes will be discussed at the Work Session on May 17th.

Mr. Facteau had questions regarding the Senior Citizen club dues that are collected. He mentioned that this club should be advertised as there are many residents that are not aware that it exists. He stated that he thought that the Town should give the senior citizen club \$10,000 to get them up and running when the Town receives the money from the American Relief Plan. It was mentioned that due to the pandemic, the seniors have not gotten together.

Mr. Facteau stated that he received an inquiry from two residents from Woodland Hills Drive regarding their road. Mr. Randall replied that the former Highway Superintendent responded to their complaints about the road not being maintained; as the road, to date, has not been brought up to the specifications to be turned over to the Town. Because it is a private road, it was mentioned ownership of the subdivision is being sought. Mr. Facteau asked if a stop sign can be placed on the Town's right-of-way at that location to try to help. Because this is a private road, the Town can not legally spend money on the placement of a stop sign. Mr. McCormick reiterated that this cannot be done as it would be the same as the Town placing a stop sign on any town resident's private driveway.

Mr. Facteau wanted to state for the record that he is no longer affiliated with the Facebook site, Schuyler Falls Times Group. He said that Mr. Donah is the administrator of the account.

Mr. Facteau handed the Councilman paperwork that contained the names of two veterans that he would like the Board to consider as a possibility of the naming and dedication of the River Street park.

Highway/ Mr. Snider reported that he and his crew have been cleaning the streets and working on the machinery. He is still looking into the avenue of purchasing a new truck that the highway department needs.

Assessor/ Mr. Randall reported that the Town Assessor is reviewing options to possibly place a couple of properties back on the Tax Roll.

Supervisor/ After speaking with Liz Tedford, Mr. Randall stated that the DASNY money is on pause but should be open by this summer. Senator Dan Stec thought the same. Ms. Tedford said that the project funds have already been allocated and recommends to go forward with the planning now so that the project would be shovel ready by the time the DASNY offices back up.

Mr. Randall reported that a new easement agreement has been signed with the residential land owner to grant access to the town sandpit. The road was already built and has been used for years, but the problem was the fact it was not built where the town easement actually existed. This has been rectified and the easement will be recorded at the County shortly.

The laptop computer, tablets and the webcam have been received.

Mr. Randall said that the River Street Park transfer has been signed and it is now owned by the Town. Mr. Randall thanked Laurie Williams for all her help to obtain the funds for this project. This park offers a Futsal Court/ ice skating area in the winter months, a walking trail, which is lit by solar lights and which meets all ADA requirements, an Adirondack style pavilion complete with grills and picnic tables.

Mr. Randall reported that ALLTEC Integrations Corp. has completed the software updates to the Court Room monitoring system. Personnel were trained so that keys to the building can now be programed on site.

Mr. Randall set up the Mini Bid (NEGO Metrix 3) so that the Town can post through the State Office of General Services.

Insurance will cover the damage to the two parks that were vandalized minus a \$500.00 deductible.

Mr. Randall and Mr. Campbell met with NYSEG Lighting Engineers to add enhanced lighting where needed at the Salmon River Park and the River Street park.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #21-30

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE TOWN TO APPLY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, USDA Rural Development Water & Environmental Program provides funding for the construction of water and waste facilities in rural communities; and

WHEREAS, under said grant program, applicants are required to authorize an official representative to file the application as an Authorized Representative; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Schuyler Falls plans to apply for USDA RD WEP funding for the Morrisonville Water Improvement Project to replace and improve water infrastructure in the Morrisonville Water District; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Schuyler Falls must designate an Authorized Representative to apply for USDA RD WEP funding on behalf of the Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Town of Schuyler Falls with the USDA RD WEP grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby designated as the Authorized Representative and to act as such in connection with the application to provide additional information as may be required including all understandings and assurances contained in the application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any contract and/or agreement executive's permission to sign any and all USDA RD WEP documents that bind the Town of Schuyler Falls; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to the extent all or any actions hereby authorized have been executed and/or performed by the Supervisor all are hereby ratified and confirmed and this Resolution take effect immediately.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

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

RESOLUTION #21-31

MOTION BY: Mr. Facticeau

WHEREAS, Phil Von Barga was appointed to serve on the Saranac River Trail Greenway (SRTG) Board by the Town of Schuyler Falls under Resolution #16-52 on June 28, 2016, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Von Barga's initial term was from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the SRTG in a letter dated April 7, 2021 has requested that the Town of Schuyler Falls make an appointment effective July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and Mr. Von Barga has continued to serve on the SRTG and is willing to continue this service, be it therefore,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls hereby re-appoints Phil Von Barga to a term effective immediately and ending on December 31, 2021.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

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

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of April	\$10,284.88
Highway Abstract for the Month of April	\$65,479.70
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of April	\$ 5,706.67
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of April	\$ 5,042.89
Macey Lane Water Abstract for April	\$ 301.21
Audit only Abstract for the Month of April	\$ 4,423.96

Vouchers for Claims (#202100555-202100648)

Vouchers for Audit Only (#202100543-202100554)

Payroll Vouchers (#202100491-202100542)

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

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

PUBLIC FORUM Mr. Dabrowski asked if the Town of Plattsburgh will be flushing the water lines in the Macey Lane Water district. Mr. Randall will call to check on this request. Mr. Dabrowski mentioned that they are still having a water pressure problem in that district. Mr. Randall mentioned that there could possibly be a CDBG grant to help solve this issue.

Mr. Donah stated that there is no intention of changing the of the website that he hosts. Mr. Randall replied that that was not anyone's intention.

Mr. Facteau asked if the next work session was set up to discuss retiree health insurance. It was said that it was.

NEXT MEETING

Work Sessions (if Needed)	Monday	May 3, 2021	
	Monday	May 17, 2021	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Tuesday	May 25, 2021	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Newton made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Perrotte; and was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ADJOURNMENT/7:12 p.m.**

Donna Hamel/Town Clerk