

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

Supervisor Randall called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board to order at 6:05 p.m. This meeting was being done remotely on Zoom.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Howard Newton	X	
Martin Perrotte	X	
Vernon Bruno		X
Reginald Facteau	X	
Kevin Randall	X	
Donna Hamel	X	
Michael McCormick	X	
John Rock	X	

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on March 31, 2020

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Bruno

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

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Bruno

RECEIPTS Town Clerk/\$475.00, Morrisonville Water/\$8,393.54, Macey Lane Water/\$1,297.30, Woods Mills Water/\$3,430.91, Tax Collector/\$54,247.29 Judge Van Nortwick/\$2,614.00 \$, Judge Barber/\$1,115.00 Casella Waste Systems-Host Fees 1st Quarter/\$121,877.21, Clinton County Treasurer-Snow-Ice Removal/\$53,432.50, Stewarts-Youth Group/\$500.00

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Bruno

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ Councilman Mr. Facteau inquired on the status of the Dog Control Officer's conference that was scheduled for May 6th. This meeting has been rescheduled for September.

Mr. Facteau stated that he spoke with Katy Hodgdon, an Attorney at the Association of Towns, regarding John Rock's retirement letter. He said that according to Public Officer's Law 31-2 an effective date of a resignation cannot be more than thirty days from which it was received. A discussion followed as to if a notice of retirement and a resignation letter was one and the same. After discussion, it was decided that Mr. McCormick, the Town Attorney, will call the Association of Town for a clarification tomorrow.

WATER/ Mr. Randall mentioned that he is reviewing grant paperwork to update the water system. More information will follow.

HISTORIAN/ Mr. Randall mentioned that Barb Benkwitt told him that residents might notice a car with the signage of AARCH going around the Town taking pictures. This is all part of the grant that was received by the Historian's office.

Mr. Bruno joined the meeting at 6:29 pm.

There was a discussion on the road going into the Town's sand pit on Mason Street. Mr. Randall stated that all information on this issue was forwarded to Tom Murnane, Zoning Board Attorney. He said that he was not comfortable discussing anything regarding the matter at this point.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #20-39

MOTION BY: Mr. Facteau

RESOLVED, that the Regular Town Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2020 be rescheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

DISCUSSION: Board of Assessment Review meeting is scheduled

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

The Town Clerk asked if this resolution should be presented tonight due to Mr. Facteau's statements regarding the letter presented to the Town Clerk. Mr. McCormick advised that it could be presented with the changes. Before acting on this resolution, changes were made.

RESOLUTION #20-40

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board acknowledges the receipt of the retirement letter from John Rock, Highway Superintendent with Mr. Rock's last day being May 31, 2020.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

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

RESOLUTION #20-41

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls collective bargaining agreement last updated January 1, 2017, be amended with the modifications set forth in the attached Tentative Agreement, dated November 19, 2019, retroactive to January 1, 2020 with the exception of the provision related to employee health insurance contribution, which provision is made effective as of July 1, 2020 invoice for the payment for the month of July's insurance as the insurance premium is paid two months in advance, with the next date for the payroll deduction of May 7th and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other provisions of the collective bargaining agreement not modified by this resolution shall remain unchanged.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: Mr. Facteau referred to the contract and asked if the 15% co-pay was to be implemented from the beginning of the year. Mr. Randall told him that the Union has agreed that the 15% will start with the July 1st insurance premium. Mr. Facteau asked if the elected officials pay 15% or 20%. Mr. Randall replied that Mr. Facteau was told that up to this point, all employees, including elected officials are paying the 20% co-pay. Mr. Facteau stated that due to the economic status at this time, he is not in favor of the three-year pay increases and he will not be voting in favor of this. Mr. Newton mentioned that there are items in the contract that he does not like as well, but it would be in the best interest of the Town and that the contract should be implemented.

_AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Randall

NAYES: Mr. Facteau

RESOLUTION #20-42

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO APPLY FOR
AND RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THE
2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, the U.S. Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, provides for the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, said Act authorizes the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), through the New York State Office of Community Renewal to make grants to units of general local government to help finance Community Development Programs under Section 103 (a)(1) of Title I; and

WHEREAS, under said legislation, eligible applicants in the case of municipalities, are required to authorize an official representative to file the application and to provide the Secretary with certain assurance of compliance with applicable laws and regulations under Title I of said Acts; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to conduct and hold a public hearing pursuant to the HUD Act to obtain the views of the citizens on Community Development needs, to establish priorities, and subsequently to develop the application, programs and any amendments or revisions thereto; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, by the Members of the Town Board: That the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to publish a Notice of Public Hearing to be held on **May 27, 2020 at 5:30pm** at the Town Hall to provide an opportunity for the Town to:

- a. Provide the citizens of the Town with adequate information concerning the amount of funds available for proposed community development activities, the range of activities that may be undertaken and other important program requirements.
- b. Provide citizens adequate opportunity to participate in the development of the application, any revisions, changes or amendments to the application, prior to the submittal
- c. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Town of Schuyler Falls with the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal for a community development grant pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and
- d. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and designated as the 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
- e. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any contract and/or agreement with the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal in connection with the Application and his designee is further authorized to request and expend funds from the U.S. Government pursuant to said contract and/or agreement; and;
- f. **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 affect immediately.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

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

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of April	\$ 9,103.20
Highway Abstract for the Month of April	\$ 10,579.07
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of April	\$ 924.30
Audit only Abstract for the Month of April	\$ 3,418.72

Vouchers for Claims (#202000577-202000613)
 Vouchers for Audit Only (#202000547-202000557)
 Payroll Vouchers (#202000533-202000546)

(#202000558-202000576)

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

DISCUSSION: Mr. Facteau wanted to have it put on the record that again he is not in favor of the bills from Unifirst for the Highway uniforms. He said that they should be billing approximately \$65.00 a week, but the bills are running anywhere from \$151.00 to \$153.00 a week. Mr. Randall explained again that unfortunately a five-year contract was signed and it would cost the Town more to try to get out of paying the bills. Moving forward, he added that future contracts will be reviewed by the whole board before signing. Mr. McCormick has reviewed the contract. He said that trying to litigate the contract and not paying would be very costly.

Mr. Facteau asked if Mr. McCormick had written a letter to the company. Mr. McCormick replied that he was not instructed to do so. After some further discussion, it was decided that Mr. Perrotte would call Unifirst to discuss the contract and to see if anything can be done with the charges moving forward.

AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau (with the exception of Vouchers #597, 598, 599 and 600), Mr. Randall

PUBLIC FORUM Mr. Donah mentioned that he feels that raises should not be given to the Highway employees at this time due to not knowing what is going on economically for the next year. He said that if a no vote was taken on the union contract, it could have gone to arbitration. He does not feel that the elected employees should get the 5% decrease in the co-pay for the health insurance. It was told to him that the decrease in co-pays only include the Union Highway workers. Mr. Donah wanted it on the record that he thinks this decision is very irresponsible by the Board. Mr. Randall stated that his criticism is duly noted.

NEXT MEETING

Work Sessions (if Needed)	Monday	May 4, 2020	6:00 p.m.
	Monday	May 18, 2020	
Regular Meeting	Wednesday	May 27, 2020	6:00 p.m.
Public Hearing	Wednesday,	May 27, 2020	5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Newton made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Perrotte; and was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** ADJOURNMENT/ 7:30 p.m.

Donna Hamel/Town Clerk