

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 22, 2021

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

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>Present</u>
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 Richard Donah, Ricky White, Cindy & Stephen Fuller, James Staley, Ann & Larry Whalen, Sam Campbell, David Desrocher, Warren Desrocher, Barb Benkwitt

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on May 25, 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. Barton and Loguidice will meet with Mr. Randall and Mr. Snider at the Highway Garage on June 24th to review the damage at the garage.
2. Many communications from Charter regarding program changes.
3. Mr. Randall received a report with assessment rates for Town in the County and told the Board members that we are in comparison with other Towns even though are assessment rate is only 95%.

MONTHLY REPORTS Town Clerk, Supervisor, Woods Mills Water, Morrisonville Water, Macey Lane Ambulance, Historian, Codes Enforcement
Mr. Bruno made a motion to file the reports; Seconded by Mr. Newton.
AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau, Mr. Randall

RECEIPTS Town Clerk/\$440.00, Morrisonville Water/\$569.64, Woods Mills Water/\$58.28, Macey Lane Water/\$658.17, Judge Van Nortwick/2,363.00, Judge Barber/\$3,199.00, Sam's Club Refund/\$41.98, CC Treasurer-Mortgage Tax 10/01/20-03-31/21/\$64,907.98, Charter Communications-1st Quarter Franchise Fee/\$17,517.95, New England Waste-Scrap Metal/\$72.58, CC Treasurer-2021 Mail Fee/\$98.00
Mr. Facteau made a motion to file the receipts; Seconded by Mr. Perrotte.
AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau, Mr. Randall

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Councilman/ Mr. Facteau mentioned that after a review of the number of new building permits that were issued through the first day of March, he does not approve of the Codes Officer salary of \$34,000. He added that he comes in only three hours a week and for what is being done, the salary is ridiculous. Mr. Facteau said that he brought this up at budget time as he was in favor of lowering the salary then. He discussed this with Mr. Perrotte. Mr. Randall said that Mr. LaCount responds to many issues around the town and is always coming in and out of the office. Mr. Facteau thought that he should be documenting his hours on a time sheet as well as the other employees who are on salary. Mr. Randall explained that he is responsible for the signing of the checks and he does not want to sign anything that he is not sure of the hours worked. He told Mr. Facteau that it is half way through the budget year and this issue should be discussed when the 2022 budget is being reviewed. Mr. Newton mentioned that the rising costs of building materials has decreased the construction of any kind in the towns.

Mr. Facteau said that he had inquiries on what the status was at the residence on the corner of Flat Rock Road and Shingle Street. Mr. Randall replied he could not discuss it as there are court proceedings going on.

Mr. Facteau asked if there was an explanation yet as to why Casella's name is on the sign at the River Street Park. Mr. Randall replied that he will explain at Supervisor's time.

Regarding the fence at a residence that was obstructing motorists view on the Salmon River Road it was said that the fence was built before the Zoning law came into effect and that the Town does not own the road that it is on.

Water/ Mr. Randall met with Ron LaBerge regarding the low water pressure at some resident's homes in the Macey Lane Water District. Mr. Randall gave Mr. LaBerge a list of residents names that are experiencing the low water pressure. Mr. LaBerge will make contact with them.

Highway/Mr. Snider reported that he and his crew has been mowing steady, ditching, trying to get the roads prepared for paving and servicing the trucks. Mr. Bruno commented on the beaver dam at the corner of the Irish Settlement Road. He said that it should be knocked down as the water is coming over the road. Mr. Snider told him that the road was a County Road, but he will contact the County regarding this issue.

Historian/ Barb spoke of the new federal holiday, Juneteenth. She spoke about the underground railroad museum in Plattsburgh.

Supervisor/ Mr. Randall told the Board members that the Annual Financial Report for 2020 was received. Mr. Randall mentioned that the Assessor approached him on raising the income exemption level from \$20,500 to \$24,000 for the granting of a partial exemption for persons 65 years of age and older. This has not been raised since 2006. He explained that it needs to be done as a local law. This will be done for the July meeting.

Mr. Randall said that he spoke to the Town of Peru regarding their JCEO outreach program. They send a check to the JCEO office twice a year for the salary of the employee in Peru. He is going to have Sally Sousie visit the Town meeting room, where the Town will set up a place for the JCEO worker. JCEO will let the Town know what is needed for the worker. Hopefully August will be the starting date for this program.

Mr. Randall explained why Casella's name was on the sign at the River Street Park. They pledged \$10,000 and then another \$1,000 for the pump park. This money was sent to the CVPH Foundation.

Mr. Randall explained that due to the impact of COVID that resulted in construction and timeline changes for the work completed at the River Street, he received a request from the Foundation of CVPH to extend the agreement on the use of the grant funding.

Mr. Newton made a motion to authorize the extension of the Foundation of CVPH agreement on use of grant funding until December 31, 202. This motion was seconded by Mr. Perrotte and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Randall told the Board members that a Grand Opening Ceremony has been set for the River Street Park. The date will be June 30th and will have dignitaries there to speak at the ceremony. He is hoping to be able to serve hotdogs and hamburgers for the opening as it will be during lunch time.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #21-38

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, the Town of Schuyler Falls (hereinafter "Town") will apply for funds and anticipates funds to be awarded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as administered by the State of New York for a Morrisonville Water Improvements Project, CFA #107917; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board (hereinafter "Town Board") as the anticipated recipient of the grant award is required to designate a Certifying Officer for the purpose of signing required documents pertaining to this grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby designate the Town Supervisor, Kevin Randall, as the Town's Certifying Officer for the purpose of signing required documents pertaining to this anticipated grant (CFA #107917).

SECONDED BY: Mr. Facteau

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

RESOLUTION #21-39

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

BE IT RESOLVED, after reviewing quotes received for the work quoted for the Salmon River Park, the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes Northern Blacktopping to complete the work in the amount of \$5,993.22.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

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

RESOLUTION #21-40

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

WHEREAS, the Codes Enforcement Officer has found everything in compliance with the Earth Waste Systems Inc. Junkyard, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the renewal of Earth Waste Systems, Inc. Junkyard License.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

DISCUSSION: Effective Immediately through June 30, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION #21-41

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Regular Town Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2021 be rescheduled for Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

DISCUSSION: Conflict with Fair Opening with several Councilmembers attending.

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

RESOLUTION #21-42

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls has received and reviewed the proposal to participate in the Study for a Countywide EMS System along with our sister municipalities in Clinton County, NY and the Supervisor is hereby authorized to disburse \$2,500.00.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: Mr. Facteau asked if this resolution could be tabled for 30 days as this was not in the budget and to receive more information on the study. Mr. Randall said he spoke with Mr. Cashman, Town of Plattsburgh Supervisor who would like to have all Town respond one way or another by July 7th. It was mentioned that this item was brought up for discussion at the work session and all board members present were on board with this study. Mr. Perrotte said that he was not sure how efficient a County-wide EMS System would work and added that he was pretty happy with the current EMS services.

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

NAYES: Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Facteau

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of June	\$18,758.01
Highway Abstract for the Month of June	\$15,157.46
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of June	\$ 5,284.72
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of June	\$ 1,462.27
Macey Lane Water Abstract for June	\$ 408.67
Audit only Abstract for the Month of June	\$ 4,263.75

Vouchers for Claims (#202100787-202100875)

Vouchers for Audit Only (#202100765-202100773)

Payroll Vouchers (#202100745-202100764)

Payroll Vouchers (#202100774-202100786)

