

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 25, 2019

Supervisor Potiker 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>		
George Seymour	X	
Barry White		X
Howard Newton	X	
Martin Perrotte		X
Richard Potiker	X	
Donna Hamel	X	
John Rock	X	
Michael McCormick	X	

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on May 21, 2019 before this meeting.

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Perrotte

ATTENDEES Edward Carey, representative from NYMEP, Richard Donah, Reg Facticeau, Mary Sorrell, Crystal Simpson, Melissa Furnia, Barb Benkwitt

ADDRESSES/ Edward Carey, a representative from the New York Municipal Energy Program, addressed the Board on a program called the Community Choice Aggregation which empowers eligible municipalities' entities such as villages, cities, and towns to create large buying groups of residential electricity accounts in order to seek bids for cheaper supply rates. The New York Conference of Mayors and the Association of Towns have created the NYMEP Program that allows New York communities and municipal facilities to save money on energy costs. He stated that the first step would be for the Town to pass a Local Law authorizing the program. The municipality will seek bids from Energy Suppliers to obtain competitive electricity rates for participants. A resident will be able to Opt-Out of the CCAS program without penalty, in most cases, if they choose to do so. This program only changes the supply component of the bill. Services will not be affected. He said that several surrounding Towns are starting the process to address this program. He mentioned that in the Town, savings would be anywhere between 115 to 119 thousand dollars per year. He emphasized that a local law is needed to start the process. When asked if the business in Town would benefit, Mr. Carey said that normally businesses, including the Town, would not be eligible.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Two letters from Charter Communications were received regarding new channels.
2. Received the monthly progress report from Friends of the North Country.
3. Received an award letter from the Clinton County Legislative Office for the Town in the amount of \$10,000 from the Tobacco Settlement Funding to go to the CVPH Foundation for the River Street Park development.
4. Letter from Troy & Banks regarding a street light mapping survey that will take place in the Adirondack region this month.
5. Letter from NYS CDBG regarding a new Community Developer, Lynne VanDenburgh, who will be taking over the Town's CDBG project.
6. Award notification of \$24,990.00 from the NYS Education Department for the inactive records inventory in the vault.
7. Letter from the ZBA Attorney regarding a decision pertaining to the Gehrke property. This letter was given to the Town Attorney for review.
8. Letter from the Clinton County Highway Department regarding the Harney Bridge design plans.

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

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Perrotte

RECEIPTS Town Clerk/\$1,584.00, Morrisonville Water/\$269.66, Woods Mills Water/\$1,828.82, Macey Lane Water/\$466.67, Judge Van Nortwick/\$2,853.00, Judge Barber/\$2,411.00, Charter Communications-Franchise Fees 1st Quarter/\$19,158.05, Crystal Rock-DS Water Refund Coffee Pot Rental/\$12.11, NYS Association of Tax Receivers-Refund on Tax Collector's Conference (Not Attended)/\$75.00

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Perrotte

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Councilman/ Mr. Newton read a prepared statement. As a Town Councilor for the Town of Schuyler Falls, I want to state and make it perfectly clear that I do NOT have any grudges and/or personal vendettas against ANYONE working for the Town of Schuyler Falls. After listening and reading what the NYS Comptroller's Office trains, my first responsibility to the taxpayers of the Town of Schuyler Falls is ACCOUNTABILITY and TRANSPARENCY. These are both major issues that the Towns run into during audits. When I ask for information, it is because of these

training reasons, and nothing what so ever as being personal against anyone. We are looking at an almost all new board as of the first of the year and I am trying to prepare for that transition.

Highway/ John Rock reported that the Highway Crew is still busy sweeping, changing culverts and ditching.

Town Clerk/ Donna Hamel reported that the Town was tentatively awarded a LGRMIF grant in the amount of \$24,990.00. What makes it tentative is that the NYS Education Department has to obtain the approval of the Division of the Budget and the Office of the State Comptroller. Once the approvals are received, the grant budget will be forwarded to the NYS Education Department's grant finance unit for payment. New shelving was included in the quote. Alden Stevens will start the project in the vault when grant monies are remitted to the Town.

Historian/ Barb Benkwitt reported that the 12 Annual County Museum Days was held on June 15-16 from 10am to 4pm. This event was free to the public and was a great opportunity to visit various museums in the County.

On June 22nd, she and Marge Wood attended the first annual Clinton County History Conference which was held at the Beekmantown Town Hall. There were various speakers from different societies including the State Historian, Devin Lander. Handouts were given that included helpful hints on cleaning monuments.

The Historian's office acquired a wood stove/spiral-wound water main that a town resident, Russell Brothers discovered in the woods on Flat Rock Road. This water main is on display outside the Historian's office.

Barb is anxiously awaiting an answer on the historical grant that was submitted. An answer should be given to the Town sometime in July.

Supervisor/ Mr. Potiker reported that he attended a meeting at the Town of Plattsburgh Offices on the Regional Economic Development. Earlier this month, he attended a County/State Flood Risk meeting. He was at a shared service meeting with the County today. The main topic was EMS services and how the services are handled throughout the County.

The union negotiations meeting for the Highway Department has been postponed and will be rescheduled.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #19-58

MOTION BY: Mr. Seymour

WHEREAS, A Continuing Education Training Program for Justice Court will be held in Potsdam on July 16th- July 17th, 2019, and

WHEREAS, Donna Hamel, Court Clerk, 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 2019 budget.

DISCUSSION: Cost to the Town would be approximately \$320.00 plus mileage.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

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

ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Perrotte

RESOLUTION #19-59

MOTION BY: Mr. Seymour

WHEREAS, the Codes Enforcement Officer has found everything in compliance with the Robert Patinka Junkyard, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the renewal of Robert Patinka's Junkyard License.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

DISCUSSION: Effective immediately through June 30, 2020

Junkyard is inactive at this time

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

ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Perrotte

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of June	\$ 27,569.55
Highway Abstract for the Month of June	\$ 15,443.01
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of June	\$ 4,862.48
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of June	\$ 981.22
Macey Lane Water Abstract for June	\$ 317.51
Audit only Abstract for the Month of June	\$ 3,159.77

Vouchers for Claims (#201900748- 201900852)

Vouchers for Audit Only (#201900723--201900734)

Payroll Vouchers (#201900690-201900722)

(#201900735-201900747)

Discussion: Mr. Newton inquired about three vouchers that were submitted for payment tonight. After a brief discussion regarding each of the vouchers, it was decided that payment would be made.

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Perrotte

NEXT MEETING

Work Sessions (if Needed) Monday July 1, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Monday July 15, 2019

Regular Meeting Tuesday July 23, 2019 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Seymour made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Newton ; and was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ADJOURNMENT/ 7:00 p .m.