

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING July 23, 2019

Supervisor Potiker called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board to order at 6:04 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 Public Hearing that was held on June 25, 2019 before this meeting.

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

AYES: Mr. Potiker, Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte

ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Seymour

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AYES: Mr. Potiker, Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte

ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Seymour

ATTENDEES Mary Sorrell, Barb Benkwitt, Reg Facticeau, Richard Donah

ADDRESSES/Maryann Barto from the Clinton County Healthy Neighborhoods Program attended the meeting to inform the Board members about the program. She explained that this program is grant-funded program designed to help improve the health, safety and environmental living condition of the residents within Clinton County. She emphasized that this program is free to all Clinton County residents regardless of age or income. She or another Public Health Coordinator is on hand to schedule a visit that will identify the safety needs in the home. Based on the outcome of the visit, health and safety products; such as, outlet covers, smoke and CO detectors, etc. may be provided. Healthy Neighborhoods can also help with referrals to different programs; such as, nutrition programs, pregnancy services, etc. Informational handouts were left with the Town.

Jennifer VanValkenburg, a resident who lives on LaDue Street, told the Board members that although she is pleased with the proposed River Street Park, she is unhappy about the fact that one of the parking lots will be located in her back yard. She had thought that when her family purchased the home that the surrounding lots around her would be forever wild. Mr. Potiker told her that nothing was written in stone at this time regarding the parking lot. He added that there are things; such as hedging, fencing that could be installed for a barrier around the parking lot. He told her that an informational meeting had been set up and will be held on Thursday night at the proposed park site so interested persons could look at the mapping and voice their opinion on the park. The time and date of this informal meeting was advertised in the paper and on the website.

COMMUNICATIONS 1 Received the monthly update on the CDBG grant from the Friends of the North Country.

2. Received a request, from Mickey Smith who is the Highway Departments representative from the Teamsters Union, for a meeting on August 14th regarding the Union Contract.

3. Received from Charter Communications several updates on changes in their programs.

4. Received notification from NYSEG that the project at their Kent Falls Hydroelectric Facility has started with a completion date by the end of 2020.

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

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

AYES: Mr. Potiker, Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte

ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Seymour

RECEIPTS Town Clerk/\$1,370.00, Morrisonville Water/\$7,690.40, Woods Mills Water/\$1,750.72, Macey Lane Water/\$497.67, Judge Van Nortwick \$2,546.00, Judge Barber/\$3,072.00, Casella Waste Systems-Host Fees 2nd quarter/\$86,444.93

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

AYES: Mr. Potiker, Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte

ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Seymour

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Councilman/ Mr. Newton mentioned that he would be interested in attending the conference in Potsdam. At this time, there is no information on the conference. Mr. Potiker will forward it to him when he receives any information.

Town Clerk/ Donna Hamel told the Board members that in their packet of resolutions, there is a resolution to authorize the Hometown Hero's Banner program that would allow families of the veterans in our Town to purchase banners to be hung on the authorized electric poles in the Town. She said that Barb Benkwitt, Marge Wood, John

Rock and other interested parties will be assisting her to develop this program. This program is designed to recognize active duty and veteran service persons of the Town.

Historian/ Barb Benkwitt told the Board members that the historical grant submitted by ARCH was awarded to the Town. The award was for \$10,000.00. The Town's share would be \$2,000.00.

Supervisor/ Mr. Potiker told the Board members that he met with Assemblyman Billy Jones the first of the month. Mr. Jones was running a little late, so his visit was cut a half hour short. Mr. Potiker took him to the proposed River Street Park site, the Woods Mills Park, the Highway Garage and the Landfill. He showed him the area on River Street where the water line freezes up in the winter.

Mr. Potiker reminded the Board members of the informational meeting on Thursday night at the proposed River Street Park.

Mr. Potiker reported that the County has been completed the road striping on the Goddeau Road. A resident from the Goddeau Road had contacted Mr. Newton with concerns that the County had not completed the whole road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ Mr. Potiker updated the Board members on the status of the Gehrke property on Mason Street. He mentioned that Mr. Gehrke has retained Mr. Favro as his attorney. Under the Freedom of Information Act, Mr. Favro requested any and all information in the Codes and Zoning files that pertain to the property. He said that he sent Mr. McCormick, the Town Attorney, the paperwork that was received. Mr. McCormick cannot represent the Town as he has a conflict. Mr. Murnane, the Zoning Board Attorney was contacted. He said that he would be willing to represent the Town. Because Mr. Murnane's services are retained by the Town as Zoning Board Attorney, the Board agreed.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #19-60

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, the Annual Court Clerk Conference will be held in Syracuse September 29- October 2nd, 2019, and

WHEREAS, Mary Sorrell, Court Clerk, would like to attend 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 2019budget.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: Cost to the Town would be approximately \$588.00 plus mileage.

AYES: Mr. Potiker, Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte

ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Seymour

RESOLUTION #19-61

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLVED, that the Regular Town Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 2019 be rescheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

DISCUSSION: Town Clerk out of Town

AYES: Mr. Potiker, Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte

ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Seymour

RESOLUTION #19-62

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, the Historian, Barb Benkwitt, has applied for and has been awarded a grant from Preserve New York Grant Program for the Town of Schuyler Falls in the amount of \$10,000 for a reconnaissance level survey of the cultural resources in the Township, and

WHEREAS, the Town's responsibility would be a total of \$2,000.00 that is already budgeted in the Historian's budget, be it therefore,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls acknowledges the award and authorizes the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Adirondack Architectural Heritage who will be providing the services.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

AYES: Mr. Potiker, Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte

ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Seymour

RESOLUTION #19-63

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, the Town of Schuyler Falls has identified a community development project to honor active, honorably discharged, and deceased military members in the Town of Schuyler Falls by displaying banners throughout the Town, May through November; and

WHEREAS, said banners will be purchased by Town residents and displayed for a 2 year period and returned to the resident during decommission; and

WHEREAS, Donna Hamel will be the contact person for the program and will be assisted by Barb Benkwitt, Marge Wood, John Rock and other interested parties and work collectively with other agencies to ensure the program success; and now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls is authorized to engage the public to further program development and work with the Accounting Department to create a new line item to accept banner funds; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the appropriate departments and agencies.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

AYES: Mr. Potiker, Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte

ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Seymour

RESOLUTION #19-64

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte
WHEREAS, The New York State Association of Public Historian’s Conference is scheduled September 8, 2019 through September 11, 2019 in Albany, New York
WHEREAS, the Historian, Barb Benkwitt desires to attend and has allocated it in their budget, be it hereby
RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the attendance of said conference and expenses will be chargeable as provided for in the 2019 budget.
SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton
DISCUSSION: If attending on September 8-11, cost would be approximately 723.00/ If attending September 9-11, Cost would be approximately \$473.00.
SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton
AYES: Mr. Potiker, Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte
ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Seymour

RESOLUTION #19-65

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton
RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls reappoints Gary Drollette to the office of Tax Assessor for a term of six years; with the new term to begin on October I, 2019 and to end September 30, 2025.
SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte
AYES: Mr. Potiker, Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte
ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Seymour

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of July	\$ 20,663.57
Highway Abstract for the Month of July	\$ 11,378.92
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of July	\$ 5,082.44
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of July	\$ 1,624.18
Macey Lane Water Abstract for July	\$ 392.10
Audit only Abstract for the Month of July	\$ 3,970.38

Vouchers for Claims (#201900900- 201900961)
Vouchers for Audit Only (#201900873--201900886)
Payroll Vouchers (#201900859-201900872)
(#201900887-201900899)

Mr. Newton made a motion to pay the claims, which was seconded by Mr. Perrotte.
AYES: Mr. Potiker, Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte
ABSENT: Mr. White, Mr. Seymour

NEXT MEETING

Work Sessions (if Needed)	Monday August 5, 2019	6:00 p.m.
	Monday August 19, 2019	
Regular Meeting	Tuesday August 20, 2019	6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM/ Reg Facteau mentioned that on the agenda, each month two work sessions (if needed) appear. He was wondering if the work sessions are advertised so the public would be informed if the Board would meet or not meet that month. Mr. Potiker told him that it could be posted on the website but there are times that on the day of a work session, if members of the board cannot attend or if there is nothing to discuss, a work session is not held. Mr. Facteau asked if minutes are kept at the work sessions. It was said that if there are no decisions at a work session, minutes do not have to be recorded.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Newton made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Perrotte; and was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ADJOURNMENT/6:45p.m.**

Donna Hamel/Town Clerk