

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING August 20, 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 July 23, 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. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Seymour

ABSENT: Mr. White

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Work Session that was held on August 19, 2019 before this meeting.

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes as presented with the addition of the word Morrisonville Water tank mixer pertaining to the discussion of the Morrisonville “water tank” being delivered. This motion was seconded by Mr. Perrotte.

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

ABSENT: Mr. White

ATTENDEES Reg Facticeau, Kevin Randall, Mary Sorrell, Robert Jock, Jen VanValkenberg

ADDRESSES/Justin Doner, representative from Friends of the North Country, was on hand to answer any questions that the Board had. He explained each proposed project presented to the Board as the pertinent resolution was read.

RESOLUTION #19-74

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes to reduce the program budget allocation to Rehabilitation and New Construction by \$82,080.00, and increase the budget allocation for Manufactured Housing by \$82,080.00.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

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

ABSENT: Mr. White

RESOLUTION #19-69

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the capital expenditure of \$ 29,900.00 plus administrative, project delivery, and other soft costs, in accordance with the Town of Schuyler Falls Housing Rehabilitation Program, for project #SF-17-04.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Seymour

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

ABSENT: Mr. White

RESOLUTION #19-73

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the capital expenditure of \$20,550.00 plus administrative, project delivery, and other soft costs, in accordance with the Town of Schuyler Falls Housing Rehabilitation Program, for project #SF-17-08.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

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

ABSENT: Mr. White

COMMUNICATIONS **1.** Received two memo’s from Charter Communications regarding channel changes and price adjustments.

2. Received a letter from PERMA regarding structural changes within the Association.

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

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. White

RECEIPTS Town Clerk/\$1,532.25, Morrisonville Water/\$2,114.00, Woods Mills Water/\$3,033.17, Macey Lane Water/\$139.35, Judge Van Nortwick \$3,144.00, Judge Barber/\$1,744.00, Ambit Energy Refund/\$25.85, Selective Insurance Refund/\$332.05, Preservation League of NYS Historian Grant/\$10,000.00

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. White

Mr. Seymour made a motion to file the Minutes of the Planning Board meeting that was held on July 2, 2019. This motion was seconded by Mr. Newton and Unanimously Approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Councilman/ Mr. Perrotte reported that he attended the Highway Union negotiation meeting for the next three year contract. Mr. Seymour, Mr. Snyder and the Union Representative were also in attendance. Another meeting will be held on September 4th.

Mr. Newton assured the residents present that their concerns and ideas regarding the River Street Park were taken seriously. A new location for a proposed parking lot was established. Other concerns are being addressed.

Mr. Jock, a resident of Ladue Street asked if it were possible to have a dead tree, which is on the Town property next to his house, cut down. He would not mind cleaning up the debris. Mr. Potiker told him that he will have someone take a look at it as once the project gets started, other trees, etc. will have to be removed. He added that other options are being considered such as; a volleyball court, on that property.

Town Clerk/ Donna Hamel told the Board members that a proposed local law to override the tax levy limit, if needed, is in their resolutions for approval tonight. This local law is a mandate and needs to be done each year if it is anticipated that the budget will require a real property tax levy in excess of the tax levy limit.

Supervisor/ Mr. Potiker held an informational meeting at the site of the proposed River Street Park. Several Councilmembers, Laurie Williams, AES and several residents attended. Concerns were voiced by the residents for consideration. One big concern was the location of the proposed parking lot. A new map was sent to AES for their review of the changes. Mr. Potiker told the residents that their concerns and ideas to better the park were noted and will be considered if possible. Some of the plans for the park have not been finalized or approved yet. Final maps and plans will need to send down for approval by the County and the Federal Government.

Attorney/ Mr. McCormick received the contract given to him by Mr. Potiker regarding the agreement among the County, Town of Plattsburgh and the Town of Schuyler Falls relative to the replacement of the Harney Bridge. After his review of the contract and correspondence from the Town of Plattsburgh's Attorney on items in the contract that did not make sense, he thinks it is best to wait and meet with the County Attorney before signing the agreement.

He told the Board members that the bridge and road is owned by the County and generally, the Town would not be responsible for the maintenance of the bridge. As it states in the contract, the Towns would assume responsibility of the maintenance of the bridge. A revised contract was received by the Town Supervisor late in the afternoon which Mr. McCormick did not have a chance to review before the meeting. He feels it is in the best interest to meet with all parties involved to get clarification before signing an agreement.

NEW BUSINESS Mr. Potiker received notification from the Association of Towns of Planning and Zoning School that will be held in Lake George on September 26th. He will relate the information to the two boards.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #19-66

MOTION BY: Mr. Seymour

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. Newton

DISCUSSION: Effective Immediately through June 30, 2020.

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

ABSENT: Mr. White

RESOLUTION #19-67

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls is anticipating that the budget for the fiscal year of 2020 will require a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c, and

WHEREAS, a local law is required pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c to authorize the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board, so be it therefore

RESOLVED, that Local Law #01 for the year 2019, entitled "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law § 3-c is duly introduced, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing on said proposed Local Law #1 will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 24 at 5:45 p.m. where the public will be allowed an opportunity to voice comments for or against said law.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Seymour

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

ABSENT: Mr. White

RESOLUTION #19-68

MOTION BY: Mr. Seymour

WHEREAS, the New York State Magistrates Conference will be held in Lake Placid on September 15-September 17 2019, and

WHEREAS, Rhonda Barber, 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 2019 budget.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: Cost to the Town would be approximately \$642.00 plus mileage.

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

ABSENT: Mr. White

RESOLUTION #19-70

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Professional Services Agreement with the County allocating \$1,303.00 for the Town of Schuyler Falls Recreation Programs.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Seymour

DISCUSSION: Services commencing January 1, 2019 and terminate December 31, 2019.

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

ABSENT: Mr. White

RESOLUTION #19-71

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls approves the following General Fund Budget Amendment.

INCREASE:	Revenue Acct. # A.2770.000 Other Unclassified Rev.	\$ 10,000.00
	Expense Acct. # A.7510.410 Historian Grant Expense	\$ 10,000.00

To allow for the expenditures of funds received from Historian Grant.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Seymour

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

ABSENT: Mr. White

RESOLUTION #19-72

MOTION BY: Mr. Seymour

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls approves the following General Fund Budget Transfers.

From:	A.1220.400	Supervisor Cont.	\$ 1,000.00
To:	A.1010.400	Town Board Cont. Exp.	\$ 1,000.00

From:	A.1990.400	Contingent Account	\$ 82.54
To:	A.1989.400	Unclassified	\$ 82.54

To cover the cost expenses through the 2019 year end.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

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

ABSENT: Mr. White

Mr. Newton made a motion to change the Regular scheduled meeting on October 22nd to October 29th as the Town Clerk will be out of Town. This motion was seconded by Mr. Seymour and Unanimously approved.

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of August	\$ 55,996.67
Highway Abstract for the Month of August	\$ 127,443.47
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of August	\$ 4,083.93
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of August	\$ 1,183.22
Macey Lane Water Abstract for August	\$ 414.04
Audit only Abstract for the Month of August	\$ 3,283.61

Vouchers for Claims (#201901007- 201901083)

Vouchers for Audit Only (#201900982--201900993)

Payroll Vouchers (#201900968-201900981)

(#201900994-201901006)

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. White

NEXT MEETING

Work Sessions (if Needed)	Tuesday	September 3, 2019	6:00 p.m.
	Monday	September 16, 2019	
Public Hearing	Tuesday	September 24, 2019	5:45 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Tuesday	September 24, 2019	6:00 p.m.

Mr. Newton made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Pending litigation. This motion was seconded by Mr. Seymour and was unanimously approved. Executive Session entered at 6:46p.m.

Mr. Potiker made a motion to reconvene the meeting with all Board members present with the exception of Mr. White. This motion was seconded by Mr. Perrotte and was Unanimously approved Meeting reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Perrotte made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Newton; and was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ADJOURNMENT/7:16 p.m.