

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

Deputy Supervisor Hamel 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	
Willard Todd	X	
Richard Potiker		X
Donna Hamel	X	
John Rock	X	
Michael McCormick		X

ATTENDEES Jim & Joanne Hockney, Scott Campbell, Brandon Bruce, Mary Sorrell

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Public Hearing that was held on August 22, 2017 before this meeting.

Mr. White made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes of the Public Hearing as presented, Seconded by Mr. Newton.

AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd

ABSENT: Mr. Potiker

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on August 22, 2017 before this meeting.

Mr. White made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented, Seconded by Mr. Todd.

AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd

ABSENT: Mr. Potiker

COMMUNICATIONS 1. Received a letter from USDA stating that the Town's Civil Rights Compliance Review was complete.

2. Received the County-wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings report. Everything was approved by the Towns with the exception of County-wide Dog Control.

3. Received a reminder regarding the Clinton County Supervisor's Association Meeting/ Mr. Potiker not able to attend due to a vacation.

4. Received the signed contract and the Dog Park rules for the Dog Park from the Town of Plattsburgh.

5. Received a proposal from the LaBerge Group on consolidating the lighting districts in the Town.

6. Received a telephone call from Jody Fountain, a resident on Macey Lane with a concern that the ditch on Macey Lane is too close to the water line. She was worried that the water line would freeze. This concern was directed to the Town of Plattsburgh. After inspecting the ditch, it was determined that the chance of a freeze-up was not very high and the line had sufficient cover.

7. Received a written complaint on an ongoing garage sale being held at Rock's Storage Unit in Schuyler Falls. The Codes Officer responded to this complaint and recommended that the operator shut down and apply for a Special Use Permit from the Planning Board.

8. Received a complaint from a resident who lives near Airborne Speedway about noise from the speedway. A race was held on a Sunday and did not end until 11:00 p.m. Airborne Speedway was notified.

9. Received the resignation of Judge Randall Cumm effective October 27th. He is moving out of the area. It is too late to have someone run for the position. The Board has a few options to fill the position. Judge Van Nortwick is willing to fill in until the next election.

10. Received from NYSDEC the permit transfer for the Morrisonville Pit.

11. Received notification from NYSDEC that it is their intention to install a gate at the Western end of the Kayla Hill Road to curtail illegal dumping and other abuses of State Land.

12. Received the 2017 Groundwater and soil Monitoring report from KAS with their recommendations due to the no significant environmental risks at the site. (Highway Garage)

Mr. Todd made a motion to file the reports; Seconded by Mr. White.

AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd

ABSENT: Mr. Potiker

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

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

AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd

ABSENT: Mr. Potiker

Mr. Seymour made a motion to file the Minutes of the Planning Board meeting that were held on August 1, 2017.

Mr. White seconded the motion and motion was Unanimously Approved.

Mr. White made a motion to file the Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals Board that were held on July 17, 2017.

Mr. Newton seconded the motion and motion was Unanimously Approved.

RECEIPTS Town Clerk/\$879.00 Judge Cumm/\$2,263.00 Judge Van Nortwick/\$6,087.50, Macey Lane Water/\$145.72, Morrisonville Water/\$166.60, Woods Mills Water/\$912.37, Charter Franchise Fees-2nd Quarter/\$18,966.32

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

AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd

ABSENT: Mr. Potiker

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway/ Mr. Rock told the Board members that the Highway crew has finished paving the roads for the season. They are busy changing culverts and working on ditching.

Councilman/ Mr. Newton told the Board members that he has not had a response from NYSEG regarding any update on Natural Gas for the Town.

Water/ Donna Hamel told the Board members that she received the 2018 Contract prices from the Town of Plattsburgh. At the Budget meeting, water rates need to be discussed for all districts. She mentioned that she asked the Town of Plattsburgh for a meter read-out for the Emory House and the Morrisonville School. The School pays a flat fee of \$3,000.00 a year. The Emory House, which houses eight residents, pays only \$40.00 a quarter. The school's consumption was not that far off from what is charged. The Emory House uses approximately 60,000 gallons a quarter. The flat rates for these two places as well as other rates need to be reviewed.

Town Clerk/ Donna Hamel told the Board Members that included with their packet is the Tentative Budget for 2018. The Budget work session will be on October 3rd and if needed, on October 4th.

Supervisor/ The back flow preventer at the Town Hall failed the test and had to be repaired. It was tested again and passed. The report was sent to the Town of Plattsburgh.

Gary Drollette attended a meeting at the Clinton County Real Property Office regarding the rates for full and assisted assessing services. The findings of this meeting will be discussed at the next Board Work Session as the rates are increasing drastically.

The County is willing to include the replacement of the culvert on the Mark Road in their grant application. They would also oversee this project. They suggested that an engineer should inspect the site for safety reasons to decide if the culvert could last another winter.

Mr. Potiker met with Mike LaGree who is in charge of the CVPH Ambulance. The contract price will be the same as last years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ At the regular meeting in August, three sealed quotes to purchase a Gradall were received. Mr. Seymour stated that he is not in favor of awarding the bid to anyone as the Highway Superintendent has not had the time to go to the locations to look at the Gradalls. Because the Town Attorney was not at the meeting to advise the Town Board of their options, **Mr. Newton made a motion to table the award with the option of rejecting all bids until advice from the Town Attorney could be gotten. This motion was seconded by Mr. White. Mr. Newton, Mr. White and Mr. Todd voted yes. Mr. Seymour voted no. Motion Carried.**

Three sealed quotes were received for the removal of snow at the Town Hall for the 2017-2018 season.

Rand Hill Lawns	\$17,000.00
Ormsby Trucking	\$ 10,000.00
Hilltop Landscaping	\$ 2,000.00

Mr. Todd made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Hilltop Landscaping in the amount of \$2,000.00. This motion was seconded by Mr. White and Unanimously Approved.

NEW BUSINESS/ Mr. Hamel told the Board members that Mr. Potiker had been working with CVTEC on the possibility of having storage shed built by CVTEC students. He was contacted last week by Michael Drew, who oversees that program. Mr. Drew told Mr. Potiker that the project was approved last week. They will put together a quote for a 16' by 20' or 24' storage shed/garage. They will construct this on site at the Town Hall. Mr. Potiker stated in a note that was read aloud by Mr. Hamel that he had no time to contact the Board members on this. He hopes that the Board sees this as an opportunity to improve storage capacity at a fraction of the cost.

Mr. Seymour made a motion to authorize CVTEC to build a 16' by 24' storage shed after getting three quotes as stated in the Procurement Policy. This motion was seconded by Mr. White and was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #17-67

MOTION BY: Mr. White

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department is in need of fencing for the Pickle Ball Court, and

WHEREAS, as stated in the procurement policy, three quotes were received for the fencing, Freedom Fence Co./6,700.00, C & E Fencing LLC/\$5,920.00 and Vermont Tennis Court Surfacing/\$11,380.00, now be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the fencing will be purchased and installed by C & E Fencing, who submitted the lowest quote in the amount of \$5,920.00.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd

ABSENT: Mr. Potiker

RESOLUTION #17-68

MOTION BY: Mr. Todd

WHEREAS, prior to his election as Highway Superintendent, John Rock had been an employee of the Town of Schuyler Falls, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board had passed and filed Local Law #17-2 to authorize compensation for accumulated sick leave prior to becoming an elected official for the Town, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls does hereby authorize that final payment to Mr. Rock, for accrued sick leave of 377 hours (47 days) at the same rate of pay he received before becoming an Elected Official that was \$14.90 an hour for a gross total of \$5,617.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that payment would be made upon Mr. Rock’s signature on a General Release form, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be put in his personnel file and a copy to be given to the Budget Officer.

SECONDED BY: Mr. White

AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd

ABSENT: Mr. Potiker

RESOLUTION #17-69

MOTION BY: Mr. White

WHEREAS, the Town Board at the last Regular Meeting on August 22, 2017, the Town Board approved a resolution to enter into an agreement with Absolute Auctions & Realty to handle the Tow’s surplus equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent sent several items to go out for bid through this service, and

WHEREAS, the bidding on the Absolute Auction’s site ended at 7:45 pm on September 18th, be it therefore,

RESOLVED, that after review by the Highway Superintendent, the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board awards the equipment to the highest bidder as follows:

- 1994 Chevrolet pick-up truck/\$250.00**
- 1985 Case Excavator/ \$3,100.00**
- 1980 International Dump Truck with plow/sander \$1,550.00**

SECONDED BY: Mr. Todd

AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd

ABSENT: Mr. Potiker

RESOLUTION #17-70

MOTION BY: Mr. White

WHEREAS, the Town Board at the last Regular Meeting on August 22, 2017, the Town Board approved a resolution to enter into an agreement with Absolute Auctions & Realty to handle the Tow’s surplus equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor sent an item (Generac Power Generator) that belongs to the Morrisonville Water Department to go out for bid through this service, and

WHEREAS, the bidding on the Absolute Auction’s site ended at 7:45 pm on September 18th, be it therefore,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board awards the equipment to the highest bidder: Generator/\$4,700.00

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton

NAYES: Mr. Todd

ABSENT: Mr. Potiker

RESOLUTION #17-71

MOTION BY: Mr. Todd

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls re-appoints Jerome Miner to the Board of Assessment Review appointment effective immediately and to expire on September 30, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Mr. White

AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd

ABSENT: Mr. Potiker

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 16,699.48
Highway Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 145,973.31
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 2,463.15
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 1,110.30
Macey Lane Water Abstract for September	\$ 25,125.18
Audit only Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 5,430.93
Vouchers for Claims (#2017001122- 201701193)	
Vouchers for Audit Only (#201701106-201701121)	
Payroll Claims for Month of September (#201701079--201701105)	

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

AYES: Mr. Seymour, Mr. White, Mr. Newton, Mr. Todd

ABSENT: Mr. Potiker

PUBLIC FORUM

Mary Sorrell, Court Clerk for Judge Van Nortwick, told the Board members that Judge Van Nortwick stated that he would be willing to assume the extra Judge position until the next election which would be in November of 2018.

NEXT MEETING

Work Sessions	Tuesday (Budget)	10/03/2017	6:00 p.m.
	Wednesday (Budget if needed)	10/04/2017	6:00 p.m.
	Tuesday	10/17/2017	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Tuesday	October 24, 2017	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Seymour made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Newton; and was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED/7:05p.m.**

Donna Hamel/Town Clerk