

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

Supervisor Randall called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board to order at 6:00 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 Snider	X

PUBLIC RECOGNITION Mary Sorrell, Barb Benkwitt, Sam Campbell, Richard Donah, Ricky White, Rick Potiker, Larry Whalen

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on August 25, 2020. **Mr. Perrotte made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes as presented; Seconded by Mr. Facteau.**
AYES: Mr. Newton, Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Bruno, Mr. Facteau, Mr. Randall

ADDRESSES Rick Potiker, County Legislator, was in attendance to give the Board an update on what was going on in the County. He told them that the County was in the process of working on the 2021 budget. They are still hoping that another stimulus package would be passed to help out the county, state and Town levels. He said right now the Town would see a decrease of about 5 to 6 percent of sales tax. Department heads are working with their staff to cut costs. Cuts are also being made through employee retirements and volunteer furloughs. He mentioned that the new internet sales tax has help the County. He said that the Town Supervisors are working with the Board of Elections regarding the charge backs to the Towns, as the estimates were quite steep. Some of the costs have been eliminated due to decrease of what was used due to the COVID. Discussions have been had by the Supervisors so that the Towns would have more say in that process.

He said that with the Canadian border being closed and all the travel restrictions, the airport has been hit the hardest as travel has been down by 85%. Spirit airlines has pulled out of the airport, but they were having financial problems before the COVID.

A company that salvages airplanes is looking to lease hanger space at the airport. They are going to start out small with a possibility of expansion as the operation grows.

Mr. Potiker said the water conditions on Sand Road and Kent Falls Road is a State initiative. The County is there to oversee the situation. He knows that water is being brought to the residents affected and carbon filtration systems have been approved for the residents that are affected by the positive water testing of PFOAs.

Mr. Randall said that he has been in contact with Ryan Davies from the Clinton County Health Department regarding the water situation. He asked him if they could possibly look into testing the wells on Rickson Avenue as sampling was done in that area many years ago. Mr. Davies reached out to the NYS Health Department and it was agreed that the wells on Rickson Avenue would be resampled. If above the limit, they would possibly provide the carbon filtration system as well.

He said that the State would be sending out letters to the residents on the Sand Road and the Kent Falls Road who live in the half -mile radius of the affected area to have their wells tested. If they do not receive a reply from a resident that is on the list, a door tag would be placed at their resident to remind them to respond. Mr. Potiker added that the State is acting quickly to rectify this matter to rectify as they should.

- COMMUNICATIONS**
1. Received a request for a donation from the Clinton County Historical Association.
 2. Received the 2021 water rates from the Town of Plattsburgh. The new charge will be \$2.78 per 1,000 gallons.
 3. Mr. Randall met with a resident who is interested in installing a solar farm on his property. It was mentioned that the Town needs to act soon on a local law regarding Solar energy and wood boilers. Mr. Facteau stated that the Town Attorney should be working on the two local laws. Due to the COVID, he sees no reason to do a complete rezoning project that would be costly to the residents at this time. Mr. Randall replied that the Town Attorney has sent a copies of a few other Town's local laws to be reviewed regarding Solar Energy and Outdoor wood boilers.
 4. A company has been hired to cut the dead limbs in the Town Park on Mason Street. Mr. Perrotte said that they were supposed to start the work this week, but he was told that a piece of their equipment needed to be repaired first. They will come ASAP.

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

RECEIPTS TownClerk/\$1,601.25, Morrisonville Water/\$332.60, Macey Lane Water/519.64

Judge Van Nortwick/\$\$549.00, \$Judge Barber/\$3,823.00, Charter Communications Franchise Fees-2nd Quarter/\$18,337.25

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

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway/ Mr. Snider mentioned that he would like to withdraw his leave of absence from the Highway Department effective immediately. A resolution is in the Councilman's packet for consideration tonight. He said that the Town of Plattsburg's highway department is helping him complete his CHIPS report. His crew has been busy cutting back brush and putting up the sand and the salt for the winter. The situation on Shingle Street has been rectified. He told the Councilman that he would like to hire a highway employee as soon as possible. When asked about cutting the brush on the corner of Irish Settlement Road, Mr. Snider said that he had no problem doing this and the highway department has done it in the past, but technically because it is a County Road, the County should be keeping the brush cut. Mr. Snider mentioned that if all goes well, he will be retiring in November before he takes his elected position in January as Highway Superintendent

Safety and Codes/ Mr. Randall told the Board members that most of the debris caused by a fire at the Fuzzy Duck has been cleaned up. The remainder of the debris is supposed to be cleaned up tomorrow.

Town Clerk/ The tentative budget for 2021 was passed out to the Councilman. Notices of the Budget work session have been placed in the notes of interest section in the newspaper and on the website.

Assessor/ Mr. Randall told the Board members that the Assessor told him that by staying at the 95% equalization rate, school taxes and state properties might be affected.

Historian/ Barb Benkwitt reported that she attended the annual conference for the Association of Public Historians held by Zoom on September 21-22. When asked by Mr. Newton if she would be willing to do the Annual Tree Lighting celebration this year, Barb replied that possibly a smaller ceremony could take place due to all the restriction because of the pandemic. This will be discussed further when more information on restrictions would be given.

Recreation/ Sam Campbell reported that Mike Perrotte and Sherm Hamel took a walk along the trails at the River Street Park. The foosball court is complete. The pavilion will be done by the end of October. Everything is starting to come together.

OLD BUSINESS/ Mr. Facticeau asked what the status was regarding the problems that the residents are having with the water pressure on Macey Lane. Mr. Randall said he is still working on trying to obtain the engineering plans from another Town that had similar water pressure problems.

Mr. Randall mentioned that he is still working on the proposed switchover to LED lighting on the poles. There are still some questions on the maintenance and liability that needs to be answered.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #20-69

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

A RESOLUTION, ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS, CLINTON COUNTY, NEW YORK ESTABLISHING THE MORRISONVILLE WATER DISTRICT EXTENSION IN THE TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF NEW YORK PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12A OF THE TOWN LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

WHEREAS, a map, plan and report relating to the establishment of Town of Schuyler Falls Morrisonville Water District Extension prepared by Laberge Group, Ltd., competent engineers, duly licensed by the State of New York, in manner and detail as determined by the Town Board of Schuyler Falls has been filed with the Town Clerk of Schuyler Falls in accordance with the requirements of the Town Law; and,

WHEREAS, an Order was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls on June 23, 2020, reciting the filing of the map, plan and report, the boundaries of the proposed sewer district extension, the improvements proposed, the estimated expense thereof, the proposed method of financing, the fact that the map, plan and report are on file in the Town Clerk's Office in said Town for public inspection, and all other matters required by law to be stated; and

WHEREAS, the order set July 28, 2020 at 5:45 p.m. at the Schuyler Falls Town Hall, 997 Mason Street, Morrisonville, New York as the date, time and place of the public meeting to consider the map, plan and report, and to hear all persons interested in the subject, and to take action as required and authorized by law; and,

WHEREAS, such order was published and posted as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, a hearing on the matter was held by the Town Board on the 28th day of July, 2020 beginning at 5:45 p.m. and the matter being fully discussed and all interested persons having been duly heard; and

WHEREAS, it having been duly resolved and determined following such hearing, that the Notice of Public Hearing was published and posted as required by law and is otherwise sufficient, that all property and property owners within the limits of the proposed water district extension are benefitted thereby, that all property and property owners benefitted are included within the limits of the proposed water district extension, and that it was in the public interest to establish said Morrisonville Water District Extension, and to grant, in whole, the relief sought, and it having been then and there duly resolved that establishment of said Morrisonville Water not required for the creation of Morrisonville Water District Extension, that the aforesaid Town Board resolution of July 28, 2020 having been adopted subject to permissive referendum, and no petition for a referendum having been filed;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that

the Morrisonville Water District Extension, be created so as to include therein the following lands which are hereby established as the Town of Schuyler Falls Morrisonville Water District Extension

and which lie wholly within the Town of Schuyler Falls, County of Clinton, State of New York, and is bounded and described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, and it is further,

ORDERED, RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the Town Clerk is directed to cause a certified copy of this Order, Resolution and Determination to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Clinton within ten (10) days after the adoption thereof, and a certified copy thereof to be submitted to the Department of Audit and Control at Albany, New York as provided by §209-g of the Town Law; and it is further

ORDERED, RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the establishment of Town of Schuyler Falls Morrisonville Water District Extension, as set forth in the map, plan and report be approved; and it is further,

ORDERED, RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, the requested improvement shall be constructed, and the necessary easements and lands be acquired, and such water district extension shall be known and designated as the Town of Schuyler Falls Morrisonville Water District Extension, in the Town of Schuyler Falls and shall be bounded and described as set forth in Schedule "A" annexed hereto.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

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

RESOLUTION #20-70

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Mr. Facteau to pursue the possibility of funding sources for the placement of a water line on Rickson Avenue.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: Mr. Facteau told the Board members that Liz Tedford dropped off the income surveys for the residents of Rickson Ave. He said he will get the surveys to the residents and have them mail the completed surveys to Liz Tedford.

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

ABSTAIN: Mr. Facteau

RESOLUTION #20-71

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

WHEREAS, through The Foundation of CVPH Medical Center, Inc, a grant was secured for the Town of Schuyler to establish the River Street Park located at 97 Ladue Street in the Town of Schuyler, and **WHEREAS**, the current speed limit on LaDue Street is 30 miles an hour, and

WHEREAS, concerned residents who live on Ladue Street have contacted the Town requesting that the speed limit be lowered to 15 miles an hour as they are concerned that the traffic flow of thirty miles an hour through this road would be detrimental to the children and visitors taking advantage of the park's facilities and the residents who live in that area; be it hereby,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the Town Clerk to prepare the appropriate paperwork to be sent to the County for review of this request.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

DISCUSSION: There was a question on the address of the park as Sam Campbell stated that he thought it was 97 River Street. A suggestion was made to possibly include another section of River Street to the request. After some further discussion Mr. Newton made a motion to table Resolution #20-71 until there is clarification on the address of the park and a possibility of adding part of River Street to the request.

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

RESOLUTION #20-72

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

WHEREAS, at the July 13, 2020 work session, Mr. Snider submitted a written request for a leave of absence from his current Highway position of MEO-Crew Supervisor effective immediately through December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2020, Mr. Snider submitted a written request to the Town Clerk to present to the Board withdrawing his leave of absence effective immediately, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls accepts the request of Michael Snider and that the proper paperwork will be sent down to the Clinton County Department of Personnel.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

Discussion: When asked who will replace Mr. Snider as Crew Supervisor, Mr. Snider told the Board members that David Amell would. It was told to Mr. Snider that Mr. Amell would have to be appointed by the Board members and be approved by Civil Service.

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

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 40,071.00
Highway Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 93,336.76
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 6,162.98
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 2,252.70
Macey Lane Water Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 25,340.91
Audit only Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 4,164.97

Vouchers for Claims (#202001180-202001311)

Vouchers for Audit Only (#202001147-202001160)

Payroll Vouchers (#202001114-202001146)

(#202001161-202001179)

Mr. Newton made a motion to pay the claims. This motion was seconded by Mr. Perrotte.

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

NEXT MEETING

Work Sessions (Budget)	Monday	October 5, 2020	6:00 p.m.
	Tuesday	October 6, 2020 (if needed)	
	Monday	October 19, 2020	
Regular Meeting	Tuesday	October 27, 2020	6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Newton made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Randall.; and was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ADJOURNMENT/7:49 p.m.

