

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2020

Supervisor Randall called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present

MEMBER

Howard Newton	X
Martin Perrotte	X (by Zoom)
Vernon Bruno	X
Reginald Facteau	X
Kevin Randall	X
Donna Hamel	X
Michael McCormick	X
Michael Snider	X

PUBLIC RECOGNITION Crystal Simpson, Mary Sorrell, Philip Van Nortwick, Richard Donah, Rick Dabrowski, Rickey White, April Randall, Larry Whalen

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on September 29, 2020.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS 1. Received a news release from Social Security announcing that there will be a 1.3% benefit increase for 2021.

2. Received notification from the Association of Towns that the training for 2021 will be held virtually over the course of a number of days in February.

3. Received

4. Received communication from NYSEG listing answers to some of the questions that were asked at the last meeting regarding the proposed LED light conversion for the Town; NYSEG owns all the poles and maintains them for the Town, NYSEG would replace a pole if a car were to hit the pole and damage light would replace. If new lights/poles were added to the existing roster, NYSEG would install the street lights at no cost to the municipality unless an overhead wire or a transformer is required for a specific location, NYSEG can not mix the lighting types throughout the Town.

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

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

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

RECEIPTS Town Clerk/\$1,204.00, Morrisonville Water/\$15,212.52, Macey Lane Water/1,419.06, Woods Mills Water/\$5,697.68, Judge Van Nortwick/\$3,233.00, Judge Barber/\$3,060.00 Casella Waste Systems 3rd quarter/\$130,744.46, Marina Wilson-Historian Donation/\$75.00

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

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS Highway/ Mr. Snider reported that the Highway Department has been working on the trucks to get them ready for the winter months. They also have been doing some ditching and putting up salt and sand for the winter. Mr. Facteau said that a minor project with the flooring needs to be done at the garage. He said that there is money in the 2020 budget to have this work done. Mr. Randall told Mr. Snider and Mr. Facteau that this project might need engineering and possibly would have to go out to bid depending on the cost of the project. Mr. Randall suggested that Mr. Facteau met with him this week to go over what needs to be done at the garage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Mr. Randall said that he spoke with Mr. Ryan from the Health Department who told him that the testing of the wells on the Sand Road is complete. He said that if anyone knew of a resident that did not have their well tested that was in the vicinity of the projected area to contact him so he could pass the information on to the Health Department. Mr. Facteau said he has been working with Gary Drollete, the Tax Assessor, on an up to date map of Rickson Avenue. An income survey for the residents on the street will be completed. Mr. Randall said that the information told to him is that their wells on Rickson Avenue will be tested as well.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #20-73

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Town Law, approves and adopts the annexed detailed statement of estimated expenditure and revenues be and the same hereby as the Preliminary Budget for the year 2021. Such Preliminary Budget shall be filed forthwith in the office of the Town Clerk where it shall be available for public inspection, and

RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR COMMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THE YEAR 2021

Preliminary Budget on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 997 Mason Street, Morrisonville with a Special Meeting to follow for the purpose of adopting the 2021 Annual Budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Public Hearing and Special Meeting will also be via Zoom, meeting ID#884 4471 3094, passcode 889777, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall give notice of such public hearing in the official newspaper at least five days prior to the hearing and shall cause a copy of said notice to be posted on the bulletin board.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

DISCUSSION: restated to read the correction. Mr. Facteau said that he will vote no on this resolution as he feels that there are five outstanding items regarding the budget that have not been resolved. He thinks that there should be at least one more work session. He said that there is time to resolve these issues. Mr. Randall replied that all the changes have been made that were discussed and agreed upon. He added that the Board held two work sessions for the budget. Mr. Facteau questioned the Highway Superintendent's salary as in the Preliminary Budget it states that the salary is \$74,049.00. It was reviewed and discussed that this was a typographical error as even the Tentative Budget had the correct salary of \$59,000.00. Mr. Facteau said that at the last work session it was agreed to go back into the previous years of what the Court Clerk's salaries were. He asked Mr. Perrotte what he found out by researching the Court Clerk's salary versus hourly. Mr. Perrotte replied that his research showed that most Towns pay their Court Clerk's a salary and the Town is neither above or below what is paid the other Town's Court Clerks. Mr. Randall mentioned that there was another work session scheduled to receive and review information. Mr. Facteau said that he just received the additional information today. Mr. Perrotte asked if anyone talked with the Judges to find out their position of whether the Court Clerk's should be paid hourly or salary. Mr. Randall said that he gave additional time for the Councilmen to gather information, but there is legally only so long that the Town has before approving the budget. He added that not much got accomplished at the last budget work session except for the 3% increase for the Ambulance contract. He said that if an extra employee were to be hired to sit in the Court room, it would be very costly to the town. Mr. Facteau asked about the issue regarding the Codes Enforcement salary. Mr. Randall replied that the Codes Officer was requested to be at the last work session to answer questions and issues that the Board had. Mr. Facteau said that he is not happy that they could decrease one salary by 20% and not touch the others. Mr. Randall stated that at least \$100,000 has been cut from this budget. He said that not a lot more can be cut without losing services. Mr. Randall said that he knows that due to the COVID, this is not the year to increase taxes, but at one point the budget needs to be equalized. He said that in about three to four years, there is going to be a huge increase. He said that the Board is going to have to be financially responsible to their constituents as it will not do anyone any good if there were to be a 500% increase in the budget in one year. He stated that \$300,000 a year cannot be taken out to offset the budget too much longer, as there will not be anything left in that fund to do so in future years. The Town Attorney advised that the Resolution be restated to read the correction on the salary in the Preliminary Budget.

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MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

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SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

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

NAYES: Mr. Facteau

RESOLUTION #20-74

MOTION BY: Mr. Facteau

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 River Street, the intersection of River Street and 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 especially with the increased pedestrian traffic 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. Newton

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

RESOLUTION #20-75

MOTION BY: Mr. Bruno

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2020 Michael Snider submitted a written request to the Town Clerk withdrawing his leave of absence as MEO/Crew Supervisor, and

WHEREAS, the Board acted on this request at that night's meeting, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that David Amell be appointed to the position of MEO/Crew Supervisor with a rate of pay of \$22.16 an hour effective October 28, 2020.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

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

RESOLUTION #20-76

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board acknowledges and accepts Karen White's resignation from the Planning Board which was effective on October 15, 2020.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Facteau

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

RESOLUTION #20-77

MOTION BY:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls re-appoints Roland Dashnaw to the Board of Assessment Review appointment effective immediately and to expire on September 30, 2025.

SECONDED BY:

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

RESOLUTION #20-78

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with NYSEG to replace the existing Company owned Cobra Head style street lights (noon-LED) for Light Emitting Diode Cobra Head Street Light (LED) Conversion throughout the Town for a municipality saving of approximately \$16,000 per year based on 211 lights in use.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

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

RESOLUTION #20-79

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the purchase of a 2021 F350 4X4 148" wheelbase at the State contract price of \$33,074.80 from Bailey Ford in Plattsburgh for the Recreation Department.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Randall

DISCUSSION: SPECS Attached. Mr. Facteau asked if there was a requirement to obtain other state contract quotes. It was said that there is not. A discussion followed on purchasing a plow under state contract. Nothing was finalized.

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

CLAIMS

General Abstract for the Month of October	\$11,437.43
Highway Abstract for the Month of October	\$19,204.53
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of October	\$ 4,800.32
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of October	\$ 1,817.85
Macey Lane Water Abstract for October	\$ 405.61
Audit only Abstract for the Month of October	\$ 3,325.69

Vouchers for Claims (#202001355-202001456)

Vouchers for Audit Only (#202001326-202001348)

Payroll Vouchers (#202001312-202001325)

(#202001336-202001354)

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

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

NEXT MEETING

Work Sessions (if Needed)	Monday	November 2, 2020	6:00 p.m.
	Monday	November 16, 2020	
Public Hearing on 2021 Budget	Monday	November 5, 2020	5:00 p.m.
Special Meeting for 2021 Budget	Immediately following Public Hearing		
Regular Meeting	Tuesday	November 24, 2020	6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM Mr. Donah brought up the Court Clerk's salary that was changed from hourly to salary. He mentioned that the Town Board seems to be targeting the Highway Superintendent's salary and not any other salary. Mr. Randall explained that the salary for that position was lowered as it will be a newly elected term. Mr. Dabrowski asked if the Town could update the website as it does not seem that there is up to date information posted. He asked where he could get the water sample reports that have been done for the Macey Lane water district. Mr. Randall will ask the Town of Plattsburgh's water department for them.

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Newton made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Facteau; and was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**. **ADJOURNMENT/ 7:30 p.m.**