

**TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS**  
**TOWN BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 2019**

Supervisor Potiker called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Potiker asked for a moments silence for Councilman Barry White who passed away this month.

	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>		
George Seymour	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 August 20, 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**

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION** Kim Boulds, Rick & Kathy Dabrowski, Reg Facticeau, Roy Sodenberg, Nancy O’Hearn, Ricky White, Richard Donah, Mary Sorrell, Kevin Randall, Vic McCasland, William Way, Nick White, Tristen White, Martha White

**ADDRESSES/** Justin Doner, a representative from Friends of the North Country, was on hand to answer any questions that the Town Board might have regarding the two CDBG projects to be voted on tonight. Mr. Potiker requested that the resolutions be offered at this time.

**RESOLUTION #19-80**

**MOTION BY: Mr. Newton**

**RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the de-obligation of capital expenditure of \$10,350.00 leaving a total of \$27,200.00 plus administrative, project delivery, and other soft costs in accordance with the Town of Schuyler Falls Housing Rehabilitation Program for Project #SF-17-01.**

**SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte**

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

**RESOLUTION #19-81**

**MOTION BY: Mr. Seymour**

**RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the capital expenditure of \$7,750.00 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**

Mr. Sodenberg asked about the parking lot that was being relocated. Mr. Potiker told him that there is a proposed park being constructed at the end of River Street where the parking lot will be constructed. When asked where the money is coming from to fund this project, Mr. Potiker explained that the Town received a grant for \$250,000 to erect a park. Mr. Facticeau asked who would maintain the upkeep of the park when completed. Mr. Potiker told him that the Town would be responsible for the upkeep. It was mentioned that there had been vandalism at other parks in the past. When told by several residents that the upkeep would be adding an expense to the Town, it was asked if the Town of Plattsburgh might be able to help with this expense. Mr. Potiker replied that the park on LaDue Street is the Town of Plattsburgh’s responsibility, but the residents of the Town of Schuyler Falls have access to that park that is maintained by the Town of Plattsburgh.

Mr. Sodenberg asked why the Town Board meeting are not taped anymore and put on the PBS station. Many of the residents expressed their desire to have this done.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Received from NYSDEC the Solid Waste Management Permit for the operation of the Clinton County Regional Landfill.
2. Received several correspondences from Charter Communications regarding changes.
3. Follow-up letter received from Billy Jones regarding the sexual harassment requirements.
4. Received a NYSEG update on the transmission line work being completed around the County.

**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. Perrotte.**

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

**RECEIPTS** Town Clerk/\$855.00, Morrisonville Water/\$439.76, Woods Mills Water/\$97.06, Macey Lane Water/\$139.35, Judge Van Nortwick \$2,800.74, Judge Barber/\$1,631.00, Charter Franchise Fees 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter/\$18,740.22, Sylvia Valdez-Donation to Historian's Office/\$300.00. NYS Records Management Grant/\$12,495.00, Shelter Point-Reimbursements for Disability Insurance/\$1448.06

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

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

Mr. Perrotte made a motion to file the Minutes of the Planning Board meeting that was held on August 6, 2019. This motion was seconded by Mr. Seymour and Unanimously Approved.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Town Clerk/** Donna Hamel told the Board members that a copy of the 2020 Tentative Budget is in their packet. October 7<sup>th</sup> has been set for a budget work session with an additional date of October 8<sup>th</sup> if needed) These dates will be sent to the Press Republican for publication in the notes of interest section of the paper.

**Supervisor/** Mr. Potiker attended a Supervisor's meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Melony Putnam, a representative from NYSEG, made a request to have the speed limit on Kent Falls road be reduced temporarily while work is being done at the Kent Falls Dam. Mr. Potiker met with a NYSEG representative regarding the status on natural gas for the Town. At this time, the cost per therm does not support a gas line into Morrisonville. Mr. Potiker reported that the budget received from the Board of Elections for 2020 has almost doubled in cost. When asked if the voting process could be moved back into the Town Hall, he was told that there is not enough room at the Town Hall. It was asked by a resident if the fire department could be considered a place to vote. This will be looked into.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** Councilman Newton told the Board members that he received a written complaint regarding junk at a residence on River Street. This complaint has been turned over to the Codes Officer and the Fire Commissioners. This topic opened up a conversation on other residences that seems to be in violation of the Codes regulations and nothing has been done to rectify the issues.

Mr. Sodenberg asked about the status of the cell tower being installed on the Landfill property. Mr. Potiker told him that he was told that some parts are on back order.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

##### **RESOLUTION #19-75**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Seymour

WHEREAS, an agreement was presented to the Town of Schuyler Falls relative to the replacement of the Harney Bridge Road and this agreement was forwarded to the Town Attorney for review, and

WHEREAS, after review and revisions made by the Town Attorney for the Municipal Agreement among the County of Clinton, the Town of Plattsburgh and the Town of Schuyler Falls relative to the Replacement of the Harney Bridge Road over the Saranac River and agreed to by the County, be it therefore RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign such agreement.

**SECONDED BY:** Mr. Newton

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

##### **RESOLUTION #19-76**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls reappoints Anice Lamora to the Board of Assessment Review, appointment effective immediately and to expire on September 30, 2024.

**SECONDED BY:** Mr. Seymour

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

##### **RESOLUTION #19-77**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Seymour

WHEREAS, a Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls at its Regular Meeting held August 20, 2019 introducing proposed Local Law #1 of 2019, entitled "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C" and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing concerning said Local Law was duly advertised in the Press Republican, the official newspaper of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was held on September 24, 2019, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls after due deliberation finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the introductory Local Law #19-1 entitled "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C" and be the same is hereby adopted as Local Law #19-1 and the Town Clerk is directed to enter said Local Law in the Local Law Book of the Town and to give notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State

**SECONDED BY:** Mr. Perrotte

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

##### **RESOLUTION #19-78**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, The Annual Local Government Conference holding a Town Training School in Potsdam on October 15, 2019,

WHEREAS, Howard Newton and Donna Hamel would like to attend the training 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. Seymour

**DISCUSSION:** Cost to the Town would be approximately \$191.00 each plus mileage.

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

**RESOLUTION #19-79**

MOTION BY: Mr. Seymour

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls acknowledges and authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the NYS Teamsters Council Health and Hospital Fund Agreement for Insurance effective date of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

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

**RESOLUTION #19-82**

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board acknowledges and adopts the FUND BALANCE POLICY, (SEE ATTACHED), to be the Official Town of Schuyler Falls Fund Balance Policy.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Seymour

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

**RESOLUTION #19-83**

MOTION BY: Mr. Seymour

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

INCREASE:	Revenue Acct. # A.3060.000	Records Management	\$ 12,495.00
	Expense Acct. # A.1460.4000	Historian Grant Expense	\$ 12,495.00

To allow for the expenditures of funds received from Records Management Grant. This amount is half of the total that will be received.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

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

**RESOLUTION #19-84**

MOTION BY: Mr. Seymour

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

From: DA.5130.200	Machinery Equipment	\$20,000.00
To: DA.5110.400	General Repairs Cont. Expense	\$10,000.00
To: DA.5130.400	Machinery Cont. Expense	\$10,000.00

To cover the cost of expenses for 2019.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

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

**RESOLUTION #19-85**

MOTION BY: Mr. Seymour

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

WHEREAS, Donna Hamel, 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 2019 budget.

SECONDED BY:

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

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

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

**CLAIMS**

General Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 37,259.18
Highway Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 95,662.73
Morrisonville Water Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 5,267.72
Woods Mills Water Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 1,710.44
Macey Lane Water Abstract for September	\$ 25,293.37
Audit only Abstract for the Month of September	\$ 4,116.27

Vouchers for Claims (#201901126- 201901221)

Vouchers for Audit Only (#201901111--201901125)

Payroll Vouchers (#201901084-201901110)

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

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

**NEXT MEETING**

Work Sessions (if Needed)	Budget Monday October 7, 2019	6:00 p.m.
	Tuesday October 8, 2019 (If needed for Budget)	
	Monday October 21, 2019	

Regular Meeting	Tuesday October 29, 2019	6:00 p.m.
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**Mr. Newton made to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Union negotiations. This motion was seconded by Mr. Newton and was Unanimously Approved. Executive Session entered into at 7:45 p.m.**

**Mr. Seymour made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:20 p.m. with all the Councilman present. This motion was seconded by Mr. Newton and was Unanimously Approved.**

**ADJOURNMENT Mr. Seymour made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Newton; and was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ADJOURNMENT/8:20pm.**

**Donna Hamel/Town Clerk**