

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
WORK SESSION JULY 13, 2020

Supervisor Randall called the Work Session for the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board to order at 6:07 p.m.

PRESENT ABSENT

MEMBERS

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, Richard Donah, Sam Campbell

Mr. Randall gave each Councilman a copy of the Town of Plattsburgh's local law regarding solar energy. He said that the Planning Board Chairman gave it to him if the Town would be interested in having a Solar Energy Local Law in place.

Mr. Bruno arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Donah, a resident, gave each Councilman an envelope that contained pictures and written correspondence. The Councilman took time to read the correspondence but did not comment on it.

RESOLUTION #20-54

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, at the May 26, 2020 meeting, the Town Board appointed Michael Snider as Acting Highway Superintendent, and

WHEREAS, on the advice of the Association of Town's Attorney, the position should be Highway Superintendent and not Acting Highway Superintendent, as there is no legal position for Acting Highway Superintendent, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls appoints Michael Snider to the position of Highway Superintendent, retroactive date June 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 with an additional stipend of \$412.39 a pay period to be paid to him for his additional duties as Highway Superintendent.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: Mr. Facteau asked why Mr. Snider is not receiving the same salary as the former Superintendent. Mr. Randall told Mr. Facteau that Mr. Snider knew what the salary would be as it was discussed before. When Mr. Facteau mentioned that the salary was only amounted to \$52,000.00, not the \$59,000.00 agreed upon. Mr. Perrotte stated that this figure differed as because it was not since the start of the year, but based on when Mr. Snider started the position. Mr. Snider's biggest concern was that he was going to lose his vacation time that he had accrued as a highway employee. It was explained to him that as of tonight and after the resolution is passed, he would no longer be a highway employee, but would get the benefits of an elected official. Mr. Facteau asked if Mr. Snider would have to pay the 20% or the 15% of his health insurance premium. It was stated that he would have to pay the 20%. This figure is what all other employees other than the union employee pay toward their insurance. When asked if Mr. Snider wanted to go through with the appointment tonight or to hold off on the appointment, Mr. Snider said that he was fine with going forward. It was mentioned that Mr. Snider did not submit a leave of absence from his highway position. Mr. Snider handwrote a leave of absence through December 31, 2020 from his current position at the highway garage and submitted it to the Town Clerk so the Board could act on his appointment tonight. At that point, Mr. Newton withdrew his motion on Resolution #20-54 and made a motion to accept Mr. Snider's leave of absence from his current Highway position effective July 13, 2020 through December 31, 2020. This was seconded by Mr. Randall and Unanimously Approved. Resolution #20-54 was then approved as presented before the discussion.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

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

RESOLUTION #20-55

MOTION BY: Mr. Perrotte

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received a request from James Staley who currently holds the position as MEO/Mechanic, that being there is a position now vacant for MEO at the Highway Department due to the appointment of Michael Snider to Highway Superintendent, Mr. Staley would like to vacate his position as MEO/MECHANIC at his current rate of pay of \$21.64 and be considered for the vacant MEO position at the current rate of \$21.47, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls approves the lateral move of the position of James Staley from MEO/MECHANIC to MEO with a retroactive date of July 9, 2020.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Newton

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

RESOLUTION #20-56

MOTION BY: Mr. Newton

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to enter into a labor management agreement between the Town of Schuyler Falls and Teamsters Local 687 that will be in effect until December 31, 2020 to ratify the hiring of Paul Sarbou as MEO/MECHANIC at the rate of \$22.00 in lieu of the wage rate of \$21.64 that is stated in the Union Contract, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that January 1, 2021, Paul Sarbou will then follow the pay rate set forth in the approved union contract effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Bruno

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

Mr. Randall received a letter from the LaBerge Group that the 2020 NRBC Grant Program Application has been submitted for the Town of Schuyler Falls' Morrisonville Water Project. A congratulatory letter along with a certificate of achievement was received from PERMA on filing all claims in a timely manner. A request was received from the Historian to install and allow remote access so she can work from home. After a brief discussion on some issues; such as the annual cost and security, Mr. Randall told the Board members that he would ask Carl Morse, the Town's IT person, and would let the Board members know. When Mr. Snider was asked if he had access to the Highway's computer, he replied that he had not tried to access it yet as he did not have an e-mail address yet. Either Carl or Mary would help him set up an e-mail account. Mr. Randall told the Board members that a mandatory webinar for the Highway employees and himself will be accessed by Zoom this week at the Town Office. He said that he and Mary will bring their laptops in as there needs to be visual as well as vocal participation. Mary added that the instructor needs to visually see all participants while keeping the six feet apart social distancing. Mr. Randall mentioned that he received an e-mail from Mr. William Ryan, Special Council for the Morrisonville Water District Extension. Mr. Ryan will be attending the Public Hearing on July 28th.

Mr. Facteau told the Board members that he would like to see the Town purchase equipment to present power points at meetings for the Town, Zoning and Planning Board. Mr. Randall said that the Fire Station has the equipment. He said that the cost to purchase the equipment is about \$2,500 or more. The purchase of the equipment will be reviewed further.

Mr. Perrotte asked Mr. Campbell how the girls and Dan are doing by keeping their hours in line with the budget. Mr. Campbell told him the hours were fine. He said that the material for the playground should be arriving in early August. He added that they are in the final stages of completing the back-parking lot at the Salmon River Park.

Mr. Randall told Mr. Campbell that Laurie Williams contacted him regarding the River Street park. She told him that she found out that some of the money has to be spent this year on the proposed park. Mr. Randall will let Mr. Campbell know when she will meet with them about the park.

Mr. Facteau asked if information regarding the possible natural gas project could be included in the water bills as mentioned at the last meeting. Mr. Randall told him he would have to check to see the legalities of placing other items in an envelope with a bill. He does not want it to be misconstrued as advertisement for NYSEG. The next water bill will be sent out in September.

Mr. Newton made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Bruno and Unanimously Approved. Adjournment/ 7:22 p.m.

Donna Hamel/Town Clerk