

# Town Board ★★★★★★★★★★

## COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Supervisor Anthony Lucenti, Councilwoman Bette Szesny, Councilmen Rodney Dodge, Joe Juliano, and Eric Kane.

Also present were Clerk Jeffery Dingman, Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson, Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green, and Town Attorney Jennifer Chrisman.

Town residents present were Richard and Jean Finster, Jeffrey and Kristin Salamone from the Frankfort Boy Scout Troops, Emilee Leary, Dick Murdock, Roy Coffin, Robert Wasyleski, Peter Cardone, Jr., John Werczynski, and Fire Chief John Scholl from Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Supervisor Lucenti led the assembled people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## PAY BILLS

Motion by Szesny, second by Kane, that the bills for the past month be paid as presented. All in favor.

## MINUTES - MARCH 23 & APRIL 3, 2019

Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge that the Town Board dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 23 and April 3, 2019 and approve them as printed; all in favor.

## RESIDENT COMMENT

Dick Murdock asked if anything had been found out by Barbara Boulia as to changing passing zone to no-passing zone in front of East Schuyler firehouse. An e-mail was read by Lucenti from Jeanne, Assistant Civil Engineer for the NYS Dept. of Transportation, Mohawk Valley Region, that the passing zone in front of the Town of Schuyler firehouse will be removed sometime in Spring/Summer 2019.

Harry Robbins indicated that the one of the things that the Town Historian, Jean Finster does is scans the newspapers for obituaries and news related to the Schuyler community. The cost for the Observer Dispatch newspaper is currently \$11.53 per week, totaling almost \$600 per year. The Telegram is also subscribed to by Ms. Finster at a cost of \$7.23 per week for an approximate cost of \$375 per year. The total of both newspapers totals \$975.52 that comes out of Ms. Finster's \$400 annual salary. Mr. Robbins proposes that the Town subscribe to both papers and have them delivered to Ms. Finster's house. Mr. Juliano indicated that a better rate may be able to be negotiated. Ms. Szesny suggested that a voucher could be submitted for the cost of the newspapers.

## ASSESSOR'S REPORT — BY GEORGE HASKELL

Mr. Haskell could not be present, but Supervisor Lucenti indicated Mr. Haskell wanted everyone to know that Grievance Day is May 29, 2019.

## CODES REPORT – BY PHILIP GREEN

There have been 10 permits this year so far, which is good. Dollar General construction has been moving along at a good pace, especially considering the weather we've experienced.

Supervisor Lucenti indicated they have received some calls about animals possibly not being fed properly, i.e. cows and horses. The New York State Police can be contacted, and they will investigate these issues.

## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – BY ANTHONY LUCENTI

- ★ There was a request by a little league organization who was referred to by Joe Aiello, to use the Merchant's Ball Field on Cosby Manor Road. Supervisor Lucenti talked to the requestors and indicated they would need to provide insurance, and that this was briefly discussed with the Town Board last week.
- ★ There was also a request to use the Wood Lane field for soccer by Mr. Hazel Phillip, who runs a program that is a Not-for-Profit organization consisting of players from the valley and Utica area, who would like to meet and utilize the field. Representative Anel Ejazetovic spoke, and indicated that insurance has been provided, they would monitor the field throughout the week, take care of trash, line the field, and possibly ask the Methodist Church if their parking lot could be made available for a small fee. There would be 25-30 cars per game; practices and games would be during the week with times of 5:30 PM until approximately 8:00 PM. Councilman Dodge asked if goals would be secured, as the Town has previously had issues with theft. Town Attorney Jennifer Chrisman indicated that when insurance is provided, that the Town be included as an additional insured.
- ★ AIM Funding is still active for now, and counties will use monies from Internet taxing at least for this year.
- ★ Dollar General construction is slated to be complete in 60 days.
- ★ Adirondack Financial Services met with the Board regarding review of insurance benefits and policy compliance (required by NYS Dept. of Labor), which would be no cost to the Town. Councilwoman Szesny will reach out to get someone to speak on workman's compensation, that is municipal-based. Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano to have Adirondack Financial Services assist with insurance benefits and policy compliance.

APRIL 10th



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☆ **Lazzarro Gas Station Update** – Supervisor Lucenti has been working with Jim Bono to clean up the property with grants.

☆ **Herkimer IDA Zoning Change** – Town Attorney Jennifer Chrisman indicated it would be one to two weeks for their recommendation, and that no action is needed by the Town at this time.

☆ Supervisor Lucenti read aloud the proposed ZBA and **Planning Board Attendance and Training Policy** drafted by Town Attorney Jennifer Chrisman, which specifically indicates that board members are allowed no more than two consecutive unexcused absences. A minimum of four hours of training is required, and expenses related to attendance at training sessions will be reimbursed. The policy, if approved, will go into effect on January 1, 2020. Board members will contact the Chair and Secretary if they are going to be absent. Motion to accept attendance change by Szesny, second by Juliano.

**Public Hearing** — Motion to schedule the Public Meeting for May 8th at 5:45 by Szesny, second by Juliano.

☆ **East Schuyler Water Line Extension Meeting** was held on April 1st with county and state officials; the governor wants to commit money to this project. Our engineer will make a presentation on **Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM** for post-survey results. This meeting is open to the public.

☆ **Office Building Repairs to Soffit** near outside entrance – Barbara Boulia has made phone calls and is looking at estimates.

☆ **Reservations for Wood Lane** – Supervisor Lucenti has had two residents approach him wanting to reserve the park for birthday parties in May. It was suggested that a ‘Reserved’ sign be created to avoid any conflict with usage.

☆ **Sexual Harassment Law** – on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM, there will be a training at the Town Office Building for Town officials, conducted by a human relations attorney at Adirondack Financial Services. It is a ‘train the trainer’ event, meaning that once the training is received, trainees can conduct the training.

☆ Supervisor Lucenti indicated that on May 10th, there will be a **Financial Training Seminar** put on by New York State for various towns, and he would like approval to attend the training and payment of the \$220 for the training. Motion by Szesny, second by Juliano.

#### **HIGHWAY REPORT**

##### **BY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS, PHILIP JOHNSON**

☆ Superintendent of Highways Phil Johnson indicated his employees are busy sweeping up roads, patching, and performing shoulder work. He would like approval to attend highway school for two nights. Motion by Kane and second by Szesny to approve the cost of registration and expenses.

☆ There will be classes held in Albany on April 30th regarding procurement rules.

☆ Pricing was received for a Western Star or Mack trucks; the 2015 Volvo will be paid off: \$23,864.08; extended warranty: \$247, with all options. \$51,521.37, current final lease payment. \$53,731.29 for 5 years, replacing 2010 Western Star with 100,000 miles. Extended warranty and steel plow vs. stainless steel. Delivery would be in Spring, 2020.

**Option 1:** 2020 Western Star 4900 cab & chassis with 18-speed transmission, with extended warranty. Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano.

☆ Supervisor Lucenti and Highway Superintendent Johnson will discuss Snow plow contract from Herkimer County, as there were some questions.

☆ **Bosnian Cemetery** – Deerfield and Schuyler uses this area as a snowplow turnaround. Councilman Greco and Highway Superintendent Phil Johnson will meet with them so they can clean up the area.

☆ **Sealing Parking Lot Estimate** will be obtained.

#### **SEWER LINE CLEARING — BY JOE JULIANO**

☆ There will be a May 2 meeting at 10:00 AM at Leland Ave. to review further.

#### **EXTRAVAGANZA**

☆ **Extravaganza Date: August 10, 2019;** meeting to discuss is scheduled for Friday evening, April 12th at 6:00 PM; open to the public. There will be a News-Talk segment on WKTV on August 9, 2019.

#### **WATER BOARD REPORT – BY BETTE SZESNY**

☆ There will be a Water Board Meeting on Monday, April 15th. Supervisor Lucenti asked if it would be out of line to ask the Water Board for some funds to be put toward the water line extension. Councilwoman Szesny will make that request.

#### **PLANNING BOARD REPORT — BY BETTE SZESNY**

☆ Councilwoman Szesny provided the Town Board with SunEast’s presentation.

☆ The zoning map will be worked on at next meeting.

#### **SCHUYLER FIRE COMPANY EVENT**

☆ Deputy Supervisor/Fire Chief John Scholl indicated there would be a Palm Sunday ham dinner from Noon to 3:00 PM at the Newport Road Firehouse.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

☆ There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

— Clerk Jeffrey Dingman