



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

AUGUST 2016

Regular Town Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 10th • 6:00 PM

Planning Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 3rd • 6:00 PM

The Planning Board will be holding a workshop session to develop amendments addressing zoning regulations for solar farms in the R-A District.

Town Clerk Hours

Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk • Vee Bord, Deputy Clerk

Phone: 733-7458 • Fax: 733-5431

E-Mail: townclerk@townofschuyler.com

deputytownclerk@townofschuyler.com

- Monday: 10:00 AM — 3:00 PM & 6:00 — 7:00 PM
- Tues., Wed., & Thurs. — 10:00 AM — 3:00 PM
- Friday: 10:00 AM — 3:00 PM



Solid Waste Authority Hazardous Waste Facility

80 Leland Ave. Extension • Phone: (315) 733-1224

Open thru September 30th

Hours of Operation:

Monday — Friday • 8:30 AM — 4:00 PM

& Saturday • 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

DROP OFF YOUR EMPTY PAINT CANS & CONTAMINANTS

Town Departments & Info. for Residents

Court Clerk's Hours: 8:00 - 3:00 PM • Mon. thru Friday

Court in Session: Every Monday, 5:00 — 7:00 PM

Court Phone: 733-1093

Assessor George Haskell's Summer Office Hours

2nd Wednesday of the Month, 5:30-7:30 PM or by Appt.

Phone: 733-7458, Ext. 225 (leave message)

Codes/Zoning Officer Philip Green

Phone: 733-7447 (Office) • 534-2232 (Cell)

Call Before Starting ANY Building Project



Thank You!

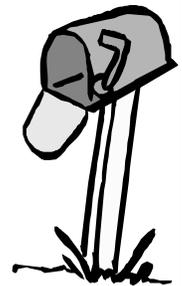
... to all our Sponsors of the Town of Schuyler's 18th Annual Extravaganza, for supporting this year's event.

All sponsorships will be published in this year's Program Booklet, which will be available at the gates, and are free to everyone who attends this year's event.

Reflective Mailbox Markers - \$10.00

Available year-round from the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Co. Order forms are available at the Town Office, or contact any fireman. Installation available upon request.

Remember: If we can't find you, we can't help you!



Monday, Sept. 5th

Wishing Everyone
A Happy & Safe Labor Day Weekend!

All Town Dept's will be Closed!

Deadline for Sept. 2016 Newsletter Monday, Aug. 15th

Articles for publication may be dropped off at the Town Office or E-mailed to:

Bette Szesny, Editor at bszes@aol.com



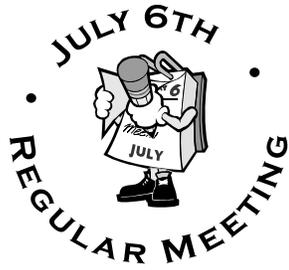


August 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Planning Bd.: 6:00 PM	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Town Bd.: 6:00 PM	11	12	13 Extravaganza: Starts @ 3:00 PM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Dumpster: 8 AM — 4 PM
21 Dumpster: 8 AM — 12 Noon	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

September 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day: All Town Dept's Closed.	6	7 Planning Bd.: 6:00 PM	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Town Bd.: 6:00 PM	15	16	17



Planning Board ★★★★★★★★

Chairman Paul Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Board Room at the Schuyler Town Office, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502. Other Planning Board members present were Vice Chair Donna Salamone, James Digristina, Victor Costanza, David Fusillo and Jean Finster. Absent was Michael Ritter. Also present were ZBA

Chairman Ronald J. Beach, Jr., Bette Szesny, who serves as Recording Secretary, Town Attorney Michael Misiasek, Town resident Richard Finster, and three Graham Road residents. Codes Officer Philip Green arrived later due to a previous commitment in the Town of Poland.

MINUTES: JUNE MEETING

Motion by Victor Costanza, seconded by James Digristina to approve the minutes of the June meeting as presented; all in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Thomas asked for a motion to go into Executive Session with the Town Attorney to discuss legal issues. Motion was made by Victor Costanza, seconded by James Digristina to go into Executive Session; all in favor. Motion carried. The time was 6:10 PM.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

PROPOSED SOLAR FARM LAW

Mr. Thomas stated the Board discussed some legal issues concerning the proposed solar farm law with the Town's attorney in Executive Session. He said the attorney advised the current zoning allows for solar farms as a utility, but that an addendum can be added to Article 7.02 (Residential-Agricultural) of the Town's Zoning Law to specifically address land use for solar farms in this district. Mr. Thomas then referred to a number of current solar farm laws from other municipalities in NYS that will provide some suggestions as to what would be appropriate for Schuyler.

Graham Rd. resident Michael Tartaglia stated the Town should not follow what other towns are doing, but do what is right for the resident of Schuyler. Mr. Thomas stated that is exactly what the Planning Board intends to do, and the laws from other towns will serve as a basis for ideas that might or might not fit in.

Mr. Misiasek addressed the residents and Planning Board, reiterating his advice that although the current zoning law can apply to solar farms, the Town has the right to add restrictions.

It was noted that a Graham Road resident who is interested in having a solar farm developed on his property has never attended a town meeting to provide his input, although many other neighbors have attended meetings stating their concerns about the possibility of the development of solar farms in their neighborhood. Mr. Thomas directed the secretary to send correspondence to the resident requesting he attend the next Planning Board meeting to provide his input.

Mr. Thomas noted past efforts to site solar farms in Schuyler have been unsuccessful as the solar farm companies discovered the utility companies serving our area's electricity needs do not pay enough (per kilowatt hour) for the power to make it worth their while.

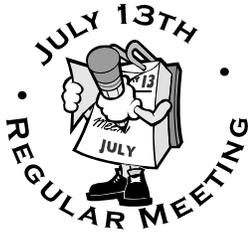
Mr. Misiasek suggested before a public hearing is held, the Planning Board might wish to hold an informational meeting where residents will be able to provide input

on the proposed solar law. He also stated any application for a solar farm should require a bond payment upfront to ensure adequate funds to handle the expense of demolition if or when the solar farm becomes abandoned. He then left the meeting, inviting the planning board to call upon him with any questions or concerns.

Codes Officer Philip Green then arrived at the meeting, and was apprised of the Town attorney's recommendations to the Board. Mr. Green stated he believes placing a moratorium on a land use that has already been passed into law and incorporated into the Town's zoning ordinance is not correct procedure. He stated the way the law reads now, the Town could address applications for solar farms by requiring a special use permit, with the ZBA placing restrictions on the approval, decided on a case-by-case basis. A discussion on this subject then ensued, and it was the general consensus of the Planning Board that it is necessary to incorporate restrictions that will specifically address land use issues in more heavily populated areas of the R-A District. It was also the opinion of the Board that their work on this issue will be completed in a very short period of time; however, it was realized a Town Board Public Hearing will need to be held, with final approval and adoption by the Town Board to follow.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM upon a motion by James Digristina, which was seconded by Donna Salamone.

— Bette Szesny,
Recording Secretary



Town Board ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE FOLLOWING:

- LOCAL LAW #2 — FINES
- LOCAL LAW #3 — ADOPT 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES LAW
- MORATORIUM ON SOLAR FARMING FOR 6 MONTHS

LOCAL LAW #2 — FINES: \$250.00 PER WEEK FOR NON-COMPLIANCES OF SPECIAL USE PERMITS: Motion by Lucenti, second by Szesny making Local Law # 2 of 2016 regarding: Fines \$250.00 per week for Non-Compliances (Special Use permit) to be Local Law # 2 of the Year 2016, all in favor. Note: in the minutes of June 8, 2016 regarding the Fine of \$250.00 —change to eliminate “after 30 days non-compliance, special use permit revoked;” all in favor.

LOCAL LAW #3 — ENTITLED, “ADOPTION OF 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES LAW:” Motion by Lucenti, second by Kane adopting the 2015 International Building Codes Law, all in favor.

MORATORIUM ON SOLAR FARMING FOR SIX MONTHS: After a lengthy discussion it was decided to table the moratorium, until more information is received on the subject.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:00 PM.

— REGULAR MEETING —

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilwoman Bette Szesny; Councilmen Eric Kane, Anthony Lucenti, and Robert VanDusen.

Also present were Superintendent of Highways Donald Sroka, Town Clerk, Barbara J. Boulia, Assessor George Haskell, Codes Enforcement Philip Green, and Town Residents: Richard & Jean Finster, Richard Greenwood, John Werczynski, Clarence H. Caldwell, Harry Robbins, Peter Cardone, Jr., Tom Tripoli, Don & Betty Wagner, Rick Elinkas, Rita Treen, Carolyn Goodhines, and JoAnn Mammone.

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

DAVE CRAINE — MANG INSURANCE (RENEWAL)

Mr. David Craine from Mang Insurance went over the policy regarding the Insurance for the Town of Schuyler.

Motion by VanDusen, second by Szesny authorizing the renewal of the insurance for the Town of Schuyler in the amount of \$35,049.13 from \$34,133.81 with a 2.7% increase to NBT MANG INSURANCE; all in favor.

MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2016

Motion by Kane, second by Szesny, that the Town Board dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 8, 2016, and eliminate under Planning Board the “*After 30 days non-compliance, the Special Use Permit shall be revoked;*” all in favor.

SEMINAR ON LAND OWNER CONSIDERATION FOR SOLAR LAND LEASES:

Resident Harry Robins, said there is a seminar on landowner considerations for Solar Land Leases which is free to the public, to be held at Oneida County BOCES, 4747 Middle Settlement Rd., New Hartford. He said if anyone is interested, the date is July 21st, 2016, and to call Mary at 736-3394 X 131 to make reservations.

PAY BILLS

Motion by Szesny, second by Kane, that the bills for the past month be paid as presented: General, #203 to #259 and Highway, #109 to #127; all in favor.

RESIDENT COMMENT

- Mr. Harry Robbins stated that 15% of the Town voted on Republican Primary Day, and 13% from the County.
- Mr. Peter Cardone, Jr. had a complaint regarding the lawn mowing of Mr. McGill’s; it was referred to Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASSESSOR REPORT BY GEORGE HASKELL

Assessor George Haskell said he is still trying to get an answer on solar roof panels being electrified when water is used to put out a fire.

Mr. Haskell said he is taking the final tax roll to Herkimer County on Monday. He said the State is still working on the STAR Program.

CODES BY PHILIP GREEN

Not available. (Was at the meeting in the beginning, but had to leave on another call)

HIGHWAY REPORT BY DONALD SROKA

Superintendent of Highways Sroka said he will receive additional funding in the amount of \$10,484.76 (CHIPS), which he will use to do another small road.

SEWER REPORT BY DONALD SROKA

Superintendent of Highways Sroka said he has been notified by O’Brien and Gere that there are two pipes containing asbestos, one on Tipperary Drive and one at Fleetwood Homes. These are in the mobile home parks. O’Brien & Geer turned the information over to the NYS Health Department. He said to do a study from Atlantic Testing, the cost would be \$4,237.00 to do the study. Superintendent of Highways will be checking with the Mobile Home Parks to find out who is responsible.

NEW SNOW PLOW

Superintendent of Highways Sroka said he would like to purchase a new snowplow and sell the 2006 International. He said he thinks he should get \$30,000.00 for the International, and the new Volvo will be around \$209,000.00. He said it will take three months for the new truck to come in, and the 1st payment will be due in the year 2018. He said the John Deere tractor will be paid off in July of 2017. He said the payment should be around the same as the John Deere Tractor, which is \$47,463.39. Motion by Kane, second by VanDusen authorizing the purchase of the Volvo in the amount of \$209,035.62, all in favor. Councilman Kane said in the future he would like at least 30 days to digest large purchases.

Superintendent of Highways Sroka, said he did not go to Highway School because a lot of the guys that he hangs around with did not go this year. He said he would like to Attend the NYS Highway Association Conference at Lake Placid.

Motion by Lucenti, second by VanDusen authorizing the Highway Superintendent to attend the conference at Lake Placid on September 13 thru September 16, 2016; all in favor.

JUDGE'S & COURT CLERKS' TRAINING

Supervisor Dodge said he received a request regarding Town Justices' Training at Lake Placid on September 25 thru September 28, 2016, and also for the Court Clerks to attend training in Binghamton on September 25 thru September 28, 2016.

Motion by Kane, second by Szesny authorizing the training of the Judges at Lake Placid, and the Court Clerks training in Binghamton on September 25th thru 28th, 2016; all in favor.

RECREATION — BY ROBERT VANDUSEN

Councilman VanDusen said there is nothing going on.

EXTRAVAGANZA

Councilman Lucenti said he was at Wood Lane, and someone opened up the electric boxes, which he closed and put a lock on. He also said someone left the light on at the Gazebo, as well as broke some of the lattice on the Gazebo. He shut the lights off, and he will fix the Gazebo. There will be a meeting at Wood Lane for the Extravaganza the last Wednesday of the Month.

Councilwoman Szesny said on the book so far, if everyone pays, we should have \$3,620.00. Councilman Kane said, "What did you get last year?" Councilwoman Szesny said she got close to \$ 5,000.00.

REPORT BY PARK RANGER — NOT AVAILABLE

WATER BOARD REPORT — BY BETTE SZESNY

Councilwoman Szesny said there is not much going on. They will have a meeting on Monday.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT — BY BETTE SZESNY:

Councilwoman Szesny said we already had a discussion regarding the Solar Farming.

- **COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT — NOT AVAILABLE**
- **NEXT DUMPSTER DATE — AUGUST 20 & 21, 2016**
- **GARAGE SALE DATES — July 22, 23, & 24, 2016**
- **HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR — AUGUST 16 thru 21, 2016**
- **BIKERS — JULY 15, 2016;**

SENIOR REPORT

Supervisor Dodge asked the Councilmen if they received a copy of the Seniors Report; their reply was "yes."

RESIDENT COMMENT

- Mr. Harry Robbins said the Central NY Farm Progress show will be September 9 & 10, 2016.
- Town Resident Clarence Caldwell said he was at the Town Park, and he said the Flag Pole looks beautiful with all the flowers that are there. He said Joe Boulia does a beautiful job with the Town Park.
- A Town Resident said she contacted Highway regarding

McKenna Road because the slurry seal did not come out right. Superintendent of Highways Sroka said he called the company and they re-did the road. The lady resident said it is much better than it was.

RESOLUTION INITIATING THE SEQUA & AGENCY PREVIEW PROCESS FOR THE TOWN OF SCHUYLER PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Councilman Lucenti said Tom Breiten, (grant writer) contacted him and wants a resolution initiating the Seqra and agency review process for the Town of Schuyler Park Development Project. He said he also wants nine letters of support.

The Following resolution was offered by Anthony Lucenti, who moved its adoption; seconded by Bette Szesny, all in favor.

WHEREAS, the Town of Schuyler is considering expanding and the design and construction of improvements to the Town of Schuyler Park and

WHERAS, the Town Board has prepared a long Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part I statement in connection with the proposed action; and WHERAS, the Town Board has determined that the proposed action is a Type I Action under SEQRA and therefore a coordinated review as prescribed by SEQRA should be conducted; and

WHEAREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler believes that the Town of Schuyler is the agency primarily responsible for undertaking decisions regarding this action, is the agency with the Broadest governmental powers for investigating the impact of the proposed action, has the greatest capacity for providing the most thorough environmental assessment of the proposed action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: 1) That the Town Board has determined that the proposed is a Type 1 Action under SEQRA.2)That the Town Board has determined that it should be the Lead Agency for all environmental review of the proposed action.

The Town Board directs that the Town Clerk, with the assistance of the Town's consultants and Town Attorney, send the required notice about the proposed action and the determination by the Town of Schuyler of its desire to act as lead agency under SEQRA, with all required attachments, to all involved and interested agencies. The Town Board directs that the Town Clerk, with the assistance of the Town's consultants and Town Attorney, to initiate the public review and input process as prescribed by NY State Law and SEQRA requirements and schedule and advertise a public hearing and provide a copy of the EAF and a summary of the proposed project to be available for public review. This resolution shall take effect immediately. The above resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting held on July 13th, 2016, the results of which were as follows; Councilman Kane: aye; Councilman Lucenti: aye; Councilwoman Szesny: aye; Supervisor Dodge: aye.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, the meeting was closed at 8:15 PM.

— Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk



SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN THE TOWN OF SCHUYLER

WEST SCHUYLER UNITED METHODIST
 297 Wood Lane
 Pastor Cindy Makarchuk
 11:00 AM Sunday Service
 Followed by Coffee Hour
 — All Welcome —

EAST SCHUYLER UNITED METHODIST
 118 Church Rd.
 (Off Millers Grove)
 Pastor John Reams
 9:30 AM Sunday Service
 — Followed by Coffee Hour —

Used Clothing Drop-Off Container
 Located in Church Parking Lot

Community Breakfasts
 Will Return in October

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY OF SCHUYLER
 3659 State Route 5, East Schuyler
 Dr. Robert Burge, Pastor
 pburge1@roadrunner.com
 Sunday Services: 10:30 AM

**BURIAL SITES AVAILABLE
 E. SCHUYLER MILLER
 CEMETERY**

The East Schuyler Miller Cemetery has acquired additional property from a generous donation and we now can offer burial sites for sale. Anyone who is interested can call the following Board of Director Members for further information and pricing:

- President Harry Robbins
315-269-0861
- Treasurer John Schuyler
315-416-9674
- Superintendent Ray Hendrie
315-894-3000

If you do not receive an answer, please leave a message and we will call you back.

— Thank you.

SCHUYLER SENIOR CITIZENS

Contact Marie at 315-797-2404.

MEETINGS

Every Tuesday at Schuyler Firehouse
 9:30 AM — 1:30 PM

- Membership remains at \$7.00
- Racquette Lake trip on July 12th was a huge success
- Picnic held on July 5th was also a huge success.
- Future bus trips:
 - September 8th: Shipping at Christmas Tree Shop; Lunch at Dominick's
 - December 5th: Beeches: Musical entertainment & lunch

**UPCOMING HERKIMER CO.
 IMMUNIZATION CLINICS**

301 N. Washington St., Herkimer
 3rd Floor • Ph.: 867-1176

Monday, August 1st, 15th & 29th
 3:00 — 6:00 PM
 &
 Every Tuesday
 9:00 — 11 AM & 1:00 — 3 PM

**NEXT DUMPSTER DATES
 FOR 2016**

SAT./SUN., AUGUST 20th & 21st
 SAT./SUN., OCTOBER 22nd & 23rd
 Highway Garage • Windfall Rd.

Saturday Hours

8:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Sunday Hours

8:00 AM — 12:00 Noon

Permits \$10/Yr. @ Town Office

Dumpster Location

Town Highway Garage
 Windfall Rd.

RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

NEXT CLINIC: THURS., SEPT. 1st

5:30 — 7:00 PM

Salisbury Fire Dept.
 2549 SR 29, Salisbury Ctr.

- Dogs Must be on Leash
- Cats/Ferrets must be contained in Carrier or Pillowcase
- Must "clean up" after your pet
- Bring Rabies Certificate (even if expired)
- Suggested \$5 Donation Per Pet

**LEATHERSTOCKING DEFENSIVE
 DRIVING SCHOOL**

UPCOMING 2016 CLASSES

TUES. & THURS. EVENINGS
 6:00 — 9:00 PM

SCHUYLER TOWN HALL
 SEPT. 20th & 22nd
 NOV. 29th & DEC. 1st

*Sr. Citizen Discount Available!
 10% off Car Insurance for 3 Years!*

CALL KEITH JOSLIN TO REGISTER
 845-8285 / Cell: 404-6079
 (leave message)



Town of Schuyler's 18th Annual

CAR SHOW & CORN ON THE COB EATING CONTEST!

\$800.00 1st Prize!

**\$ August 13th, 2016
3:00pm - Dusk**

282 Wood Lane • Utica, NY 13502

\$\$ NEW- Corn Eating Contest for the Ladies \$\$

3:00 - Dog Show - open to the public, prizes for cutest dog, waggiest tail, Owner-dog look-a-like, and best dog trick.

\$ To benefit the Guardians of Freedom Memorial

- Vendors exhibit's open with wine slushies

- Auto Parts Swap Meet

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4:00 - Comedian Owen Murphy- New York's youngest comedian as seen at the Stanley Theater

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5:00 - Corn eating qualification opens, Car Show opens, Hula Hoop Contest

5:30 - Blues Brothers- back by popular demand

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6:30 - Just Joe - live music with Syracuse's very own Joe Alteri

8:00 - Corn Queen Grand Eat Off Female division

8:30 - Corn King Grand Eat Off Male division

9:00 - \$800.00 overall Corn Eating Champion

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9:15 - Huge Fireworks Display

\$



See Details at: Facebook/Schuyler Corn Competition And Car Show!

Free Admission, Free Parking, NEW FOOD Vendors



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER
2090 STATE ROUTE 5
UTICA, NY 13502

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AUGUST
2016

August Dumpster Information

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20th • 8:00 AM — 4:00 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21st • 8:00 AM — 12:00 NOON

Permits available to Town Residents — \$10 / Year

ITEMS ACCEPTED

Only the items listed below will be accepted — limited to (1) Pickup Truck Load (4 cubic yd.):

- Green Waste (*brush, grass, leaves*)
- White Goods & Metals (*household appliances*)
- Stuffed Furniture, Mattresses, Rugs
- Batteries

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

We cannot accept the following:

- Construction & Demolition Materials
- Chemicals, Oil, Toxic Containers
- Large Tires (over 16")
- Household Garbage
- Recyclables
- Tractor Tires
- Paint Cans

ADDITIONAL CHARGE

- Car Tires up to 16" (no rims) — \$1 ea.
- Car Tires up to 16" (no rims) — \$1 ea.

Sincere Sympathy



To Supervisor Ken Dodge and the Dodge Family on the recent passing of Ken's brother, Curtis Dodge.

Historical Room Open to Visitors

A reminder to Town residents, the Historical Room is open for public visitation every Wednesday morning. Guided tours are included.

Call Historical Society President Dean Desrochers at 895-7089 for more information.