



# Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

JUNE 2018

## Town Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13th • 6:00 PM

## Planning Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6th • 6:00 PM

*The Planning Board is in the process of updating the Town's Master Plan & Zoning Map, and the development of an Animal Control Law.*

— NO JULY MEETING —

**DUE TO INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY  
(WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th)**

— ALL TOWN MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC —

## Town Clerk Hours

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

Phone: 733-7458 • Fax: 733-5431

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- 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

## Town Departments & Information For Residents

Court Clerk's Hours: 8:00—3:00 PM Monday — Friday

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

Hon. George Luther II / Hon. Dale Christie

Phone: 733-1093

Assessor George Haskell

Office Hours: Every Thurs., 5:30 — 8:30 PM or by Appt.

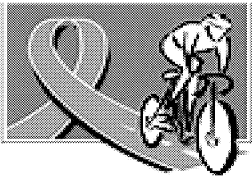
Phone: 733-7458, Ext. 225 (leave message)

Codes/Zoning Officer Philip Green

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

Call Before Starting ANY Building Project

State Police Herkimer Substation • 866-7111



## THE RIDE FOR MISSING CHILDREN

### Friday, June 1st

*Riders will be traveling thru Route 5,  
Schuyler — Passing by the Town Hall  
At Approximately 1:00 — 1:30 PM*

*Schuyler Town Office Building  
Is the Official Cheering Site ...*

*With Musical Entertainment!*

*Mark the Date !!*

*Plan to Come Out, Cheer them On ...  
& Show Your Support!*



## Flag Day

Thursday  
June 14th

**Remember to Display Your Flag!**

## Deadline for July, 2018 Newsletter Mon., June 18th



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

Bette Szesny, Editor — at [bszes@aol.com](mailto:bszes@aol.com)

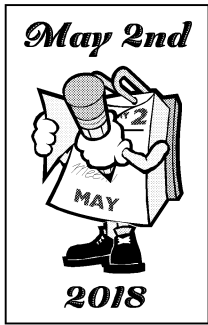


# June 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1. Ride for Missing Children: 1:00-1:30 PM Schuyler Town Hall, Route 5	2
3	4	5	6 Planning Bd.: 6:00 PM	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Town Bd.: 6:00 PM	14 Flag Day	15	16 Town Dumpster: 8 AM-4 PM
17 Father's Day Town Dumpster: 8 AM-Noon	18 July Newsletter Deadline	19	20	21	22 Summer Arrives: 6:21 AM	23
24	25	26	27 Extravaganza Planning Committee: 6:30 PM @ Town Office	28	29	30

# July 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 	2	3	4 Independence Day; All Town Dept's will be Closed.	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Town Bd.: 6:00 PM	12	13	14



## Planning Board ★★★★★★★

Chairwoman Donna Salamone called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 David Fusillo, Victor Costanza, Michael Ritter, Jean Finster, Daniel Tripoli, and Alternate Member Dale Dodge, who was not seated. Absent was James Digristina.

Other Town officials present were Supervisor Anthony J. Lucenti, Councilman Rodney Dodge, Administrative Assistant to the Supervisor Jeff Dingman, and Codes Officer Philip Green.

Also present was Town resident Richard Finster.

### MINUTES

Motion by Victor Costanza, seconded by Jean Finster to approve the minutes of the April, 2018 meeting as presented; all in favor. Motion Carried.

### DISCUSSION: ZONING MAP UPDATE

Chairwoman Donna Salamone said it would be a good idea to update the zoning map prior to embarking on the Master Plan update. Members agreed. Discussion ensued regarding available professionals to assist the Planning Board in performing the update. It was noted Jeff Quackenbush who attended last month's meeting had indicated his office would be available to do the work, since they have all the overlays for existing infrastructure, at a \$50 hourly fee. Mr. Tripoli suggested obtaining another quote. Mr. Green stated Mohawk Valley GIS has a new owner, whom he will contact to obtain more information and their availability, and he will report back to the Planning Board and Supervisor.

### TOWN MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Planning Board members were provided with copies of the Town of Schuyler's current Master Plan, which was developed in 1965. Discussion ensued regarding future development of the Town's infrastructure and how grant funding might be obtained. It was the general consensus of the Board that if the Town is to move forward, sewer lines need to be extended. This will provide the essential incentives for continued growth, in terms of business and industrial development.

Chairwoman Salamone suggested forming sub-committees as a way the Planning Board could investigate available resources for identified needs that will enable the Town to move forward, also suggesting the members may well prefer addressing these issues as a full Board.

It was agreed future meetings will also involve the hunt for a grant writer who needs to possess a successful track record. A committee or perhaps one individual will be assigned to follow the process so as to ensure all is in order before the grant application is submitted.

### NEED FOR ANIMAL CONTROL LAW

Mr. Green stated he has had many complaints from Town residents regarding neighbors' animals infringing on their property, but there is nothing in the Town Law to provide him with the leverage he needs to act on these complaints. He therefore requested the Planning Board to commence on development of an animal control law, similar to those of other municipalities which include increased fines for repeated offences.

### ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Planning Board; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM on a motion by Daniel Tripoli and seconded by David Fusillo.

—Bette Szesny, Recording Secretary

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# Town Board ★★★★★★

### COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

### ALSO PRESENT

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia; Acting Highway Superintendent Philip Johnson; Assessor George Haskell; Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green; Park Ranger Joe Boulia; Brian Whittaker from O'Brien & Gere (sewer line); Town Residents Jo Ann Mammone, Jeff Dingman, Jean & Rich Finster, Joe Serbaniewicz, Richard Murdock, and one Whitesboro C.S. Student.

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

Supervisor Lucenti said he and the Town Board were very sorry about the Vivyan fire, and thanked the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. and all the other Fire Departments & Highway for their help.

## PUBLIC HEARING

### LOCAL LAW # 1 — 2018 ENTITLED: "MASS GATHERING LAW"

Motion by Szesny, second by Dodge, to adopt Local Law #1 of the Year 2018, entitled "MASS GATHERING LAW;" all in favor.

## REGULAR MEETING

### PAY BILLS

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano that the bills for the past month be paid as presented: General, #129 thru #164, and Highway: #92 thru #111; all in favor.

### MINUTES: APRIL 11, 2018

Motion by Szesny, second Juliano that the Town Board dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 11, 2018 and approve them as printed; all in favor.

### PRESENTATION BY BRIAN WHITTAKER (O'BRIEN & GERE)

#### — RE: SEWER —

Mr. Brian Whittaker from O'Brien & Gere was there to give the Town of Schuyler an update on the application. He said there is a SECOR application, and the Army Corp of Engineers and also the D.E.C. will do the work on the wetlands. He said the field work is scheduled for Friday, and they will be working with the Canal Trail. He said the actual sewer work should begin in mid-October thru March of 2019.

Mr. Whittaker said he will also look into the funding for the Town of Schuyler. Mr. Whittaker said we should be in line for a grant, based on an income survey of the Sewer District.

### RESIDENT COMMENT

Town Resident Richard Murdock asked the Acting Superintendent of Highways if he found out how much the Town owns from the center of the road. Mr. Johnson said he did not find out anything.

### ASSESSOR'S REPORT: BY GEORGE HASKELL

Assessor George Haskell said Grievance Day is May 23<sup>rd</sup> on a Wednesday. He said he will have hours on Saturday: 9:00 AM. to 1:00 PM, which are posted in the newsletter.

### CODES REPORT: BY PHILIP GREEN

Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green said he has completed his 24-hour training for next year. He said building permits are coming in, and he has about 18.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Lucenti said the MS-4 Stormwater Report has been completed, and the Town Clerk will send it in to the DEC.

Motion by Szesny, second by Juliano that the MS-4 Stormwater Report be accepted as written; all in favor.

Supervisor Lucenti said the Ride for Missing Children will take place on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, and will come thru Schuyler via State Route 5.

Supervisor Lucenti said he attended the May 2, 2018 Canal Bike Trail meeting.

**HOMELAND SECURITY PAYMENT — \$6,869.90**

Supervisor Lucenti said the Town of Schuyler received the payment of \$6,869.90. This payment was for the July 12, 2017 storm.

**PARK BENCHES FOR WOOD LANE**

Supervisor Lucenti said he would like to thank Northern Lights on State Route 5 for helping the Town with the benches after they were stolen. They are designing new seats.

**NEW BUSINESS****GREENWAVE SALVAGE & RECYCLING**

Supervisor Lucenti said there is a new business looking forward to coming to the Town of Schuyler. He said they are a salvage outfit that only completes one piece of equipment at a time, and it is not a junk yard. There will be a meeting with the ZBA on May 29, 2018.

**GARAGE SALE DATES**

— JULY 20, 21, & 22, 2018 —

**WI-FI ACCESS**

Supervisor Lucenti said he had a request for public Wi-Fi access at the Town Office. He said our Computer Tech advised against it.

**HIGHWAY REPORT: BY PHILIP JOHNSON, ACTING HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT****— NEW TRUCK —**

Acting Superintendent of Highways Johnson said he has a quote on a Ford 550 with a cry steel body and V-10 gas engine.

Motion by Dodge second by Kane authorizing Acting Superintendent Johnson the authority to purchase the 550 Ford with cry steel body and V-10 engine for \$52,175.00, with a five-year lease; all in favor.

**— LAWN MOWER —**

Acting Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson said the Ferris Mower was advertised on Auctions International, and the last bid was \$6,800.00.

Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge is accept the bid of \$6,800.00 on the Ferris Mower; all in favor.

**— SECURITY CAMERAS AT WOOD LANE —**

Acting Superintendent Johnson said he got a price on 4 security cameras from Northern Tools for \$479.00, and also a price on 3 cameras for \$379.00.

Motion by Szesny, second by Juliano to purchase 4 security cameras, not to exceed \$500.00; all in favor.

Acting Superintendent Johnson said he is getting quotes from Suite-Kote to chip seal Bull & Sullivan Roads. He said he is getting quotes from Barrett & Hanson for paving of Dodge Lane, Oak Hill, and Sky View.

**RECREATION: BY JOE JULIANO**

Councilman Joe Juliano said he received quotes from three bidders regarding paving the basketball court on Wood Lane. He said Stanley Paving was the lowest, and he is a Town resident.

Motion by Kane, second by Szesny authorizing Stanley Paving to do the basketball court in the amount of \$5,000.00; all in favor.

Councilman Juliano said the new building trim work will be done right along, by the original builders.

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### BUILDING SPRING CLEANING: BY RODNEY DODGE

Supervisor Lucenti said Councilman Dodge received a quote to clean the Town Offices. After a discussion, it was decided to clean the Court Room carpets & chairs, clean the windows and wash the walls, for an amount of \$1,756.00.

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano to clean the Court Room carpets, chairs, windows, and wash the walls for \$1,756.00; all in favor.

### EXTRAVAGANZA REPORT

Supervisor Lucenti said the meetings have been going real well. He said on August 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM, the Wood Lane Park will be dedicated to Robert T. VanDusen. He said the public is encouraged to attend the meetings.

### REPORT BY PARK RANGER

#### — REPORT ON WALK-THRU AT TOWN PARK —

Supervisor Lucenti said he met with Joe Boulia, and the park looks great. He said he is concerned with the side-by-sides who are using the snowmobile trails and doing damage at the Town Park. He said he is mainly concerned about the liability issue. He said he will take a walk down the gully and see what is going on down there.

Joe Boulia said also the small posts need to be replaced as they are rotted out. Supervisor Lucenti said he will get an estimate from Williams Fence. All Board Members agreed the gates need to be installed.

### WATER BOARD REPORT: BY BETTE SZESNY

Councilwoman Szesny said the only thing going on involves continuing issues regarding the Mohawk Valley Water Board's rights to previous court approved water rights at Hinckley.

### PLANNING BOARD REPORT: BY BETTE SZESNY

#### — MASTER PLAN & ZONING MAP UPDATES & ANIMAL CONTROL LAW —

Councilwoman Szesny said they just finished up with Local Law #1 of 2018. She said they will be working on updating the Master Plan & Zoning Map, and developing an Animal Control Ordinance.

### RESIDENT COMMENT

Town resident Richard Finster asked Deputy Superintendent of Highways Johnson if he heard anything on the Millers Grove Road Bridge. His reply was, "No."

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

— Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW MASS GATHERING LAW

- ☆ *Not applicable for family gatherings held at the homes of Town of Schuyler residents.*
- ☆ *Not applicable for events held at the VFW, Schuyler Firehouse, Churches, Local Businesses (However, occupancy standards held indoors at ALL venues must NOT be exceeded).*
- ☆ *Not applicable for events held at Town restaurants or banquet halls; however occupancy standards held inside the establishment must NOT be exceeded).*
- ☆ *Not applicable for events held at Schuyler Town Government owned venues (i.e.: Schuyler Town Parks)*
- ☆ *Applicable for outside venues held at privately owned concerns who do NOT have a formal business permit on file with the Town of Schuyler (must fill out application and obtain approval); permit will require payment of set fees)*
- ☆ *Copies of the Mass Gathering will be accessible on the Zoning Board of Appeals Page of Town Website at: [www.townofschuyler.com/page9](http://www.townofschuyler.com/page9) as of June 1, 2018. Copies may also be reviewed at the Town Clerk's Office.*

