



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

MAY, 2019

Town Board

PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, May 8th
5:30 PM
RE: Zoning Change
Property I.D.
#105.3-1-3.1
C-H (Commercial Hwy)
— to —
P-D
(Planned Development)

PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, May 8th
5:45 PM
RE: Attendance & Training
Policy
— for —
Planning Board Members
&
Zoning Board of Appeals
Members

**REGULAR
MEETING**

Wednesday
May 8th
6:00 PM

All Welcome

Planning Board

WEDNESDAY
MAY 1st
6:15 PM

WORKSHOP SESSION
RE: ZONING MAP REVISIONS

Loyalty Day Dinner at VFW

— 240 Wood Lane —

- ☆ We will be honoring Joseph Serbaniewicz & Kenneth M. Dodge.
- ☆ The dinner will be held on 5/18/19, with an open bar from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.
- ☆ At 6:00 PM, there will be a sit-down roast beef dinner. Seating is limited, due to size of the dining hall.
- ☆ Tickets are \$20.00, and can be purchased from:

George Dunbar • Michael Collver
Rodney Dodge • Donald Kane • Marie Grose

Town Departments

Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk
Vee Bord, Deputy Town Clerk
Phone: (315) 733-7458 • Fax: (315) 733-5431
Office Hours: Mon.—Fri.: 10 AM to 3 PM
Monday Evenings: 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Court Clerk's Hours: 10:00 AM — 3:00 PM
Monday — Friday
Court in Session: Mondays, 5:00 — 7:00 PM
Hon. George Luther II • Hon. Dale Christie
Phone: (315) 733-1093

Assessor George Haskell • Office Hours:
Thursday Evenings: 5:30 — 9:00 PM
(Or by Appt.)

(315) 733-7458, Ext. 225 / (leave message)

Codes/Zoning Officer Philip Green
(315) 733-7447 (Office) / (315) 534-2232 (Cell)

Call Before Starting ANY Building Project
(315) 866-7111

State Police (Herkimer) • (315) 866-7111


Deadline for June, 2019 Newsletter Monday, May 13th



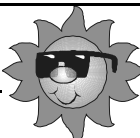
Articles for publication may be
dropped off at the Town Office
or E-mailed to:

Bette Szesny, Editor — at bszes@aol.com

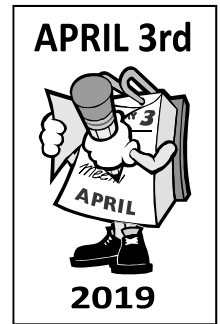
May 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 MEMORIAL DAY			1 May Day Planning Bd.: 6:15 PM	2	3	4 Final WSUMC Bkfst., till October Sr. Citizens Bus Trip (See Pg. 6)
5 WSUMC Anniversary Celebration Service: 11 AM	6	7 Sr. Citizens	8 Town Bd.: 6 PM Preceded by Public Hearings: 5:30 & 5:45 PM Supervisor's Hrs.: 4-6 PM	9	10	11 Historical Society Meeting: 10 AM
12 Mother's Day	13 June Newsletter Deadline	14 Sr. Citizens	15 Supervisor's Hrs.: 4-6 PM	16	17	18 VFW Loyalty Day Dinner: 5 PM @ VFW
19	20	21 Sr. Citizens	22 Supervisor's Hrs.: 4-6 PM	23	24	25
26 VFW / SVFC Memorial Day Ceremony @ VFW: 1 PM	27 Memorial Day (Observed); All Town Dept's Closed	28 Sr. Citizens	29 Supervisor's Hrs.: 4-6 PM Grievance Day: 4-8 PM	30	31	

June 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 Sr. Citizens	5 Planning Bd: 6:15 PM 6 Supervisor's Hrs.: 4-6 PM	6	7	8
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Planning Board ★★★★★★★★★★★★



Chair Donna Salamone called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM. Other Planning Board Members in attendance were Vice Chair David Fusillo, Victor Costanza, James Digristina, Jean Finster, Daniel Tripoli, and Alternate Member Dale Dodge. Absent was Michael Ritter. Other Town officials present were Supervisor Anthony J. Lucenti, Councilmen Eric Kane, Joseph Juliano and Rodney Dodge, Clerk Jeffrey Dingman, ZBA Chairman Ronald J. Beach, Jr., and Bette Szesny, who served as Recording Secretary. Absent was Codes Officer Philip Green (who was attending mandated Codes Officer Training).

Also attending were Nancy Vlahos (TRC Solutions) and Chet McLaughlin (SunEast), as well as several Town residents.

Chair Donna Salamone led the assembled persons in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES — MARCH 6, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

Motion by David Fusillo, seconded by Victor Costanza to approve the above referenced meeting minutes as presented; all in favor. Motion carried.

REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

Bette Szesny who serves as Training Coordinator for the Town's annual Regional Planning/Zoning Training Seminar, announced this year's training is scheduled for Wednesday evening, October 2nd, will again feature Robert Freeman, CEO, NYS Committee on Open Government for Part I, followed by Part II, featuring "An Overview on Drones for Municipal Officials" presented by CNY Drones, to include a hands-on exhibit and live demonstrations.

PRESENTATION BY SUN-EAST — RE: SOLAR FARM PROJECT

Nancy Vlahos, assisted by Chet McLaughlin, provided a presentation on the approximately 20Mw, ac ground-mounted solar farm project slated to begin this summer. A map reflecting the areas and defining the roadways to be incorporated in this 200 acre solar farm was presented. The solar farm will be situated along Watkins and McKennan Roads in Schuyler and on Sokol Road in the Town of Herkimer. The site was selected and the project was designed so as to minimize environmental and visual impacts, with a long-term lease and operational life of 25+ years. The point of interconnection will be the National Grid Watkins Road Substation 258. Single axis tracking solar panels will be installed with 25 to 50-foot setbacks and secured by an 8-ft perimeter fence. Wetlands, forested areas and other sensitive areas will be preserved.

Work completed on the project to date includes an initial environmental analysis with a desktop review of wetlands, waterways, watersheds & flood plains; endangered species, sensitive habitat, and cultural resources. Agency consultations have included US Fish & Wildlife Service; NYS Environmental Resource Mapper; NYS Historical Preservation Office; & NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets, as well as the Preliminary Site Plan, with a conceptual layout.

Work in progress includes Phase 1-Environmental Site Assessment; Boundary & Topographic Survey; Engineering; Wetland Delineations; any required cultural resources investigations; SEQR; and Site Plan & Special Use Permit Application.

This concluded the presentation by SunEast.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Planning Board; therefore the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM on a motion offered by James Digristina which was seconded by Daniel Tripoli, when members convened into a Zoning Map Update workshop session, assisted by Councilman/former Town Assessor Eric Kane and Clerk Jeffrey Dingman.

— Bette I. Szesny, Recording Secretary



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.

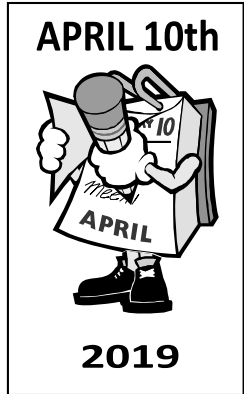
CODES REPORT – BY PHILIP GREEN

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.





☆ **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, PHIL 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.

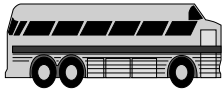
SCHUYLER FIRE COMPANY EVENT

☆ 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



**Schuyler Sr. Citizens
May 4th: Day Trip to Boston!**

- ☆ **Parking:** Vision Center at the Riverside Center.
- ☆ **Pick-up Time:** 5:45 AM (please arrive 15 minutes earlier! Bus will NOT wait for last-minute arrivals!)
- ☆ **Cost:** \$79.00. It (must be paid in advance — seat reservations are held by payment). Payable by cash, or PayPal (via PayPal website) or credit card. Please print your receipt after making payment!!
- ☆ **Bus Trip** will offer games, movies and a raffle. Rest room facilities are available on the bus. Upon arrival, visit Quincy Market (have lunch at one of the great area restaurants in the area); walk the Freedom Trail; take a harbor cruise; take a trolley tour; and visit the aquarium.
- ☆ **Departure:** Meet the bus at 8:00 PM; arrival time back home will be late — midnight to 1:00 AM (depending on the traffic).

May Rabies Clinics

**Thursday, May 2nd
5:30 — 7:00 PM**

**Dolgeville Fire Dept.
20 S. Helmer Ave., Dolgeville**

**Saturday, May 18th
10:00 AM — 12:00**

**E. Herkimer Fire Dept.
193 Main Rd., E. Herkimer**

- *All dogs, cats & ferrets 3 mos. or older must be vaccinated even if they stay indoors (NYS Law). Every dog & cat needs 2 rabies vaccinations, 1 yr. apart — then one every 3 yrs. Ferrets must be vaccinated every yr.*
- *Bring proof of the pet's history to receive a 3-yr. certificate.*
- *Dogs should be on a leash, cats & ferrets should be in a carrier or pillowcase.*
- *NO exams will be given — Please help to move the clinic along.*
- *Owners are responsible to clean up after their animals; supplies are provided.*
- *A \$5 donation per pet is suggested to defray costs.*



WEST SCHUYLER CEMETERY



Burial Plots Available:

4x10 = \$750.00

10x10 = \$1625.00

(Lot -\$1500, Markers -\$125.00)

10x20 = \$3125.00

(Lot - \$3000, Markers - \$125.00)

20x20 = \$6125.00

(Lot - \$6000. Markers - \$125.00)

**Any Questions, Please Call
Earl Haman-315-733-2920**



Schuyler Fire Co., Inc.



Announces 2019 Upcoming Events

Memorial Day Service	Sunday, May 26th @ VFW
Schuyler Extravaganza	Saturday, August 10th
Schuyler Auxiliary Craft Show	(TBA)
Fall Chicken BBQ	Sunday, September 8th
Fire Prevention Month	October 1st — 31st, 2019
Halloween Party	Sunday, October 27th
Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner	(TBA)
Chief Pag's Breakfast with Santa	Saturday, December 14th
Santa Around West End of Town	Saturday, December 14th
Santa Around East End of Town	Sunday, December 15th



SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN THE TOWN OF SCHUYLER

WEST SCHUYLER UNITED METHODIST

297 Wood Lane
Pastor Susan Holland

11:00 AM Sunday Service
Followed by Coffee Hour

Community Breakfasts
Held the 1st Saturday
of Each Month

— October thru May —

— WSUMC COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS —

First Saturday of Each Month — Now thru May, 2019, 7:30 AM — 9:30 AM

EAST SCHUYLER UNITED METHODIST

118 Church Rd. (Off Millers Grove)

SUNDAY SERVICES

Start at: 9:30 AM
Followed by Coffee Hour!



CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY OF SCHUYLER

3659 State Route 5, Schuyler

Ourchurchmail@gmail.com

JOHN A. LAPOLLA
SCHUYLER VFW POST #8728
240 Wood Lane, Schuyler



SOCIAL HOURS AT THE POST
FRIDAYS at 5:00 PM

The Schuyler VFW is open to the
public for all occasions.

Call George Dunbar at:
(315) 724-4872

**WEST SCHUYLER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CELEBRATES 30-YEAR MILESTONE**



The West Schuyler United Methodist Church on Wood Lane is celebrating 30 years of the renovation of the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 5th.

All are invited to help us celebrate after the 11:00 AM service, in the fellowship hall downstairs. There will be a pot luck dinner and plenty of memories.

— ALL ARE WELCOME! —

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**E. SCHUYLER MILLER
CEMETERY**

BURIAL SITES AVAILABLE

4' x 11' — \$600.00

Corner Markers — \$100.00

Anyone who is interested or would like further information, please call the following Cemetery Board Members:

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



Used Clothing Drop-Off
At W. Schuyler United Methodist Church

Items Accepted

*Clothing • Shoes • Sneakers • Belts • Purses
Blankets • Sheets • Pillowcases
Drapes • Stuffed Toys*

Not Accepted

*Rags • Scraps • Pillows
Toys • Household Goods*

*All deposits must be bagged and tied prior to deposit.
Tax deduction receipts available at box location.*

Mission is conducted in conjunction with St. Pauly Textile Inc. Together with your help we can get unwanted clothing to people who need it, both in the United States and 3rd World Countries.

Thank you !



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER
2090 STATE ROUTE 5
UTICA, NY 13502



2019

STANDARD
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GRIEVANCE DAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29th • 4:00 — 8:00 PM

ASSESSOR'S HOURS — MAY

- Thursday, May 9th • 5:00 — 9:00 PM
- Thursday, May 16th • 5:00 — 9:00 PM
- Saturday, May 18th • 9:00 AM — 1:00 PM
- Thursday, May 23rd • 5:00 PM — 9:00 PM



A publication titled, "*What to Do if You Disagree with Your Assessment*" and *Complaint Forms* are available from the Assessor, and on the Town's website at: www.townofschuyler.com/page5/html

Complaint forms must be completed and filed before hearing is heard.

MEMORIAL DAY

Observed

Monday, May 27th

All Town Departments will be Closed



Sunday, May 12th



*New Business in Town—
McGill's Whiskey Tavern & Grill*

Schuyler's all-new "Home Town Tavern" is now open! Located at Schuyler Corners in a beautifully renovated building, the restaurant offers an attractively furnished dining area with lunch and dinner specials offered daily, eat in or take out! A new addition to the Tavern is an outdoor deck with a large seating area for your upcoming summer dining enjoyment. Once

again, customers can enjoy Mark Rende's famous Riggies & Greens — with "Riggie Night Thursdays" (eat in only) and Friday Fish Fries. Currently, days/hours of operation are as follows: Mondays & Wednesdays through Saturdays: 7 AM to 9 PM; Sundays: 7 AM to 6 PM; and closed on Tuesdays.

Soon to come: Expanded hours of operation and live entertainment, including live bands; "Cans & Karaoke Nights" on Wednesday evenings; "Wing Night Thursdays" (dine in only); and Karaoke on Friday evenings.

DOLLAR GENERAL STORE



Construction on the new Dollar General store on State Route 5 in Downtown Schuyler is now well underway! Completion date is anticipated to be just 60 days from the printing of this Newsletter.

The store will have ample customer parking space, and will offer a variety of dry goods and everyday essentials.