



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOVEMBER, 2020

2020 General Election ☆ Tuesday, November 3rd

Polls Open: 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Schuyler Town Hall ☆ 2090 State Route 5

Candidates Appearing on the Town of Schuyler Ballot

PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

Democrat / Working Families

Joseph R. Biden (President)
Kamala D. Harris (Vice President)

Republican / Conservative

Donald J. Trump (President)
Michael R. Pence (Vice President)

Green Party

Howie Hawkins (President)
Angela Nicole Walker (Vice President)

Libertarian Party

Jo Jorgensen (President)
Jeremy Cohen (Vice President)

Independence Party

Brock Pierce (President)
Karla Ballard (Vice President)

STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

5th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Democrat / Conservative

Rory A. McMahon

Republican

Michael F. Young

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

22nd DISTRICT

Democrat / Working Families

Independence Party

Anthony Brindisi

Republican / Conservative

Claudia Tenney

Libertarian Party

Keith D. Price, Jr.

STATE SENATOR — 51st DISTRICT

Democrat

Jim Barber

Republican / Conservative / Independence

Peter Oberacker

MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY

118th DISTRICT

Republican / Conservative / Independence

Robert J. Smullen (unopposed)

FAMILY COURT JUDGE

Republican / Independence Party

Thad Luke

Conservative

Mark Rose



**DISTRICT ATTORNEY****Republican / Conservative**

Jeffrey S. Carpenter (unopposed)

COUNTY CLERK**Republican / Conservative**

Sylvia Sugar Rowan (unopposed)

COUNTY TREASURER**Republican**

Kimberlee A. Enea (unopposed)

CORONER — DISTRICT 3**Republican / Conservative**

Vincent A. Enea (unopposed)



Town Board Meeting Minutes

1st 2020 TOWN BUDGET MEETING — SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 • 9:00 AM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Also present were Town Clerk Barbara Boulia; Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson; and Town resident Dale Dodge.

Supervisor Lucenti said he wanted to thank the residents for the vote on the East Schuyler Water District. He said the results of the vote will be ratified next Wednesday.

Councilman Kane thanked the Supervisor for what has been done this past year regarding the sewer and water.

Councilman Dodge said when he was working in Ilion, a man came up to him and said he was impressed with the Schuyler Town Park; he had a function there, and everything was clean and in good working order, and he thanked Joe Boulia.

Supervisor Lucenti said he has a meeting with the USDA tomorrow, regarding, locking in the 1.5% loan on Brown, Graham and Newport Road.

Supervisor Lucenti said there will be a Public Hearing on the W. Schuyler Water District on October 14, 2020 at 5:30 PM, and a letter will be sent out to all residents in the proposed district.

Supervisor Lucenti said regarding solar farms, there will be a Public Hearing regarding the language of the Solar Ordinance on October 21, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Supervisor Lucenti said there will be no pay raises. He said regarding the health insurance, Kathy Kupiec from Adirondack Bank said the employees should be paying 15% of the cost of whatever plan they have; however, it was decided to hold off until the next budget meeting.

Supervisor Lucenti said the Historical Society will no longer have a subscription to the two newspapers. He said the Town has one delivered to the Town Office, and they can pickup the newspaper (Evening Telegram) here.

Supervisor Lucenti said with regards to the Dog Control Officer, there will be no pickup of animals during working hours, unless it is called in by New York State Troopers.





Supervisor Lucenti said the Senior Citizens have not met at all; and due to the Covid 19 pandemic, it was decided to suspend the Senior Program.

NEWSLETTER

Supervisor Lucenti said he said he has talked to Jeff Dingman, and Jeff has some great ideas on the Newsletter. It was decided to have Jeff become the new editor of the Newsletter starting in January, 2020.

BUDGET OFFICER

Supervisor Lucenti said Dale Dodge is a young accountant, and he is very interested in the Town budget. Dale wanted to observe the Town budget process.

Supervisor Lucenti said we must start bringing in new people into the Town government.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson said he and one other person have been there over 20 years, and he would like a 3% increase, since the health insurance cost per family has gone up from 12% to 15%. He also said he has recovered 103% of their revenues.

EXTRAVAGANZA

A discussion regarding the extravaganza will be entertained at the next board meeting. There will be another budget meeting on September 30, 2020.

— *Barbara J. Boulija, Town Clerk*

2nd 2020 TOWN BUDGET MEETING — SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 • 9:00 AM
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Supervisor Lucenti said he is the Chief Financial Officer for the Town of Schuyler, and he is also the new Budget Officer for 2020. He said he is working on the budget now.

Supervisor Lucenti said he asked Dan Tripoli to come to the meeting, regarding his position as the Town's Dog Control Officer.

Dan Tripoli (who is also a Highway Dept. employee) said if he has to punch out during the day to answer a call, he would like more money for his dog control position. He said he wants \$225.00 per month for the position. It was agreed upon.

Budget Officer Lucenti said the Superintendent of Highways wanted a 3% raise. He said there will be no 3% raises. He said there will be an insurance transition fee for Phil Johnson in the amount of \$1,500.00; and for Chris Christensen, \$1,200.00; and for Wendy Leach, \$1,200.00.

Budget Officer Lucenti said Phil Johnson brought in a good budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

— *Barbara J. Boulija, Town Clerk*

Covid 19 Update



- ☺ Everyone entering the Schuyler Town Hall is still required to wear a mask or face covering, and 6 foot social distancing must be observed at all times.
 - ☺ The meeting room and seating arrangement has been modified to provide appropriate distancing between all individuals.
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PUBLIC HEARING RE: PROPOSED WEST SCHUYLER WATER EXTENSION OCTOBER 14, 2020

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Also present Ian Yerdon, Project Manager/Engineer and Andrew Sterling, Engineer from C2ae; Rebekah S. Prosachik, Esq. from Prosachik Law Firm; Pat Becher from Mohawk Valley Water Authority; Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia; Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson; Assessor George Haskell; ZBA Chairman Ronald Beach; and many Town of Schuyler residents. Absent was Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green.

Supervisor Lucenti said the purpose of this Public Hearing is regarding the proposed W. Schuyler Water district, which was advertised in the Times Telegram, the official newspaper of the Town of Schuyler. He said it also was listed on the website of Town of Schuyler, as well as in the foyer of the office building. He introduced Rebekah Prosachik from Prosachik Law Firm, and Ian Yeadon and Andrew Sterling.

Ian Yerdon from C2ae said the following regarding Brown-Graham & Newport Road Water District:

- Ian said the development of the Town Water System is only for the property owners in the Graham, Brown & Newport Road; property owners who are not in Graham, Brown & Newport Road will not be charged for this project. He has this project will eliminate pump repairs, expensive water treatment systems, electric cost, health related issues, cost of bulk water when their well runs dry, and there will be no need to purchase bottled water.
- He said you can enjoy water even when the power is out. He said you will get good water pressure, enhanced fire protection, and potential reduction in insurance costs, and property sales advantages. He said the cost for a 20 oz. bottle of water is \$1.55 verses \$2.70 for 150 gallons of water.
- **PROJECT AREA WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM** will consist of 8” and 12” distribution pipes (approximately 35,050 linear feet), with hydrants every 600 feet. All users will have water meters/meter pits, and there will be a water storage tank, pressure reducing valves, and a pumping station. Water will be supplied by the Mohawk Valley Water Authority.
- **WATER PROJECT FUNDING AND FINANCING** will consist of a USDA, NYS WIIA grant, and a MVWA. contribution Funding is based on the Median Household Income (MHI) of the Town. The Town of Schuyler MHI, as per the Census Bureau’s 2018 ACS 5-year estimate, was \$50,292; (NYS Average is \$65,232).

WATER PROJECT FUNDNG & FINANCING

- Total Project Cost \$ 4,870,000.00
- WIIA Grant \$ 2,820,000.00
- MVWA Contribution \$ 50,000.00
- 1.5 % RD loan for 38 Years \$ 2,000,000.00

- EDU (equivalent dwelling unit) \$ 119.50
- First year fixed cost per EDU \$ 581.09 Per year
- Estimate Water usage & Fees \$ 405.00 Per year based on 150 CPD
- Projected Annual Cost per Household \$ 986.09 Per year
- Projected Daily cost per household \$ 2.70 Per day

- ✓ **AVERAGE PROJECT 1ST YEAR COST PER TYPICAL HOUSEHOLD ...** will be approximately \$ 986.00 per year.
- ✓ **VACANT PARCEL IS 1/2 EDU ...** with a cost of \$ 291.00 Per Year, based on a residential home using 54,750 gallons of water per year.
- ✓ **ESTIMATED COST TO CONNECT ...** will be between \$ 600.00 — \$1,200.00.
- ✓ **FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING,** the Town Board will adopt an order forming the Water District, subject to a permissive referendum.



Rebekah Prosachik, Esq., from Prosachik Law Firm said a Permissive Referendum represents the following:

- After the Town Board adopts to form a Water District 10 % of the property owners can sign a petition against it and give to the Town Clerk forcing and requesting a vote take place within 30 days.
- If an owner of a property has 5 parcels, he is entitled to one signature.
- If a deed has 5 names on it, then 5 people can sign the petition.

There were several residents, mainly from Newport Road, who commented on the water extension. After that, the Town Board voted on the proposed Water District, subject to Permissive Referendum.

- Motion by Szesny, second by Dodge that the vote be taken regarding the West Schuyler Water District, subject to permissive referendum:

Dodge: Yes; Juliano: No; Kane: Abstain; Szesny: Yes; Lucenti: Yes.

- Motion carried: 4 to 1.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:00 PM.

— Barbara J. Bouliq, Town Clerk

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING • OCTOBER 14, 2020

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

HERKIMER COUNTY RECOGNITION OF KENNETH DODGE

Councilman Rodney Dodge said he received recognition from the County of Herkimer for all the years his father worked for the Town. He said on behalf of himself and his family he wanted to thank them.

PAY BILLS

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano that the bills for the past month be paid as presented: General, #280 to #314; and Highway #195 to #218 — all in favor.

MINUTES — SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

Motion by Szesny, second by Dodge, to approve the minutes of September 9, 2020 and approves them as printed; all in favor.

ASSESSOR REPORT BY GEORGE HASKELL

Assessor George Haskell said his hours starting November 1st, 2020 will be every Thursday from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

CODES REPORT: BY PHILIP GREEN

(Not Available)

RESIDENT COMMENT

(None)

— SUPERVISOR’S REPORT —

Supervisor Lucenti said he needs a motion regarding *“Comptroller Application—Formation of the Town of Schuyler East Water District Pursuant to Article 12-A of Town Law.”*

Motion by Motion by Szesny, second by Dodge regarding the Comptroller’s Application for the formation of the Town of Schuyler’s East Schuyler Water District, Pursuant to Article 12-A of Town Law; all in favor.

E. SCHUYLER WATER EXTENSION HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NYS COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE: Supervisor Lucenti said the binder right now is in Albany.





WESTGATE DEVELOPMENT — PROPOSAL FROM COSTELLO, COONEY & FEARON: Supervisor Lucenti said Don Eher the engineer for Westgate and Chris from the NYS Health Department want to proceed with the 31 new homes being built. Supervisor Lucenti said they must hire an attorney to create a Stormwater and Sewer District. He said he has a proposal from Costello, Cooney & Fearon in the amount of \$185.00 per hour to do this, and expenses over \$1,000.00 must be pre-approved. Motion by Szesny, second by Dodge authorizing the hiring of Costello, Cooney & Fearon LLC to Create a Storm Water and Sewer District in the amount of \$185.00 per hour and expenses; anything over \$1,000.00 must be pre-approved; all in favor.

WATKINS ROAD SOLAR FARM — RESUME PUBLIC HEARING: Supervisor Lucenti said there is a Public Hearing on October 21, 2020 @ 6:00 PM.

WEST SCHUYLER WATER — RETAIN LEGAL SERVICES OF PROSACHIK LAW FIRM: Motion by Szesny, second by Juliano authorizing the hiring of Prosachik Law Firm on the West Schuyler Water District to retain their services; all in favor.

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE UPDATE: As of 2021 Jeff Dingman will be taking over the Newsletter and Website. Bette Szesny will assist by providing all the files and instructions.

JAMES LANGE RESIGNATION FROM SANITATION INSPECTOR & TOWN HEALTH OFFICER POSITIONS, EFFECTIVE 12/31/2020: Supervisor Lucenti read a resignation letter from James Lange, effective 12/31/2020. Supervisor Lucenti said Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green will take over the job.

ZBA MEMBER RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWN BOARD: Supervisor Lucenti said he received a recommendation from the ZBA to appoint Angela DeMichele to serve as a ZBA Alternate Member. Motion by Kane, second by Szesny authorizing the appointment of Angela DeMichele to be alternate ZBA Member; all in favor.

HIGHWAY REPORT: BY PHILIP JOHNSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson said the Town received \$82,269.75 for Bull Road from FEMA; the original bill was for \$109,000.00. He said we also received \$14,440.99 back in June from OSC.

Superintendent Phil Johnson said they have been working on hauling sand and the trucks are ready for winter.

Supervisor Lucenti said the new drains look great and the men did a great job.

PARK RANGER'S REPORT

The Town Clerk said everything is closed down, and Stan Usyk did the winterization.

WATER BOARD REPORT: BY BETTE SZESNY

Councilwoman Szesny said the next meeting is 10/26/20, and it may be a remote meeting. They are continue to work on the budget.

Update: At press time, the October Board meeting has been scheduled to be held electronically on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 5 PM. Due to the Covid pandemic, the MVWA will not hold a rate hearing on the MVWA 2021 Budget; however, written comment may be submitted via the MVWA website. Proposed is a 2% rate increase for 2021, which amounts to approximately \$8.00 per year, or about 66 cents per month on the water portion for the average household

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: BY BETTE SZESNY

Councilwoman Szesny said nothing is going on. She then asked for a recommendation on reviewing the operational permit.

RESIDENT COMMENT

Town Resident A. Eugene Snyder said he would like to thank the Town Highway for fixing the mud hole on State Route 5.

Mr. Snyder also said Susie from the Historical Society has done a great job filing all the paperwork with the State of New York.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned.

— Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk



*East Schuyler Miller Cemetery
Burial Sites Available*

4' x 11' — \$600.00

Corner Markers — \$100.00

Beginning Nov. 1, 2020
until April 30, 2021, you can
purchase a second site at half price
— \$300.00.



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

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**

**East Schuyler
United Methodist Church
Presents:**

**“One Man’s Trash
Is Another Man’s Treasure”**



- ☺ We have items left over from our garage sale.
- ☺ We have decided to offer these items to the community at ‘NO COST!’.
- ☺ Some items are used, and some are new.
- ☺ There will be 2 categories to pick from;
 - ★ Households / Knick-Knacks
 - ★ Clothes / Personal Items.
- ☺ The number of items allowed to pick will be based on the household size.
- ☺ Using the ‘Honor’ System”
- ☺ Come on in, sign up and get your items!

— MASKS REQUIRED! —

Questions? Call us at:

(315) 868-4799

*Submitted by: Pastor Zondra Coffin
East Schuyler Methodist Church
118 Church Road, Frankfort, NY 13340*



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2020

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Deadline for Dec. 2020 Newsletter
Monday, November 16th



Articles for publication may be dropped off
at the Town Office or E-mailed to:
Bette Szesny, Editor / bszes@aol.com

Next Town Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY EVENING
NOVEMBER 11th
6:00 PM

Town Clerk's Hours

MONDAY — FRIDAY • 10 AM — 3:00 PM
Phone: (315) 733-7458

Court Clerks' Hours

MONDAY — FRIDAY • 10 AM — 3:00 PM
Phone: (315) 733-1093

George Haskell, Assessor

November Office Hours
Every Thursday Evening • 5:30 — 8:00 PM
Phone: (315) 733-7458, Ext. 225
(leave message if you need assistance)

Philip Green, Codes Officer

Call Before Starting ANY Building Project
(315) 733-7447 (Office)
(315) 534-2232 (Cell)



Wednesday
November 11th

All Town Departments
Will be Closed



Daylight Savings
Time Ends

Sunday, November 1st
Turn Clocks BACK 1 Hour
"Fall BACK" & Spring "AHEAD"



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26