

# ***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. Bouliia, Town Clerk*

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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. Bouliia, Town Clerk*