

Sept. 27th



2017

Budget Meeting
1:00 PM

Town Board ★★★★★★★★★★

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT — Councilmen, Joe Juliano, Eric Kane, & Anthony Lucenti. Absent was Councilwoman Bette Szesny. Also present were Budget Officer Barbara J. Boulia, and Superintendent of Highways Donald Sroka. Supervisor Dodge said the Budget Meeting is called to order.

The Budget Officer said the employees raises go from 2.5% to 3.0%. The Town Board agreed to 3% raises for all employees.

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano, to purchase a new lawn mower from Clinton Tractor for \$9,500.00 and see what kind of trade-in value we can get for the Ferris mower; all in favor. Councilman Juliano said he will contact Clinton Tractor and see if we can get a good trade in value on the other Ferris, or sell it outright.

A discussion was held regarding the Wood Lane Park. It was decided to use the log money of \$16,000.00 to build a 4-post pavilion with blacktop underneath, approximate size to be 24' X 40'. Also discussed were the outside lights that were not on during the Extravaganza. Councilman Lucenti said the reason they were not on

was one of the outside boxes was rusted. It was decided to contact Ambrose Electric and get a quote to fix it. It was decided to get a plaque with the name of Robert VanDusen and have it mounted on the wall.

Councilman Juliano said he would be glad to get a quote from the Amish to have the building built. He said he has used them in the past and their work is very reasonable and of good quality.

Councilman Lucenti said the Historical Society would like to order a book, "History of Herkimer County," for a cost of \$300.00 to \$350.00. He said it has a lot of history regarding the Town of Schuyler. He was advised to do so.

Superintendent of Highways Donald Sroka said he would like to encumber \$23,495.00, less the \$9,500.00 (to be spent on the new mower).

Motion by Kane, second by Lucenti to encumber \$13,995.00 plus the sale money from the old mower for 2018 Budget; all in favor.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 5, 2017 at 1:00 PM.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Budget Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

— Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk

Oct. 5th



2017

2nd Budget Meeting
1:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT — Councilmen Joe Juliano, Eric Kane, Anthony Lucenti and Councilwoman Bette Szesny. Also present were: Budget officer, Barbara J. Boulia, and Superintendent of Highways & Sewer Representative, Donald Sroka.

Supervisor Kenneth M. Dodge said he wants to discuss the Sewer issue first. Supervisor Dodge said they had a meeting with O'Brien & Gere regarding costs involving \$461,000.00 worth of maintenance on the existing sewer system. Councilman Anthony Lucenti said he read the report on the sewer and he said there are three scenarios:

Perform no sewer rehabilitation, and operate the sewer system reactively. This method of operation will typically result in a continued decline in the overall condition of the system, leading to increased occurrences of sanitary sewer overflows, basement backups, and pipe failures, which must be managed and controlled on an emergency basis. Activities done under emergency conditions typically result in higher cost and increased disruption of services to residents. Excess hydraulic capacity in the system will likely be diminished, due to increased deposition of debris, grease, and roots. The Public's investment in infrastructure, likely valued in the tens of millions of dollars is not adequately protected, and repair budgets will necessarily increase sharply as the physical condition of the system continues to deteriorate, ultimately leading to complete failure and replacement.

Perform comprehensive sewer rehabilitation, there by renewing the entire system to an improved condition. Under this scenario, a single large sewer rehabilitation contract would be undertaken which would repair all know and unknown defects, increasing the overall condition of the system to nearly new. In addition, the work south of the

Thruway would be completed under a single comprehensive sewer rehabilitation project. The CCTV inspection work completed on the south side sewers would likely lead to some additional rehabilitation work. Inspection in the years immediately following the completion of rehabilitation could be less frequent. However, inspections would need to begin within approximately five years after rehabilitation in order to maintain the suggested inspection interval of 10% - 20% per year. The relatively large capital investment required to complete a single rehabilitation contract could be amortized over 30-40 years, depending on the funding source, resulting in a somewhat level debt service expenditure. Maintenance costs could remain relatively low for the initial 5-10 years after rehabilitation, but would need to gradually ramp up to meet the needs of the full inspection and maintenance program eventually required.

Perform prioritized sewer rehabilitation on those sections of sewer in the worst condition, as discovered during the investigations conducted under this study, and begin implementation of a robust Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance (CMOM) Program to proactively address the sewers documented to be in the poorest condition. It is recommended under this scenario that the work on the south side of the Thruway be completed first, along with mapping and flow metering of the private sewers in the Town. Most other defects found in the Town's sewers can be addressed through a CMOM program. A somewhat smaller capital cost would also likely be amortized over a 30 to 40 years period, which would be coupled with an appropriate yearly CMOM budget, creating a typical two-component (capital cost/debt structure plus O & M rate structure in the Town. Future smaller rehabilitation projects can be undertaken as needed and financed through additional shorter term borrowing, or directly out of the Town's established budget. This prioritized approach requires active management of the

Town's sewer assets, including inspections and yearly capital improvement plan (CIP) Budgeting.

Current staffing levels within the Town's Department of Public Works, which oversee the Town's sanitary sewer system, may not be able to support the varied and comprehensive inspection and maintenance activities required under CMOM program. During future planning and budgeting activities, the Town will need to evaluate the most cost effective method of performing proactive O & M of its sewer system. The following three options are available: Invest in significant staff and equipment as needed to perform all O & M in house, with the exception of major rehabilitation projects; invest in some staff and equipment, dedicated to O & M of the sanitary sewer system, while relying on outside sources, (Oneida County, other municipality's consultants, etc.) for other services such as inspection CIP plan preparation, and prioritization of maintenance; rely solely on outside sources for all O & M activities. The CMOM program currently under development by Oneida County for all municipalities within the Oneida County Sewer District will present a framework under which municipalities can customize their individual CMOM programs. It is recommended that the Town Continue to remain active in the CMOM program development process. The Town of Schuyler's sewer system, with some exception, is in good condition and operating as designated. Its age, however, will require the Town to allocate resources to its operation and maintenance. A well planned CMOM program will extend the life of this valuable asset and protect the public's significant investment well into the future.

THRUWAY SOUTH SIDE ITEMS — Recommended first: Probable Construction Costs from O'Brien & Gere:

Easement Clearing:	\$ 27,000.00
Culvert Installations:	\$ 15,000.00
Surface Improvement:	\$ 108,000.00
Manhole Repairs:	\$ 15,000.00
Clean & CCTV sewer (including under Thruway):	\$ 22,800.00
Total:	\$ 187,800.00

Councilman Joe Juliano said the best thing would be to get bids on this work and see what the actual costs are.

Councilman Lucenti suggested doing a little bit of the project each year, which is what they recommended. Supervisor Dodge asked, "So what do you want Donald to do?"

Councilman Juliano said, "Get three estimates."

Sewer Representative Donald Sroka said he suggests doing the Easement Clearing — Culvert Installation — and Surface Improvement.

WOOD LANE PARK — Councilman Lucenti said he spoke to Ambrose Electric and the center pole has a large hunk of rust at the Wood Lane Playground. He also said the big light is cracked; looked like someone threw rocks at it. He said he will get an estimate to fix it. Mr. Lucenti said he contacted Gauthier Sheet Metal and they will build picnic table frames for the Town Park; this will happen in early spring.

Councilman Kane brought up an idea of the Town bonding the money for the sewer.

Councilman Joe Juliano said he thought Jim Bono was going to check into funding, and Supervisor Dodge said he has been talking to Mr. Bono about that. Councilwoman Szesny said there had been talk of water board taking over the sewer. (*Editor's note: no action is planned by either entity.*) Councilman Lucenti said, "I think we should do a little each year, because the Town of Schuyler has an 18 inch line, and that, in the near future, will hold a lot of value, especially if Utica wants to tap into it."

It was decided to forget about bonding, and go with the budget of \$87,924.00 with unexpended balance of \$35,000.00, with amount to raise taxes, \$47,924.00 for the Sewer District.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE: 2018 BUDGET — Motion by Kane, second by Szesny to set a Public Hearing on November 9th, 2017 at 6:00 PM, to adopt the 2018 Budget; all in favor.

Councilman Juliano said he received a quote from the Detweller Construction regarding the 32' X 40' X 10' Pavilion. He said the building will cost \$12,341.00. He said that includes the building with a ceiling and labor.

Motion by Juliano, second by Szesny that the Town of Schuyler proceed with the bid of \$12,341.00 for the new building at Wood Lane; all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT — There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

— Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk



COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT — Councilwoman, Bette Szesny, Councilmen, Eric Kane, Anthony Lucenti, and Joseph Juliano.

ALSO PRESENT WERE — Town Clerk, Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways, Donald Sroka, Codes Enforcement Officer, Philip Green, Assessor George Haskell, Park Ranger, Joe Boulia and Town Residents; Clarence Caldwell, Richard & Jean Finster, Peter Cardone Jr., Joseph Serbaniewicz.

Supervisor Kenneth M. Dodge, led the assembled person in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

PAY BILLS — Motion by Kane, second by Lucenti that the bills for the past month be paid as presented General # 360 to 401 and Highway #141 to 157; all in favor.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13th, and 25TH, 2017 — Motion by Lucenti, second by Juliano the Town Board dispenses with the reading of the minutes of September 13th and 25th, 2017 and approves them as printed.

Councilman Lucenti said Bette would like to discuss her bill. Councilwoman Szesny said she put in a bill for \$500.00 for the Riccelli application and Westgate subdivision application. She said she forgot about the first Budget meeting and did not attend and her request was declined; she wanted \$250.00 to do a SEQR. She said at the second Budget Meeting she made another request for

the additional work and was told to put in a voucher for \$250.00. Councilman Kane said you did the (Westgate) SEQR, and Councilman Szesny said she also filled in the paperwork after Riccelli gave her their SEQR and it took her twenty five hours to do it. Councilman Kane said if you have twenty five hours then we will pay your \$250.00. She said I put in a voucher for \$500.00 (total), for work done on both Riccelli and the Westgate subdivision. Councilman Kane said he suggested at the second budget meeting that the Town would pay you the \$250.00; the Town will pay you \$250.00 and we will have a meeting regarding the other.

RESIDENT COMMENT — None.

— COMMITTEE REPORTS —

ASSESSOR REPORT BY GEORGE HASKELL — Assessor George Haskell said everything is fine.

CODES REPORT BY PHILIP GREEN — Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green said two court cases are going to trial and he will let us know the outcome at next meeting.

HIGHWAY BY DONALD SROKA — Superintendent of Highways Donald Sroka said the construction of the 32 x 40 building on Wood Lane will begin in November. Councilman Joe Juliano said he will call and have the lines marked (electric and water) where the building will be. Councilman Juliano, said the building will be on the North side and the basketball court will be moved to another spot. He said the blacktop will be done in the spring.

Superintendent of Highways, Sroka said the hood for the office building will be put up next week. He said the men are still working on fixing shoulders of road from the July storm.

Superintendent of Highways Sroka said he and Ron Testa are looking into getting the expansion joints on the Frankfort Bridge covered. He said when we plow we hit the expansion joints and damaged the plow. He said there is 150 million dollars in grant money available and he and Ron will try to get the money. Councilman Kane said if you can't get the money can you sneak it into the budget?

SEWER REPORT BY DONALD SROKA — Superintendent of Highways Sroka said we have had meetings over the past two weeks regarding what has to be done with the sewers.

DUMPSTER DAY — OCTOBER 21st & 22ND, 2017

REPORT BY PARK RANGER — Joe Boulia said A.Y.S.O. is still playing soccer at the field. He said after this weekend he will shut the park down. He said all the apparatus has been taken down and put away. He also said the park has been winterized. He said last week he had a problem at the park and called the Troopers, who came almost

immediately. He said there were several 4 wheelers running all over the park. He said some got away but the Troopers got a man from Cornhill who had a trailer, for no drivers' license, registration, or inspection.

WATER BOARD REPORT BY BETTE SZESNY — Councilwoman Szesny there will be an increase in the water bills from 2.5% to 3.7%. She said the (higher) increase will include a reserve amount to build up funds, for the Water Board.

TOWN OF DEERFIELD TRAINING: OCTOBER 26, 2017: Supervisor Dodge said the Town of Deerfield is having training at their office on October 26, 2017, and if anyone is interested they can contact them.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT BY BETTE SZESNY — Councilwoman Szesny said she is having her training on November 29, 2017 at the Town Hall. She said Robert Freeman is part one and part two is Economic Development. She said reservations are coming in.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT — Not available

RESIDENT COMMENT — Town Resident Mike Gruet said his father-in-law Maynard Caldwell passed away and he received a card from some of the residents of the Town of Schuyler. He said his wife Laura was very touched by the card and he said the Town of Schuyler is a great place to live, he said he raised his children and he hopes to raise his grandchildren here also. He said he was really impressed with the community. Mr. Gruet read the following names:

- Roy & Linda Windecker
- Dennis Olds
- Gary Olds
- Fred & Rachael Olds
- Brian & Delores Olds
- Rachael (Kane) Murcurio
- Eric & Nancy Kane
- Winnie Kane
- Francis Van Pelt
- Eric & Linda (Van Pelt) Betrus
- Darlene Van Pelt
- Jim & Liz Van Pelt
- Henry & Cheryl Bray
- Harry & Linda Robbins
- Dale & Deb Windecker
- John Schuyler

Councilman Lucenti said he has spoken to Gauthier Sheet Metal and Don Sroka will bring a sample down for them.

Councilman Lucenti said he spoke to Ambrose Electric regarding Wood Lane playground. He said some kids got into the electric box and left the door open and from the rain, etc. it is one huge chunk of rust. He said the cost is \$965.00.

Motion by Juliano, second by Kane to hire Ambrose Electric to fix the electric at Wood Lane in the amount of \$965.00; all in favor.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

— Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk