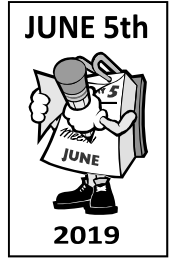


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Chairwoman Donna Salamone called the meeting to order on June 5, 2019 at 6:08 PM in the Board Room at the Schuyler Town Office, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502. Other Planning Board members present were Vice Chair David Fusillo, Victor Costanza, James Digristina, Michael Ritter, Jean Finster, Daniel Tripoli, and Alternate Member Dale Dodge. Other Town Officials present were Supervisor Anthony Lucenti, Clerk Jeffrey Dingman, Codes Officer Philip Green and Bette Szesny, who serves as Recording Secretary. Also present was Town resident Richard Finster.

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

MINUTES: MAY 1, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

Motion by David Fusillo, seconded by Victor Costanza to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented; all in favor. Motion carried.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE — BY CLERK JEFFREY DINGMAN

Clerk Jeffrey Dingman reported he has incorporated the Planning Board members' suggested changes into the Town of Schuyler's Master Plan update. These include updated photos, additional recent upgrades and enhancements throughout the Town, and a few spelling and grammatical corrections.

Motion by James Digristina, seconded by Victor Costanza, to accept and refer the updated Master Plan (with above revisions) to the Town Board for consideration/action; all in favor. Mr. Dingman will provide the finished copy to all Planning Board members in advance of the Town Board meeting. Ms. Salamone thanked the Planning Board and Mr. Dingman for their hard work on this project.

ZONING MAP UPDATE — It was established that no further revisions need to be incorporated into the current zoning map, with the exception of the recent zoning change from C-H to P-D of the 188-acre parcel located adjacent to the Schuyler Business Park at Tax Map ID #105.3-1-3.2. A discussion then ensued with regard to whether the setback of this tract of land is set at 400' or 1,000 ft.; it was the consensus of the Board members that this setback should be set at 1,000 ft.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Town Supervisor Anthony J. Lucenti stepped up to the podium to provide the Planning Board with the following updates:

- **MASTER PLAN:** Supervisor Lucenti thanked the Planning Board for all their hard work on the update. He said further updates can be incorporated as needed.
- **COUNTY MASTER PLAN:** The County is embarking on an updated County Wide Master Plan, and has requested all Herkimer County municipalities to contribute \$1,000 to offset the cost. The Schuyler Town Board has recently authorized a \$1000 contribution, and the Community Foundation has provided a \$250,000 grant toward the project. The new master plan will provide a consolidated consensus of all municipalities in Herkimer County and each municipality's impact on others.
- **SEWER REHABILITATION:** Engineering report has been issued and sent to the USDA for consideration of grant funding. Once grant funding has been substantiated, the project will then be put out to bid, and hopefully the project will move forward in the fall. Councilman Joe Juliano has been instrumental in overseeing the project on behalf of the Town Board.
- **WESTGATE DEVELOPMENT:** The project has been held up due to some concerns expressed by the Dept. of Health Dept. who is requesting re-zoning of the new development and formation of a stormwater district and a sewer district. The stormwater district will be maintained and inspected by the Town's Codes Officer. It is now in the hands of the Town's attorney, and it is anticipated some public hearings will be held sometime in the future with regard to these issues. Therefore, construction of the 32 new homes will be delayed for approximately two months.
- **SOLAR FARM UPDATE:** No recent news, other than a survey is currently underway; two additional companies have contacted Supervisor Lucenti with regard to inquiries with regard to establishing a solar farm in Schuyler.
- **DOLLAR GENERAL STORE:** Construction is nearing completion, and it is anticipated Town officials and the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company will be invited to tour the store.
- **MUNICIPAL WATER EXTENSION:** Graham Road residents recently attended a Town Board meeting requesting municipal water to their area due to lack of an adequate supply of potable water from their existing wells. The original project (to include a section of Bell Hill Rd. in Deerfield) was approved by voters of the proposed Water District #4 which included Graham, Brown, Newport Roads & Sky View Lane, but it was stalemated when the Canal Authority waged a lawsuit against the MVWA (now resolved) when it was claimed that Hinckley Reservoir did not have enough water to supply the proposed projects of several municipalities. Bette Szesny has been instrumental in heading up the project, and a joint meeting with MVWA authorities, Town of Deerfield officials, when the options were discussed in great length. A municipal water interest survey card has been sent out to homeowners of the previously proposed districts to establish interest in municipal water at this time.

As well, properties on upper Newport Road, a section of Windfall Road, Spain Gulf Road and Bowie Road have also now been included in the survey mailer, to establish the level of interest in these areas, as well. A tank would need to be constructed at the highest level of Deerfield/Schuyler as it would not be possible to connect to the current water lines at the Cosby Manor intersections.

- **EAST SCHUYLER WATER EXTENSION:** Herkimer County will be taking lead agency status on this project, as several Herkimer County municipalities have expressed interest in this project. The Town of Herkimer will be copying Schuyler's survey (card) effort to establish the level of interest among the residents. As well, the Village of Herkimer and the Town and Village of Frankfort have expressed interest in joining with this water extension; therefore a grant is being sought by Herkimer County to provide additional funding for this infrastructure. A referendum vote will be held in the fall to establish adequate support from the property owners in the target areas before the project can move forward with the infrastructure phase.
- **POWER LINES:** Infrastructure plans for Schuyler are to construct two more "arms" (going north and south) in the area of Cosby Manor Road, in 2023.
- **"CAR SHOW:"** Plans are moving forward, and Cooper Kia has committed a sizeable grant which will greatly help to fund this year's event.
- **SEXUAL HARRASSMENT TRAINING SEMINAR:** To be held at the Town Hall on June 19th, 1:00 to 3:00 PM. This is a state-mandated training for all Town employees led by an attorney, and there is no cost. Area municipalities have been invited to attend, as well. Those who complete the training will be eligible to provide the training at future seminars. Bette Szesny will E-mail the flyer to all Planning Board members.

GREEN WAVE RECYCLING & SALVAGE — Mr. Ritter asked if there was any additional information on the status of this company. Supervisor Lucenti stated the issue of the bond is in the hands of the Town's attorney, and a resolution is anticipated to be forthcoming in the near future. Mr. Ritter asked specifically what the permit issued by the ZBA stated, insofar as the nature of their business, noting it was his understanding they were to bring in one large piece of equipment at a time, disassemble and remove it, before accepting additional items; however, he notes many items being dumped at the business which are in full view of passersby. Ms. Szesny stated the permit application indicates their prime business operation would include bringing in one large piece of equipment at a time, but also included would be a variety of smaller recyclable metal items from time to time. Mr. Green stated there are restrictions on the allowed amount and size of the additional metal items that are to be accepted.

DOMES SPORTS ARENA — A question was posed regarding the current activities ongoing at the Dome Sports Arena. Mr. Green stated they are undertaking some renovations, replacing walls, pouring concrete, etc. Supervisor Lucenti asked if a letter was sent to the owner regarding the issue with the stormwater retention pond. Mr. Green stated he has not sent them a letter, as he does not know who is the established current owner.

It was stated that Adirondack Bank is the current owner. Mr. Green stated he will try to find out for sure who the owner is, and will send them the letter. He said the work can be ordered done by the Town and the bill can be placed on the owner's taxes.

CONSOLIDATED FUNDING WORKSHOP — Ms. Salamone said she attended a recent EDGE meeting where it was announced there will be a consolidation funding workshop for municipal officials on June 17th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Herkimer College, which will include three separate sessions. She invited anyone who is interested in attending to let her know, and she will provide them with all the relative information.

JULY 3rd PLANNING BOARD MEETING — In view of the upcoming Independence Holiday when many families are away on vacation, it was decided to cancel the July 3rd Regular Planning Meeting. The next Regular Meeting will therefore be held on Wednesday, August 7th at 6:15 PM.

BULL ROAD — Bull Road is a seasonal road, and there was some question with regard to the Town's responsibility to maintain it. It was established that the Town is not responsible.

THRUWAY BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE — Regarding the planned Thruway Bridge infrastructure (on Millers Grove Road), no further information is available at this time with regard to when the work will commence.

ADJOURNMENT — There was no further business to come before the board; therefore, Chairwoman Donna Salamone adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

— Bette I. Szesny, Recording Secretary
