
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING — APRIL 8, 2020 • 6:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Anthony Lucenti; Councilmen Rodney Dodge, Joe Juliano and Eric Kane, and Councilman Bette Szesny.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia; Assessor George Haskell; Codes Officer Philip Green; Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson; and Clerk Jeffrey Dingman.

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

**SUPERVISOR LUCENTI SAID COURT WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL MAY 1, 2020
THE HIGHWAY GARAGE & TOWN OFFICES ARE ALSO CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

PAY BILLS: Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge that the bills for the past month be paid as presented: General #87—#118 and Highway #71 - #87; all in favor.

MINUTES: MARCH 11, 2020: Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano that the minutes of March 11, 2020 be approved as printed; all in favor.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT — BY GEORGE HASKELL: Assessor George Haskell said he will turn in the roll on Friday. He said he has to be open 12 hours or 3 nights, and one Saturday. Grievance Day will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on the Wednesday after the 4th Tuesday (May 27, 2020).

CODES REPORT — BY PHILIP GREEN: Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green said he has turned his report in to the State. Mr. Green said Building Permits can be submitted — but due to the Corona virus, the number of construction workers on the job has been limited to one. (Contact Codes Officer Phil Green at 315-534-2232 for additional details.)

- Councilman Juliano was contacted regarding the dumping of debris on the property at Windfall and Cosby Manor Roads. Codes Officer Phil Green will look into this issue.
- Supervisor Lucenti said he received a call regarding an auto repair shop. Mr. Green said he would check it out.
- Mr. Lucenti said he has received calls regarding recreational vehicles, and he will notify the NYS Troopers regarding this.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Lucenti said the 1st Dumpster will be held on May 16 & 17, 2020.

FOIL REQUEST RE: MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT OCCURRING AROUND 01/29/20: Supervisor Lucenti read the letter that came to the Town Clerk from the Herkimer County Attorney regarding the motor vehicle accident on Short Lots Road, stating they have no record of the accident.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ON WOOD LANE & WINDFALL ROAD: Councilman Juliano said he received a call regarding recreational vehicles on Wood Lane and in a cornfield. It was suggested to put up signs stating no recreational vehicles are allowed.

E. SCHUYLER WATER EXTENSION — UPDATE: Supervisor Lucenti said he attended a telephone conference this PM with the engineers and lawyer regarding the vote for the water district on May 12, 2020.

- **Option #1:** Hold the Special Election on May 12, 2020 (as scheduled).
- **Option #2:** Postpone the May 12, 2020 Election, to be held by the end of June; however, another public hearing must then be held.
- **Option #3:** The Schuyler Town Board could vote on the proposed Water District on May 12, 2020.

The Board agreed on Option #2, and the vote will be rescheduled for late June, 2020.

W. SCHUYLER WATER UPDATE: Supervisor Lucenti said there have been no updates regarding the West Schuyler Water District. The grant money is not in jeopardy. He said there should also be more allocated grant money available.

INCOME SURVEY — PROPOSED EAST SCHUYLER WATER DISTRICT: Supervisor Lucenti said G & G is conducting the income survey. He has submitted the bill to Herkimer County I.D.A., who will pay half of the cost.

WATKINS ROAD SOLAR FARM UPDATE: Supervisor Lucenti said everything is going along well.

C & S COMPANIES — NEWLY PROPOSED SOLAR FARMS: Supervisor Lucenti said C & S Companies will submit an application in June, 2020. This will be a community solar farm located on Newport & Cosby Manor Roads. With a community solar farm, the Town of Schuyler residents may possibly receive a 10% reduction in their National Grid bills.

TOWN PARK WALK-THRU: Supervisor Lucenti said there will be an inspection of the Town Park on May 12, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

GEMS – GRANT REIMBURSEMENT SUBMITTED: Supervisor Lucenti has begun to submit the bills from the sewer road access construction project to GEMS for grant reimbursement.

ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPACT OF CORONA VIRUS: Supervisor Lucenti said due to the possible financial impact of the current pandemic, the budget for 2021 will need to be streamlined. Possible suggestions include freezing salaries, a review of the current hospitalization plan, no major equipment purchases, reducing the monthly newsletter to a bi-monthly publication, and cancellation of the car show.

HIGHWAY REPORT — BY PHILIP JOHNSON:

- **FEMA UPDATE:** Superintendent Johnson said he has signed off on the FEMA project.
- **SPRING UPDATE:** Superintendent Johnson said projects are temporarily on hold. He said the Winter Recovery Program & CHIPS funding has \$60,000.00 set aside; however, that can be eliminated or cut at any time.
- **FLOOD WATER MANAGEMENT MEETING — MARCH 18 @ 9:00 AM:** Superintendent Johnson said it was cancelled.
- Superintendent Johnson said the new Chevy and pickup truck are not complete yet.
- **FENCE AT TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE:** Superintendent Johnson said they took the fence down at the Highway Garage to make it easier to mow.
- **WINTER EQUIPMENT:** Superintendent Johnson said he has not heard anything regarding the new Western Star plow truck.
- **NEW FERRIS MOWER:** Superintendent Johnson said he purchased a new Ferris mower from Clinton Tractor for \$10,700.00. He said he plans on getting from \$6,000 to \$7,000 for the old mower.

STERLING CREEK GRANT — BY JOE JULIANO: Councilman Joe Juliano said the grant is on hold.

SEWER REHABILITATION — BY JOE JULIANO: Councilman Joe Juliano said the work that was done by Jim Bray on the sewer looks great.

Supervisor Lucenti agreed with Joe Juliano, and said now that the Town of Schuyler has put in a new road, if anyone wants to use it, there will be a Special Use Permit with a cost of \$2,500.00, for the use of the access road off I-90, east of the Utica City line, as is permitted under DEC Application I.D. #6-3016-00252/00001. The access road is approximately 5,400 linear ft. of an existing 20-ft. wide sanitary sewer easement, which runs parallel to the NYS Thruway. Permission must be obtained from the NYS Thruway Authority for road access. An initial permit review fee of \$2,500.00 will be payable to the Town of Schuyler. Issuance of the permit will be dependent upon the type of usage. Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano to accept the Special Use Permit with a fee of \$2,500, with issuance to be dependent upon the intended type of usage of the road.

WATER BOARD REPORT — BY BETTE SZESNY: Councilwoman Szesny said there was no meeting in April.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT — BY BETTE SZESNY: Councilwoman Szesny said there was no meeting in April.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

— Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk
