

Town Board ★★★★★★★★

Council Members Present: Councilwoman Bette Szesny; Councilmen Eric Kane and Anthony Lucenti.

Also Present were: Town Clerk, Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways, Donald Sroka, Codes Enforcement Officer, Philip Green, Assessor, George Haskell, and Town Residents Jo Ann Mammone, Donna Salamone, Peter Cardone Jr., A. Eugene Snyder, Jean Finster, Joseph Serbaniewicz, Joyce Collea, and G&I Homes representative, Mr. Bushey. Also present was the Senior Citizen Director, Marie Soldato.

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

— PAY BILLS —

Motion by Kane, second by Szesny that the bills for the month be paid as presented: General, #261 to #310, and Highway #129 to #151; all in favor.

— MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2017 —

Motion by Szesny, second by Lucenti, that the Town Board dispense with the reading of the minutes of July 12, 2017 & August 2, 2017 and approve them as presented; all in favor.

— RESIDENT COMMENT —

Senior Citizen Director Marie Soldato said she is here to respond to the accusations presented at the last board meeting. She said the financial report is the same report she gives the Town Board every three months. She said she does not make copies and hand them out because she feels the financial information may fall into the wrong hands, but a report is there for the members of the club to examine. She also said she did not take the position because it pays money, she took it because she likes dealing with elderly people. Mrs. Soldato said she is trying to do the job the best she can, as she did not get anything in writing from the previous Senior Director.

Town resident Peter Cardone, Jr. asked Mrs. Soldato when the Seniors meet; he was informed every Tuesday at the Fire House, at 9:30 A.M.

Town resident A. Eugene Snyder said the Picnic for the Town residents is this Sunday, August 13, 2017 at the V.F.W., and everyone is invited.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

— ASSESSOR REPORT: BY GEORGE HASKELL —

Assessor George Haskell said the latest property sales have been turned over to Herkimer County. He said school Tax bills will be out in the mail.

— CODES REPORT: BY PHILIP GREEN —

Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green said there should be either one or two court cases at the end of the month. He said everything else is quiet.

— HIGHWAY REPORT: BY DONALD SROKA —

Superintendent of Highways Donald Sroka said he attended a FEMA meeting, and as of 7/12/2017, "Storm Stella" has been declared a disaster. He said the Town's expenses for Storm Stella were a total of \$21,883.31, and we should receive \$16,347.75, which is 75%. Cuomo is supposed to send us 12%, which we will never see, because the State did not pay the Town for the severe rain storm we had several years ago.

Superintendent of Highways said he needs a W-2 for Leo Fedro, who helped the Town run the loader at the last severe rain storm on July 4th, 2017.

Donald Sroka said on the Chips money, we have budgeted \$42,000.00. He said we should be getting \$44,954.23; and on Pave New York, which is another agency, we should receive \$10,281.25. He said also on the Winter Emergency, we should receive \$8,736.00, for a total of \$63,972.00.

Superintendent of Highways Sroka asked Councilman Anthony Lucenti what the outcome of the Shared Services meeting was. Councilman Lucenti said they have decided to hold off for another year.

Donald Sroka said the men have been working in Ilion and in Norway with the dump trucks for Shared Services. Councilman Lucenti said he spoke to the Association of Towns, and they are definitely looking out for municipalities. He said they are not only looking for consolidation of services, but also the buying of inventory.

Superintendent of Highways said to Councilman Kane, regarding the retention ponds for Westgate, "I do not want any responsibility at all." He said at the Planning Board Meeting, they want the Town to take responsibility. He said Mr. Bushy from G&I Homes is here now. Mr. Bushey said they are working on a 31 home subdivision with the Planning Board to get approval. Don Ehre is the engineer on the project. Mr. Bushy said there is one lot that is extremely wet and would require a raised bed. He said stormwater is required by the D.E.C., which would be pond retention, for remaining homes.

Councilman Lucenti said he talked to the Association of Towns and was advised to set up a Special District regarding the storm water run-off. Mr. Lucenti said the Association of Towns also advised him to set up a special account with funds in it, for future MS-4 water permits. Mr. Bushy then showed all the maps he had regarding this. Councilman Lucenti said, "Let's have a meeting Friday at noon and discuss this further."

— SEWER REPORT: BY DONALD SROKA —
Nothing to report.

— DUMPSTER DAY —
August 19TH & 20TH, 2017

— EXTRAVAGANZA REPORT —

Councilman Lucenti said everything went well, and thanked everyone who helped. Mr. Lucenti said they had a cat adoption group at the Extravaganza. JoAnn Mammone said she talked to vendors, and they were happy with the Extravaganza. Councilman Lucenti said they will have a wrap-up meeting on August 30, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

— REPORT BY PARK RANGER —
The Town Clerk said everything is good.

— WATER BOARD REPORT: BY BETTE SZESNY —

Councilwoman Szesny said the Mohawk Valley Water Authority has entered a five-year contract with Suez, who will manage the water treatment plant at Hinckley.

— PLANNING BOARD REPORT: BY BETTE SZESNY —

Councilwoman Szesny said they are currently working on the Westgate Subdivision.

— COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT —
Not available.

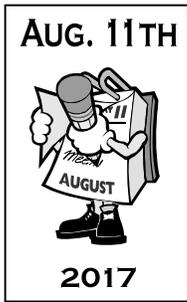
— RESIDENT COMMENT —

Town Resident Joe Serbaniewicz stressed the need for Sewers at the Herkimer County I.D.A. land. Supervisor Dodge said that is an expensive ordeal.

— ADJOURNMENT —

There being no further business to be brought up the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

— Barbara J. Bouliia, Town Clerk



**TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING WITH DONALD EHRE, P.E.
— ENGINEER FOR WESTGATE HEIGHTS SUB-DIVISION —**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilwoman Bette Szesny; Councilmen Eric Kane and Anthony Lucenti.

ALSO PRESENT

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways Donald Sroka, Donald Ehre, P.E., David Bushey, and Planning Board Member Donna Salamone.

Donald Ehre, who is the engineer for Westgate Heights Sub-Division, said he is addressing the letter from New York State Board of Health regarding the following: extent of the Flood Plain, for which there will be no flood plain on any of the thirty one properties. He said they wanted the Zoning to be clarified from R-A converted to R-1, which the Planning Board has to approve and then be approved by the Town Board.

Mr. Ehre said Lot #11 had a very slow perc test, which means it would need an alternate system, either a raised bed or a sand mound. He said they tested 1/2 of the lots and #11 was the only one that had problems.

Mr. Ehre also said the Mohawk Valley Water Authority had no problems with plans submitted, nor did Herkimer County Department of Highways.

Mr. Ehre said that we must satisfy Herkimer County Planning; they had the following questions:

Segmentation of Project — Mr. Ehre said they tried to buy property to do a road and a deal could not be made. He said the only other option would be to build a road out back but there is a creek and that would be an expensive project, therefore Westgate Road would be the only access from the new development to Windfall Road, and then to State Route 5, and it would also be extended for Emergency Vehicles. It would have a “Do Not Enter” sign with a plastic chain that can come apart, approximately 30 feet wide with an easement. Maintenance of the road would be done by Westgate Heights.

This Westgate Heights Sub-Division is the second phase of the project; the housing that is there now is one phase and the second phase are these building lots, which homes will be built on and sold.

Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green said you should have two entrances; he said most people have two or three vehicles, and that will be a lot of congestion from the first phase and the second phase.

Donald Ehre said if were we able to buy the property, we would not have that problem. Mr. Ehre also said “International Traffic Engineers Handbook” said one vehicle per hour per household during peak hour.

Donald Ehre said the last item is the storm water for existing development. He said each lot is individually owned, and given over to the Town of Schuyler for operation and maintenance. Donald Sroka said that the Town does not maintain it. David Bushey said that right now they are doing the maintenance of mowing, etc. on the property.

Councilman Lucenti said he spoke to Karen from the Association of Towns. She advised him to set up a Special District and charge a fee to cover inspection & maintenance. Councilman Lucenti said he spoke to the Town Attorney, and the Town Attorney said he thinks the Town would prefer to do the inspection & maintenance of the Stormwater area. Councilman Lucenti said an account with money in it could be set up (Stormwater District). Dave Bushey said we will probably mow and maintain the lots until 90% are sold, and then they will put in a “Special Stormwater District.” Fencing around the retention ponds will be put up.

David Bushey said to Donald Ehre, “If the Town of Schuyler insists on two roads, can I build 19 lots with no second road?” Mr. Ehre’s reply was, “Yes.”

There being no further business to come before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

— Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk