



Town Board Minutes



— COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT —

Supervisor Anthony Lucenti, Councilwoman Bette Szesny, Councilmen, Rodney Dodge, Joseph Juliano, and Eric Kane.

— ALSO PRESENT WERE —

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Acting Highway Superintendent Philip Johnson, Assessor George Haskell, Jeremy Silverman, Grant Writer from GEMS and David Craine from NBT Insurance Agency LLC. Also present were Frances & Russ Holzberger, Jeffery Dingman, Dale and Kenneth Dodge, Robert Wasyleski, Richard & Jean Finster, V. Jim Bono and John Piseck form Herkimer County, John Scholl, Schuyler Fire Chief, Judith Pasick, Lisa Pasick, John Schuyler and Harry Robbins. Absent were Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green, and Joe Boulia.

PUBLIC HEARING • 5:45 PM — RE: SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT

Supervisor Lucenti said that Mr. Jeremy Silverman from GEMS is writing two grants for the Town of Schuyler. He said the Town of Schuyler has approximate 15,000 feet of existing Sewer, with estimated 450 customers. He said it mainly consists of mobile home parks and a small portion of State Route 5. He said G & G is doing an income study of the existing sewer district. He said the loan should not exceed \$750,000.00.

Residents asked Grant writer Jeremy Silverman questions about the proposed grants & funding and he addressed their concerns.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:06 PM.

REGULAR MEETING

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

— PAY BILLS —

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano, that the bills for the past month be paid as presented: General, #210 to #258; and Highway, #112 to #123; all in favor.

— MINUTES: JUNE 13 2018 —

Motion by Szesny, second by Juliano, that the Town Board dispense with the reading of the minutes of June 12, 2018 and approve them as printed; all in favor.

— MANG INSURANE RENEWAL POLICY FOR THE TOWN OF SCHUYLER —

Mr. David Craine Vice President, of NBT Insurance Agency LLC went over the Town of Schuyler existing Insurance coverage of the NYMIR policy.

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano to renew the insurance policy in the amount of \$37,479.88; all in favor.

— COUNTY LEGISLATOR’S REPORT: BY JIM BONO —

- ☆ **SUMMER PROGRAM:** County Legislator Jim Bono said he has placed 4 to 5 children with County jobs.
- ☆ **COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT.:** Jim Bono said Herkimer County will be doing stone & oiling and ditch leveling, and he said the signs are out.
- ☆ **JAIL:** Mr. Bono said the Public Safety Committee is working with the Department of Corrections regarding the new jail. He said it should be started in October of 2018.
- ☆ **SHARED SERVICES:** Mr. Bono said he had a meeting with Acting Supervisor Phillip Johnson. He said shared services could save the Town of Schuyler money thru fuel purchases, as well as other purchases. He said that pricing would all be done at the State level. He said Herkimer County would be willing to pay Schuyler for upkeep of Herkimer County roads, which entails ditching and mowing, per mile. He said Herkimer County would like to start a Pilot Program.
- ☆ **LAZZARO PROPERTY:** County Legislator Jim Bono said he talked to the D.E.C. regarding the Lazzaro property. He said the cost to clean it up would be between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00. He said the E.P.A. has programs which will help with the clean-up. He said to Supervisor Lucenti, that he knows he was interested in the property. He said other than the cost for clean-up of the Lazzaro property (between \$5,000.00 & \$10,000.00), the Town of Schuyler would be absolved of any further responsibilities.
- ☆ **WET LANDS — SCHUYLER PELLET PLANT:** County Legislator Jim Bono said every three years there is a survey of the wetlands. He said Herkimer County IDA is looking for more land in that area, which would be available for development.

— JOHN PISECK, JR., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HERKIMER CO. IDA —

- ☆ Executive Director John Piseck said the Pumpkin Patch is filled. He said there will be approximately 700 Employees working there.
- ☆ Mr. Piseck said Remington Arms is coming out of their bankruptcy, and seem to be doing well.
- ☆ He also said there are 2.6 acres across from the Fair Grounds that two people are interested in.
- ☆ Mr. Piseck said the Town of Manheim has been approached by a meat packing plant, which will process 125 to 150 head of cattle a day.
- ☆ Mr. Piseck said the IDA is also looking into the Union Tool site, as possible expansion.
- ☆ Mr. Piseck said Jim Bono spoke about the EPA \$200,000.00 grant that will be available in September, for Phase #1 and #2.

Supervisor Lucenti told John Piseck that he thinks that Lazzaro would be a great piece of property for the Town of Schuyler. He said we could put up a sign: *“Welcome to Herkimer County,”* and maybe a community events listing.

— JEREMY SILVERMAN (GEMS GRANTS): MOTIONS NEEDED —

- ☆ Motion by Dodge, second by Szesny to submit a 2018 Consolidated Funding Application to the N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP).
 - ☆ Motion by Kane, second by Juliano to submit a 2018 Consolidated Funding Application to the NYS Empire State Economic Development Grant Program (ESD).
 - ☆ Motion by Szesny, second by Dodge to support an application to the Community Development Block Grant Program by the Town of Schuyler through the 2018 Consolidated Funding Application Round (CDBG).
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— ASSESSORS REPORT: GEORGE HASKELL —

Assessor George Haskell said the new Enhanced Star form will be out. Everything else is going along fine.

— CODES REPORT: BY PHILIP GREEN —

(Not Available)

— RESIDENT COMMENT —

- ☆ Town Resident Jeff Dingman said the Apex Solar Charging Station would put Schuyler on the Map. Councilman Lucenti asked the Town Board what their thoughts were about a charging station in Schuyler.
- ☆ Councilman Joe Juliano asked what the cost was for the Town of Schuyler. Supervisor Lucenti said there is a grant available, and the Town would have to pay a small fee.
- ☆ Town Resident Frances Holzberger asked what the Town could make, and was informed possibly \$200.00 a year.
- ☆ The Town Board decided not to move ahead with the project.
- ☆ Town Resident Frances Holzberger said she wanted to thank Philip Green Codes Officer for taking care of the problem on Mapleton Drive.

— WESTGATE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION APPLICATION —

Supervisor Lucenti said he received a letter from Boulder Consultants, RE: Westgate Heights Subdivision. He said he received a reply regarding some questions, and they need a written response.

1. They asked where the closest public sanitary sewer lies in the Town of Schuyler.
2. At the westerly end of North Drive, the Health Department is asking whether the Town will need a turn-around for snow plowing this 160 foot long stub road.
3. They want assurance that the Town will take over the roads once they have been constructed & certified.
4. They want an assurance that the Town will take over the operation & maintenance of the storm water management basins after they have been constructed & accepted.
5. Finally, they believe that with their detailed renew now completed, the Town should be in a position to close SEQRA and make a negative declaration.

QUIET ZONE (TRAINS)

- ☆ Town Resident Lisa Pasick owns property on State Route 5. She said the train blows the whistle extremely loud. Supervisor Lucenti said he contacted Chuck Schumer, and he emailed him brochures and a copy of the new Federal Regulations.
 - ☆ Town Resident John Schuyler said he worked for CSX, and it is now a new State Law that that these trains must blow at all crossings, and it definitely is a louder horn. He said there are computers on the trains that signal when to blow the horn, etc.
 - ☆ Councilman Eric Kane will spearhead the Quiet Zone workshop.
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— **HIGHWAY REPORT: BY PHILIP JOHNSON, ACTING SUPERVISOR OF HIGHWAYS** —

- ☆ Acting Supervisor Johnson said the park benches are here, and Highway is putting them together. He said the backboard is up on Wood Lane.
- ☆ Mr. Johnson also said the shoulders on Woods Lane and Johnson Road have been done.
- ☆ Acting Supervisor Johnson said he received notice from Dan Derdzinski that he is retiring as of August 31st, 2018. It was decided to advertise his position in the Newsletter.

— **RECREATION: BY JOE JULIANO** —

Councilman Joe Juliano said Detweiler Construction will finish the trim work, either Monday or Tuesday.

— **EXTRAVAGANZA REPORT** —

Supervisor Lucenti said the last meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on 7/25/2018 at Wood Lane, and anyone can come.

— **PARK REPORT: BY PARK RANGER** —

Supervisor Lucenti asked the Town Clerk what was going on. She said he has parties every weekend and he had one on this past Wednesday. Everything is going fine and the well seems to be ok on Bowie Rd.

— **WATER BOARD REPORT: BY BETTE SZESNY** —

- ☆ Councilwoman Szesny said the main topic is the Village of Ilion with the discolored water. She said they have an decision to make: either hook up to the Mohawk Valley Water Board's system or have the Village of Ilion to do the repair.
- ☆ She said the MVWA Board of Directors is invited to attend a "Shooter Awareness" training at City Hall.
- ☆ John Scholl, Schuyler Volunteer Fire Chief, said he requested two fire hydrants on Cosby Manor Road, where the fire was. The hydrants are approved and are being installed.

— **PLANNING BOARD REPORT: BY BETTE SZESNY** —

Councilwoman Szesny said there was no meeting in July. She said in August they will have a meeting regarding the new Zoning Map and Master Plan. She said they are finishing up on the Animal Control Law. Councilwoman Szesny said Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green will enforce the Animal Control Law.

— **TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED: ANIMAL CONTROL LAW** —

Motion by Szesny, 2nd by Joe Juliano, to have a Public Hearing on August 8th, 2018 at 5:45 P.M. regarding the Animal Control Law, which does not involve Dog Control; all in favor.

— **ADJOURNMENT** —

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

— *Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk*

