

TOWN BOARD MEETING — JUNE 10, 2020 @ 6:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT—

- Supervisor Anthony Lucenti, Councilwoman Bette Szesny, Councilmen Rodney Dodge, Joe Juliano, and Eric Kane.
- Also present were Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson, and Supervisor's assistant Jeffery Dingman.

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

PAY BILLS —

- Motion by Kane, second by Dodge, that the bills for the past month be paid as presented: General #143 to #165, and Highway #112 to #127; all in favor.

MINUTES: MAY 13, 2020 —

- Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge that the minutes of May 13, 2020 be approved as printed; all in favor.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: BY GEORGE HASKELL —

- Assessor George Haskell said regarding Grievance Day, no one came.
- He said the equalization rate is 81.3%.
- Mr. Haskell said he will be taking the tax roll to Herkimer County on Monday, and the final roll will be released on July 1, 2020.

CODES: BY PHILIP GREEN —

- Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green said we have 16 to 17 permits. He said there are maybe one or two big jobs; the rest are small. Mr. Green said he did speak to the man regarding the grass on Mapleton Road, and it will be taken care of along with the properties on State Route 5 and Miller's Grove Road. He said he has not been busy. Regarding the property on Windfall Road, the man is doing what he said he was going to do, and it is improving.
- Mr. Green also told Supervisor Lucenti that he has the sheet available for him to download the codes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT —

- **PUBLIC MEETINGS:** Supervisor Lucenti said he received notice that the Town Board Meetings will be able to be open to the public starting on July 6, 2020.
- **DUMPSTER DAY:** June 27 & June 28, 2020; Bill Connors and Joe George will be managing the dumpster.



- **EAST SCHUYLER WATER EXTENSION – ON HOLD:** Supervisor Lucenti said he held a conference with Chris Lawton (engineer), and the project has been put on hold. He said the Governor signed an order that there will be no Special Elections until September, 2020.
- **INCOME SURVEY — EAST SCHUYLER WATER EXTENSION:** Supervisor Lucenti said he spoke to Jay Grasso, and he is mailing the applications out this week. He said if we can prove we are a Hardship Area, the 2.2% Interest will drop to 0% interest.
- **WEST SCHUYLER WATER EXTENSION UPDATE — USDA:** Supervisor Lucenti said the proposed West Schuyler Water District moving forward as the money is guaranteed. He said the USDA loan amount would be at 1.75%.

Supervisor Lucenti said he spoke to Andrew Sterling, and Mr. Sterling said he wanted to know if the Town Board would like to vote on the project or have an election. Councilman Dodge and Councilwoman Szesny also agreed the Board should vote on it, as now would be the right time to go ahead with the project, especially with the USDA financing.

- **RESOLUTION ON RECORD RETENTION — AUGUST MEETING:** Supervisor Lucenti said the Town Clerk gave him a letter she received from New York State regarding retention of records. The Town Board will enact a resolution regarding record retention at the August meeting.
- **HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Supervisor Lucenti said he received a letter stating there will be no Historical Society meetings or events held this year.
- **COGAR DRIVE:** Supervisor Lucenti said he received a call from John Werczynski regarding Cogar Drive, which is maintained by an Association. They are interested in having the town take over the road. The Town Clerk said years ago they wanted the Town to maintain it, but Don Sroka said it was not up to NYS specifications. Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson said the base is shale and stone dust, and the whole thing would have to be rebuilt.
- **CANAL EARTHEN EMBANKMENT PROGRAM:** Supervisor Lucenti said he has received calls regarding this program. He said the program is to gain access to the canal.

HIGHWAY REPORT: BY PHILIP JOHNSON —

- Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson said he received a letter from the NYS Dept. of Transportation; listed below are the amounts. He said we should get 80% of the figure.

CHIPS:	\$ 53,022.21	2020-2021 APPORTIONMENT:	\$ 44,891.28
PAVE NY:	\$10,270.00	2020-2021 APPORTIONMENT:	\$ 10,267.42
EWR:	\$ 8,736.59	2020-2021 APPORTIONMENT:	\$ 8,736.59

- Superintendent Johnson said as of April, he has spent 32% of his budget. He said we have sand and salt left over from the winter. He said he has received \$198,000.00 from Herkimer County for snow removal.
- Councilman Joe Juliano asked about guardrails on Bull Road, and that he was told the installer had problems, but that they will be done.



- Superintendent of Highways Johnson said South Spain Gulf has been started and should be chip sealed on or about July 1.
- Superintendent of Highways Johnson said regarding Bull Road, the Fire Dept. contacted him about the condition of the road, which is a seasonal road. He said two houses were built after the land was purchased. The Town Clerk said she advised Phil Green and the purchaser of the property before they bought the land that it was a seasonal road and the town does not maintain it. The name of the Road is Happy Valley Road. Assessor George Haskell said they have no power up there; they rely on generators.
- Superintendent of Highways Johnson said he wants to put the 2010 Western Star Snow Plow on Auctions International to sell. He said the new plow truck should be ready next week.
- Superintendent of Highways Johnson said the 4 wheelers and side- by- sides made a mess of the Town Park lawn.
- Supervisor Lucenti said the Town Park will be open as of June 26, 2020 for functions.

WATER BOARD REPORT: BY BETTE SZESNY —

- Councilwoman Szesny reported the Water Board held a “virtual” meeting using the “Web-Ex” program on Monday, June 8th. She said the Water Board’s revenues are down, due to the Covid pandemic and consequent unemployment of many customers.

PLANNING BOARD/ZBA REPORT: BY BETTE SZESNY —

- Upcoming agenda items will include review of all Local Laws from 1984 forward, as well as a review of the Town Zoning Ordinances to determine if updates may be in order.
- Clerk/ZBA member Jeff Dingman recently provided training sessions to the Planning and Zoning Boards on the use of “ Zoom” (program/application to permit members to hold remote access meetings).

ADJOURNMENT —

- There being no further business to come before the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

— *Barbara J. Bouliq, Town Clerk*

NEXT REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

JULY 8, 2020 - 6:00 PM

Public Welcome

Face Masks/Coverings Required