

**TOWN OF SCHUYLER
TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2017**

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 Joe Juliano, Jo Ann Mammone, Clarence H. Caldwell, Richard & Jean Finster, Honorable George J. Luther II, Peter Cardone Jr., A Eugene Snyder, Joseph Serbaniewicz, A. Eugene Snyder, and Park Ranger, Joseph Boulia .

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

Supervisor Kenneth M. Dodge said he was going to turn the meeting over to the Deputy Supervisor, Anthony Lucenti. Mr. Lucenti said, "As you know, Councilman Robert VanDusen passed away, and there is a vacancy for Councilman." He said he talked to the Association of Towns and the Board of Elections, and the Town of Schuyler has to appoint someone to fill his position until 12/31/2017.

Motion by Lucenti, second by Szesny to appoint Mr. Joseph Juliano to fill the position until 12/31/2017; all in favor.

PAY BILLS — Motion by Kane, second by Szesny that the bills for the past month be paid as presented: General, #311 to #359, and Highway #130 to #140; all in favor.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 9 & 11TH, 2017 — Motion by Szesny, second by Lucenti, that the Town Board dispense with the reading of the minutes of August 9th & 11th, 2017, and approve them as printed.

RESIDENT COMMENT — Town resident Dick Finster said he would like a plaque for Robert VanDusen to be mounted at the Wood Lane Recreation Center in honor of all the work Bob VanDusen did for Recreation. Councilman Lucenti said he will get a quote on the plaque.

Town resident A. Eugene Snyder said his cable bill has gone up, and that the Town of Schuyler should have someone to monitor the Cable Companies. Supervisor Dodge said there is an article in "Town Topics," and the Town does not have much to say about their fees.

— COMMITTEE REPORTS —

ASSESSOR REPORT BY GEORGE HASKELL — Assessor George Haskell said there has been four or five changes of addresses on the School Tax Bills. He said other than that, there is nothing going on.

CODES REPORT BY PHILIP GREEN — Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green said there is a property owner who has about twenty or more garbage bags, which he will have someone pick up and add on their tax rolls for payment.

HIGHWAY BY DONALD SROKA — Superintendent of Highways Donald Sroka said not much going on. He said the Annual 88TH Association of Towns Conference is going on, and would like authorization to go.

Motion by Kane, second by Szesny, authorizing Superintendent of Highways Sroka to attend the conference; all in favor.

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SEWER REPORT BY DONALD SROKA — Mr. Sroka said they have had no meetings.

DUMPSTER DATE — October 21 & 22, 2017.

EXTRAVAGANZA REPORT—

THANK YOU TO CHARLES HAYES — Councilman Lucenti said they had a great turnout. He said the Firemen

estimate approximately 1,000 people came to the Extravaganza. He said they had about 65 cars that were on site.

Councilman Lucenti said he wanted to thank Charles Hayes from Bounce House for the generous donation of \$206.00. He said he is a businessman who lives in Schuyler; he has donated the proceeds to the Town of Schuyler, and has done so since he has participated in the Extravaganza.

REPORT BY PARK RANGER — Joe Boulia said Soccer has started at the Town Park.

WATER BOARD REPORT BY BETTE SZESNY — Councilwoman Szesny said they will be working on their budget.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT BY BETTE SZESNY — Supervisor Dodge said he was disappointed with the last meeting regarding Westgate Heights Subdivision. Councilwoman Szesny said it is not the Planning Board that is holding up the process. She said we are waiting for New York State Department of Health and the Herkimer County Planning Department. She said once we get their approval, the Planning Board will make a decision and pass it on to the Town Board.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT — Not available.

RESIDENT COMMENT — Town resident Joe Serbaniewicz wanted to know whether the Water Board's decision to hire Suez to manage the Water Treatment Plant will effect the system.

Councilman Kane said it does not affect the system. He said of the candidates they had, they decided to hire in the private sector. Joe Serbaniewicz asked about the cost of the operation; Councilman Kane said they would "marry" each other, with no loss of jobs.

Joe Serbaniewicz asked if there would be an increase. Councilman Kane said they are in the process of working on the budget.

Joe Serbaniewicz then asked about water capacity drawn from Hinckley. Councilman Kane said they won the lawsuit with the Canal Corporation; and from the old days to now, they went from 23 million gallons to 17 million gallons (consumption per day), so there should be a lot of water.

Mr. Serbaniewicz then asked about the Nano Center's water supply. Mr. Kane said even if they take 4 million gallons, there still is enough water.

Mr. Serbaniewicz also said Herkimer County I.D.A. should petition the State and Federal Government for funds to facilitate a sewage system for further development to their property.

Supervisor Dodge said he has already spoken to Jim Bono regarding that, and originally the Town of Schuyler engineered that project. Supervisor Dodge said Jim Bono is going to get back to him regarding that. Mr. Dodge said another problem is there should be municipal power, which would benefit further development also.

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

— Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk