

March 13, 2024
Town Board Meeting
6:00 P.M.

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, Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green, Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, and Town Residents; Richard & Jean Finster, Donald Haman, Lonnie & Samantha Etter, Isabella Brown, Dale Dodge, Tom Tripoli, Connie Ambrose, and several school students.

Supervisor Lucenti led the assembled people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for A.J. Smullen and Steven DiMeo.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 25TH & FEBRUARY 14TH, 2024:

Motion by Juliano and a second by Kane that the minutes be approved as printed, all in favor.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Kane second by Dodge that the bills for the past month be paid as presented; all in favor.

ASSESSOR REPORT BY GEORGE HASKELL:

Supervisor Lucenti said George Haskell will not be here tonight.

CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER PHILIP GREEN:

Permits are coming in slowly.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

RESOLUTION FOR NYS RETIREMENT RE: STANDARD WORKDAY:

Supervisor Lucenti said we need a resolution regarding the record of activities for NYS Retirement.

Motion by Szesny second Kane that the Town of Schuyler pass a resolution regarding the Standard Work Day for Elected and Appointed Officials, all in favor.

BRIC GRANT APPLICATION:

Supervisor Lucent said he spoke to Christine Campbell and she has sent in the application for the BRIC Grant.

SPEED CONTROL SIGNS-GRANT AVAILABLE:

Supervisor Lucenti said there are grants available for speed control signs and he asked the Town Board if Schuyler should apply for a grant. He was advised to go ahead.

POLICY FOR PLANNING AND ZBA ALTERNATES:

Supervisor Lucenti said there is a new policy in effect that supersedes the current policy.

Planning Board will have 7 seated members and the Zoning Board of Appeals will operate with 5 seated members.

He said once the Chair person calls the roll and there is a vacancy, an alternate, if present, will be seated and the alternate will remain seated for the entire meeting. If an alternate, is seated and a regular member arrives late, after roll call, that regular member will not be seated with the board and will have, no voting rights for that meeting. The Town Board's intention is that the Planning Board will have 7 members present, (quorum would be 4 members.) The ZBA will have 5 members present, (quorum would be 3 members.)

Motion by Dodge, seconded by Juliano to adopt the above policy, all in favor.

GREEN WASTE UPDATE:

Several residents expressed their concerns regarding green waste pickup. Superintendent of Highways said he has three full time employees and one part time person who do the Mowing.

SEWER ROAD INSPECTION:

Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson said he checked out the road and everything is in good shape considering the amount of rain we had.

NEW SNOW PLOW:

Superintendent of Highways Phil Johnson said he would like to buy a 2025 Western Star plow truck, he said the cost is \$190,000.00.

Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano authorizing the purchase of Cab & Chassis for \$ 190,000.00, all in favor.

Superintendent of Highways, Phil Johnson said he would also like to buy a new Loader. He said the cost is \$252,000.00, with a trade in value on the current loader of \$ 190,000.00.

Motion by Dodge, second by Kane authorizing the purchase of a new John Deere loader; all in favor.

Phil Johnson said he will sell the 2016 Chevy pickup on Auctions International and the money, from that will make the last payment on the John Deere Loader which will be traded in.

WATER BOARD REPORT BY BETTE SZESNY:

Councilwoman Szesny said there is a problem with an apartment building in Utica. She said the owners of the property have not paid the water bills and there is a possibility that the water may be shut off.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: JEFF DINGMAN:

Jeff Dingman said there is a meeting with Herkimer I.D.A. and the D.O.T.

ZBA MEETING: APPOINTMENT OF NEW ALTERNATE (COSMO PELLEGRINO):

RESIDENT COMMENT:

Harry Robbins said there is a primary on April 2ND 2024 for a presidential primary and June 25TH, 2024 is the general primary.

Chris Proulx said she would like more stop signs on Wood Lane and Graham Road.

She also commented that they took a walk thru Heritage Acres off of Cosby Manor Rd. and she said there are lots of pot holes, etc. Codes Enforcement Officer Phil Green said he will check into it.

She also mentioned that they will be putting up the photos and they will be ready before the next Board Meeting.

Resident Tom Tripoli asked about the mailing re: Boralex and Town Park Solar Farm mailings. He was informed that the town paid for two mailings.

There being no further business to come before the Town Board the meeting was closed at 7:45P.M. Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk