

Town Board Meeting - May 8, 2024

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, Assessor George Haskell, Codes Enforcement Officer Phil Green, Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman. Town Residents present were: Tim Riecker, Robert Wasyleski, Dale Dodge, Chris and Rick Proulx, and Harry Robbins.

Supervisor Lucenti led the assembled people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and called the meeting to order.

Supervisor Lucenti said he received a thank you note regarding the Community Dinner from the Town of Schuyler Historical Society and also from the Christie Family.

Supervisor Lucenti said he wanted to thank Joe Juliano for getting a good price maintaining the Cummins generator located at the Town. He said originally they wanted \$1,489.23 and Joe Juliano got it done for \$838.00.

Minutes of April 10, 2024:

Motion by Kane, second by Szesny that the minutes of April 10, 2024 be approved as printed; all in favor.

Pay Bills:

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

Assessor Report by George Haskell:

Assessor George Haskell said Grievance Day is Wednesday, May 29, 2024. His hours are May 9 - May 16 - May 23, 5 P.M. to 9 P.M. and Saturday, May 18 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green:

Codes Enforcement Officer Phil Green said so far we have 14 permits. He said he has issued three more violations.

County Legislature Report by Ron Beach:

Ron Beach said there is a youth work program for teenagers 15 years of age with Herkimer County. He said it is a 13-hour a week work program, which pays \$14.00 per hour. He said if anyone knows a youth who is interested to contact the Town of Schuyler for an application.

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Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Lucenti said he has an agreement with Herkimer county for the removal of snow and ice from County Roads and for sanding and salting said roads under provisions of Section 135a of Highway Law. He said this contract is for a five-year plan, from 2025 to 2029. It consists of 37.24 miles of County roads. He said the base rate is \$2,550.00 and it will be paid in four equal installments in January, February, and March. He also said it can be canceled at any time. Motion by Kane, second by Juliano authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract; all in favor.

Park Inspection

Supervisor Lucenti said he would like to schedule a Park Inspection walk-thru on May 14, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.

Special Meeting - Used Equipment

Supervisor Lucenti said there will be a special meeting regarding the sale of used equipment on May 10, 2024 at 2:00 P.M.

2024 Town Garage Sale Dates

July 26 (Friday), July 27 (Saturday), and July 28 (Sunday).

Highway Superintendent Report by Philip Johnson:

Veteran's Banners

Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson said starting next week they will put up the Veterans banners.

Highway Work for Summer

Superintendent Johnson said he plans on doing Bowie Rod starting at Windfall Road; Spain Gulf South starting at Windfall Road to the dead end; McGraw Road starting at Hawthorne Road to the dead end. He said this will be done with asphalt and chip seal.

He is also having Winiwicz Road starting at Hawthorne to the dead end with chip seal; Wood Lane starting at State Route 5 to Cosby Manor Road with chip seal and crack fill; Knapps Knolle Road starting at Cosby Manor Road to the dead end will be asphalt.

State Budget for Highway

Superintendent Johnson said Barb got the insurance coverage on the Salt Shed. He said they received two quotes for the replacement of the new shed: one for \$109,948.00 and one for \$49,604.00. He said the quote for \$109,948.00, this company has given him specs on the material, as well as a list of other towns they have done work for. The quote for \$49,604.00 has limited information. He will check into that quote.

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Dumpster for Wood Lane:

Supervisor Lucenti asked the Town Clerk to order a dumpster for Wood Lane.

Water Board Report by Bette Szesny:

Councilwoman Bette Szesny said the next meeting is on May 15, 2024. She said there have been several water issues.

Public Safety Committee - One Vacancy:

Supervisor Lucenti said Tim Riecker is the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee and also will serve as Emergency Management Coordinator. He will be able to make a decision if something happens.

Motion by Dodge, second by Szesny, authorizing Tim Riecker, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, to also serve as Emergency Management Coordinator; all in favor.

Tim Riecker said they have made progress with one or two safety issues.

Planning Board Report by Jeff Dingman:

Jeffery Dingman said there will be training at MVCC on May 22, 2024 for both Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals members.

ZBA Vacant Chairperson:

Supervisor Lucenti said Ron Beach is currently the Herkimer County Legislator and his position is open for Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals. JoAnn Mammone would like to be appointed to that position.

Motion by Dodge, second by Szesny to appoint JoAnn Mammone to the position of Chairperson; all in favor.

Resident Comment:

Harry Robbins said Primary for Republicans and Democrats is June 27, 2024 from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M.

Chris Proulx from Schuyler Historical Society said they attended a meeting put on by NYS Cemetery Association. She said they went to the West Schuyler Cemetery and worked on some of the head stones, and they turned out great. She would like to have the cleaning process put on the Town of Schuyler's website.

She also asked how the cleaning of the Town Office building has been going. Supervisor Lucenti said he tried with the Youth Program from Herkimer County, but they cannot vacuum or stand on stepladders.

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Barbara J. Boulia
Town Clerk
