



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

FEBRUARY 2025

Schuyler Highway Department and Fire Company Reminders

Plowing across roads is illegal, as is plowing/blowing snow into the road; it creates a dangerous situation

Garbage cans belong in the driveway; please do not place them in the road

Do not park in the road while clearing your driveway

Keep Fire Hydrants clear of snow near your home if you're able; don't wait for someone else to do it

Keep your vents clear of snow





January Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Concetta Pavlus, whose Birthday is January 14th!!!



Schuyler Birthday Form

Birthday Person: _____

Birthdate: _____

Submitted By: _____

Phone/E-Mail Address: _____

Please drop off at Schuyler Town Office or e-mail to Birthdays@townofschuyler.org by the 15th of the month.

January's winner: Concetta Pavlus together with Jayme Moore of *Moore Please Bakery*

Submitted January Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

David Petriski	January 4	Anne Tripoli	January 4
Tia Elow	January 8	Dale Dodge	January 11
Rosalie Griffo	January 12	Jason Brown	January 13
Frank Griffo	January 15	Sen. Joseph A. Griffo	January 16
Margaret Ludwig	January 17	Lydia Walker	January 20
Clara Marie Fiorentino	January 23	Sarah Collignon	January 25
Daniel Tripoli, Sr.	January 28	Adriana Griffo	January 31

East Schuyler Methodist Church

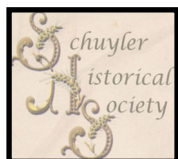
Sunday Service is at 9:30 A.M.
118 Church Road in Schuyler



West Schuyler Methodist Church

Sunday Service is at 10 A.M.
297 Wood Lane in Schuyler





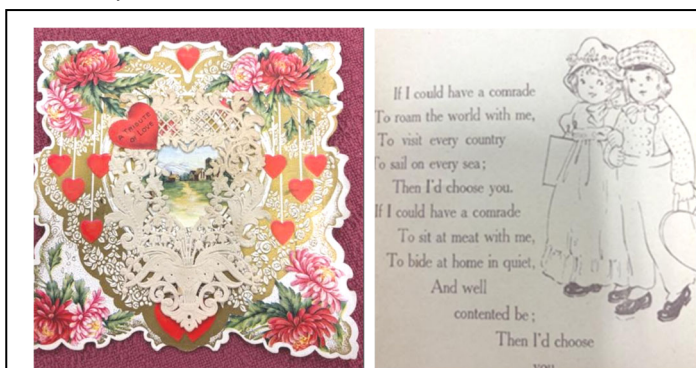
TOWN OF SCHUYLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Schuyler Chronicles

Issue # 8 - February 2025



It's already February! Time to think of hearts and flowers—and Valentine's Day cards. Exchanging handmade cards began in America in the early 1700's. In the 1830's manufactured cards were marketed to those who had money to spend. As time went on, the availability of paper and a universal postal system made Valentines more accessible. The Town of Schuyler Historical Society has a beautiful card in our Exhibit Room. It's very lacy and flowery. The inside verse reads: *"If I could have a comrade to roam the world with me, to visit every country to sail on every sea; then I'd choose you. If I could have a comrade to sit at meat with me, to bide at home in quiet, and well contented be; Then I'd choose you."*



How did February 14 become an important day for love? There are two legends. The first tells a tale of a priest named Valentine who lived during the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius II (circa 200 A.D.) At this time Claudius needed to build up an army but thought that married men would be less reliable since they would not want to leave their wives and families, therefore, he forbade young men to marry. Father Valentine defied the emperor and married these young people in the temple, but Claudius found out, sent Valentine to prison, and sentenced him to die. On the day he died, February 14, 270 A.D. he wrote a letter to a special girl telling her about love. He signed the letter **"from your Valentine"**.

The second legend tells of a man named Valentine who let village children play in his garden. He was imprisoned by the Romans for refusing to worship their gods. During his imprisonment, the children exchanged notes with him and sent small bouquets of flowers through the prison bars. Valentine was put to death on February 14.

The Valentine's card shown above was gifted to the TOS Historical Society many years ago. It appears to be from the late 1800's to early 1900's and is still in perfect condition.

Wishing you a day filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments. Happy Valentine's Day!

Respectfully submitted for your reading enjoyment,
Christine Proulx, Recording Secretary TOS Historical Society



Highway Department Updates

Thank you to the Schuyler Highway Department for keeping our roads clear and safe this winter! According to the National Weather Service, snowfall across upstate NY for one of our recent storms reached significant levels, with Schuyler reporting a record 52 inches, the highest in the region.

Shown below and on the next page are our newest trucks!!



2024 Freightliner 114sd

Highway Department Updates cont'd.



2024 Chevrolet Silverado 6500 with 10-foot Boss V-plow
and 5 yard Snowex salter



Fire Company News

The Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company has purchased a new Utility Task Vehicle, or UTV which will be used for wildland search/rescue, fighting brush fires, and other off-road operations. Thank you for your continued support and please consider volunteering. Look for more photos once it is finalized with lights, etc.

Recently members utilized the new UTV off-road apparatus to assist the county in accessing a radio tower used by 911 for communication to emergency services. The department is always happy to give a helping hand when possible!



Town Board Year-End Meeting - December 23, 2024
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****Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved ****

Council Members Present:

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

Also Present Were:

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, and Attorney Mark Wolber. Town Residents: Ruby Beach, JoAnn Mammone, President of Schuyler Fire Company, John Dickan.

Supervisor Lucenti called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. and led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Contract with Town of Schuyler and Volunteer Fire Company:

Supervisor Lucenti read the Fire Contract and then signed the contract, followed by signing by President of the Volunteer Fire Company, John Dickan.

Rich Andino Letter:

Supervisor Lucenti said he received a letter from Richard Andino of Costello, Cooney & Fearon (attorneys) regarding retaining them for Westgate Sewer & Water District on four lots.

Motion by Szesny, second by Juliano authorizing the Supervisor to sign the letter retaining the law firm of Costello, Cooney & Fearon for Westgate 4 lots; all in favor.

Resident Comment:

Mark Kislyak and Pavel Kislyak inquired as to a barrier for the gas station/convenience store - they would like a solid fence. A question was also raised as to drainage and water flow. Lastly, it was requested that trucks refrain from using jake brakes when entering the business park - the Kislyak's were told that Route 5 is State road, and this would have to be requested through NY State.

Westgate Heights Subdivision:

Don Ehre indicated that he had maps which needed to be signed off by the Planning Board Chairman.

Real Lease - Mark Wolber:

Supervisor Lucenti said he would like Attorney Wolber to look over the lease on the 6500 Chevy Silverado. He asked him to get in touch with Philip Johnson and go over it.

Letter to New York State Requesting Speed Limit Reduction:

Supervisor Lucenti asked the Town Clerk to put in a request for a speed limit reduction from Clayton Homes going East on State Route 5 to Sterling Creek from 55 miles per hour to 45 MPH.

Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge to have the Town Clerk send a letter requesting a speed limit reduction; all in favor.



Town Board Year-End Meeting - December 23, 2024

** Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved **

Dog Parking Law - Mark Wolber:

Supervisor Lucenti said the Town Clerk gave him a copy of a Local Law from 2010 that covers every aspect of the Town. He said he has been talking to Dan Tripoli. If there is a problem with a dog barking, it will go to the Safety Committee to issue a warning. If it continues there will be a fine - the homeowner will have to pay. If they don't pay it will be put on the Town & County Tax rolls.

Northland Communications - Phone Service:

Supervisor Lucenti said he had Northland Communications at the Town Office to put in a new phone system. Northland Communications told him they could not do it, due to the high voltage coming into the building. They told him the only other way would be to trench and run wire into the building.

West Schuyler Water:

Supervisor Lucenti said all the easements are taken care of; there was one, which will have a go-around. He said he wanted to thank Anthony Klimek. Supervisor Lucenti said Anthony Klimek walked around and made some suggestions, for the betterment of the project. They are now waiting on the Health Department. He said it is close to being put out for bid, and that January is the target date.

Park Grant:

Supervisor Lucenti said last year we put in for a Park Grant, but were turned down. He said this year he put in for another grant and we should hear next week if we were awarded the grant.

Motion by Kane, second by Dodge authorizing the purchase of the 2024 Chevy 6500; all in favor.

Appoint Ronald Beach - Deputy Supervisor:

Supervisor Lucenti said he is appointment Ron Beach as Deputy Supervisor.

January 8, 2025 - 9:00 A.M. Organizational Meeting:

Supervisor Lucenti said on January 8th we will have an organizational meeting and Supervisor Beach will make tentative appointments.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk

Town Board Meeting - January 8, 2025

Council Members Present:

Incoming Supervisor Ronald Beach, Councilmen Rodney Dodge, Joe Juliano, and Eric Kane (via phone). Absent was Councilwoman Bette Szesny.

Also Present Were:

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, Attorney Mark Wolber. Town Residents: Ruby Beach, JoAnn Mammone, Chris and Rick Proux, John Dickan, Dale Dodge, Victor Costanza, Michael Ritter, Mike Riecker, David Fusillo, Harry Robbins, and Joe Scalise. Absent was Assessor George Haskell.

Resignation Letter and Acceptance Resignation:

Incoming Supervisor Beach read the letter of resignation from Anthony Lucenti.

Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge to accept resignation; all in favor.

Motion to Appoint Ronald Beach as Supervisor for Town of Schuyler:

Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano to appoint and swear in Ronald Beach as Supervisor of the Town of Schuyler; all in favor.

Approve the Minutes of December 10th and December 23rd, 2024:

Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge to approve the minutes of December 10th and 23rd, 2024; all in favor.

Pay the Bills:

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

Codes Officer Report by Philip Green:

Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green said they are starting to slow down on building permits.

Supervisor Report:Park Grant - \$392,400.00

Supervisor Beach said we were awarded the \$302,400.00 for development of the Town of Schuyler Parks.

Free Hockey Tickets for Municipal Plow Truck Drivers

Supervisor Beach said there are free tickets for Municipal Plow Truck Drivers; it was announced on television.

Lease Purchase Agreement

Attorney Wolber did look over the lease agreement of the 2024 Freightliner.



Town Board Meeting - January 8, 2025 cont'd.

Lease Purchase Agreement cont'd.

Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge authorizing the leasing of the 2024 Freightliner for five years at \$55,251.00; all in favor.

Pellet Stove

The pellet stove is not working in the foyer. Supervisor Beach said he will look into and see if it can be fixed.

New Dog Ordinance

Attorney Mark Wolber will work on a new dog ordinance for the Town of Schuyler.

Highway Report by Phil Johnson

Superintendent of Highways Phil Johnson said the 2024 Freightliner is almost ready for pickup.

Water Board Report by Dale Dodge

Mr. Dodge said there is a meeting on Monday.

Planning Board Report

No report as there was not a meeting on January 1st due to the New Year's holiday.

Resident Comment

Tim Riecker said on the Safety Committee they have issued violations and what happens when violators don't appear?

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk

Special Town Board Meeting - January 22, 2025

**** Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved ****

Council Members Present:

Supervisor Ron Beach, Councilmen Rodney Dodge and Eric Kane. Absent was Bette Szesny and Joe Juliano.

Also Present Were:

Highway Superintendent Phil Johnson, Town Attorney Mark Wolber, and Clerk to Town Supervisor Jeffery Dingman.

Special Town Board Meeting - January 22, 2025 cont'd.

Supervisor Beach opened the meeting at 6:05 P.M. and led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion to Approve Lease:

Motion by Kane, second by Dodge to approve lease of 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 6500 at \$28,116.00 per year for five years for a total of \$118,491.50; all in favor.

Motion to Sell:


Motion by Kane, second by Dodge to sell the 2019 Ford F150; all in favor.

Moton to Adjourn:

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the Special Town Board meeting was made at 6:30 P.M. by Dodge, second by Kane; all in favor.

Jeffery Dingman, Clerk to Town Supervisor

IF YOU LOVE ME



LICENSE ME

Rabies Vaccination Requirements


No dog license may expire after the expiration date of the dog's rabies vaccination. If your dog is due for a rabies vaccination booster during the next year, you must have it boosted now in order to have a full year license. If you choose not to have your dog vaccinated now, you will still need to pay the full annual fee and you will need to renew your dog license again after it has been vaccinated. Residents need to report any changes in status of ownership (i.e. deceased, moved, transferred ownership, lost or stolen).

Dog Licensing Requirements

All dogs 4 months of age or older must be licensed. Dog Enumerations (Census) are performed throughout the Town periodically, and all owners of unlicensed dogs are subject to new fines and penalties, as set forth in the Town's Local Laws (see below):


DOG LICENSE FEES

- \$7 PER DOG — SPAYED / NEUTERED w \$16 PER DOG — UNSPAYED / UN-NEUTERED



PUREBRED DOG LICENSE FEES

- UP TO 10 DOGS — \$50.00 PLUS \$4.00 PER DOG FOR NYS DOG POPULATION CONTROL
- 11 - 25 DOGS — \$60.00 PLUS \$4.00 PER DOG FOR NYS DOG POPULATION CONTROL
- 25 OR MORE — \$125.00 PLUS \$4.00 PER DOG FOR NYS DOG POPULATION CONTROL



PLEASE NOTE: *In an effort to update our computer records, the town clerks' office is asking anyone who no longer owns a dog that was licensed with the town; to inform the clerk's office at 733-7458, so they can be removed from our data base. Thanks for your cooperation.*

— A LEASH LAW IS IN EFFECT IN THE TOWN OF SCHUYLER —



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Town and Court Clerk's Hours
Monday - Friday 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Mondays - 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Town Clerk: 315-733-7458

Court Clerk: 315-733-1093

Town Highway Department

Philip Johnson, Highway
Superintendent

Highway Garage: 315-733-7617
Cell Phone: 315-240-1485
highway@townofschuyler.org

**West Schuyler
Cemetery
Burial Plots
Available**

For further
information and
current pricing, please
call Earl Haman at
315-733-2920



Town Assessor - George Haskell

Available at 5:30 P.M. on Thursdays

Please call for an appointment
315-733-7458 ext. 225

Codes Enforcement Officer

Call Before Starting
ANY Building Project


Philip Green: 315-534-2232

**East Schuyler Miller Cemetery
Burial Sites Available**

For further information and current pricing, please contact Harry Robbins, President:
315-269-0861

Winter Special until May 2025: Second Site Purchase for half-price: \$400




JOHN A. LAPOLLA
SCHUYLER VFW POST #8728
240 Wood Lane, Schuyler
Michael Collver, Commander: 315-525-3680

Social Hour at the VFW are held Fridays beginning at 3 P.M.!

For Facility Rentals: 315-733-6609

