

Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOVEMBER 2024

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Polls are open at the Schuyler Town Hall 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502

6 A.M. to 9 P.M.



See page 8 for sample ballot and more information





HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

Tuesday, November 5, 2024



- Volunteer Bakers Greatly Appreciated
- Baked goods should arrive by 9 A.M. on November 5th
- Thank you for all your support!



Public Hearings

See page 9 for upcoming Public Hearings to be held in November

New York State STAR Program

Information from Town Assessor George Haskell regarding 2025 STAR Application may be found on page 10.





October Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Jacklyn Entwistle, whose Birthday is October 22nd!



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		

Thank you to Jayme Moore of Moore Please Bakery for this month's cake

Submitted October Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

Ron Sanderson	October 5	Madilyn Marie	October 6
Jeffrey Salamone	October 8	Joe Williams	October 9
Carli Weaver	October 9	Felicia Clemente/Weaver	October 10
David Tripoli, Sr.	October 11	Dillon Tripoli	October 20
Giuseppe Kierpiec	October 25	Daniel Tripoli, Jr.	October 26
Scot Raymond	October 27	Berkley Faye Newman	October 29

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



West Schuyler Water District Update



On November 13, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the Schuyler Town Office, Barry Viggiano from C2AE will provide an update on the project. He will discuss the 9 easements (signatures of property owners) that are needed for the project to progress and whom he is still waiting on. In 9 areas of the project, the water line, which runs alongside the roadway, slightly encroached on private property, thereby requiring the easements.

Reflective 911 Mailbox Markers

Available for \$10, with installation available through the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company if desired.

Prominently display your address in the event of an emergency.

Order forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office.





TOWN OF SCHUYLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Next Meeting is held Saturday, November 9th 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.



The Exhibit Room is open to the public on Wednesdays from 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.

The Schupler Chronicles

Issue #5 - October 2024

The leaves on the trees are changing and there is that fall crispness in the air. In rural areas that means it's harvest time. This month I'm going to share with you some information about an interesting machine that is on display in the Town of Schuyler Historical Society Exhibit Room. It is a foot-operated corn-stalk cutter. It was made in the early 1900's and it is rudimentary—but it got the job done. The cornstalks were cut down in the fields and brought to the barnyard by wagonload. The corncobs were removed and were processed to be used as feed. The stalks were then placed in the wooden tray and pushed toward the blades. With a firm foot action, the blades would slice through the stalks and fall into a pail. This action would continue until a whole field of cornstalks was turned into silage and stored in a silo. Who is ready to give up their John Deere machinery and try this for a day?



This fascinating piece of farm machinery was donated to the TOS Historical Society by John Papierski of Hawthorne Gulf Road.

I hope everyone is enjoying our monthly chronicle showcasing our wonderful collection.

Respectfully submitted for your reading enjoyment,

Christine Proulx, Recording Secretary





Town of Schuyler Historical Society Annual Holiday Party

The Historical Society is again planning a holiday party for children and their parent(s) or guardians this year. This invitation is open to all Schuyler residents.

Our program will include hands-on crafts, light refreshments, learning about our country's flag, and, of course, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus!!

An adult must accompany the child(ren) for the entire two-hour program. (Make sure you bring your camera or phone to take pictures).

There will be gifts for each child and a hat and scarf giveaway.



The party will be held on December 7, 2024 at the Town Municipal Building at 2090 State Route 5 in Schuyler from 1PM to 3PM.

We are requiring an RSVP so we can accurately plan our event.

We are limiting the number of guests so call early to reserve your spot.

Please call Marie (845-901-8991) to make your reservation or if there are any questions. Deadline is Monday, November 25.

We hope to see you there!!

Ted Lange Honored for 70 Years of Service!!

Congratulations and thank you to Ted Lange for 70 years of service in the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company. Thank you to all who attended to honor the sacrifice and dedication of a great fireman and friend. Ted joined the fire company on October 12, 1954. In recognition of this accomplishment, a reception was held on October 12, 2024 (exactly 70 years later to the day!) at the Newport Road Fire Station.

Several awards and proclamations were provided to Ted from various agencies, including:

- FASNY
- Herkimer County Volunteer Firemen's Association
- CNY Fireman's Association
- Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Assemblyman Brian Miller also presented Ted with a plaque in recognition for his service.

The Herkimer County Legislator provided Ted with a proclamation.







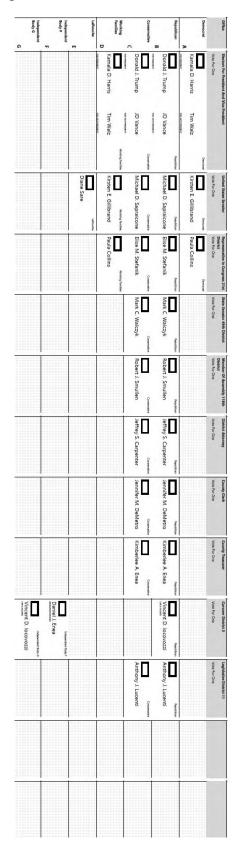


SCHUYLER TOWN NEWSLETTER



ELECTION: 2024 Please see below for sample ballot and Proposal One for November 5, 2024 Election

A full sample is also available at the Town Office and on our website at www.townofschuyler.org





Proposal Numb Amendment	er One, An
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A "NO" vote lea	ves these protections
out of the State	Constitution.
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NO	



Upcoming Public Hearings



TOWN OF SCHUYLER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Please take notice that the Town of Schuyler will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the Schuyler Town Hall located at 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502 to consider adoption of the 2025 Preliminary Town Budget.

This meeting is open to the public and all comments will be heard at that time. For a copy of the 2025 Preliminary Town Budget please contact the Town Clerk, Barbara Boulia, at the Schuyler Town Hall, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502.

TOWN OF SCHUYLER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler on November 13, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. at the Schuyler Town Hall, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502 regarding the adoption of the following Local Law:

Introductory Local Law #10 of 2024 to Rezone Certain Parcels in the Town of Schuyler. This Local Law proposes the rezoning of parcels 104.2-1-34.3, 104.11-1-10.1 and 104.11-1-10.2 from Residential-2 (R-2) to Commercial Highway (C-H) on NYS Route 5. Each parcel is currently partially zoned both R-2 and C-H.

The proposed Local Law is available for inspection during regular business hours in the Office of the Town Clerk, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502. Any resident of the Town of Schuyler is entitled to be heard upon said proposed Local Law.

Barbara J. Boulia
Town Clerk





STAR Information from Assessor George Haskell



STAR Applications for 2025 must be submitted prior to March 1st 2025. To receive the STAR Credit or exemption, you must own your home and it must be your primary residence.

Basic STAR

- The property must be the primary residence of an owner.*
- No age restriction
- \$500,000 or less for the STAR credit
- \$250,000 or less for the STAR exemption
- The income limit applies to the combined incomes of only the owners and owners' spouses who reside at the property.

Enhanced STAR

- The property must be the primary residence of at least one age-eligible owner.
- 65 or older
- All owners must be at least age 65 as of December 31 of the year of the exemption, except where the property is jointly owned by only a married couple or only siblings, in which case only one owner needs to meet the age requirement.
- Surviving spouses may be eligible to retain the Enhanced STAR benefit. See Surviving spouse eligibility.**
- For 2024 benefits: \$98,700 or less
- For 2025 benefits: \$107,300 or less
- The income limit applies to the combined incomes of all owners (residents and non-residents), and any owner's spouse who resides at the property.

Ownership

- The property must be owned by the eligible applicant(s).
- A married couple can receive only one STAR benefit regardless of how many properties they own, unless they are legally separated.
- Purchaser(s) in possession of the home under an executory contract of sale (aka land contract) are considered owners(s).
- Corporations, partnerships, and LLCs are not eligible unless it is a farm dwelling.

Any new exemptions MUST be filed prior to March 1st 2025.

Questions or issues please reach out to NYS (518) 457-2036 or visit www.tax.ny.gov.

Planning Board Public Hearing and Meeting - October 2, 2024

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

Planning Board Members Present:

Vice Chairman David Fusillo, Dale Dodge, Michael Ritter, James Digristina, Daniel Tripoli, and Catherine Nimey. Absent was Chairman Victor Costanza and Jean Finster.

Also Present Were:

Councilman Joseph Juliano, Attorney Will Wallace, Jim Bono, Jack Bono, and Lou Mastroianni.

Vice-Chairman Fusillo opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. and led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion to Approve Minutes:

Motion by Dale Dodge, second by Jean Finster to approve the August 7, 2024 Planning Board minutes; all in favor.

Public Hearing on Application by Diversified Wireless, Inc.:

- Vice-Chairman David Fusillo opened the public hearing. Attorney William D. Wallace, II explained the application in that Diversified Wireless currently leases land from the Bono Brothers, and would like to purchase the land and consolidate Tax Parcels 112.2-2-48, 112.1-2-30 and 112.2-2-47 to create one parcel at 3421 State Route 5. There is a general contractor's office at this site. The site is currently zoned Commercial-Industrial. This process would facilitate conveyance to Diversified Wireless, Inc. from Bono Brothers. Attorney Wallace also indicated that this project doesn't qualify as a subdivision as there are no new parcels being created.
- Public Comment: None.
- Board Comment: Dan Tripoli asked if the fence would remain the same attorney Wallace indicated it would.
- Motion by Jim Digristina, second by Dan Tripoli to close the Diversified Wireless, Inc. public hearing; all in favor.
- Motion by Dale Dodge, second by Dan Tripoli for resolution that the Planning Board would become the lead agency for the Diversified Wireless, Inc. project; all in favor. Secretary Dingman indicated that we are still awaiting confirmation from Herkimer-Oneida County Planning, so this resolution would be pending their response.

Applications by David Paratore and Para-Future Development Corp.:

- Secretary Dingman indicated that we received 'No Recommendation as to Final Action' from Herkimer-Oneida County Planning for both David Paratore and Para-Future Development Corp. projects.
- Motion by Jim Digristina, second by Dan Tripoli to approve David Paratore project. Dale Dodge No; Michael Ritter Yes; Catherine Nimey Yes; Dave Fusillo Yes.



Planning Board Public Hearing and Meeting - October 2, 2024 cont'd.

Applications by David Paratore and Para-Future Development Corp. Cont'd:

• Motion by Jim Digristina, second by Dan Tripoli to approve Para-Future Development Corp. project. Dale Dodge – No; Michael Ritter – Yes; Catherine Nimey – Yes; Dave Fusillo – Yes.

Motion to Approve Minutes:

Motion by Dave Fusillo, second by Mike Ritter to approve the September 4, 2024 Planning Board minutes; all in favor.

Moton to Adjourn:

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the Planning Board meeting was made at 6:12 P.M. by Jim Digristina, with a second by Catherine Nimey; all in favor.

Jeffery Dingman, Planning Board Secretary

Pet Halloween Costume Contest

The winners of Schuyler's Pet Halloween Costume Contest are:
1st and 2nd Place: Jack and Jill
3rd Place: Maggie
All winnings were donated back to the Herkimer County Humane Society
Thank you to all who participated!!







Maggie

Town Board Meeting - October 9, 2024

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

Supervisor Lucenti called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., and led the assembled people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council Members Present:

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

Also Present Were:

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson, Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, Assessor George Haskell, Codes Enforcement Officer Phil Green, and Town Attorney Mark Wolber. Town Residents present were: Clarence Caldwell, Donald Haman, Tommy Wheeler, Frank Paratore, Ron and Ruby Beach, Tim Riecker, Martin Ruller, Harry Robbins, and JoAnn Mammone.

Barry Viggiano - C2AE Update on West Schuyler Water District:

Supervisor Lucenti said Barry Viggiano is waiting for two agencies to reply. He thinks the bidding will go out by end of October. He also said he received a call from Mr. Lynch from Syracuse University and they want to help with the water project. Hey said they work for small communities.

Minutes of September 11, 2024:

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano that the minutes of September 11, 2024 be approved as printed; all in favor.

Pay Bills:

Motion by Szesny, second by Juliano that the bills be paid as presented; all in favor. Supervisor Lucenti said there was a question on the repair of the building. Councilman Kane asked if we paid the sales tax on the repair. The Town Clerk said the Town of Schuyler is tax exempt. He said, no, we have to pay the sales tax because it is an insurance claim. The Supervisor asked Councilman Kane who told you this; his reply was the contractor.

Assessor Report by George Haskell:

Assessor George Haskell said he visits the Business Park one a week to see if there are any changes. He said he has not found anything going on. Supervisor Lucenti said we should be getting more PILOT money than we are getting now.

Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green:

Codes Officer Phil Green said so far he as issued 40 permits and 15 codes violations. He said he has two hearings scheduled for October 16 and two for October 30, 2024. He also said the sign problem has been taken care of.



Town Board Meeting - October 9, 2024 cont'd.

Supervisor's Report:

Planning Board Zoning Change Approval - Paratore Property

Supervisor Lucenti said there will be a Public Hearing on November 13, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. to rezone parcels 104.2-1-34.3, 104.11-1-10-1 and 104.11-1-10.2 to Commercial Highway. He said this will be a Local Law for 2024 - Number 10.

Motion by Szesny, second by Juliano authorizing the meeting to be held at 5:30 P.M. regarding rezoning parcels 104.2-1-34.3, 104.11-1-10-1 and 104.11-1-10.2 to Commercial Highway; all in favor.

Oneida County Sewer District Intermunicipal Agreement

Supervisor Lucenti said we have been part of Oneida County Sewer, which was established since 1965. He said they treat waste water and have received \$26 million for improvements. Supervisor Lucenti said they sent him a resolution to sign.

Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano that the Supervisor of the Town of Schuyler signs the resolution; all in favor.

BRIC FEMA Grant - No Update from Joshua Pearlman or James Cori

Supervisor Lucenti said he has received no call from Pearlman's office. He said James Cori told him that he thinks he can contest the grant.

Water District Easements - Awaiting 9 Resident Signatures

Supervisor Lucenti said they are waiting for nine resident signatures. He asked the Town Clerk if she received any of them. Her reply was no.

Town Court Application for JCAP Grant

Supervisor Lucenti said he received a request from Schuyler Court to apply for a grant and they need a motion. He said they want to digitize their records.

Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano authorizing the Court Clerk to proceed with the grant for digitizing; all in favor.

Budget Meeting - Tentative Budge; Set Public Hearing for November 7th at 6:00 P.M.

Supervisor Lucenti said the employees of Schuyler will receive a 5% raise. He said the previous budget will be the same for this year, except for Light District and Sewer District, which is up. He also said the Town of Schuyler Fire Company wanted a \$56,000.00 raise due to new mandates, and have settled for \$25,000.00. He also said both East and West Schuyler Cemeteries will have \$2,500.00 each for mowing.

Motion by Szesny, second by Juliano to approve the budget; all in favor.

Motion by Kane, second by Szesny to have the Budget Hearing on November 7, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.; all in favor.

Town Board Meeting - October 9, 2024 cont'd.

Railroad Street Bridge - DA5120.2

Supervisor Lucenti said the new coding number for the Railroad Street Bridge accounting number will be DA5120.2.

Halloween Contest and Pet Costume Contest

Supervisor Lucenti said you go online for pumpkin carving at Town of Schuyler Facebook site. He also said on October 20, 2024 there will be a pet costume contest at 2090 State Route 5.

Highway Superintendent Report by Phil Johnson:

Salt Shed

Highway Superintendent Phil Johnson said they have started the repair on the salt shed and it should be done in a week. He said they finished Caldwell Road and the new truck is going to get worked on.

Water Board Report by Bette Szesny:

Councilwoman Bette Szesny said last meeting was September 23, 2024 and there was a report on lead pipe survey which began September 11, 2024. The required excavation of a section of their properties to expose the service lines from curb going into their homes. Participating customers will receive a \$25.00 credit on their water bills. The Public Hearing is October 17, 2024 at 5:00 P.M., 3rd floor City Hall.

Planning Board Report by Jeff Dingman - see Planning Board Minutes:

Resident Comment:

A resident said there still is a problem with a barking dog. It was decided to have Attorney Wolber see what he can find on an ordinance.

Tim Riecker asked about the mobile home park regarding all trees that were cut down. It was decided to come up with a fine under NYS Law and also make a local law and if the bill is not paid, it will be added onto owner's taxes.

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

Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk



301 North Washington Street, Herkimer, NY Phone 315-867-1176

	East Herkimer Fire Department 193 Main Road, East Herkimer
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Last 2024 Rabies Vaccination!
\$5.00 donation per pet is suggested to defray costs
Walk-In and Pre-Registration available for all clinics
Pre-register for faster service at 315-867-1176; ends at noon the day before clinic





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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

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)

West Schuyler Cemetery Burial Plots Available

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



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

