

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 25, 2025

Supervisor Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

Member	Present	Absent
Jason Bruno		X (arrived at 6:01 PM)
Martin Perrotte	X	
Vernon Bruno		
Timmy Aubin	X	X (arrived at 6:01 PM)
Vic McCasland	X	
Kelsi Russell	X	
Mike Snider	X	
Nick Bracy	X	

PUBLIC RECOGNITION: Ryan Smith, Ed Agnew, Darren Seymour, Jason Rock, Peggy Garner, Sean Lukas, Ron Cook, Barb Benkwitt, Reg Facticeau, Richard Dabrowski, Warren Durocher, David Durocher.

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Town Board Regular Meeting on February 25, 2025

Mr. Aubin made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes as presented; Seconded by Mr. Perrotte
AYES: Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mrs. Smith

ADDRESSES: No addresses addressed the board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications were received from Spectrum regarding various changes to the channel lineup.

Mr. Jason Bruno made a motion to approve the communications. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aubin
AYES: Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mrs. Smith

MONTHLY REPORTS

Town Clerk, Supervisor, Codes Enforcement, Woods Mills Water, Morrisonville Water, Macey Lane, Historian, Recreation, Dog Control

Mr. Vernon Bruno made a motion to approve and accept the reports as presented; Seconded by Mr. Aubin
AYES: Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mrs. Smith

RECEIPTS

Tax Collector/\$200,041.42

Town Clerk/\$408.00

Macey Lane Water/\$0

Morrisonville Water/\$164.00

Woods Mills Water/\$383.85

Judge VanNortwick/\$1,813.00

Judge Smith/\$0

Mr. Perrotte made a motion to approve and accept the receipts as presented; Seconded by Mr. Jason Bruno
AYES: Mr. Perrotte Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mrs. Smith

PLANNING BOARD/ No minutes submitted

ZONING BOARD/ No minutes submitted

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNCILMAN/ Mr. Vern Bruno inquired about Mason Street ditching. He expressed that Mr. Snider may want to check the ditching, as the people in the trailer court were kicking some dirt in the ditch. He expressed maybe something is plugged. Mr. Snider expressed he will check into the matter.

HIGHWAY/ Mr. Snider expressed that the current weather conditions are typical for March. The Highway Department has been taking care of trucks as well as working in the sandpit. Cleanup around the back side of the Highway Garage has started in hopes that the salt shed will be built soon. Mr. Snider expressed that almost all the mailboxes have been repaired or replaced if there was damage over the winter. They have also been patching potholes. Mr. Vern Bruno inquired about who would pave Mason Street. Mr. Snider expressed that it would be the Highway Department. Mr. Vern Bruno commented about the lower end of Mason Street. Discussion took place on the matter. Discussion took place about when cleaning up culverts will begin.

WATER/ Water project construction will begin soon. Various discussion took place on the matter.

SAFETY/CODES/As the snow melts, people notice yards that need attention. Mr. Guynup has been responding to various issues/complaints, making visits to the properties that need attention and expressing the need for cleanup. If need be, violations will be cited if not in compliance. There are also a few new homes being built in the town.

TOWN CLERK/ The town clerk's office has been busy this month, continuing with tax collection and issuing a handful of handicap permits and dog licenses. Resolutions are up tonight for approval of the New York State Town Clerk Association Conference as well as The New York State Association of Tax Receivers and Collectors Conference.

ASSESSOR/ The office is still transitioning to the leadership of our new assessor. The transition seems to be going smoothly.

PLANNING BOARD/ The Planning Board has been quiet as there has not been a meeting in a few months.

DOG CONTROL/Supervisor Smith and Dog Control Officer Christon reported that things are running smoothly in his department.
ATTORNEY/ Nothing to report.

SUPERVISOR/ Construction on various projects will begin. The Town Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 5, 2025 at 11AM. Field Day planning has begun and Music in the Park is booked.

HISTORIAN/ Ms. Benkwitt discussed the progress with America 250. She is looking to do some cleanup of historic markers in the end of April.

RECREATION/ Recreation Department is not in attendance due to a scheduled practice.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ None
NEW BUSINESS/ None

RESOLUTIONS
RESOLUTION#25-44

MOTION BY: Mr. Jason Bruno
RESOLVED, that the Twon Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls acknowledges and accepts the resignation of David Amell for the position of MEO Foreman effective 03-05-2025.
SECONDED BY: Mr. Vernon Bruno
DISCUSSION: David Amell will remain in the position of MEO at this time. Mr. Amell’s new rate of pay will be \$25.55 per hour.

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Martin Perrotte	X		
Vernon Bruno	X		
Timmy Aubin	X		
Jason Bruno	X		
Mindy Smith	X		

APPROVED

RESOLUTION# 25-45

MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin
WHEREAS, the New York State Town Clerk’s Association’s Annual Conference is scheduled April 27-30 in Syracuse, New York and,
WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has submitted her budget and it has been approved in her budget for this conference.
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the attendance of said conference and expenses will be chargeable to the General Fund as provided for in the 2025 budget. Allocation of funds for attendance of this conference will come under the Town Clerk Contractual Budget Line.
SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte
DISCUSSION: This conference is put on by the New York State Town Clerk’s Association and is the only conference offered specifically for Town Clerks. Mr. Vernon Bruno inquired to see if this training could be taken online. Discussion took place regarding the matter.

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY
Martin Perrotte	X	
Vernon Bruno	X	
Timmy Aubin	X	
Jason Bruno	X	
Mindy Smith	X	

APPROVED

RESOLUTION 25-46

MOTION BY: Mr. Jason Bruno
WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Tax Receivers and Collector’s annual training seminar is scheduled June 8-11 2025 in Lake George New York, and
WHEREAS, Kelsi Russell, Tax Collector has submitted her budget and it has been approved in her budget to attend this conference and,
RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the attendance of said conference and expenses will be chargeable to the General Fund as provided for in the 2025 budget. Allocation of funds for attendance of this conference will come under the Town Clerk Contractual Budget line
SECONDED BY: Mr. Aubin
DISCUSSION: Cost to the Town would include meals, mileage, and accommodations. This is the only conference designed specifically for Tax Collectors. Mr. Vernon Bruno inquired to see if this training could be taken online. Discussion took place regarding the matter.

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY
Martin Perrotte	X	
Vernon Bruno	X	
Timmy Aubin	X	
Jason Bruno	X	
Mindy Smith	X	

APPROVED

RESOLUTION 25-47

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

RESOLVED that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the purchase of sixteen vinyl banners from display sales in the amount of 2016.00.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Aubin

DISCUSSION: The new banners will replace the worn Christmas banners that need replacement.

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY
Martin Perrotte	X	
Vernon Bruno	X	
Timmy Aubin	X	
Jason Bruno	X	
Mindy Smith	X	

APPROVED

RESOLUTION 25-48

MOTION BY: Mr. Vernon Bruno

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of the Town Board, originally scheduled for Tuesday April 22, 2025 shall be rescheduled for Tuesday April 15, 2025. and

WHEREAS, the meeting had been previously scheduled just after the Easter holiday.

RESOLVED, that the regular town board meeting is rescheduled for Tuesday April 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Aubin

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY
Martin Perrotte	X	
Vernon Bruno	X	
Timmy Aubin	X	
Jason Bruno	X	
Mindy Smith	X	

APPROVED

RESOLUTION 25-49

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls appoints Jason Bushey, MEO to the position of MEO/Crew Supervisor at the rate of \$26.28 per hour effective March 26, 2025.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY
Martin Perrotte	X	
Vernon Bruno	X	
Timmy Aubin	X	
Jason Bruno	X	
Mindy Smith	X	

APPROVED

CLAIMS

General Abstract for February: \$23,379.82

Highway Abstract for February: \$22,770.15

Audit Only for February: \$1,500.00/\$5,236.76

Capital Projects Abstract for February: \$18,144.06

Woods Mills Water for February: \$2,106.87

Morrisonville Water for February: \$11,289.79

Macey Lane Water for February: \$726.63

Lighting District Abstract for February\$0

Fire District Abstract for February: \$0

Ambulance District 1: \$0

Payroll Claims: (#202500320-#202500340)

(#202500355-#202500367)

Audit Only: (#202500326

(#202500341-#202500354)

PUBLIC FORUM/ Mr. Dabrowski inquired about the Birchwood Drive property. Discussion took place on the matter. Mr. Rock inquired about the status of the salt shed. Discussion took place on the matter. He also inquired about Turner Park. Further discussion took place on the matter.

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting	Tuesday 04/15/25	6 PM
Work Session	Wednesday 04/02/25	6 PM

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Jason Bruno made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Vernon Bruno, and was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** **ADJOURNMENT.**

Kelsi Russell, Town Clerk