

TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 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	
Martin Perrotte	X	
Vernon Bruno	X	
Timmy Aubin		X (arrived at 6:05 PM)
Vic McCasland	X	
Kelsi Russell	X	
Darren Seymour	X	
Nick Bracy	X	

PUBLIC RECOGNITION: Lisa Garrow, Peggy Garner, Barb Benkwitt, Robert Dashnaw, Jacob Kubricky, Ryan Smith

All Board Members were provided with a copy of the Minutes of the Town Board Regular Meeting August, 26, 2025
 Mr. Aubin made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes as presented; Seconded by Mr. Vernon Bruno.
 AYES: Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Jason Bruno Mr. Aubin, Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mrs. Smith

ADDRESSES:

COMMUNICATIONS:

MONTHLY REPORTS

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

Mr. Perrotte made a motion to approve and accept the reports as presented; Seconded by Mr. Vernon Bruno

AYES: Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mrs. Smith

RECEIPTS

Tax Collector/\$0
 Town Clerk/\$919.90
 Macey Lane Water/\$528.53
 Morrisonville Water/\$460.50
 Woods Mills Water/\$0
 Judge VanNortwick/\$1920.00
 Judge Smith/\$776.00

CASH RECEIPTS

\$13,305.09	Charter Communications Franchise Fees
\$451.95	Earth Waste Scrap Metal
\$161.70	Earth Waste Scrap Metal
\$128.70	Earth Waste Scrap Metal
\$118.80	Earth Waste Scrap Metal
\$88.00	Earth Waste Scrap Metal

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

PLANNING BOARD/ No minutes submitted due to no meeting scheduled.

ZONING BOARD/ No minutes submitted due to no meeting scheduled.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNCILMAN/ Mr. Perrotte inquired about the birchwood property. Mr. Guynup expressed that there is a court appearance scheduled for tomorrow at 3PM. Further discussion took place on the matter. Mr. Vernon Bruno inquired if anyone from Kubricky was present at the meeting, as he had some complaints from constituents that needed fixing. Mr. Vern Bruno inquired about the new highway truck. Mr. Seymour explained that the truck was here and registered. He also explained that the plow will go on it tomorrow. Mr. Vern Bruno inquired about Trudeau Way; Supervisor Smith provided an update. Mr. Bruno inquired about the Randall property regarding the proposed Sand Road water district. Supervisor Smith provided a brief update. Discussion took place on the matter. Mr. Perrotte inquired about the salt shed. Supervisor Smith explained that they did request insurance information so that has been provided, now it is just a matter of waiting. Mr. Vern Bruno inquired about the Teamsters contract. Discussion took place on the matter. Mr. Vern Bruno also inquired about the court room and where the town stands on that matter. Supervisor Smith expressed that she had spoken to other Town Supervisors and the consensus was that the county should assist with paying for the upgrades since they are the ones requesting them. Mr. Aubin inquired when election signs could go up. Discussion took place on the matter. Mr. Vern Bruno inquired about the status of Joyce Avenue repairs. Mr. Kubricky provided an update. Mr. Kubricky also explained that the specific repair Mr. Vern Bruno inquired about would be completed either tonight or tomorrow morning. Mr. Jason Bruno inquired about the paving of the town driveway. Mr. Kubricky explained the plan and gave a brief update.

HIGHWAY/ Mr. Seymour explained that the new truck was here, the lights have been put on, plow will go on tomorrow and it is ready for service. He explained that the 2005 that they have been working on goes for inspection next week. Once that is done, the town will have six operational trucks for winter. Salt has been ordered; road striping is done. Mr. Seymour explained that his town cell phone is not charging properly. Discussion took place on the matter. Mr. Perrotte inquired about quotes for tree removal. Nothing has been received. Mr. Vern Bruno inquired about the truck that is in the pit. Mr. Seymour explained that is the truck he is getting rid of. He also explained that he had brought the truck there to redesign the sander ramp and it would not start. Further discussion took place on the matter with the board.

WATER/ Rickson Avenue is up and running for all but one homeowner. Supervisor Smith has spoken with the County and there is extra funding to assist in getting the last homeowner connected. Morrisonville Water Project is going well. Mr. Kubricky explained he was speaking with the engineer yesterday and the communication has been done. Sand Road water district is still in the works.

SAFETY/CODES/Mr. Guynup thanked the board for his new computer. There is one last program to install on Thursday. Mr. Guynup explained that he is sending out notices for various complaints and getting cooperation. He explained that he had retired from the Town of Peru. He explained that he had put in a letter of resignation which is attached to the resolution. Mr. Guynup explained that he would like to adjust his hours. He would like to keep his afternoon hours and also work a Tuesday and a Thursday. Discussion took place on the matter. Mr. Guynup also brought up the Junkyard Law. He explained that there are two in the area. Mr. Guynup and Mrs. Russell inquired as to whether or not a universal date could be established for payment. Mr. Bracy explained that as long as payment is at some point during the year, it is sufficient. He also explained it is difficult to amend a local law. Further discussion took place on the matter. Mr. Guynup also explained that there are a few planning board applications and at least one Zoning Board application.

TOWN CLERK/ Handicap Permits come through every couple of days, if not every day. Since hunting season is approaching there have been a few hunting and fishing licenses done. This month there have also been local laws.

ASSESSOR/ No report given

PLANNING BOARD/No report given.

DOG CONTROL/Supervisor Smith explained that Mr. Christon is in the process of catching animals that look like big white bears. It has been quite the challenge.

ATTORNEY/ Mr. Bracy explained that a local law has to be introduced at a meeting before it can be voted on. It must sit with the board for a minimum of seven days. Further discussion took place on the matter.

SUPERVISOR/ Budget season is coming. Supervisor Smith explained there is a lot to consider with prices increasing everywhere. Supervisor Smith explained that there were some contracts that needed to be updated, as this has not occurred in a very long time.

HISTORIAN/ Ms. Benkwitt expressed that she had several visitors inquiring and chatting about history. She also expressed that she has received some donations from Bev and Ray Newell. She explained that back in 2022 the town received a grant to investigate the Town of Schuyler Falls as a potential historic district. Discussion took place on the matter. There will be a public hearing November 13, 2025 at 5:30 PM. It is a virtual event but will be available at the Town Hall. More information will be forthcoming.

RECREATION/ No report given

NEW BUSINESS/ None

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #25-83

MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls will hold budget workshops on the following dates as needed:

October 1, 2025 6 PM

October 6, 2025 6 PM

October 7, 2025 6 PM

October 8, 2025 6 PM

SECONDED BY: Mr. Jason Bruno

DISCUSSION

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

APPROVED

RESOLUTION#25-84

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

WHEREAS, a Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls at its Regular Meeting held introducing proposed Local Law #1 of 2025, entitled "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C" and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing concerning said Local Law was duly advertised in the Press Republican, the official newspaper of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was held on, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls after due deliberation finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the introductory Local Law #1 of 2025- entitled "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C" and be the same is hereby adopted as Local Law #1 of 2025 and the Town Clerk is directed to enter said Local Law in the Local Law Book of the Town and to give notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State

SECONDED BY: Mr. Aubin

DISCUSSION:

Roll Call	YES	NO
Martin Perrotte	X	
Vernon Bruno	X	
Timmy Aubin	X	
Jason Bruno	X	
Mindy Smith	X	

RESOLUTION#25-85

MOTION BY: Mr. Vern Bruno

WHEREAS, The New York State Planning Federation Conference is scheduled October 15, 2025 in Lake Placid New York at the Cambria Hotel

WHEREAS, Sandy Reil, Sandie Maddox, Matthew Russell, and Pete Hagar Planning Board members, desire to attend, 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.

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION: Cost \$100 Registration Fee Per Person

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

RESOLUTION 25-86

MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls acknowledges and approves that a project will be put out to bid. The project is the 2026 Paving Project for the Hamlet of Morrisonville

SECONDED BY: Mrs. Smith

DISCUSSION:

Roll Call	YES	NO
Martin Perrotte	X	
Vernon Bruno	X	
Timmy Aubin	X	
Jason Bruno	X	
Mindy Smith	X	

RESOLUTION# 25-87

MOTION BY: Mr. Vern Bruno

WHEREAS, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls will be entering a contract with Saranac Central School

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and directs that the Supervisor and Town Clerk may sign said contract

SECONDED BY: Mr. Aubin

DISCUSSION: This is a contract regarding water usage

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

RESOLUTION#25-88

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls acknowledges and accepts the resignation of Robert Guynup effective 09-30-2025.

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

CARRIED	X
TABLED	

MOTION: Mr. Aubin

SECONDED BY: Mr. Perrotte

DISCUSSION:

RESOLUTION#25-89

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls reappoints Robert Guynup to the position of Codes Officer effective 10-02-2025.

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

CARRIED	X
TABLED	

MOTION: Mr. Vern Bruno
SECONDED BY: Mr. Aubin
DISCUSSION:

RESOLUTION #25-90

MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls approves the following Highway Fund budget transfers

From: DA.5130.200 Machinery Equipment	\$40,000.00
To: DA.5130.400 Machinery Cont. Expense	\$40,000.00

SECONDED BY: Mr. Vern Bruno
DISCUSSION:

CLAIMS

General Abstract for August: 219, 418.96
Highway Abstract for August: \$36,946.60
Audit Only for August: \$4,048.42
Capital Projects Abstract for August: \$1,256,118.30
Woods Mills Water for August: \$3,536.57
Morrisonville Water for August \$11,489.18
Macey Lane Water for August: \$25,779.73
Lighting District Abstract for August \$0
Fire District Abstract for August: \$0
Ambulance District 1 for August: \$0

Claims: (#202501278-202501408)
Payroll Claims: (#202501234-202501262)
Audit Only: (#202501263-202501277)

PUBLIC FORUM: Mrs. Garrow inquired about the next steps for the Dog Tether Law. The process was explained to her.

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting	Tuesday 10/28/2025	6 PM
Budget Work Session	Monday 10/06/2025	6 PM
Budget Work Session	Tuesday 10/07/2025	6 PM
Budget Work Session	Wednesday 10/08/2025	6 PM
Regular Work Session	Wednesday 10/15/2025	6 PM

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Perrotte made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Aubin, and was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ADJOURNMENT.

Kelsi Russell, Town Clerk