

**DRAFT MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF SARATOGA, 12 SPRING ST.,
SCHUYLERVILLE, NY**

**May 10, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Thomas Wood opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call: Ruth Drumm, Town Clerk, called the roll. Supervisor Thomas Wood- present, Councilman Fred Drumm - present, Councilman Charles Hanehan- present, Councilman James Jennings - present, and Councilman Michael McLoughlin – present

Also present: Deputy Town Clerk Linda McCabe, Town Attorney William Reynolds, Highway Superintendent Dave Hall, Zoning Officer Gil Albert, Tax Collector Jim Gorham, Town Historian Sean Kelleher and other interested persons.

Recognitions/Presentations/ Bid openings/ Public Hearings:

Supervisor Thomas Wood presented the following Certificate of Appreciation to Joann Bielkiewicz of the Alumni Reunion Committee of the Green Sabres Drum and Bugle Corps:

The Town of Saratoga would like to recognize the Green Sabres Drum and Bugle Corps and in particular Joann Bielkiewicz and the Alumni Reunion Committee for the donation of Green Sabres' memorabilia to the Town of Saratoga Historian's Collection. The Green Sabres was founded in 1949 in Schuylerville and became one of the most renowned marching musical groups in the northeast. The Sabres were known as "the pride of the north" representing New York State in the inaugural parades for Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. In 1967, the corps represented the United States of America at Expo '67 in Montreal, Canada.

It is with great pride that the Town of Saratoga recognizes the Green Sabres Drum and Bugle Corps. We are excited that items from the Corps past will be preserved for future generations in our Historian's office. In addition, we would like to encourage others with Green Sabres memorabilia to donate it to the Historian's Office.

Bid Opening: Shed/Garage at 30 Ferry Street, Schuylerville

Proof of advertising in the Saratogian on April 18th having been provided Supervisor Thomas Wood opened the bids for the Shed/Garage as follows:

- ❖ **The Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club, Route 32, Victory Mills, NY - \$511.75**
- ❖ Denise Woodcock, Ernst Road, Wilton, NY – 501.00

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman James Jennings and seconded by Councilman Michael McLoughlin to accept the minutes of the April 12th regular meeting and the April 29th special meeting as written.

Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings - aye. Carried 5 – 0.

Town Clerk's report for April 2010: Fees paid to the County Treasurer for Dog Licenses \$118.67. Fees paid to the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets for the spay/neuter program \$27.00. Fees paid to New York D.E.C. for hunting and fishing licenses \$380.75. Fees paid to the New York State Health Department for Marriage licenses \$0. Dog license fees to Supervisor Thomas Wood \$341.33. Clerk fees to Supervisor Thomas Wood \$172.75. Total State, County, and Local Revenues received were \$1,040.50.

Zoning Officer's report: Gil Albert's April 2010 report: 6 Building Permits, 17 Building Inspections, 2 Certificates of Occupancy, 1 Junk Yard Permit, 0 Fire inspections, 0 Complaints, 2 Property Maintenance Inspections, 9 Misc. and 0 Building Permit Renewals. A check for \$1,106.25 was given to Supervisor Thomas Wood.

Dog Control Officer's report for April 2010: The report was read by Supervisor Thomas Wood: answered 17 complaints, took 0 dogs to the shelter, 0 bite cases, traveled 68 miles, issued 7 warnings and 3 summons were issued.

Town Court report for April 2010: The following were closed: 152 Vehicle & Traffic, 12 Criminal/Penal Law, 6 DEC/ENCON, 2 Dog cases, 1 DWI, 0 Town & Village Ordinance, 3 Small Claims/Civil, 3 Evictions, 2 Bench trials, 0 Divestiture Forms (case transfers) sent to County Court, 11 attended the Science of Speed School, 0 Defendants sentenced to probation, 25 hours of community service issued, 0 days of jail time issued, 2 Orders of Protection issued, and \$11,458.00 in fees were paid to the NY State Comptroller.

Tax Collector's report: No report.

Historian's report: Sean Kelleher submitted the following report for April: The big news is that in early June, the National Park Service will be opening Victory Woods. Saratoga National Historical Park will have their grand-opening of the park's newest site, the 22-acre Victory Woods. Following the event, visitors can join a park ranger for a hike on the 1-mile round trip trail and the post-event gathering at the monument with light refreshments. The event is June 5, 2010 from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM at the Saratoga Monument.

Our Deputy Historian Pat Peck has transcribed information on 100 persons from the Town of Saratoga who fought in the Civil War. There are approximately 50 more names to transcribe. Then we can try to put some information on these young men by 2011, in time for the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War.

There will be three local programs of historical interest. Heritage Hunters, the local genealogical association will be meeting on Saturday, May 15 at 1 pm at Town Hall. The speakers will be Peter Sisario on using ship manifests, especially for ships entering New York City through Castle Garden or Ellis Island. Genealogy group at the

Schuylerville Library will meet Tuesday, May 18, 10 am on strategies for finding your elusive ancestors. The Old Saratoga Historical Association will have a program meeting with Teri Gay on her book on the women's suffrage movement in Saratoga, Washington and Warren counties, on Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Assessor's report: Victoria Hayner submitted the following report:

The 2010 Tentative Assessment Roll was completed during the month of April and available for public viewing on May 3rd, 2010. I will be sitting with the Roll on Mondays from 9:00 – 1:00 PM and Thursdays from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. I will also sit with the roll on Monday evening May 10th from 4:00 – 7:00 PM and on Saturday, May 15th from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. I will also make myself available by appointment if necessary.

The Board of Assessment Review is scheduled to meet on May 25th between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Concerned property owners wishing to grieve their assessment will be seen on a first-come, first serve basis. Forms necessary to grieve are available in our office or online at the NYS ORPS website.

Next year's roll will be created soon and we will be entering sales for March and April.

The Assessor's Office continues to be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM through the month of May. In June we will go to a summer schedule of Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. We will be closed on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays until September.

Highway Superintendent's report: Highway Superintendent Dave Hall reported that they have started patching town roads and mowing the roadsides.

Ditching of Neilson Road has been completed and we hope to start redoing the road surface around May 26th. This should take about 2 weeks.

All of the town crew has completed their 8 hour MSHA mining safety refresher training for the year thanks to Palette Stone Corporation.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT APRIL 2010

GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE (A FUND)

Balance on hand APR. 1	\$ 1,264,034.81
APR. Revenues	+ 28,549.67
APR. Disbursements	- 47,913.41
Balance APR 30	\$ 1,244,671.07

GENERAL FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE (B FUND)

Balance on hand APR. 1	\$ 263,435.39
APR. Revenues	+ 9,273.26
APR. Disbursements	- 3,118.16
Balance APR	\$ 269,590.49

HIGHWAY FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE (DB FUND)

Balance on hand APR. 1	\$ 805,361.61
APR. Revenues	+ 127,592.67

APR. Disbursements	- 45,930.91	
Balance APR 30	\$ 887,023.37	
SCHUYLER PARK CAPITAL PROJECT APR 30		\$ 84,741.18
YOUTH RECREATION & SERVICE APR 30		\$ 1,214.00
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE APR 30		\$ 12,737.26
BUILDING RESERVE APR 30		\$ 149,442.63
SCENIC BY WAYS GRANT APR 30		\$ 309.08

On a motion by Councilman Charles Hanehan and seconded by Councilman Fred Drumm the April Financial Report was accepted by the following vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, and Councilman James Jennings - aye. Carried 5 – 0.

- ❖ **Sales Tax Received – April 2010 - \$112,568**
- ❖ **Mortgage Tax – March 2010 - \$11,976**

Public comments on agenda items: Geraldine Freedman addressed the board.

Committee reports:

Landfill: No report.

Insurance: No report.

Youth: Councilman Michael McLoughlin reported on the status of the Summer Youth Swim Program. He stated that NYS Department of Health is no longer approving private pools for public use. One alternative was to use Skidmore College's pool but the blocks of time needed for our lessons were not available. Other alternatives are for residents to book private lessons through the YMCA or other pools in the area. It was determined that the Town would no longer offer a summer swim program.

Senior Citizens: Councilman James Jennings reported that the **Old Saratoga Seniors** met for a sandwich luncheon on April 21st with 51 members attending. They had a teacup auction and a hat contest. A trip is planned May 12th to the Turning Stone Casino.

The **Quaker Springs Seniors:** No report.

Park Committee: No report. Councilman Fred Drumm mentioned that a storage shed was donated and delivered to the park last week by Kyle McPhail. They will have the use of it for two years. It was also noted that calcium chloride was put on the roadways to eliminate the dust problem.

Office of Emergency Management: No report.

Committee to Honor Volunteer Firefighters & Emergency Medical Service Workers: No report.

GSES, QSFD, SLPID/SLA, SCFB Reports:

Lois White gave the following report for the General Schuyler Emergency Squad.

- ❖ There were a total of 53 calls in April; 16 were in the Town of Saratoga; 6 in the Town of Northumberland; 14 in the Village of Schuylerville; 15 in the Village of Victory Mills and 2 Mutual Aid calls.
- ❖ During the month of April, 5 operational volunteers participated in MCI START training. This training will continue in May.
- ❖ GSES was the agency in charge at the Regattas at the Route 9P boat launch on Fish Creek on April 24th, April 25th. Eight volunteers staffed these Regattas. On May 8th and 9th a larger Regatta was held and it was staffed by both paid and volunteer staff.
- ❖ On May 15th, GSES will be sponsoring the annual Blood Drive at their building. If you are able, please help the Red Cross and GSES give the gift of life

QSFD: Councilman James Jennings read Marty Hanehan's report: QSFD is doing very well. We have adjusted to working out of 2 stations, and the transition could not have gone any smoother. Our open house is scheduled for June 12th and 13th from noon to 3 PM at Station 2. There will be tours, and burgers and hot dogs on the grill. Come see our new addition. We also will have a membership sign up table hoping to recruit new members, especially in the Saratoga Lake area. There was a recent Farm Drill at Turning Point Dairy where members got a tour and had hands on training. We simulated some accidents and scenarios that could happen on a farm. We also put together Farm Emergency booklets that have maps, phone numbers, and plans for Farm Emergencies. We are better prepared than ever because of this. The main station is being cleaned and organized since moving the trucks out. We are looking to get it painted and new, brighter, more efficient lights installed. We also have put in service a new Chiefs truck. This will be a good addition to the department. Feel free to stop any Thursday during drills at 7:00 PM.

Old business:

Supervisor Thomas Wood reported that work has resumed on the **Wilbur Road Trail** and it should be finished in a couple of weeks. Signage, picnic tables and benches will be added and a ribbon cutting is expected in early June.

Clarence Fosdick, Census Liaison, reported that he has been working with the Census Bureau. He noted that field representatives have been working in Victory knocking on

doors and will be continuing that follow up until July 10th. He added that we are in good shape with the return rate about the same as neighboring communities.

Victory Mayor Jim Sullivan thanked Clarence Fosdick and Roger Sherman for delivering letters throughout the Village of Victory to households that may not have received a census form giving them further information.

New business:

On a motion by Councilman Fred Drumm and seconded by Councilman Charles Hanehan the following **Resolution #10-49 – Schuyler Park Committee Appointment – Ian Murray** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, and Councilman James Jennings - aye. Carried 5 – 0.

WHEREAS, the Town of Saratoga and the Town of Northumberland have entered into a municipal cooperation agreement for the operation of Schuyler Park; and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler Park Municipal Cooperation Agreement requires the establishment of a six person committee; three of which are to be residents of the Town of Saratoga and three of which are to be residents of the Town of Northumberland; and

WHEREAS, the initial two year term of Ian Murray is expiring; now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that Ian Murray is appointed to a three year term, May 12, 2010 through May 11, 2013, on the Schuyler Park Committee.

On a motion by Councilman Fred Drumm and seconded by Councilman Michael McLoughlin the following **Resolution #10-50 – Accepting Bid for Sale of Shed/Garage** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, and Councilman James Jennings - abstain. Carried 4 – 0.

WHEREAS, the Town of Saratoga is no longer in need of the 12' x 20' shed/garage at the old Town Hall, 30 Ferry Street, Schuylerville; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga received bids via solicitation of bids by public advertising in the *Saratogian* on April 18th; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the highest bid from The Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club, Rt. 32, Victory Mills, NY in the amount of \$511.75 be accepted for the 12' x 20' shed/garage at the old Town of Saratoga Town Hall, 30 Ferry Street, Schuylerville with removal of the whole shed/garage by July 1st.

On a motion by Councilman James Jennings and seconded by Councilman Michael McLoughlin the following **Resolution #10-51 – Navigational Dredging** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, and Councilman James Jennings - aye. Carried 5 – 0.

WHEREAS, the USEPA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) in February of 2002 which requires the General Electric Company to dredge PCB-contaminated sediments for a 40-mile stretch of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, there is an identified need to dredge several areas of the Hudson River/Champlain Canal channel to a depth of 12-feet for navigational purposes within the

aforementioned Hudson River remediation area which is beyond the scope of the PCB remediation action; and

WHEREAS, the removal of these materials in the navigation channel has, heretofore, been unable to be conducted due to PCB contamination overlying these sediments and its completion is imperative to the restoration of safe commercial and recreational boating on the Hudson River/Champlain Canal; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Canal Corporation does not have environmental dredging equipment and/or disposal sites available which will accommodate the removal of PCB contaminated sediments from certain portions of the Hudson River/Champlain Canal's navigational channel; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Saratoga recommends that it is appropriate and cost-effective to the citizens of New York State to address Hudson River/Champlain Canal navigational dredging needs which are identified in certain areas within the proposed federal PCB remediation action concurrently with said remediation action to assure the timely restoration of safe boat navigation on the upper Hudson River area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to:

United States Senator Charles E. Schumer

United States Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand

United States Congressman Scott Murphy

New York State Governor David A. Paterson

New York State Senator Elizabeth Little

New York State Senator Roy J. McDonald

New York State Assemblymember Tony Jordan

New York State Assemblymember Steven Englebright

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Alexander Grannis

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commissioner Carol Ash

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Patrick Hooker

United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 Administrator Judith Enck

United States Environmental Protection Agency Hudson River Field Office Director

David H. King

New York State Canal Corporation Director Carmella R. Mantello

On a motion by Councilman Michael McLoughlin and seconded by Councilman James Jennings the following **Resolution #10-52 - Standard Work Day and Reporting** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm - aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin - aye, and Councilman James Jennings - aye. Carried 5 - 0.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Saratoga hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

TITLE	NAME	STD WORK DAY (HRS/DAY)	TERM BEGINS/ENDS	PARTICIPATES IN EMPLOYER'S TIME KEEPING SYSTEM (Y/N)	DAYS/MONTH (BASED ON RECORD OF ACTIVITIES)
Elected Officials					
Supervisor	Thomas N. Wood, III	6	1/01/10-12/31/11	N	
Town Clerk	Ruth Drumm	6	1/01/08 – 12/31/11	Y	22.42
Tax Collector	James Gorham	6	1/01/08 – 12/31/11	N	
Town Justice	Jack Ditch	6	1/01/07 – 12/31/10	N	
Town Justice	David Mathis	6	1/01/09 – 12/31/12	N	
Board Member	Fred Drumm	6	1/01/08 – 12/31/11	Y	2.53
Board Member	Charles Hanehan	6	1/01/08 – 12/31/11	Y	1.26
Board Member	Michael McLoughlin	6	1/01/10 – 12/31/13	N	
Board Member	James Jennings	6	1/01/10 – 12/31/13	N	
Highway Supt.	David Hall	8	1/01/08 – 12/31/11	Y	25.32
Appointed Officials					
Zoning Officer	Gilman Albert	6		Y	11
Deputy Town Clerk	Linda McCabe	6		Y	21.33
Zoning/Planning Clerk	Linda McCabe	6		Y	Hourly
Justice Clerk	Bonnie Williams	6		Y	Hourly
Justice Clerk	Anna Coleman	6		Y	Hourly
Bookkeeper	Marge Wilbur	6		N	
Payroll Clerk	Stephanie Booth	6		N	

Town Attorney	William Reynolds	6		N	
Historian	Sean Kelleher	6		Y	4.12
Assessor	Victoria Hayner	6		Y	6.77
Assessor Clerk	Sean Kelleher	6		Y	Hourly
Highway Employee	Richard Murtha	8		Y	Hourly
Highway Employee	Andrew O’Kosky	8		Y	Hourly
Highway Employee	Dean Stine	8		Y	Hourly
Highway Employee	Michael Marshall	8		Y	Hourly
Highway Employee	Patrick Burke	8		Y	Hourly
Highway Employee	Chris Benn	8		Y	Hourly
Highway Employee	Charles Robinson	8		Y	Hourly

Communications:

- ❖ **Thank you from Lois & Harrison Miner to the board and Marvin & Co. for the Home Program renovations to their home.**
- ❖ **NY Department of State Committee on Open Government Meeting – Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. -Village of Victory Municipal Hall**

Privilege of the floor: Roger Sherman addressed the board.

Upcoming meetings:

- ❖ **Village of Schuylerville Dissolution Committee Meetings: Committee Meeting on May 11th at 6:30 at the Schuylerville Municipal Center; a Public Hearing will be held on May 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Saratoga Town Hall; a regular committee meeting on May 24th at 7 p.m. at the Schuylerville Municipal Center**
- ❖ **NY Department of State Committee on Open Government Meeting – Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. -Village of Victory Municipal Hall**
- ❖ **Agenda meeting – Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Regular town board meeting – Monday, June 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

Audit the Bills: On a motion by Councilman Fred Drumm and seconded by Councilman Charles Hanehan the following **Resolution #10- 53 Approving the payment of bills in Abstract 5G** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, and Councilman James Jennings - aye. Carried 5 – 0.

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga that the bills be paid on Abstract #5 (05/10/2010) in the following amounts:

General Fund A	Voucher No. 144 through 173	\$ 9,666.49
General Fund B	Voucher No. 25 through 34	\$ 9,633.41
Highway Outside DB	Voucher No. 98 through 120	\$10,178.39
HUD Fund (CDBG) CD	Voucher No. 14 through 18	\$27,450.00
Schuyler Park H	Voucher No. 7 through 11	<u>\$ 2,603.44</u>
	Grand Total	<u>\$59,531.73</u>

A motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. was made by Councilman Charles Hanehan and seconded by Councilman James Jennings. Supervisor Thomas Wood – aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, and Councilman James Jennings - aye. Carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Drumm
Town Clerk