

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

**September 8, 2014  
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 Michael McLoughlin – present, Councilman Charles Hanehan- present, Councilman James Jennings – present

**Also present:** Deputy Town Clerk Linda McCabe, Zoning Officer Gil Albert, Town Attorney Bill Reynolds, Highway Superintendent Don Ormsby Jr., Sherry Doubleday, Chris Benn, Caitlin Johnston and Thomas R. Drew Sr.

**Recognitions/Presentations/ Bid openings/ Public Hearings: None**

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman James Jennings and seconded by Councilman Charles Hanehan to accept the minutes of the August 11<sup>th</sup> regular 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 August 2014:** Fees paid to the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets for the Animal Population Control Program \$64.00. Fees paid to New York D.E.C. for hunting and fishing licenses \$1,041.27. Marriage license fees to the New York State Health Department \$22.50. Dog license fees to Supervisor Thomas Wood \$285.00. Clerk fees to Supervisor Thomas Wood \$140.73. Total State, County, and Local Revenues received were \$1,553.50. Hunting Licenses are on sale and Deer Management Permits must be applied for by close of business October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Zoning Officer's report for August 2014:** 17 Building Permits, 34 Building Inspections, 6 Certificates of Occupancy, 0 Junk Yard Permits, 2 Complaints, 0 Fire inspections, 2 Orders to Remedy, 2 misc. appointments, 5 Building Permit Renewals, and 9 Property Maintenance Inspections. A check for \$3,043.75 was given to Supervisor Thomas Wood.

**Dog Control Officer's report for August 2014:** The report was read by Supervisor Thomas Wood: answered 21 complaints, took 0 dogs to the shelter, 1 bite case, issued 15 warnings, 2 summons were issued and traveled 84 miles.

**Town Court report for August 2014:** The following were closed: 23 Vehicle & Traffic, 11 Criminal/Penal Law, 9 DEC/ENCON, 3 Dog cases, 0 DWIs, 0 Town & Village Ordinances, 0 Small Claim/Civil, 2 Evictions, 1 Bench trial, 2 (case transfer)

Divestiture Forms sent to County Court, 0 Defendants sentenced to probation, 40 hours of community service issued, 2 Orders of Protection issued, and \$2,861 in fees were paid to the NY State Comptroller.

**Historian's report:** No report.

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

During the month of August we processed 8 sales transfers. 5 transfers were valid sales and 3 were non-valid. The sales represented (6) residential properties and (2) commercial property.

The Assessor's Office is open Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM through November and we continue to make ourselves available to property owners that may have a concern regarding the inventory on their property.

**Highway Superintendent's report: Highway Superintendent Don Ormsby Jr. reported the following projects:**

- Duell Rd from the cemetery to Rte 32 has been blacktopped, used 2 men from Schuylerville for traffic control
- Helped Village of Stillwater with two trucks haul blacktop
- Rented a road widener machine for 1 week to address shoulders on various roads
- Addressing roadside washouts and potholes
- Mowing is ongoing
- Replaced fuel tank on truck 5 and rear brakes on pick-up 2
- Received our 2014 case loader
- Placed caution children signs on Ashleigh Lane
- Did storm drain repairs on Chelsea Dr
- Looking into newer and larger boom truck

**Supervisor's report: SUPERVISOR'S REPORT AUGUST 2014**

**GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE (A FUND)**

Balance on hand AUG 1	\$ 1,061,776.72
AUG Revenues	+ 32,221.40
AUG Disbursements	- 280,924.24
Balance AUG 31	\$ 813,073.88

**GENERAL FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE (B FUND)**

Balance on hand AUG 1	\$ 982,318.15
AUG Revenues	+ 435.51
AUG Disbursements	- 4,292.99
Balance AUG 31	\$ 978,460.67

**HIGHWAY FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE (DB FUND)**

Balance on hand AUG 1	\$ 1,105,700.35
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AUG Revenues	+ 89,520.81
AUG Disbursements	- 95,410.13
Balance AUG 31	\$ 1,099,811.03

**SCHUYLER PARK CAPITAL PROJECT AUG 31** \$ 201,521.55

**YOUTH RECREATION & SERVICE AUG 31** \$ 1,053.81

**HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE AUG 31** \$ 12,903.01

**BUILDING RESERVE AUG 31** \$ 39,535.77

**SCENIC BY WAYS GRANT AUG 31** \$ 310.73

**PARK RESERVE AUG 31** \$ 51,956.55

❖ **Sales Tax Received – August 2014 - \$105,120**

❖ **Mortgage Tax – July 2014 - \$14,378.24**

**Public comments on agenda items: No one spoke.**

**Committee reports:**

**Landfill:** No report.

**Insurance:** No report.

**Youth:** No report.

**Senior Citizens:** No report.

**Park Committee:** No report.

**Office of Emergency Management:**

**Sherry Doubleday reported** that they will be at the Glens Falls National Bank from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, October 31st. They will have the calendars available and will be taking donations.

Sherry Doubleday stated that there was a water main break on Pearl Street in front of the Norte Dame-Visitation Church. The reverse 911 calling was not used because there were only 15 houses affected. They were notified door to door.

Sherry Doubleday reported that at their next meeting, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Gates Room, they will begin planning for a dam breach. Mayors Dewey and Sherman, Mark Dennison, Supervisor Wood and any councilman who would like to attend are invited.

**GSES, QSFD Reports:**

**General Schuyler Emergency Squad: Chris Benn reported** that they had 59 calls in August; 16 in the Town of Saratoga; 7 in the Town of Northumberland; 27 in the Village of Schuylerville; 2 in the Village of Victory; and 3 Mutual Aid calls with Wilton and 1

with Saratoga, 1 standby with Gansevoort Fire Dept., 1 ALS assist with Easton/Greenwich and 1 Washington County Fair event.

Chris Benn stated that they participated in the Turning Point Parade and Festival.

He noted that they updated their vehicle maintenance schedule to a proactive and preventative plan.

Chris Benn added that this Saturday they are having a member recognition picnic at the Fish Creek Rod and Gun Club.

The squad will advertise this month for the Chief of Operations/ALS position.

**Quaker Springs Fire Department: Chief Don Ormsby Jr. reported** they have had 72 calls year-to-date.

**Old business:** Updates on the following:

- ❖ **Highway Shared Services Agreement** - After board discussion at the agenda meeting, it was decided that Supervisor Thomas Wood will notify the Village of Victory that the Highway Shared Services Agreement that is presently in force with the Village of Schuylerville will be offered to the Village of Victory.
- ❖ **Highway Garage Heating System** - Highway Superintendent Don Ormsby reported that the new heaters are in but not installed yet and the cement pad has been poured. Sean Dooley will start work on the project this weekend.
- ❖ **Sale of Old Town Hall Site-** Supervisor Thomas Wood reported that progress continues to be made. The Legislative Intent Forms have been filed. Construction is scheduled for next fall.
- ❖ **Joint Planning Board and Zoning Board Workshops on proposed zoning amendments-** Zoning Officer Gil Albert reported that they will resume in the fall.

**New business:**

On a motion by Councilman Charles Hanehan and seconded by Councilman Michael McLoughlin the following **Resolution #13-96- Authorization to Apply for a Grant for the Clearing of the Old Champlain Canal Trail from Germaine's to Garnsey's** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye. Carried 5 – 0.

- ❖ **Resolution #14-86 - BAR Appointment - Jaime O'Neill**
- ❖ **Resolution #14-87 - Designation of a Portion of Wilbur & River Road as an Alternate Champlain Canal Trail**
- ❖ **Resolution #14-88 - Advertise Surplus Highway Equipment**
- ❖ **Resolution #14-89 - Transfer of Funds to Highway Equipment - \$13,292**
- ❖ **Resolution #14-90 - Transfer of Funds to Data Processing - \$95.99**
- ❖ **Resolution #14-91 - Amend Transfer of Funds Resolution #14-83 - Youth**
- ❖ **Resolution #14-92 - Transfer of Funds to Other Funds - \$2**

**Communications:**

- ❖ **Saratoga County Public Health Nursing Service will be holding a Flu Clinic on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at Town Hall, 12 Spring Street, Schuylerville. Appointments are necessary. Please call 695-3644 ext. 311 for an appointment.**
- ❖ **The Saratoga County Sewer District #1 has informed the town that they have achieved substantial completion of its large infrastructure improvement project around Saratoga Lake and have lifted the sanitary sewer connection moratorium.**
- ❖ **The Saratoga Rowing Association will be having the Head of the Fish Regatta on Fish Creek/Saratoga Lake October 25th and 26th.**

**Privilege of the floor: Thomas R. Drew Sr.** addressed the board.

**Councilman James Jennings** reported that the **Jim Bodnar Walk** was held on Saturday with approximately 90 attendees. Money was raised for Disabled Veterans.

**Upcoming meetings:**

- ❖ **Budget Workshop – Thursday, September 18th at 6:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Agenda meeting – Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Regular town board meeting – Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. (Due to the Columbus Day Holiday on Monday)**

**Audit the Bills:** On a motion by and seconded by the following **Resolution #14- 93 Approving the payment of bills in Abstract 9G** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman James Jennings – aye Carried 5 – 0.

**RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to authorize payment of the bills listed in Abstract 9G (09/8/2014) in the following amounts:

<b>General Fund A</b>	<b>Voucher No. 279 through 309</b>	<b>\$ 33,242.48</b>
<b>General Fund B</b>	<b>Voucher No. 44 through 47</b>	<b>\$ 1,077.04</b>
<b>Highway DB</b>	<b>Voucher No. 148 through 170</b>	<b>\$ 162,684.79</b>
<b>Schuyler Park H</b>	<b>Voucher No. 19 through 21</b>	<b>\$ 787.65</b>
<b>HTFC MH</b>	<b>Voucher No. 18 through 20</b>	<b>\$ 15,550.00</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$213,341.96</b>

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Drumm  
Town Clerk