

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

**February 9, 2015  
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 Michael McLoughlin – absent, and Councilman James Jennings - present

**Also present:** Town Attorney William Reynolds, Superintendent Don Ormsby Jr., Thomas R. Drew Sr.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman Charles Hanehan and seconded by Councilman James Jennings to accept the minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting as written.

Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – absent, and Councilman James Jennings – aye Carried 4 – 0.

**Town Clerk’s report for January 2015:** Fees paid to the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets for the Animal Population Control Program \$49.00. Fees paid to New York D.E.C. for hunting and fishing licenses \$70.86. Fees paid to the New York State Health Department for Marriage licenses \$0. Dog license fees to Supervisor Thomas Wood \$218.00. Clerk fees to Supervisor Thomas Wood \$14.14. Total State and Local Revenues received were \$352.00.

**Zoning Officer’s report for January 2015:** Gil Albert reported: 1 Building Permit, 10 Building Inspections, 6 Certificates of Occupancy, 0 Orders to Remedy, 0 Fire inspections, 0 Complaints, 0 Building Permit Renewals, 0 Property Maintenance Inspections, and 3 misc. appointments. A check for \$500.00 was given to Supervisor Thomas Wood.

**Dog Control officer’s report for January 2015:** The report was read by Supervisor Thomas Wood: answered 18 complaints, took 1 dog to the shelter, 2 bite cases, traveled 150 miles, issued 7 warnings and 5 summonses were issued.

**Town Court report for January 2015:** The following were closed: 31 Vehicle & Traffic, 4 Criminal/Penal Law, 0 DEC/ENCON, 1 Dog case, 2 DWIs, 0 Town & Village Ordinance, 1 Small Claims/Civil, 2 Evictions, 0 Bench trials, 2 (case transfer) Divestiture Forms sent to County Court, 0 Defendants sentenced to probation, 10 hours of community service issued, 0 days of jail time issued, 3 Orders of Protection issued, and \$4,501.00 in fees were paid to the NY State Comptroller.

**Tax Collector's report:** Supervisor Thomas Wood read Tax Collector Jim Gorham's report. As of February 6<sup>th</sup>, he has collected \$1,981,406.60 on 1,995 parcels which is 66.6% paid.

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

**Assessor's report for January 2015:**

During the month of January we met with many people bringing in their exemptions. It is always a pleasure visiting with our town property owners. Work continues on an update to our Assessment Roll in order to keep the Level of Assessment at 100%

Sales continue to be processed for the town. We have had 3 valid sales and 12 non-valid sales of which 11 were on residential properties and 4 on vacant land parcels.

The Assessor's Office will be open Monday – Thursday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM during the month of February. Change of assessment notices will be mailed in early March to notify property owners of the changes to their assessments. The Assessor will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**Highway Superintendent's report:** Highway Superintendent Don Ormsby Jr. reported for January 2015:

- ❖ Addressing down limbs, potholes and mail box repairs
- ❖ Maintenance on boom and deck mower
- ❖ Replaced rear springs on pick up 2
- ❖ Repaired air leaks and replaced wing post on truck 2
- ❖ Tires on stone spreader
- ❖ One of two windows has been replaced in the garage
- ❖ Salted and cleared sidewalks on Rt. 29 side of Town Hall
- ❖ Took care of 1 major ice storm
  - 7 sanding storms
  - 7 plowing storms
- ❖ Used truck one for sanding for a Victory Mills structure fire

**Supervisor's report:**

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT JANUARY 2015

GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE (A FUND)

Balance on hand JAN. 1	\$	688,114.02
JAN. Revenues	+	49,213.89
JAN. Disbursements	-	<u>45,231.62</u>
Balance JAN. 31	\$	692,096.29

GENERAL FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE (B FUND)

Balance on hand JAN. 1	\$	1,288,023.60
JAN. Revenues	+	1,258.02
JAN. Disbursements	-	<u>63,892.62</u>
Balance JAN. 31	\$	1,225,389.00

HIGHWAY FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE (DB FUND)

Balance on hand JAN. 1	\$	809,391.71
JAN. Revenues	+	103,914.94
JAN. Disbursements	-	<u>75,513.40</u>
Balance JAN. 31	\$	837,793.25

SCHUYLER PARK CAPITAL PROJECT JAN. 31	\$	176,818.64
YOUTH RECREATION & SERVICE JAN. 31	\$	1,765.66
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE JAN. 31	\$	72,915.00
BUILDING RESERVE JAN. 31	\$	39,558.96
SCENIC BY WAYS GRANT JAN. 31	\$	310.81
PARK RESERVE JAN. 31	\$	51,956.55

- ❖ **Sales Tax Received – January 2015 - \$103,849**
- ❖ **December 2014 Mortgage Tax - \$12,212.66**
- ❖ **Green Fiber - Check received for \$160.25**

**Public comments on agenda items:** Thomas R. Drew Sr. addressed the board.

**Committee reports:** No report.

**Landfill:** No report.

**Insurance:** No report.

**Youth:** No report.

**Senior Citizens:** Councilman James Jennings reported that the Old Saratoga Seniors met on January 21st with 34 attending. Entertainment was provided by singer Jim Rasch. A trip to Turning Stone is being planned.

**Parks/Schuyler Park Committee:** No report.

**Office of Emergency Management:** No report.

**GSES, QSFD, SLPID/SLA Reports:**

**Quaker Springs Fire Department:** Chief Don Ormsby stated they have responded to 8 calls in January.

**Old business: None.**

**New business:**

On a motion by Councilman Fred Drumm and seconded by Councilman Charles Hanehan the following **Resolution #15-29 Extending Construction of Saratoga Country Inn** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – absent, Councilman James Jennings – aye Carried 4 – 0.

**WHEREAS**, on February 14, 2005, the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga granted final approval for the Saratoga Country Inn PUD, by amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town, and

**WHEREAS**, Article X, Section 3(J) of the Zoning Ordinance provides that approval for a PUD development project shall become null and void if construction has not begun within two years of the Town Board approval, and

**WHEREAS**, due to circumstances beyond control of the owner and applicant, said construction work has not begun as planned, and for good cause shown to the Town Board, it is therefore

**RESOLVED**, that there is hereby granted an extension of time until May 12, 2018 within which construction work must begin for the Saratoga Country Inn PUD and such construction must be completed on or before eighteen (18) months of issuance of the first building permit, and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that if the aforesaid time limitations are not met, then the approval for this development project shall become null and void.

**Communications:**

- ❖ **Tax Preparation for Elderly** -Mechanicville Area Community Services - Gates Room at Town Hall - Friday's only starting February 13th through March 6th by appointment only. Call 664-8322 ext. 310 for an appointment.

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

**Upcoming meetings:**

- ❖ **Agenda meeting – Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Regular town board meeting – Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Audit the Bills:** On a motion by Councilman Fred Drumm and seconded by Councilman James Jennings the following **Resolution #15-30 Approving the payment of bills in Abstract 2G** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – absent, Councilman James Jennings – aye Carried 4 – 0.

**RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to authorize payment of the bills listed in **Abstract #2G (02/09/2015) in the following amounts:**

<b>General Fund A</b>	<b>Voucher No. 24 through 60</b>	<b>\$ 18,171.72</b>
<b>General Fund B</b>	<b>Voucher No. 4 through 13</b>	<b>\$ 941.63</b>
<b>Schuyler Park H</b>	<b>Voucher No. 2 through 3</b>	<b>\$ 2,423.88</b>
<b>Highway DB</b>	<b>Voucher No. 9 through 25</b>	<b>\$ 32,232.78</b>
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>Voucher No. 1 through 2</b>	<b>\$ <u>4,400.00</u></b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$ 58,170.01</b>

**A motion to adjourn at 8:15 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 – absent, Councilman James Jennings - aye Carried 4 - 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth L. Drumm  
Town Clerk