

**TOWN OF SARATOGA TOWN BOARD
MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
12 SPRING ST., SCHUYLERVILLE, NY
May 8, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Thomas Wood opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call: Town Clerk, Linda McCabe, called the roll: Supervisor Thomas Wood – present, Councilmember Michael McLoughlin – present, Councilmember Ruth Drumm – present, Councilmember Gary Squires – present, Councilmember Maxine Lautenberg – present.

Also present: Deputy Supervisor Ian Murray, Deputy Town Clerk Michelle Conover, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Gil Albert, Roxanne Fond, Brittany & Matt Fueston, Paul Murphy. (Sign In sheet is on file in the Town Clerk’s office)

Recognitions/Presentations/ Bid openings/Public Hearings - None

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilmember Ruth Drumm and seconded by Councilmember Gary Squires, **to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2023 Regular Town Board and the May 1, 2023 Special Town Board meetings as written.** Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilmember Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilmember Ruth Drumm – aye, Councilmember Gary Squires - aye, Councilmember Maxine Lautenberg - aye.

Carried 5 – 0

Town Clerk’s report for April 2023: Fees paid to the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets for the Animal Population Control Program \$48.00. Fees paid to New York D.E.C. for hunting and fishing licenses \$17478. Fees paid to the New York State Health Department for Marriage licenses \$22.50. Dog license fees to Supervisor Thomas Wood \$215.00. Clerk fees to Supervisor Thomas Wood \$263.22. Total State and Local Revenues received were \$723.50.

Zoning Officer’s report for April 2023: 11 Building Permits, 22 Building Inspections, 7 Certificates of Occupancy, 0 Junkyard Permits, 0 Complaints, 0 Fire Inspections, 0 Order to Remedy, 9 misc., 3 Building Permit Renewals and 0 Property Maintenance Inspections. A check for \$2,075.00 was given to Supervisor Thomas Wood.

Dog Control officer’s report for April 2023: The following report was read by Supervisor Thomas Wood: Ed Cross, Dog Control Officer answered 9 complaints, took 0 dogs to the shelter, 0 bite case, traveled 20 miles, issued 8 warning and 0 summons’ were issued.

Town Court report for April 2023: Closed Traffic Tickets - 21, Closed Criminal/Penal Law cases – 2, Closed Civil Cases – 3, Closed Encon/DEC – 2, Closed DWI’s – 2, Closed Town & Dog cases – 1. The following checks were submitted to Supervisor Thomas Wood for fines & fees: \$615.00 from Justice Charles Sherman - and \$1,785.00 from Justice John McCarron.

Historian’s report for April 2023:

The historian presented at the Galway Preservation Society on the American War of Independence through the battles of Saratoga, did research on Ray Zerwick for the upcoming Deceased Veterans ceremony, collaborated with Daughters of the American Revolution for the Jones Mills incident roadside marker, which will be placed in Grangerville in the future, attended the quarterly meeting of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission, managed social media accounts and worked with the Saratoga 250th Commission on the Women at War symposium and the Revolution along the Hudson summer series.

The Towns of Saratoga and Stillwater 250th American Revolution Committee held a meeting on April 12, 2023, to review the appointment process and confirm committee objectives. They’ve formed subcommittees to assist in the planning and organization of the events for the celebration. Their next meeting is June 14th at 6:30 p.m. The schedule of public events being supported by the committee are:

May 5 – 6, 2023 – Women in War Symposium

July 25, 2023 – Revolution along the Hudson River, Stillwater Riverfront Park

August 1, 2023 – Revolution along the Hudson River, Hudson Crossing Park, Schuylerville

October 7 – 8, 2023 – Pathways through History, Stillwater Blockhouse, Saratoga Battlefield and Schuyler House

October 17, 2023 – Surrender Day, Fort Hardy Park, Schuylerville

Highway Superintendent’s report for April 2023

- ❖ Plow frames have been removed from the trucks
- ❖ Sweep developments and roads
- ❖ Tree and limb cleanup in ditches
- ❖ Hauling scalplings for road shoulders
- ❖ Repairing lawns and signs from plows
- ❖ Replace deteriorating culverts, placing detour and construction signs on Fitch Rd prepping for milling and blacktop
- ❖ Maintenance and repairs on trucks 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6
- ❖ Consisting of filters, fluids, hoses and brakes
- ❖ Repaired grader fuel line and deck mower alternator
- ❖ Unplugged culvert of beaver dam on Neilson Rd.
- ❖ Grade and roll Swamp, Farrell and Dump Rds.
- ❖ Hauled blacktop for Town of Providence
- ❖ Supplied orange garbage bags for volunteers cleaning road sides on Wilber, Hayes, Casey and DeGarmo Rds.

Supervisor’s report:

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT MARCH 2023

GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE (A FUND)

Balance on hand 4/1/2023	\$1,753,002.98
Revenues	+ 51,314.12
Disbursements	- <u>130,997.90</u>
Balance 4/30/2023	\$ 1,673,319.20

GENERAL FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE (B FUND)

Balance on hand 4/1/2023	\$2,622,034.84
Revenues	+ 2,699.13
Disbursements	- <u>7,898.08</u>
Balance 4/30/2023	\$2,620,835.89

HIGHWAY FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE (DB FUND)

Balance on hand 4/1/2023	\$1,058,528.22
Revenues	+ 47.85
Disbursements	- <u>68,516.37</u>
Balance 4/30/2023	\$ 990,059.70

SCHUYLER PARK CAPITAL 4/30/2023	\$ 122,874.10
YOUTH RECREATION & SERVICE 4/30/2023	\$ 8,673.85
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE 4/30/2023	\$ 704.48
BUILDING RESERVE 4/30/2023	\$ 483,304.73
SCENIC BY WAYS QRTRLY 4/30/2023	\$ 312.09
PARKS RESERVE 4/30/2023	\$ 376,956.55
TRUST & AGENCY 4/30/2023	\$ -----
CDBG Project 4/30/2023	\$-----
GFNB Certificate of Deposit 4/31/2023	\$ 754,057.09
NYCLASS 4/30/2023	\$ 722,935.48
CDPHP & HRA 4/30/2023	\$ 3,107.65

April 2023 Sales Tax Received - \$146,842.00

April Mortgage Tax Received – \$6,040.50

Public comments on agenda items: No comments.

Committee reports:

Landfill: No report.

Insurance: No report.

Youth: No report.

Senior Citizens: Councilwoman Maxine Lautenberg submitted the following reports:

The Old Saratoga Seniors met for a luncheon meeting on April 19, 2023 with 46 in attendance. Entertainment was by Freddy Hurley of Freddy & the Freeloaders.

Future Trips: *May 18th* – Ticket to Ride Beatle Mania show & lobster dinner at The Log Cabin, Holyoke, MA

June 6 – 8th – Niagara Falls, Canada

Contact Pat Temple or Peg Jennings for reservation details.

Next meeting: May 17, 2023

For more information on activities, please go to:

<https://facebook.com/people/Old-Saratoga-Seniors/100084914512874/>

The Quaker Springs Sunshiners met on April 10, 2023 with 20 in attendance. Guest speakers Dr. Sergia Coffey and Dr. Georg Joly, M.D. gave a presentation on single payer health plans.

Future Trips: None planned. Members are welcome to join Old Saratoga Seniors for the Ticket to Ride Beatle Mania show and lobster dinner at The Log Cabin in Holyoke, MA, on May 18th and/or for the trip to Niagara Falls in June. Please contact Pat Temple or Peg Jennings for reservations.

Next Meeting: *May 8th* at 11:30 a.m. – Quaker Springs Sunshiners' 53rd Anniversary luncheon with a chicken & biscuit dinner to be prepared by Faye Bratge. Sherry Doubleday will present on what to expect from EMS, if/when needed.

Park Committee: No report, but there've been reports of ATVs and dirt bikes riding all over Schuyler Park. The signs that the Highway Department put up prohibiting that, last year, had been removed and tossed over the bank. He will put them up again.

Councilmember Gary Squires believes it's a number of families with children doing this, not just one. Councilmember Michael McLoughlin said he'll put notice on the community page and Supervisor Thomas Wood will contact the Sheriff's Department about this again and will also speak with the Town's attorney. It was suggested that Highway Superintendent Don Ormsby put up some kind of fencing. Deputy Supervisor Ian Murray said there are fiberglass markers there, so Highway Department will know where the property lines are. Supervisor Thomas Wood stated he'll share more with the Board once he talks with the Town's attorney.

Office of Emergency Management (OEM): Supervisor Thomas Wood stated a couple of people have called him concerning the position of OEM and he will return their calls.

WEMS, QSFD Reports: Fire Chief Don Ormsby stated Quaker Springs Fire Department has had 27 calls to date for 2023 and their boat is now in the water.

Old business:

New business:

Communications: The American Legion Post #278 sent a thank you card to the Board for recent donations.

Privilege of the floor: Paul Murphy addressed the Board.

Upcoming meetings taking place at the Town Hall:

- ❖ Agenda Meeting – Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Regular Town Board meeting – Monday, June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Audit the Bills: On a motion by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin and seconded by Councilmember Ruth Drumm, the following **Resolution #23-48 - Approving the Payment of Bills in Abstract 5G of 2023**, was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilmember Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilmember Ruth

Drumm – aye, Councilmember Gary Squires - aye, Councilmember Maxine Lautenberg – aye.

Carried 5– 0.

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to authorize payment of the bills listed in **Abstract 5G of 2023 in the following amounts:**

General Fund DB	No. 276, 282 - 304	\$ 56,608.35
General Fund A	No. 259, 260, 273, 274, 279 281, 309 - 326	\$ 27,263.12
General Fund B	No. 305 – 308	\$ 4,398.87
Schuyler Park H	No. 237, 328	\$ <u>1,493.96</u>
	Grand Total	\$ 89,635.64

A motion was made by Councilmember Gary Squires and seconded by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin, **to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.** Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilmember Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilmember Ruth Drumm – aye, Councilmember Gary Squires - aye, Councilmember Maxine Lautenberg - aye.

Carried 5 – 0

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda A. McCabe
Town Clerk