

Town Board Meeting - August 13, 2025

Council Members Present:

Supervisor Ronald Beach, Councilmen Rodney Dodge, Joe Juliano, Eric Kane, and Councilwoman Bette Szesny.

Also Present Were:

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson, Mike Jantz from C2AE, and Town Residents: Sarah Collington, Tim Riecker, Chris and Rick Proulx, Gary Lesniak, Ruby Beach, Don Haman, Dale Dodge, JoAnn Mammone, and A.J. Klimek.

Supervisor Beach opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. and led the assembled people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes of July 9, 2025

Town Councilman Rodney Dodge said he would like a correction in the minutes of July 9, 2025 stating that there was fraud in the election. He said there was no fraud; we had an attorney and the Town Clerk present for the voting.

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano that the Minutes of July 9, 2025 be approved as printed with the correction; all in favor.

Pay Bills:

Motion by Szesny, second by Dodge, that the bills for the past month be paid as presented, all in favor.

Assessor Report:

Supervisor Beach said he would like to appoint Amie Maxwell as sole Assessor, for the Town of Schuyler. Motion by Juliano, second by Kane to appoint Amie Maxwell the sole appointed Assessor; all in favor.

Assessor Dan Maxwell said the Final Roll has been completed and a copy is in the Assessor's office. He also said the NYS Correction Report was completed.

STAR Program: He said the tax payments that have basic STAR that are turning 65 will no longer go through the Assessor's Office for the Enhanced STAR. They will have to register online or call NY STAR hotline to register. Essentially meaning STAR will no longer go through the Assessor's Office. He said the State will send a report to the Assessor every year with the homeowners who need to be changed from STAR to Enhanced STAR.

He said property owners will be receiving STAR checks from the State in the middle of September. He also mentioned school taxes will be arriving in the beginning of September.

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Codes Report by Philip Green:

Codes Enforcement Officer Phil Green said he has been doing inspections and handling complaints.

He said he will be retiring on December 31, 2025. He said he will be happy to help with the hiring of a new Codes Officer.

Highway Report by Philip Johnson:

Superintendent of Highways Phil Johnson said they will be paving Johnson Road and Graham Road. He said the cost is around \$59,000.00

He said they are working on the plow setup for the 2026 Western Star.

C2AE Report:

Mike Jantz from C2AE said the project will be going out for a bid around the week of August 18, 2025. The Bid Opening will be October 15, 2025 at 2090 State Route 5 at 2:00 P.M. He also said the two million dollar CBDG Grant, we should know if we received it either in November or December. He said they are in the process of another two million through New York State. He also said the project should start in March or April of 2026.

Computer Estimate:

Supervisor Beach said three new computers for the Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and Supervisor will be approximately \$1,200.00 each and the labor to install two hours each. He said Jeff Dingman can get refurbished computers through Dell for \$425.00 each plus two hours of installation each, for \$2,100.00 total.

Motion by Kane, second by Szesny to get the three Dell computers installed for \$2,100.00; all in favor.

Supervisor's Report:

Corn Festival

Supervisor Beach said he was very well pleased at the turnout. He also thanked Joe Juliano for the donation of corn and Phil Johnson for all his help.

Planning Board Meeting

Supervisor Beach said there was no meeting in August.

Need Wood Chips at Playground

Supervisor Beach said Superintendent of Highways will take care of that.

Bowie Road Park Fence and Apron for Wheelchairs

Supervisor Beach said the fence has been repaired on Bowie Road and the apron for the wheelchairs is scheduled for August 14, 2025.

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Supervisor's Report Cont'd.:

Elder Scams Wrap-Up

Christine Proulx and Supervisor Beach said over forty five people attended a very informative meeting. Chris said in the Fall they will plan another informative meeting.

Fire Company Events

Supervisor Beach said the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company will have a Chicken BBQ on September 14, 2025; Halloween Party on October 26, 2025; Breakfast with Santa on December 13, 2025; Santa Around Town on December 13 and 14, 2025.

Resident Comment:

Supervisor Beach said there is a Roast and Toast on October 10, 2025 at the VFW for Judge George Luther, who is retiring. Tickets are \$20.00 each.

Donald Haman said on March 10, 2021 the application that Supervisor Lucenti turned in for the assessed valuation of the proposed West Schuyler Water District that was sent to State Comptroller DiNapoli was not correct. It is the duty of USARD Director Gamela, who is supposed to make sure that all the rules and regulations sent to the Supervisor on September 18, 2020 have been in compliance by the Town Board. The failure of the Town Board of Schuyler to comply to Town Law Article 12A Section 209F2 Establish or Extension of Districts to hold a hearing to remove property or property owners that will not benefit from water.

Tim Riecker said he was addressing the comments made by Mr. Haman, regarding the interpretation of NYS 209 E2B to say that any resident located in the district who vote No should be removed from the Water District.

The Town Clerk's Office will have Tim Riecker's statement and you are welcome to read it.

Motion to Close:

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made at 7:15 P.M. by Dodge, second by Kane; all in favor.

Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk