



# Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

FEBRUARY 2024



## *A Schuyler Spectacular*



**Please join us on April 5th (Friday Night) @ 6:00 P.M.**

*...to honor Joe Juliano, Mark Rende, and WW2 Veteran Steven Glenske  
We are also celebrating Schuyler's 232nd Birthday*

*Harts Hill Inn, 135 Clinton Street Whitesboro, NY.*

### **Menu:**

**Hors d'oeuvres-** cheese block, cracker tray, fresh vegetables, sour cream dip, garlic and red pizza, vegetable spring rolls, stuffed mushrooms, scallops in bacon, and Tomato Daniel Bruschetta;

**Buffet-**baked chicken, Italian meatballs, sausage and peppers, oven browned potatoes, rice pilaf, antipasto salad, chef salad and bread. Carving station- hot baked ham, hot turkey breast, and hot top round of beef. Followed with birthday cake!

### **Special Presenters:**

Assemblyman Robert Smullen, VFW Commander Mike Collver, Pastor Robbin Harris of West Schuyler United Methodist Church, Bruce Ward of Ward Real Estate, John Calidonna of Clinton Tractor, Schuyler Historical Society, and Michael Gruet of East Schuyler Methodist Church.

*Special Master of Ceremonies to be announced at a later date.*

Music by: Sal Stokes, the singing DJ

Cash Bar

Casual Attire

***Tickets \$15.00 each - Cash, Check or Venmo (JoAnn-Mammone)***

Available at the Schuyler Town Offices (see Barb or Vee); No ticket sales at the door  
For questions call 315-404-6847

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## January Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Bonnie Nessia, whose Birthday is January 24th!



**Schuyler Birthday Form**

Birthday Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please drop off at Schuyler Town Office or e-mail to Birthdays@townofschuyler.org by the 15th of the month.

### Submitted January Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

Anne Tripoli	January 4	Tia Elow	January 8
Rosalie Griffo	January 12	Frank Griffo	January 15
Sen. Joseph A. Griffo	January 16	Sarah Collignon	January 25
Dan Tripoli, Sr.	January 28	Adriana Griffo	January 31



### Town Dumpster Dates 2024

April 20 and April 21  
 June 8 and June 9  
 August 17 and August 18  
 October 19 and October 20



Saturday: 8 A.M.- 4 P.M.  
 Sunday: 8 A.M.- Noon

Permits available from the Town Clerk's Office

- \$10 (valid for entire year)
- Proof of town residency required (valid license)

## Results of January 9, 2024 Special Election

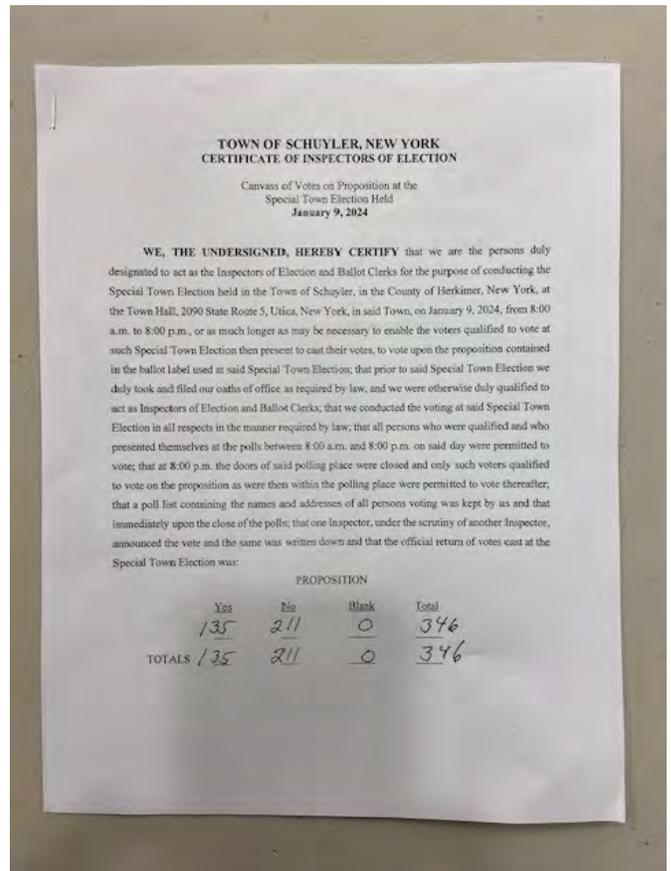
On January 9th a Special Election was held to consider a resolution authorizing the lease of certain town property to Boralex US Development for a solar project.

This would have been a 35-year lease of approximately 30 acres of 135 acres at the Bowie Road Town Park with overall revenue projected to have been approximately \$3 million with a \$50,000 contribution toward parks. It would not have impacted the operation of the picnic pavilion at Bowie Road or any town park facilities.

Final results were :

*No: 211*

*Yes: 135*



*A special thank you to our election workers!*

*Shown above are Harry Robbins, Jean Finster,  
and Kristin Salamone*

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**2024 Supervisor's Appointments**

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Deputy Supervisor: Ron Beach  
Clerk to Supervisor: Jeffery Dingman  
Budget Officer: Anthony Lucenti  
Sewer Rep.: Philip Johnson  
Sanitation Inspector: Philip Green  
Fire Wardens: Ted Lange, Scott Lange, John Scholl  
Registrar of Vital Statistics: Barbara Boulia  
FOIL Officer: Barbara Boulia  
Deputy Registrar: Alvina Bord  
Deputy Town Clerk: Alvina Bord  
Court Clerk: Wendy Leach  
Court Clerk: Marianne Dodge  
Secretary Planning Board: Jeffery Dingman  
Secretary Zoning Board of Appeals: Jeffery Dingman  
Planning Board Chair: Vic Costanza  
Planning Board Vice Chair: Dave Fusillo  
Zoning Board of Appeals Chair: Ron Beach  
Zoning Board of Appeals Vice Chair: JoAnn Mammone  
Board Assessment Review: Al Barbato  
Town Park Caretaker: Mike Keefe  
Historian: Jean Finster  
Deputy Historian: Suzette Vivyan  
Attorney for Town: Mark Wolber  
Codes Officer: Philip Green  
Health Officer: Joe Scalise  
Animal Control Officer: David Tripoli  
Solid Waste: William Connors  
Assessor: George Haskell  
IT Support: Jeffery Dingman  
Deputy Highway Superintendent: Chris Christenson  
Bookkeeper: Barbara Boulia  
CPA: Peters & Associates  
Official Newspaper: Times Telegram

Public Safety Committee: Ron Beach, Joe Scalise,  
Tim Riecker, John Scholl, and Phil Johnson.

SWPP Officer: Phil Green



Congratulations to local resident John Werczynski who was a top runner at the 2023 National Tractor Pulling Championship at Wood County Fairgrounds in Bowling Green, Ohio. John's truck "Bandit" shown in three pictures below is a 1971 Ford that John started building in 1984. See the NTPA website for official competition times.





**Planning Board Meeting - January 3, 2024**

**\*\* Planning Board Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved \*\***

**Planning Board Members Present:**

Chairman Victor Costanza, Jean Finster, Michael Ritter, Dale Dodge, James Digristina, Daniel Tripoli, and Alternate Member Catherine Nimey. Absent was Vice Chairman David Fusillo.

**Also Present Were:**

Councilman Joseph Juliano, Richard Finster, Herkimer County IDA CEO John Piseck, Herkimer County IDA Attorney Anthony Hallak, Herkimer County Legislator V. Jim Bono, and Albert Zangrilli.

**Four Corners Project:**

Herkimer County IDA Attorney Anthony Hallak indicated that the public hearing has previously been held on the Four Corners Project, and is looking for motions to close SEQR, Adopt a Negative Declaration, and Approve the Consolidation Project.

A motion to close SEQR was made by Dale Dodge and seconded by Michael Ritter. Jean Finster - aye, Jim Digristina - aye, Victor Costanza - aye, Daniel Tripoli - no, Catherine Nimey - no. Motion carried. Daniel Tripoli asked that the minutes reflect that he is voting 'No' due to there being no positive feedback from residents as a result of the public hearing. Attorney Hallak further asked the record reflect that this is irrelevant to SEQR proceedings.

A motion to Adopt a Negative Declaration was made by Michael Ritter and seconded by Dale Dodge. Jean Finster - aye, Jim Digristina - aye, Victor Costanza - aye, Daniel Tripoli - no, Catherine Nimey - no. Motion carried.

A motion to Approve the Consolidation, Subdivision, and Rezoning of the Parcels to PD was made by Dale Dodge, and seconded by Jean Finster. Michael Ritter - aye, Jim Digristina - aye, Victor Costanza - aye, Daniel Tripoli - no, Catherine Nimey - no. Motion carried.

Attorney Hallak thanked the Board and indicated he will appropriate mylar and maps for stamping and signature.

**Schuyler Business Park Convenience Store:**

Engineer Albert Zangrilli appeared on behalf of the ADK Convenience Store, and indicated that they are proposing a 5,400 square foot convenience store with four gas pumps, two diesel fuel pumps, electric truck parking, vehicle charging, onsite septic system, and stormwater onsite as required by the DEC.

A motion to set a public hearing for February 7, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. was made by Daniel Tripoli and seconded by Jim Digristina; all in favor. Secretary Dingman will publish the public notice in the Herkimer Times Telegram and notify appropriate residents within 500 feet.

**Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman:**

A motion was made by Daniel Tripoli and seconded by Jim Digristina to have Victor Costanza remain as Chairman and David Fusillo as Vice Chairman; all in favor.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to close the meeting was made by Jim Digristina and seconded by Daniel Tripoli; all in favor.

*Submitted by Jeffery Dingman  
Planning Board Secretary*

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<b>Town Board Meeting - January 10, 2024</b>
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**\*\* Town Board Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved \*\***

**Council Members Present:**

Supervisor Anthony J. Lucenti, Councilmen Joe Juliano and Eric Kane, and Councilwoman Bette Szesny. Absent was Councilman Rodney Dodge.

**Also Present Were:**

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson, Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green, Assessor George Haskell, Clerk to the Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, Deputy Supervisor Ron Beach, Town Residents: Clarence Caldwell, Donald Haman, Connie and Terry Ambrose, John Scholl, Greg Sacco, Tim Riecker, Tom Tripoli, Chris and Rick Proulx.

Supervisor Lucenti called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Minutes of December 13 and December 27, 2023:**

Motion by Juliano, second by Szesny to approve the minutes of December 13th and December 27th, 2023; all in favor.

**Pay Bills:**

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano that the bills for the past month be paid as presented; all in favor.

**Assessor Report by George Haskell:**

Assessor George Haskell said all the tax bills have been mailed out. He said there have been name changes due to the sale of properties.

**Codes Officer - Public Safety Meeting Scheduled for January 25, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.:**

Codes Officer Philip Green said there will be a meeting on January 25, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. regarding some property maintenance issues. He said for the year 2023 there were 58 building permits, of which 18 were new homes.

**Special Election January 9th, 2024 - Results - 135 Yes and 211 No:**

Supervisor Lucenti said he wanted to thank the voters who came out to vote.

**Resolution to Change the Schuyler Four Corners Property:**

Supervisor Lucenti said we need to have a resolution regarding the Schuyler Four Corners. He says it has to be modified, he said the property now has three zoning laws and the Planning Board recommends it to be consolidated.

Motion by Kane, second by Szesny to consolidate the Schuyler Four Corners; all in favor.

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<b>Town Board Meeting - January 10, 2024 Cont'd.</b>
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**Resolution - Kenneth M. Dodge Meeting Room:**

Supervisor Lucenti said he would like to name the large room where the Town Meetings are held and also Court, above the entrance door, the Kenneth M. Dodge Meeting Room.

Motion by Juliano, second by Kane, to name the Town Meeting Room the Kenneth M. Dodge Meeting Room; all in favor.

**2024 Town Dumpster Dates: April 20 and 21, June 8 and 9, August 17 and 18, and October 19 and 20**

**Green Waste Pickup or Dumpster:**

Supervisor Lucenti said he received a call from someone who would like to have the gates open at the Highway Garage on Friday for green waste disposal. It was decided to do that. One resident asked if it would be possible to have the highway department pick up green waste. Superintendent of Highways Phil Johnson said he will have an answer at next month's meeting.

**Community Dinner in April:**

Supervisor Lucenti said he has \$5,500.00 from two donations for a Community Dinner, which will be in April. He said tickets will be available to the residents for a cost of \$15.00 each at the Town Office Building.

**Deputy Supervisor:**

Deputy Supervisor Ron Beach said he is working on FEMA paperwork.

**Highway Superintendent:**

Highway Superintendent Philip Johnson said they had a meeting with Assemblyman Smullen and Herkimer County Legislator Jim Bono regarding Sterling Creek. He said the Highway men are doing a great job with roads.

**Water Board Report by Bette Szesny:**

Bette Szesny said there have been no meetings in January. There will be one in February.

**Planning Board Report by Jeffery Dingman:**

Jeff Dingman said there will be a Public Hearing on February 7, 2024 regarding a convenience store in the Business Park.

**ZBA Meeting:**

Ron Beach said they did the Year End Meeting.

**Resident Comment:**

John Scholl said they will have a Year End Meeting, for the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company and elect new officers.

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<b>Town Board Meeting - January 10, 2024 Cont'd.</b>
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**Resident Comment Cont'd.:**

One resident asked about putting Veterans pictures on poles. Supervisor Lucenti said he has seen that being done on the Parkway. Supervisor Lucenti said we have a Veteran who will be 100 years old - Steven Glenski.

A town resident said that he knows the Town Board wanted the solar farm vote passed. He said he received postcards in the mail from Boralex and his neighbor received four or five of them. He asked who paid for the brochure and was advised that the main brochure was paid for by the Town of Schuyler along with one reminder card. The other cards were paid for by Boralex.

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

*Barbara J. Bouliia*

## **Congratulations to Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company on their 75th Anniversary!!!**



**1949 - 2024**

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## Upcoming Meetings and Public Hearings



- February 7, 2024 Planning Board Public Hearing - 6:00 P.M.

Please take notice that the Town of Schuyler Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the Schuyler Town Office, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502 to consider an application by Buell Fuels for construction of an ADK Food & Fuel convenience store and gas station with diesel dispensers for large trucks in the Schuyler Business Park, Lot C, Tax Parcel No. 105.3-2-07. At this hearing the Planning Board will consider a resolution for the Town to act as lead agency. Please take notice that all interested persons will be heard at that time. Written comments may be forwarded to Jeffery Dingman, Planning Board Secretary, Town of Schuyler, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, New York 13502.

- February 7, 2024 Regular Planning Board Meeting
- February 14, 2024 Town Board Public Hearing - 5:30 P.M.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT OF ZONING MAP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the Town Board for the Town of Schuyler at the Schuyler Town Office, 2090 State Route 5, Utica, NY 13502 on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. to consider and ratify the findings and determination of the Schuyler Planning Board to change the zoning on a portion of tax parcels 104.2-1-45 and 104.2-2-73 located on NYS Route 5 which portions are currently zoned Commercial Highway (CH) to Planned Development (PD) and update the Zoning Map to reflect said zone change.

A copy of the map identifying the proposed zoning change is available for inspection at the office of Town Clerk for the Town of Schuyler during regular office hours.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD.

- February 14, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting - 6:00 P.M.
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April 20 and April 21  
June 8 and June 9  
August 17 and August 18  
October 19 and October 20

Saturday: 8 A.M.- 4 P.M.  
Sunday: 8 A.M.- Noon

### Items Accepted:

(Limited to (1) Pickup Truck Load (4 cubic yd.)

- Green Waste (Brush, Grass, Leaves)
- White Goods & Metals (Household Appliances)
- Stuffed Furniture, Mattresses, Rugs
- Batteries

### Items Not Accepted:

- Construction & Demolition Materials
- Chemicals, Oil, Toxic Containers
- Large Tires (over 16"); Tractor Tires
- Household Garbage
- Paint Cans
- Recyclables

### Additional Charge:

- Car Tires up to 16 " - \$6 each
- Car Tires up to 16" with Rims - \$3 each

Permits available from the Town Clerk's Office for \$10  
(valid for entire year)

Proof of town residency (valid driver's license) required





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Monday - Friday 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
Mondays - 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
  
Town Clerk: 315-733-7458  
  
Court Clerk: 315-733-1093

**Town Highway Department**  
  
Philip Johnson, Highway  
Superintendent  
  
Highway Garage: 315-733-7617  
Cell Phone: 315-240-1485  
highway@townofschuyler.org

**West Schuyler  
Cemetery  
Burial Plots  
Available**  
  
For further  
information and  
current pricing, please  
call Earl Haman:  
  
315-733-2920



**Town Assessor - George Haskell**  
  
Thursday Evenings  
5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
or by appointment  
  
315-733-7458 ext. 225

**Codes Enforcement Officer**  
  
Call Before Starting  
ANY Building Project  
  
Philip Green:  
315-534-2232 (cell)

**East Schuyler Miller Cemetery  
Burial Sites Available**  
  
Winter Special until May 2024: Second Site Purchase for half-price: \$400  
Please contact Harry Robbins, President: 315-269-0861



 **JOHN A. LAPOLLA**  
**SCHUYLER VFW POST #8728**  
**240 Wood Lane, Schuyler**  
**Michael Collver, Commander**   
  
Social Hour at the VFW are held every Friday beginning at 3 P.M.!  
  
Contact Gail Lesniak Moore for Facility Rentals: 315-794-5713