



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

DECEMBER 2024

Santa Around Town

Presented by Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company



Saturday, December 14th - Utica City Line to the Thruway Bridge for West End of Town

Sunday, December 15th - Thruway Bridge East to the Frankfort Bridge for East End of Town

**** Beginning at 3:00 P.M. both days ****



SCHUYLER
VOLUNTEER FIRE
COMPANY

ANTHONY "PAGS" PAGLIARO

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14, 2024
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

120 Newport Rd. Utica, NY 13502
Fire Station 1

Come on down and enjoy some delicious breakfast (pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice, and coffee), fun crafts for the kids, and a photo with santa!



Don't forget to submit birthdays at birthdays@townofschuyler.org or drop off form at Town Office

See page 2 for details and entry form

New York State STAR Program

Information from Town Assessor George Haskell regarding 2025 STAR Application may be found online at www.townofschuyler.org





November Birthday of the Month - November 29th

Congratulations to Regina Petriski!!! (pictured far left with her family)!



Schuyler Birthday Form

Birthday Person: _____

Birthdate: _____

Submitted By: _____

Phone/E-Mail Address: _____

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

Thank you to Jayme Moore of *Moore Please Bakery* for this month's cake

Submitted November Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

Jolyn Dingman	November 1	Donna Green	November 3
Patricia Esposito	November 4	Genry Smith	November 5
Marion Clemente	November 6	Richard Griffio	November 7
Roman Petriski	November 10	Makenly Fernalld	November 11
Tiffany Petriski	November 14	Carole Haman	November 15
Ivan Petriski	November 26	Ron Madonia	November 29
Elizabeth Elow	November 30		

East Schuyler Methodist Church

Sunday Service is at 9:30 A.M.
118 Church Road in Schuyler



West Schuyler Methodist Church

Sunday Service is at 10 A.M.
297 Wood Lane in Schuyler



West Schuyler Water District Update



On December 11, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the Schuyler Town Office, Barry Viggiano from C2AE will provide an update on the project during the Town Board Meeting. He will discuss the remaining two of nine easements that are needed for the project to progress.



Christmas Eve Service

East Schuyler United Methodist Church
118 Church Road
Schuyler, New York 13340

East Schuyler United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Service will be held on Sunday, December 24th at 4:00 P.M. Celebrate the Birth of Christ.



TOWN OF SCHUYLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Schuyler Chronicles

Issue # 6 - December 2024

This month's Chronicle is about cheese. Having grown up in dairy country (Lowville), I lived very close to several cheese factories. I was a frequent visitor to the closest cheese factory. I always walked away with a large bag of the freshest cheese curd—not just for me but to use as fishing bait for bullheads in the Black River.

Schuyler was the home to three cheese factories. Listed left to right are the Oyer Cheese Factory on Steuben Road south of Johnson Corners, Budlong's which was west of Schuyler Corners, and Simon & Peter Lints' (1918) on McKennon Road.



During the early years in Herkimer County, settlers brought their cheesemaking skills from New England and adapted them to our local conditions. Initially, women were the labor force; they milked the cows twice a day and made the cheese. After the evening milking the milk was cooled overnight and by morning the cream rose to the top. It was skimmed off and used for making cheese and butter. These byproducts were commonplace to a dairy farmer but a luxury to those who did not have cows.



To make the cheese, the cream was mixed in a large flat pan. Rennet was added causing the milk to curdle. It was drained and salted, then packed into molds that gave it its size and shape as a solid form. To make cheese curds, a forked cheese cutter was used while the cheese was still in the pans. Pictured above is a cheese cutter that was donated to the TOS Historical Society by Anthony Lucenti. As with everything else, modern technology has evolved and cheesemaking is quite different than in the 1800's and early 1900's. But when you bite into a piece of cheese it is still a flavorful and satisfying treat!

Rick & Christine Proulx (VP & Recording Secretary respectively)—TOS Historical Society)



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Whitesboro Central School District

Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will be held at the following elementary schools:

- Marcy Elementary School: MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025**
- Harts Hill Elementary School: TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**
- Deerfield Elementary School: THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025**
- West Road Elementary School: THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025**

To be eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2025, a child must be 5 year of age **on or before December 1, 2025** and must reside in the Whitesboro School District. You must bring proof of age (birth certificate); and proof of residency, including *three* (3) of the following: National Grid, telephone bill, current NYS driver's license, oil/propane delivery bill, cable bill, insurance bill, and/or paystub. Immunization records must be presented a time of registration.

If you have a child who will be eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2025, or know of someone who has a child who will be eligible, please call your school office for a registration packet to be mailed out to you. Contact numbers for each school office are listed below:

- Deerfield Elementary: 315.266.3410
- Hart's Hill Elementary: 315.266.3430
- Marcy Elementary: 315.266.3420
- Westmoreland Road Elementary: 315.266.3440

Herkimer Humane Society Donation

Schuyler's Halloween Pet Costume Contest and Pumpkin Carving Contest raised a total of \$5,060.00!!



Thank you to everyone who participated and donated!!!



Veterans Day 2024

A reading of all deceased members' names were read at a bell ringing on November 11th at the Schuyler VFW Post #8728.



Pictured above are:
Mike Collver, Donald Kane, and Joe Serbaniewicz



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Dale Dodge appointed to board of Mohawk Valley Water Authority

Supervisor Lucenti has appointed Dale Dodge for a three-year term on Mohawk Valley Water Authority board.

Congratulations Dale - we look forward to your representation for the Town of Schuyler.





Planning Board Meeting - November 6, 2024

****Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved ****

Planning Board Members Present:

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

Also Present Were:

Joseph Juliano, Rodney Dodge, Donald D. Ehre, Ron Beach, and Anthony Lucenti.

Chairman Costanza opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. and led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion to Approve Minutes:

Motion by Dodge, second by Finster to approve the October 2, 2024 Planning Board minutes with change to reflect Vice Chairman Fusillo's name; all in favor.

Application by Don Ehre for Clayton Homes Subdivision Project:

Don Ehre explained the Clayton Homes project again. Mike Ritter asked for verification that there would not be sewer lines installed – this is correct per Don Ehre. There would also be no sanitary sewer; however, there could be in the future due to easements. Perk tests were performed and passed.

Motion by Fusillo, second by Ritter to close SEQR; all in favor.

Motion by Dodge, second by Finster to adopt a negative declaration; all in favor.

Motion by Ritter, second by Dodge to approve the project as presented; all in favor.

Moton to Adjourn:

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the Planning Board meeting was made at 6:12 P.M. by Ritter, second by Fusillo; all in favor.

Jeffery Dingman, Planning Board Secretary

Town Board Public Hearing - November 13, 2024

**** Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved ****

Open Public Hearing

Supervisor Lucenti opened the Public Hearing regarding Local Law #10 of 2024 to Rezone Certain Parcels in the Town of Schuyler. The proposal is to rezone parcels 104.2-1-34.3, 104.11-1-10.1 and 104.11-1-10.2 from Residential-2 (R-2) to Commercial highway (C-H) on NYS Route 5. Each parcel is currently partially zoned both R-2 and C-H.

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Town Board Public Hearing - November 13, 2024 cont'd.
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Public Comment

Applicant Frank Paratore provided a brief explanation of the project, explaining that the intention is to draw warehousing/distribution to these parcels. Residents Jan Barendse and Anthony Klimek spoke in favor of the rezoning and spoke highly of the Paratores. Councilman Joe Juliano asked if there would be any entrance/exit beyond Route 5, and Fran Paratore indicated that there would not be.

Close Public Hearing

With no further comment or discussion, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:40 P.M.

Submitted by Jeffery Dingman

Town Board Meeting - November 13, 2024

**** Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved ****

Council Members Present:

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

Also Present Were:

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson, Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, Assessor George Haskell, Codes Enforcement Officer Phil Green, and Town Attorney Mark Wolber. Town Residents present were: Jan and Karen Barendse, Anthony J. Klimek, Fran Paratore, Armond Festine, Dale Dodge, Don Haman, Clarence Caldwell, Ruby Beach, JoAnn Mammone, Chris and Rick Proulx, Barry Viggiano, Mike Jantz from C2AE, Harry Robbins, Lisa and Judith Pasick.

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

Thank you to Town Clerk Barb Boulia for the Negotiations of the Bebee Bill:

Supervisor Lucenti said he wanted to thank Barb Boulia for the negotiation of the repair bill on the building.

Minutes of October 9, 2024:

Motion by Kane, second by Szesny to approve the minutes as presented; all in favor.

Pay Bills:

Motion by Szesny, second by Dodge that the bills for the previous month are paid as presented; all in favor.

Assessor Report by George Haskell:

Assessor George Haskell said the deadline for the Star Program is March 1, 2025.



Town Board Meeting - November 13, 2024 cont'd.

Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green:

Codes Officer Phil Green said he has been doing several home inspections built on Cogar and Hawthorne Roads.

Barry Viggiano - C2AE Update on West Schuyler Water District:

Barry Viggiano said they have received several approvals of the project. He said they are still waiting on two out of nine easements to be signed. However, one property owner did send a letter to the Town stating that he would never sign the easement. Therefore, the water line will need to be redesigned so it can run in the roadway. This new design will need to be resubmitted to all agencies for approval. This will result in an additional delay of at least six months.

Supervisor's Report:

2025 Budget Adopted with 0% Increase

Supervisor Lucenti said the budget has been approved with no increase in property taxes.

5:30 P.M. Public Hearing - Paratore Property - Local Law #10 of 2024: Town Board Vote

Supervisor Lucenti said they had a Public Hearing on the Paratore Property. He said the Town of Schuyler finds that parcels 104.2-1-23.3, 104.11-1-10.1 and 104.11-1-10.2 should be zoned as Commercial Highway. It is noted that these parcels are currently zoned as R-2. He said I think we should have two resolutions one two parcels and one on the third parcel.

Supervisor Lucenti asked if there were any comments. Councilman Dodge said he would rather see it being zoned P-D (Planned Development) for 104.11-1-10.2. Councilman Kane agreed with Mr. Dodge.

Motion by Szesny, second by Juliano that property 104.2-01-23.3 and 104.11-1-10.1 remain as C-H (Commercial Highway); Dodge - No, Juliano - Yes, Kane - Yes, Szesny - Yes.

Motion by Kane, second by Szesny for resolution that the zoning map be amended pursuant to Local Law #10 of 2024; all in favor.

Resolution to Add 10% Tax Levy for Sewer and Water Relevy

Motion by Juliano, second by Szesny to add 10% to delinquent sewer and water relevy; all in favor.

Delegate for Association of Towns Meeting

Supervisor Lucenti said we need a delegate to attend the Association of Towns. He said George Luther will be the delegate for the Town of Schuyler and he needs a motion.

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano authorizing George Luther to attend the meeting representing the Town of Schuyler a the Association of Towns; all in favor.

Public Safety Committee Bylaw Change

Tabled until next meeting.

Town Board Meeting - November 13, 2024 cont'd.

Supervisor Nominates Dale Dodge to Mohawk Valley Water Authority Board

Halloween Contest and Pet Costume Contest - \$5,060.00 raised for Herkimer County Humane Society

Supervisor Lucenti Becomes Legislator Elect - Recommends Ron Beach to Fill Remaining One-Year Term as Town Supervisor

Highway Superintendent Report by Phil Johnson:

VFW Banners

Highway Superintendent Philip Johnson said they will be working on taking down the banners so the winter does not destroy them. He said the

Salt Shed/New Truck

Highway Superintendent Philip Johnson said the salt shed has been completed and the new truck is being worked on and they are getting ready for winter.

Water Board Report by Bette Szesny:

Councilwoman Bette Szesny said there will be a Public Hearing on their budget. She also stated there is a 5.5% increase. Councilwoman Szesny said the next meeting is November 25, 2024 at City Hall.

Planning Board Report: See Planning Board Minutes

Resident Comment:

Harry Robbins said there were 1,295 registered voters. He said there were lines out to the parking lot during election day.

Supervisor Lucenti said he, Ron Beach, and JoAnn Mammone attended the Veterans Day Ceremony. He said it was very well done.

Supervisor Lucenti said he has a letter from the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company that they are stating their approval in the West Schuyler Water Expansion Project.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk

Reflective 911 Mailbox Markers

Available for \$10, with installation available through the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company if desired.

- Prominently display your address in the event of an emergency.
- Order forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office.





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Town and Court Clerk's Hours
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 at
315-733-2920



Town Assessor - George Haskell

Available at 5:30 P.M. on Thursdays

Please call for an appointment
315-733-7458 ext. 225

Codes Enforcement Officer

Call Before Starting
ANY Building Project

Philip Green: 315-534-2232

**East Schuyler Miller Cemetery
Burial Sites Available**

For further information and current pricing, please contact Harry Robbins, President:
315-269-0861

Winter Special until May 2025: Second Site Purchase for half-price: \$400




JOHN A. LAPOLLA
SCHUYLER VFW POST #8728
240 Wood Lane, Schuyler
Michael Collver, Commander: 315-525-3680


Social Hour at the VFW are held Fridays beginning at 3 P.M.!

For Facility Rentals: 315-733-6609