



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

OCTOBER 2025



Last Town Dumpster of 2025!!

See page 5 for details



Information Requested Regarding 9/15/2025
Incident on 6:45 A.M. Windfall Road at 6:45
resulting in downed power line and poles

Please contact the Town of Schuyler at
315-733-7458
Thank You



Let's Raise our Glass and Share Some
Laughs in Honor of
Hon. George J. Luther, II

Friday, October 10, 2025

6:00 P.M. Social Hour (Cash Bar)

7:00 P.M. Dinner

VFW Post 8728, 240 Wood Lane, Utica

\$20 Advance Sale Only
(No Tickets sold at the Door)

Tickets Available at Schuyler Town Office &
Juliano's Greenhouses

Please join us at the 2nd Annual
Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company

Trunk or Treat

**October 26, 2025
6-8 P.M.**

120 Newport Road



Happy Halloween!!

The community is welcome to come
and set up a vehicle.

Set up will be at 5:30 P.M. so we can
make sure parking is available.

Please send us a message on our
Facebook page to let us know you will
be coming.

- Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company



September Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Cindi Baum, whose Birthday is September 27th!!



Schuyler Birthday Form

Birthday Person: _____

Birthdate: _____

Submitted By: _____

Phone/E-Mail Address: _____

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

Submitted September Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

Mary Fusillo	September 6	Lee Bellair	September 12
Timothy Ludwig	September 13	Julius Moore	September 19
Sandi Maher	September 21	Gregorio Griffo	September 22
Luca McQuay	September 23	Jo-Ann Brown	September 24
Maria Griffo	September 27		

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

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 11 A.M.
297 Wood Lane in Schuyler





TOWN OF SCHUYLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**The Schuyler Chronicles****Issue # 16 - October 2025**

The Erie Canal becomes 200 years old on October 26, 2025. To celebrate this big birthday, let's sing!

*I've got an old mule and her name is Sal,
Fifteen years on the Erie Canal.
She's a good old worker and a good old pal,
Fifteen years on the Erie Canal.
We've hauled some barges in our day,
Filled with lumber, coal, and hay,
And ev'ry inch of way I know,
From Albany to Buffalo.
Low Bridge, ev'vybody down,
Low bridge, we must be coming near a town.
You can always tell your neighbor,
You can always tell your pal if he's ever navigated on the Erie Canal.*



The first shovel of dirt was dug on July 4, 1817, in Rome as the area east toward Utica and west toward Syracuse were the easiest to excavate due to the relatively flat, soft ground. Further west were the obstacles of the Montezuma Swamp and the Niagara Escarpment's limestone. To the east was more limestone plus, rapids at Little Falls and the falls at Cohoes. Construction proceeded in both directions simultaneously. The work was grueling as men shoveled mud and swung pickaxes. Black powder was used as the explosive. Injuries and illnesses such as malaria took their toll. Laborers were primarily Americans, but it has been said that the Canal's workers were Irish, and its stonemasons were German.

The Erie Canal started in controversy as people thought it impossible to dig 363 miles by hand. It was derided as "Clinton's Big Ditch" by those opposed to the Governor's vision of connecting the state from the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes. Previously, General Philip Schuyler in 1792 formed the Western Inland Navigation Company which attempted to build several small locks to bypass rapids on the Mohawk River. It was a failed venture as it lacked financial resources. However, the Erie was a monumental success because of a strong work force, innovative engineering, and State loans. Small, quiet towns like Buffalo, Syracuse, and Utica turned into booming cities. Here in Herkimer County the Erie Canal was located on the south side of the Mohawk Valley running from Little Falls through Frankfort toward Utica. The Erie allowed pioneers low-cost transportation to the West. In reverse, the Erie Canal enabled westerners to ship their crops back east to markets and raw materials to factories. The prosperity that the Erie Canal created was one of the factors that enabled the North to win the Civil War. The tolls paid off the State loans in the Erie's first year of operation.

Since the Erie Canal was so successful, it was enlarged several times. The last improvement 1905-1918 was named the Barge Canal. Some of the Erie was incorporated into the Barge Canal while other parts of the Barge Canal were new excavations. Over half of the original Erie Canal was filled in and paved over by the cities and villages along its way. From the Frankfort Bridge to Dike Road, it is easy to see where the Barge Canal separated from the Mohawk River to make a straight route for barges. In the Historical Society's exhibit room, there are several old maps that show the Schuyler farms before the Barge Canal excavation separated their fields.

Submitted by Marie Grose, President, Town of Schuyler Historical Society



301 North Washington Street, Herkimer, NY
Phone 315-867-1176

2025 Rabies Vaccination Schedule

Thursday, October 2nd 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Little Falls Town Garage 478 Flint Ave. Ext., Little Falls
Saturday, November 15th 10:00 - Noon	East Herkimer Fire Department 193 Main Road, East Herkimer

- All cats, dogs, and ferrets three months or older must be vaccinated, even if they stay indoors.
- Every dog and cat needs two rabies vaccinations, one year apart, then once every three years.
- Bring proof of the pet's vaccination history to receive a three year certificate.
- Ferrets must be vaccinated every year.
- Dogs should be on a leash. Cats and ferrets should be in a carrier or pillowcase.
- No vet exams will be given.
- Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals. Supplies are provided.
- A \$5.00 donation per pet is suggested to defray costs.



Walk-In and Pre-Registration available for all clinics

Pre-register for faster service at 315-867-1176; will end at noon the day before clinic

Thank you, Anthony Klimek!

Tony is always glad to lend a helping hand. He can be seen here after the last Town Board meeting repairing the podium.

We appreciate you!!



Last Town Dumpster of 2025

Saturday, October 18th: 8 A.M.- 4 P.M.

Sunday, October 19th: 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 - \$9 each

Permits available from the Town Clerk's Office for \$10/yr.

Proof of Town Residency (valid driver's license) Required





Another extremely successful year!
Much appreciation to Cosmo Pellegrino, his dedicated staff of volunteers, Juliano Farms LLC, Just Bounce Around LLC, and all the behind-the-scenes folks for another extremely successful Car and Corn Show Extravaganza! Over 4,000 people attended, 180 vehicles entered the car show, and vendors are already reserving space for next year's event!





Congratulations to Joe Menchetti, our 2025 Corn King!!





Planning Board Meeting - September 3, 2025

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

Planning Board Members Present:

Chairman Victor Costanza, Vice Chairman David Fusillo, Michael Ritter, Dale Dodge, Jean Finster, and Alternate Member Catherine Nimey.
Absent was Daniel Tripoli (excused absence).

Also Present Were:

Rod A. VanDerWater from RAV Architects, Vitaly Verenich, Dimitri Brutsky, Town Supervisor Ronald Beach, Sarah Collignon, and Planning Board Secretary Jeffery Dingman.

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 Fusillo, second by Digristina to approve the June 4, 2025 Planning Board minutes; all in favor.

Presentation by Slavic Pentecostal Church:

Representatives from the applicant described in detail the plans for the addition and alteration of the existing structure for purposes of a school. Discussion ensued with regard to various aspects of the project including parking, future septic use, and NYS educational requirements for the school, which the church is required to comply with state guidelines.

Resolution of Intent to Act as Lead Agency:

A Motion to adopt Resolution of Intent to Act as Lead Agency was made by Dodge, second by Fusillo; all in favor.

Motion to Set Public Hearing:

A motion was made by Nimey, second by Digristina to set a Public Hearing for Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.; all in favor.

Training:

Chairman Costanza inquired as to what additional training opportunities were available. Secretary Dingman offered various options, and it was ultimately decided that some members would prefer to look into previous online self-service training opportunities recommended by Dingman. Other members preferred to incorporate a 1-hour training at the October and/or November Planning Board meeting(s) by incorporating slides from an upcoming online training on 9/25/2025 being offered by MRB Group and Hancock Estabrook.

Motion to Close Meeting:

There being no additional business, a motion to close the Planning Board meeting was made at 6:45 P.M. by Ritter, second by Fusillo; all in favor.

Jeffery Dingman, Planning Board Secretary

Town Board Meeting - September 10, 2025
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**** Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved ****

Council Members Present:

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

Also Present Were:

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways, Philip Johnson, Donald Haman, JoAnn Mammone, Dale Dodge, Gary Lesniak, Sarah Collignon, A.J. Klimek, Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, Butch Luther, Harry Robbins, John Werczynksi, Kayleigh & Robin Astour, and Ed Engresser.

Supervisor Beach led the assembled people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of Silence for 9/11.

Minutes of August 13, 2025

Motion by Kane second by Juliano to approve the minutes of August 13, 2025 as printed, 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.

Corn Festival Report by Cosmo Pellegrino:

Cosmo Pellegrino said he began the event with \$4,550.00 on the Budget line. He said he received \$7,000.00 from donations from: \$5,000.00 Cordellio Power, \$ 1,000.00 from Mastrovito Hyundai, and \$ 1,000.00 from Hale Manufacturing, giving the 2025 event a operating budget of \$ 11,550.00.

On June 11, 2025 he submitted a voucher on behalf of the committee for \$ 6,190.00 to cover most expenses for the event leaving \$ 5,360.00. On the day of the event, he received income from: Car Show \$1,420.00; Vendor Fees \$1,280.00; Lottery Raffle \$338.00; Corn Qualifying \$190.00; Hot Air Balloon \$400.00. He said the only payment due is Fire Works for \$4,000.00 from the Town of Schuyler. He returned \$1,848.00 in cash to the Town Clerk,

Of the \$3,628.00, \$1,000.00 was donated to Mariah Lacey Reed Foundation. Payments were made to A & P Master Imaging in the amount of \$260.00 and CNY Awards and Apparel in the amount of \$519.00.

Cosmo Pellegrino said that with the \$1,848.00, it should leave \$3,208.00 for 2026 budget.

Assessor Report:

Assessor Dan Maxwell said the School taxes are out.



Town Board Meeting - September 10, 2025 cont'd.
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Codes Report by Philip Green:

Not available.

Highway Report by Philip Johnson:

Superintendent of Highway Philip Johnson said they were short stone to complete a job. He said he is still waiting to hear from them.

Planning Board Report:

See Planning Board minutes.

Computer Update - Jeff Dingman:

Clerk to Supervisor Jeff Dingman said the new computers should be installed in the next couple of weeks for the clerks.

Supervisor's Report:Gazebo Update

Supervisor Beach said the railing is fixed on the Gazebo.

C2AE Report

Supervisor Beach he spoke to them and the paperwork will be completed and sent out.

Spaghetti Dinner at West Schuyler Methodist Church

September 18, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

Trunk or Treat

October 26, 2025 at the Firehouse on Newport Road

Breakfast with Santa

December 13, 2025 at Firehouse on Newport Road

Santa Around Town

December 13 and 14, 2025

Budget Workshop

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

Town Board Meeting - September 10, 2025 cont'd.

Supervisor's Report cont'd.

Office for the Aging (OFA) Setting Up Possible Emergency Preparedness School

Details to follow

Resident Comment:

Town Resident Donald Haman said he is questioning the assessment value of property in the water district. He said the total assessment value was \$14,771,990.00, average was \$101,077.00, vacant parcels only 39, assessment of \$571,000, average of \$1,4641.00. Commercial Properties (2) Assessment of \$325,000.00.

Assessor Dan Maxwell said there is no way on the system to identify the assessed value of the West Schuyler Water District.

Town Resident Robin Astour said there is a problem with a dog. He is always out unsupervised and she would like something done about this dog before he gets hurt.

Motion for Executive Session:

Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano at 6:20 P.M. to go into Executive Session; all in favor.

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano at 8:03 P.M. to come out of Executive Session; all in favor.

Motion to Close:

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, a motion was made at 8:03 P.M. by Dodge, second by Kane; all in favor.

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@townofschuylerny.gov

**Town of Schuyler
Historical Society**

Contact us at:
317-917-3334

If no one is available to
take your call, please
leave a message.

**Town Assessor**

Amie Maxwell: 315-733-7458 ext. 225

Office Hours Tuesdays 1 P.M. - 3 P.M.
or by appointment

Codes Enforcement Officer

Call Before Starting
ANY Building Project

Philip Green: 315-868-7553

East Schuyler Miller Cemetery
Burial Sites Available

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

West Schuyler Miller Cemetery
Burial Sites Available

For further information and current pricing, contact:
Earl Haman at 315-733-2920



S/Sgt. John A. LaPolla

Post #8728 VFW

240 Wood Lane

Joseph Hubbard, Commander

Post Phone: 315-733-6609

E-Mail: vfwlapola@aol.com

New Commander Joseph Hubbard Phone Number: 315-985-5773



Post Social Hour held Fridays at 3 P.M. ALL WELCOME

Contact Facility Use Coordinator Gail Lesniak Moore at 315-794-5713 for Building or Pavilion Use