



# Schuyler Town Newsletter

## Special Edition

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

MAY 2024



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### April Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Elaina Caroline Gagnon, whose Birthday is April 15th!



**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.

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

### Submitted April Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

Richard Empie	April 1	Jeffery Dingman	April 3
Martin Ruller	April 5	Angela Vivlamore	April 20
Tyler R. Sportello	April 23	Rocco Zangrilli	April 27
Parker Sanderson	April 28	Linda Betrus	April 30

### TOWN OF SCHUYLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Historical Society Meetings on Saturdays from 10 A.M. - 12 P.M. at Town Hall  
May 11, July 13, September 14, November 9

The Exhibit Room is open to the public on Wednesdays from 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.



**JOHN A. LAPOLLA**  
**SCHUYLER VFW POST #8728**  
240 Wood Lane, Schuyler  
Michael Collver, Commander



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

Contact Gail Lesniak Moore for Facility Rentals: 315-794-5713

## **A special thank you to Peter Loftus for a stellar job as Master of Ceremonies!!**



*Thank you Peter  
Loftus - great job!!!*

Peter Loftus, a long-time resident of Schuyler and Rome Arts Hall of Fame 2009 Inductee, has been interested in performing and directing since the age of 7.

At SUNY Geneseo, he received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Special Education with a minor in Drama. He earned a Masters degree in education from SUNY Cortland.

After college, Peter began his career in local community theatrical productions. He performed with the Upstagers, Players of Utica, and Rome Community Theatre. In 1982 he directed a musical production of Scrooge, which tradition has continued annually through the decades to the delight of Central New York audiences. Peter co-founded Rukus Productions and produced several musicals. He has performed in, or directed more than 30 plays and musicals for the SummerStage at Rome's Capitol Theatre and more than 50 productions for the Players of Utica. In 1999, Peter directed the Off-Broadway play Sketches of Boz written and performed by friend Richard Enders. Peter has also performed with the Utica B Sharp Club, the Town of Trenton Community Productions, the M Proctor Theatre Guild, the Etube Club, Mohawk Valley Ballet, Petronella Productions and is currently secretary for and serves on the board of directors for the Broadway Theatre League.

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# TAKE OUR SURVEY!

HOCTC Transportation Needs Survey for the  
**Long Range Transportation Plan**  
&  
**Safe Streets for All Safety Action Plan**  
that will outline the region's transportation goals.

SCAN ME



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HOCTCtransportation2024>

If you'd like a paper copy of the survey, or have any questions about the survey, please contact the Herkimer- Oneida Counties Transportation Council (HOCTC) at (315)798-5710



Paper copies of the survey are available at the Town Office and a PDF version may be found on our website at [www.townofschuyler.org](http://www.townofschuyler.org).

Food insecurity is a major issue impacting many individuals and families and is further exacerbated during disaster. Results of this survey can inform policy and program implementations in our communities.

Office of the | PROVOST



Amid the growing concern about food insecurity and hunger, Herkimer County has formed a Food Insecurity Workgroup to examine the issue. A survey has been developed and we are hopeful that we will get a large response from residents of the county.

Please help our County by taking this short optional survey that should take less than five minutes to complete (you can opt out of the survey at any time). The Herkimer County Food Security Survey can be accessed on Survey Monkey through May 10, 2024 at this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCFoodSurvey2024>.



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

**2024 Rabies Vaccination Schedule**

Thursday, May 2nd 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Dolgeville Fire Department 20 South Helmer Ave., Dolgeville
Thursday, May 16th 5:00 - 6:30 P.M.	Old Forge Library 220 Crosby Blvd., Old Forge
Thursday, June 6th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Norway Community Center 3114 Military Road, Norway
Wednesday, June 26th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Ilion-Frankfort VFW Pavilion 4274 Acme Road, Frankfort
Thursday, July 18th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Danube Town Garage 438 Creek Road, Little Falls
Thursday, August 22nd 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Salisbury Fire Department 2549 State Route 29, Salisbury Center
Thursday, September 12th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Cedarville Fire Department 960 State Route 51, Cedarville
Thursday, October 3rd 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Little Falls Town Garage 478 Flint Ave. Ext., Little Falls
Saturday, November 16th 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**





## *Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company News*

On April 20th, several members of SVFC performed a water supply and drafting training utilizing Engine 160 and Tanker 308 for the training. The members specifically went over setting up of a portable water pond, filling the pond, and connecting hard suction hose to Engine 160 and priming the pump. Additionally, the members practice setting up a multiple ponds and interconnecting them.





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**Planning Board Meeting - April 4, 2024**

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

**Planning Board Members Present:**

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

**Also Present Were:**

Richard Finster, Codes Officer Philip Green, Councilman Joseph Juliano, ZBA Chairman Ron Beach, Donald Ehre, and Supervisor Anthony Lucenti.

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

**Minutes of March 6, 2024:**

Motion by Dale Dodge, second by Dave Fusillo to approve the March 6, 2024 minutes; all in favor.

**Presentation by Don Ehre of Boulder Consultants:**

Don Ehre of Boulder Consultants presented a conceptual plan with a potential zone change. Mr. Ehre provided a legal description of the two properties and indicated that the proposal is to have half-acre lots. The diner would be kept with remaining space anticipated to be used for the business owner's offices. The request is to change the entire property to Planned Development (PD) with 853 plus 400 feet.

After much discussion between the Board and Mr. Ehre, it was decided that available members of the Planning Board and Town Board would meet on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss zoning options, and that Town Attorney Mark Wolber could be present to assist and help clarify the zoning criteria.

**Training:**

Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Ron Beach suggested that if the Planning Board wanted to satisfy their two-hour yearly training requirement, there are many online classes to choose from. He also suggested contacting Kristin Campbell at Herkimer-Oneida County Planning to see if she could come in to conduct a training.

**New Business:**

After discussion, it was decided that a coordinated review take place on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. between the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals with regard to a proposed water tower for the current Schuyler Business Park.

There being no additional business, a motion to close the Planning Board meeting was made by Dan Tripoli and seconded by Dale Dodge; all in favor.

*Submitted by Jeffery Dingman  
Planning Board Secretary*

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**Coordinated Review Meeting with Planning Board and ZBA - April 17, 2024**

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

**Planning Board Members Present:**

Chairman Victor Costanza, Vice Chairman David Fusillo, Dale Dodge, Jean Finster, and Alternate Member Catherine Nimey.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Members Present:**

Chairman Ron Beach, Vice-Chair JoAnn Mammone, Robert Wasyleski, and Jeffery Dingman.

**Also Present Were:**

W. Curtis Nichols, Town Attorney Mark Wolber, Councilman Rodney Dodge, IDA CEO John J. Piseck, Jr., Herkimer County Community Development Director V. Jim Bono, Codes Officer Philip Green, Supervisor Anthony Lucenti, and Richard Finster.

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

**Proposed Water Tower for Schuyler Business Park:**

John Piseck described the purpose of the meeting as the Herkimer Industrial Development Agency wishes to construct a 210 foot tall composite elevated water tank off of Ken Dodge Drive in the Schuyler Business Park. The IDA is seeking a zoning change to allow for the additional height of the water tank (height provides sustained water pressure) and then will follow SEQR process through the Planning Board. The water tank would only supply water to the park and up to the park. The water tank is being paid for by a grant with FAST NY.

W. Curtis Nichols, Senior Project Manager for Delta Engineers, described the tank and took questions from the audience. It will be light blue with no markings, similar to a tank recently constructed in Dolgeville. It will be filled on a cycling basis, will not have to be drained, and will ensure adequate pressure for occupants of the business park as well as residents. It will still benefit if a water line comes through and will have to put in place regardless. It will also assist with fire protection. It will be a metal, glass lined tank (similar in theory to a thermos bottle). It should not be written on (i.e. Town of Schuyler) as it could be considered a target. To reiterate, there would be no cost to the community because of the grant received. Once put in place it will become the responsibility of the Mohawk Valley Water Board.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Resolution:**

A Zoning Board of Appeals resolution was made by ZBA members JoAnn Mammone and Robert Wasyleski for a zoning variance of 220 feet; all in favor.

**Motion for Public Hearing - Zoning Variance (Zoning Board of Appeals):**

A motion for public hearing on zoning variance of not more than 220 feet be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. was made by JoAnn Mammone and seconded by Robert Wasyleski; all in favor.

**Motion to become Lead Agency - Planning Board:**

A motion for the Planning Board to become lead agency for purposes of SEQR was made by Planning Board members Dale Dodge and Dave Fusillo; all in favor.

**Motion for Public Hearing - Planning Board:**

A motion for a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, May 29 at 6:15 P.M. was made by Planning Board members Dave Fusillo and Jean Finster; all in favor.

There being no additional business, a motion to close the coordinated review was made by Planning Board members Catherine Nimey and Jean Finster; all in favor. A motion to close was also made by ZBA members JoAnn Mammone and Robert Wasyleski; all in favor.

*Submitted by Jeffery Dingman,  
Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary*

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**Town Board Meeting - April 10, 2024**

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

**Council Members Present:**

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

**Also Present Were:**

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson, Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman. Town Residents present were: Richard and Jean Finster, Tim Riecker, Donald Haman, Michael Gruet, JoAnn Mammone, Harry Robbins, Chris and Rick Proulx.

Supervisor Lucenti led the assembled people in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and called the meeting to order.

**Minutes of March 13, 2024:**

Motion by Kane, second by Szesny that the minutes of March 13, 2024 be approved as printed; all in favor.

**Pay Bills:**

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

**Assessor Report by George Haskell: Not Available**  
**Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green: Not Available**

**Supervisor Report:**

Community Dinner

Supervisor Lucenti said he wanted to thank all the people who helped with the dinner. He said it was a great turnout. Supervisor Lucenti also thanked Chris and Rick Proulx who put up the pictures in the meeting room.

Resolution - Herkimer County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Supervisor Lucenti said Ron Beach has been involved in Herkimer County Mitigation Plan and he needs a resolution.

Resolution No. 2024-3: Whereas the Town of Schuyler recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Town of Schuyler; and the Town of Schuyler has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2023 Herkimer County Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and Herkimer County Mitigation Plan identifies goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Town of Schuyler. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in five years.

Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge to adopt the 2023 Herkimer County Hazard Mitigation Plan; all in favor.

Councilman Kane asked about the grant that was put in and Supervisor Lucenti advised him that the Town would know in June of 2024.

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<b>Town Board Meeting - April 10, 2024 cont'd.</b>
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Historical Society member Jean Finster asked if the Town would pay for the Times Telegram for the reduced cost of \$176.80; Supervisor Lucenti said it will be renewed.

Supervisor Lucenti said on the Veteran's Program, six people have registered for the Mohawk Valley Hometown Hero Program.

Servicing of Generator at 2090 State Route 5: Councilman Kane asked about the servicing of the generator at the Town Office Building. Councilman Juliano said he looked into and it will cost \$1,489.23 to have the maintenance done on the generator. Motion by Kane, second by Szesny authorizing an expenditure of \$1,489.23 to have it serviced; all in favor.

Wind Damage to Salt Shed on Windfall Road: Councilman Kane asked Superintendent of Highways Phil Johnson about the wind damage to the salt shed at the Town Barn. He said he has not gotten any estimates on it as of yet. The Town Clerk said we should turn it into the insurance company and she will take care of it.

**Highway Superintendent Report by Philip Johnson:** Superintendent of Highways Phil Johnson said the new loader should be delivered in June. He said he is doing paving on Bowie, Spain Gulf South Roads, and Wood Lane this year.

Supervisor Lucenti said he spoke to Ian Yerdon regarding the possibility of the water lines running approximately four feet into the roadway. He said Ian wants a letter stating the Town of Schuyler will be responsible for the roads, if a problem arises. Supervisor Lucenti said it involves Brown and Graham roads, as Newport Road is a County road. Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano authorizing the Supervisor to send a letter regarding responsibility of the roads, if a problem exists. All in favor.

**Water Board Report by Bette Szesny:** Councilwoman Bette Szesny said there was a press release regarding pump station failure. She said the Mohawk Valley Water Authority requested their customers to conserve water.

Ron Beach, Herkimer County Legislature, said the Herkimer County Highway Department will be hiring seasonal help. He also said there are issues with the county lawyers regarding the public defenders who make more money than the District Attorney.

**Planning Board Report by Jeff Dingman:** A report was given by Jeff Dingman; please see the Planning Board minutes.

**Resident Comment:** Harry Robbins said on all fossil fuel the legislators want to impose a tax on all residents. He said it pertains to fuel oil, gas, etc. - anything that is considered fossil fuel. He would like the Town of Schuyler to send a letter to the legislators regarding this issue.

Supervisor Lucenti asked about doing a Town Park inspection on May 15, 2024 after the Town Board Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

*Barbara J. Boulia  
Town Clerk*

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***Schuyler Spectacular*** was a sell-out at 230 seats!!  
Congratulations Joe Juliano, Mark Rende, and Stephen Glenske  
Congratulations Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company on your 75th  
Anniversary

