



Schuyler Town Newsletter

TOWN OF SCHUYLER, HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

JUNE 2025

Residents of West Schuyler Water District

We Need You!!!

Important Survey - West Schuyler Water District



The town board was recently informed by C2AE engineering that the estimated projected cost of the West Schuyler Water District (Graham, Brown, Newport and Skyline Roads) has increased from \$4+ million to \$10+ million. Therefore, additional funding will need to be obtained. One avenue that will immediately be pursued is an income survey conducted by Jay Grasso from G&G Municipal Consulting ('G&G').

What is an income survey? An income survey is a canvassing of a specific area to determine if funding can be awarded based on income. It is a survey, and no tax information or supporting documentation will be needed.

How does it work? G&G will be mailing a survey to every property owner within the West Schuyler Water District. We are asking that you take a moment to complete the survey and mail it back to G&G. (these surveys do not go to the Town - they stay in the possession of G&G)

What happens if I don't complete the survey? For those who don't complete the survey, a representative of G&G will conduct a home visit to answer any questions and ask if the property owner needs any additional assistance to complete the survey. You will not be asked for any additional data after the survey.

What happens when the survey is completed? A representative from G&G will compile that data and determine the overall estimated income of property owners in the area. This number gets compared to the average income in the 13502 ZIP code area.

Why do an income survey in Schuyler? Upon conducting a preliminary review of the demographics, it was noted that there are quite a few retirees, senior citizens and non working individual within this area. Therefore, it's currently difficult to estimate a true income number that is representative of the area.

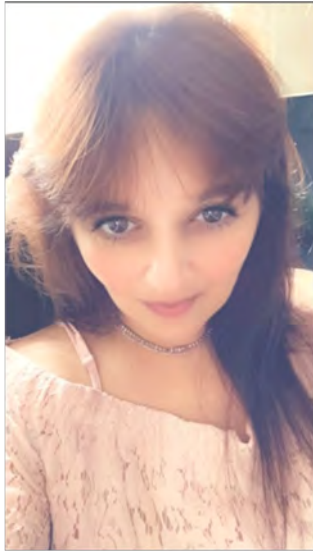
What happens if the area is found to be below the average income? The area would then become eligible for additional funding, and it will also open the project up to additional funding sources.

What happens if the area is found to be above the average income? In this scenario, additional funding will become extremely limited and the project will be cost prohibitive.



May Birthday of the Month

Congratulations to Kerri Ann Smith, whose Birthday is May 5th!!



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 May Birthdays - Happy Birthday Everyone!

Giuliano Griffio	May 1	Madisyn Sibley	May 2
Kayla Bellair	May 3	Calliope Griffio	May 6
Jill Platts	May 14	Zechariah Kierpiec	May 16
Sharon Grubner	May 18	Heather Goodchild	May 23
Eleonora Occhipinti	May 24	Gregory Griffio	May 25
Bernadette Loiacano	May 25	Peyton Houston	May 26

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





TOWN OF SCHUYLER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Schuyler Chronicles



Issue # 12 - June 2025

Tacked on the wall of the Town of Schuyler Historical Society exhibit room was a copy of an obituary from August 1944. When I read it, I knew I had to share it in this June issue of the Schuyler Chronicles. June 6, 2025, will be 81 years since the landings at the beaches of Normandy which took place on June 6, 1944, with the code name Operation Overlord. The obituary informed local residents about the death of Cpl. Stanley Sroka, a tank gunner, who was killed in action on August 28, 1944, near the village of Epernay, France. Cpl. Sroka was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sroka of Schuyler Corners. It states that his last letters were from France and he was extremely busy, but he was all right.

I felt that I needed to find out what happened to this local hero. Upon searching the Internet, I learned that he was attached to the 31st Tank Battalion, 7th Armored Division and "on August 28, 1944, a task force of the 7th Armored Division approached the village of Epernay, France. The village sits along the south bank of the Marne River, which they hoped to cross and then move north toward the city of Reims. They approached Epernay from the south, from Provins. The Division was outnumbered and virtually trapped and aggressively fought off the enemy. German defenders of the river crossing levied a costly toll, which also took the lives of French citizens who came to the aid of the American soldiers." (Wesley Johnston, Historian, 7th Armored Division Assn). Many of the men, including a colonel, a captain, and lieutenants, fought hard and attempted to help the badly wounded troops. One of the officers ran to a nearby town to seek help from locals in getting medical aid. It was a harrowing battle and there were many casualties, one of whom was Cpl. Sroka, who suffered traumatic injuries which resulted in his death.



Above is the grave of Cpl. Stanley Sroka, Jan. 3, 1909-Aug. 28, 1944 Epinal American Cemetery, Plot 1, Row 2, Grave 54

According to the obituary, a memorial mass for him was celebrated at Holy Trinity Church in Utica. Cpl. Sroka is buried at the Epinal American Cemetery in Epinal, Lorraine, France. During Cpl. Sroka's time in service, he was awarded several medals including the WWII Victory Medal, the Purple Heart, the American Campaign Medal, the Army Presidential Unit Citation, and the Army Good Conduct Medal. The American Legion Post in Herkimer, NY is named in his honor. He was 35 years old.

Ernest Hemingway once said, "Every man has two deaths: when he is buried in the ground and the last time someone says his name." I would like to think that because we mentioned Cpl. Stanley Sroka's name today that he lives on.

If you would like to read the detailed and hand-written confidential account of the battle that took place at Epernay, you can find the official report submitted by the 7th Armored Division of the US Army, Issued on 15 May 1945 at:

<https://www.7tharmdiv.org/7ad-epernay-1944-08-28.htm>

You can also view the 31st Tank Battalion Overseas Deaths in World War II at:

<https://www.7tharmdiv.org/31deaths.htm>

Submitted for your reading pleasure, Christine Proulx TOS Historical Society Recording Secretary



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

2025 Rabies Vaccination Schedule

Wednesday, June 5th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Norway Community Center 3114 Military Road, Norway
Thursday, June 25th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Ilion-Frankfort VFW Pavilion 4274 Acme Road, Frankfort
Thursday, July 17th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Danube Town Garage 438 Creek Road, Little Falls
Thursday, August 21st 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Salisbury Fire Department 2549 State Route 29, Salisbury Center
Thursday, September 11th 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.	Cedarville Fire Department 960 State Route 51, Cedarville
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

Attention



Please be aware that there is no overnight parking at the Town Park located at Wood Lane.

This will be strictly enforced.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Joan N. (Newman) Digristina, age 76, passed away suddenly and peacefully on May 18, 2025, with her adoring family and friends by her side. Born in Utica on April 22, 1949, Joan was the daughter of the late Harold and Kathryn (Doyle) Newman. Joan was a graduate of UFA, received a nursing degree from MVCC and worked for a short time at Slocum Dickson as a Registered Nurse. Joan was raised in North Utica, on Route 5, and it was on a late spring day that she would first set eyes on her loving husband, James, just three miles down that very same road, picking strawberries at DiGristina Farms. James and Joan were wed on September 27, 1975, and spent forty-nine years of marriage together, always by each other's side. They made their home in Schuyler and were parishioners of Historic Old St John's Church in Utica. Family and home were where Joan found her greatest joy and she will be remembered, always, for the warmth of her heart, which was shared with all those who met her; especially her children, Jamie (Maddie) DiGristina, Lee DiGristina, Katie (Todd) Beaton and her grandchildren Tanner, Stella, Emma, and Louis. Joan was an inspiration to her family; a beacon of light, love and hope. She is further survived by her sisters, Phylis (George) Korrie, Dawn (Bob) Anderson and Mary Lou (Steve) Mercurio; her in-laws, Len (Pat) DiGristina and Clarice (Joe) Flint; and her many nieces and nephews, cousins, and great nieces and nephews, that she loved dearly. She also leaves behind many lifelong friends, including her best friend, Elaine (Paul) Hage.



Our condolences to Joan's husband Jim Digristina, who is a long-time distinguished member of the Town of Schuyler Planning Board.



Nicholas F. Carparelli of Schuyler passed away on May 14, 2025 at the age of 71. Nick began his career working in the family business, Carparelli Brothers, Inc. and later went on to become the Director of Paving Services of Central New York for the American Concrete Pavement Association. He then became the Executive Director of the New York State Concrete Masonry Association, a position held for nearly 21 years before his retirement in 2024. Nick served as President of the Mohawk Valley Concrete Promotion Council, served on the Board of Central New York Concrete Promotion Council, was a member of the Board of Directors of the Syracuse Chapter of the American Concrete Institute, and a member of the Masonry Society. He was the last State Executive to serve on the Board of the National Concrete Masonry Association. Nick loved playing the guitar and especially studying with the late great Carmen Caramanica. He was a "Car Nut" and spent the summers driving his 1979 Corvette to various car shows throughout the area. Nick leaves behind his wife Carol of almost 50 years, who Nick often said he knew she was the one on the very first day he saw her. Our condolences to Carol and Nick's family on the passing of this very special person.





Republican Primary Election: Tuesday, June 24, 2025
6 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Schuyler Town Hall



This Primary Election is for **registered Republicans ONLY**. If you are unsure as to your party affiliation, please contact the Herkimer County Board of Elections at 315-867-1104.

Town Supervisor: Ronald J. Beach Jr.
Vote for 1 John J. Werczynski

Councilmember: Rodney K. Dodge
Vote for up to 2 Kari F. Puleo
John K. Bord Jr.
George J. Luther III

Early Voting:

109 Mary Street, Suite 104, Herkimer, NY 13350

Saturday, June 14, 2025 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.	Sunday, June 15, 2025 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Monday, June 16, 2025 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.	Tuesday, June 17, 2025 12 P.M. - 8 P.M.
Wednesday, June 18, 2025 12 P.M. - 8 P.M.	Thursday, June 19, 2025 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Friday, June 20, 2025 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.	Saturday, June 21, 2025 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Sunday, June 22, 2025 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.	



Primary Day Bake Sale



The Town of Schuyler Historical Society will be holding a bake sale on June 24th during the Primary Election at the Schuyler Town Office from 7 A.M. until sold out

- ◇ Baked goods and donations are greatly appreciated - please drop off baked goods by 9 A.M.
- ◇ Raffle tickets for the Old Home Day Family Picnic prizes will be available

Thank you for all your support!

June Town Dumpster

June 7 and 8, 2025
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 " - No Rim - \$6 each
- Car Tires up to 16" - With Rim - \$9 each

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

Please bring driver's license when purchasing permit

Town-Wide Garage Sale



**Friday, July 25, Saturday, July 26 and Sunday July 27
9:00 A.M - 4:00 P.M.**

If interested, please stop by and register with the Town Clerk.

Your address and a brief description of items you are selling will be included on a map which will be available free of charge to the public at the Town Office and on our website.

Deadline for registration is July 18, 2025



Planning Board Meeting - May 7, 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, Jim Digristina, Daniel Tripoli, and Alternate Member Catherine Nimey.

Also Present Were:

Town Supervisor Ronald Beach 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 Dodge, second by Finster to approve the April 2, 2025 Planning Board minutes; all in favor.

Zoning Map:

Discussion ensued with regard to current zoning map and the need to update it.

Moton to Close Meeting/Adjourn:

There being no additional business, a motion was made at 6:15 by Digristina, second by Tripoli to close the Planning Board meeting and begin the training workshop; all in favor.

Training Workshop:

At this time, the Board conducted a two-hour training workshop in which printed versions of the Zoning Ordinance were discussed and reviewed, as well as discussion with regard to current building permit fees.

Jeffery P. Dingman, Planning Board Secretary



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Michael Collver, Commander: 315-525-3680



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NEVER a rain date - our pavilion is big enough to play under!

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Town Board Meeting - May 14, 2025
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**** Minutes Being Provided as Courtesy - Not Officially Approved ****

Council Members Present:

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

Also Present Were:

Town Clerk Barbara J. Boulia, Superintendent of Highways Philip Johnson, Clerk to Supervisor Jeffery Dingman, Mike Jantz from C2AE, and Town Residents: Anthony Klimek, Don Haman, John Bord, Jr., Dale Dodge, Sarah Collignon, Kari Puleo, Tim Riecker, Rick and Chris Proulx, and Harry Robbins.

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 April 9, 2025:

Motion by Juliano, second by Dodge that the minutes of April 9, 2025 be approved as printed; 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.

Codes Enforcement Officer Report by Philip Green:

Codes Enforcement Officer Philip Green said he has been working on building permits and inspections.

Assessor Report by Dan Maxwell:

Assessor Dan Maxwell reported that the tentative roll was made available May 1st. There is a book in the Assessor's office and one with the Town Clerk for anyone who would like to review it. Grievance Day is May 30th from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. The final tax roll will be available July 1st.

Highway Report:

Supervisor Beach said Phil Johnson could not be here. He is going to put the Ford on Auctions International.

Supervisor's Report:

Appointment of Sarah Collignon to ZBA

Supervisor Beach said he would like to appoint Sarah Collignon to the Zoning Board of appeals as she was recommended by Chairperson JoAnn Mammone.

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano authorizing the appointment of Sarah Collignon to the Zoning Board of Appeals; all in favor.

Garage Sale Dates

Garage Sale dates are July 25, 26, and 27, 2025; sign up at the Town Office. See website for updated details.



Town Board Meeting - May 14, 2025 cont'd.

Approve Water Contract

Mike Jantz from C2AE said the Town of Schuyler must sign the agreement between the Town and Mohawk Valley Water Authority.

Church Property - John Bord

John Bord, Trustee of the West Schuyler Methodist Church on Wood Lane said there is 3.4 acres of land that the Church is willing to sell to the Town of Schuyler. He gave the Town Board a map of the property, which consists of 3.4 acres for a price of \$35,000.00. He also mentioned that he has had other offers for this property.

Reimbursements for Clayton Homes Water and Sewer

Supervisor Beach said we will hold off on building permits until the bill has been paid by Clayton Homes.

Parking Lot Lights

Supervisor Beach said he has a quote on new parking lot lights and it will save the Town money.

Jeff Dingman Report:

Jeff Dingman said the phone system has been changed over to Northland Telephone to their services and equipment. Also, the website and e-mail have been updated to a .gov domain. The new Town of Schuyler website is www.townofschuylerny.gov. The new Facebook page can be found at Town of Schuyler NY.

Jeff Dingman also said he would like to update three computers at the Town due to the fact that Microsoft will end support of the Windows 10 operating system on October 14, 2025 which these computers operate on. He would like to update the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk computers first as they run similar programs. Mr. Dingman went on to explain that we could either purchase a third computer to replace the Town Supervisor's or purchase a 1-year Extended Security Update for this computer to avoid having to purchase three computers all at once. He will research prices and report back to the Board.

Mr. Dingman said they will be updating the Planning Board and Zoning Board map.

Resident Comment:

Chris Proulx from the Historical Society said there are new picture frames that she bought, and pictures have been put up in the areas of the inside of the Town Offices.

Harry Robbins said there are three important dates to remember: (1) School vote; (2) Primary on June 24, 2025, and (3) Election Day is on November 4, 2025.

Executive Session:

Motion by Kane, second by Juliano to go into Executive Session at 7:15 P.M.; all in favor.

Motion at 7:40 P.M. by Juliano, second by Kane to come out of Executive Session; all in favor.

Town Board Meeting - May 14, 2025 cont'd.**Motion to Close:**

Motion by Dodge, second by Juliano to close the Town Board Meeting; all in favor.

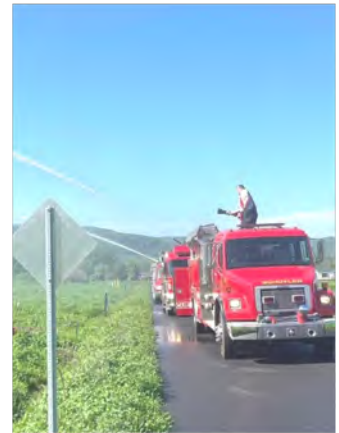
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was closed at 7:45 P.M.

Barbara J. Boulia, Town Clerk

Fire Company News

Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company members recently spend time training on pump operations in a hydrant district and deck gun operations at the site of a soon coming new Clayton Homes development in town.

They also spent time testing and locating the new hydrants for these streets.





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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@townofschuylerny.gov

**West Schuyler
Cemetery
Burial Plots
Available**

For further
information and
current pricing, please
call Earl Haman at
315-733-2920



Town Assessor

Dan Maxwell: 315-733-7458 ext. 225

Office Hours Tuesdays 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.
or by appointment

Codes Enforcement Officer

Call Before Starting
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Philip Green: 315-868-7553

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

For Facility Rentals: 315-733-6609