TOWN OF SCHUYLER FALLS
TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2026

Supervisor Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

Member	Present	Absent
Jason Bruno	X	
Martin Perrotte		X
Vernon Bruno	X	
Timmy Aubin	X	
Kelsi Russell	X	
Darren Seymour	X	
Nick Bracy	X	

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

All board members have been provided a copy of the Minutes of the Organizational Meeing January 14, 2026 and the Town Board Regular Meeting January 27, 2026. Mr. Aubin made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes as presented; Seconded by Mr. Vernon Bruno.
AYES: Mr. Aubin, Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mrs. Smith
ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

ADDRESSES: Don Lee from Trout Unlimited thanked the board with their assistance in the Imperial Dam project. He discussed the project briefly and alerted the board and constituents about an event being held on March 7, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS: Charter sent communications regarding channel lineup.

MONTHLY REPORTS
Town Clerk, Supervisor, Codes Enforcement, Woods Mills Water, Morrisonville Water, Macey Lane, Historian, Recreation, Dog Control
Mr. Aubin made a motion to approve and accept the reports as presented; Seconded by Mr. Vernon Bruno
AYES: Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mrs. Smith
ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

RECEIPTS
Tax Collector/$1,000,771.96
Town Clerk/$1,098.00
Macey Lane Water/$266.45
Morrisonville Water/$1490.00
Woods Mills Water/$1,288.04
Judge VanNortwick/$3,548.00
Judge Smith/$238.00

CASH RECEIPTS

100.00	Clinton County Treasurer Court Division Program
97,348.00	Clinton County Treasurer 4th Qtr. Sales Tax
370,651.64	Casella Waste Systems Host Fees 4th Quarter

Mr. Aubin made a motion to approve and accept the receipts as presented; Seconded by Mr. Jason Bruno
AYES: Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mrs. Smith
ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

PLANNING BOARD/ Mr. Vernon Bruno made a motion to accept the minutes of the planning board dated February 2, 2026; seconded by Mr. Aubin.
AYES: Mr. Perrotte, Mr. Vernon Bruno, Mr. Jason Bruno, Mr. Aubin, Mrs. Smith
ABSENT: Mr. Perrotte

ZONING BOARD/No Minutes Submitted

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNCILMAN/Mr. Vern Bruno inquired whether the town could get a tonnage report from Casella. Supervisor Smith expressed that a report is given to the town quarterly along with host fees. Mr. Aubin expressed that he was reading an article about NYSEG rates. He explained if you look at your bill and see if your rate is set to day/night rate. You can request that it be set to flat rate which is much cheaper. Mr. Jason Bruno inquired if maybe the town could host a meeting with NYSEG. Supervisor Smit h expressed that it is an option, but that previous meetings held in other towns have been open to all. Discussion took place on the matter.

HIGHWAY/ Mr. Seymour expressed that he has been dealing with snow and repairs. He expressed that the supply of salt and sand is still in good shape. He expressed that he had one complaint as to why our roads did not look like the Town of Plattsburgh roads. He explained that the Town of Schuyler Falls runs a salt/sand

mixture on the roads while the Town of Plattsburgh runs straight salt. Mr. Seymour expressed that with a salt/sand mixture traffic is needed to assist with this process and this last storm there was not as much traffic on the roads to assist with the process. Further discussion took place on the matter. Mr. Jason Bruno expressed that there was one spot that should possibly be repaired with cold patch. Further discussion took place on the matter. Mr. Vernon Bruno expressed another area in the vicinity of the Broadwell home that should probably be repaired with cold patch as well. Discussion took place regarding the purchase of the new trucks. Discussion took place for the purchase of the mini-excavator.

SAFETY/CODES/ Mr. Guynup will be doing his end of year report. He has also been doing a few inspections and working on a few violations. Discussion took place regarding his upcoming court appearance.

TOWN CLERK/ The town clerk has taken away some key points from the audit to improve practice. Taxes are still coming in daily. It seems very busy but should slow down a bit soon. There are a couple of trainings, one being the New York State Town Clerk's Association Conference in Albany and the other the New York State Association of Local Government Records Officers.

ASSESSOR/ No report given

PLANNING BOARD/ No report given. Mr. Guynup expressed that there will be a meeting on Tuesday night to discuss the solar farm on Salmon River Road.

DOG CONTROL/Things have been quiet in the world of dog control.

ATTORNEY/ Nothing specific to report. Brief discussion took place on various matters. Mr. Bracy expressed his thanks to the board for retaining him as the town attorney.

SUPERVISOR/ Supervisor Smith has been working with the auditor

WATER/ Supervisor Smith has been working with Laberge and Kubricky regarding various matters for the water project. Brief discussion took place regarding the ice rink.

HISTORIAN/ The hamlet of Schuyler falls has been approved on the state register of historic districts. Discussion took place on the matter. It has also been forwarded to the federal level.

RECREATION/ No report given

OLD BUSINESS/None

NEW BUSINESS/None

RESOLUTIONS/
RESOLUTION 26-22
MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith
WHEREAS on January 20, 2026, Governor Kathy Hochul released the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-2027 Executive Budget; and
WHEREAS, towns provide essential services to residents, including maintaining local roads and bridges, operating, and maintaining water and sewer infrastructure, and delivering public safety and code enforcement services; and
WHEREAS, towns are experiencing rising costs for labor, fuel, materials, and equipment while many state aid programs remain flat or temporary in nature; and
WHEREAS, predictable, formula-based state aid allows towns to plan responsibly, invest in preventative maintenance, and limit reliance on the property tax; and
WHEREAS, grants remain an important source of funding for municipal infrastructure projects but competitive grant programs alone are insufficient to support routine maintenance, and long-term planning for water and sewer systems; and
WHEREAS, the SFY 2026-2027 Executive Budget includes $500 million in Clean Water Infrastructure Act grant funding and an additional $250 million for water infrastructure projects intended to promote housing preservation, including funding for rural communities; and
WHEREAS, the New York Association of Towns (NYAOT) has recommended allocating $100 million, of this additional funding to the Sewer and Water Action Program (SWAP) to create a formula-based CHIPS-like funding stream for municipal water and sewer infrastructure;
WHEREAS, last years Enacted Budget included $50 million in Temporary Municipal Aid (TMA) in addition to the $715 million Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) base, but this TMA funding remains temporary and neither AIM or TMA is indexed to inflation; and
WHEREAS, unrestricted municipal aid is critical to helping towns control property taxes and maintain core services, and more than a decade of flat funding has forced towns to delay maintenance and shift costs to local taxpayers; and
WHEREAS, towns maintain nearly two-thirds of all centerline miles of roads in New York State and spend a significant share of their budgets on transportation, yet state transportation aid does not reflect the true and growing cost of maintaining local infrastructure;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls calls on the Governor and the State Legislature to modify the SFY 26-27 Executive Budget to better support towns by:

1. **Allocating $100 million in formula-based aid for municipal water and sewer infrastructure through the Sewer and Water Action Program (SWAP) in addition to existing grant programs; and**
2. **Making the 50 million Temporary Municipal Assistance in unrestricted municipal aid permanent, and indexing AIM and TMA to inflation to reflect rising municipal costs; and**

3. **Increasing state transportation funding for local roads and bridges particularly the CHIPS base, to better align with the actual cost of maintaining town-owned infrastructure; and**
   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Town's State Senator and Assemblymember

DISCUSSION:
SECONDED BY: Mr. Aubin

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Martin Perrotte				X
Vernon Bruno	X			
Timmy Aubin	X			
Jason Bruno	X			
Mindy Smith	X			

RESOLUTION 26-23
MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith
WHEREAS, it is necessary to purchase certain equipment for the efficient operation of the town;
BE IT RESOLVED, to purchase a new Ferris ISX330 Zero Turn72-inch deck, 40HP, Briggs & Stratton Big Block EFI OGS, Suspension Seat from Taylor Rental and Equipment Sales for the purchase price of $15,199.00
DISCUSSION: This resolution was tabled until the March 4, 2026 meeting. A roll call was taken to table this resolution.
SECONDED BY: Mr. Aubin

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Martin Perrotte				X
Vernon Bruno	X			
Timmy Aubin	X			
Jason Bruno	X			
Mindy Smith	X			

RESOLUTION 26-24
MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith
WHEREAS, it is necessary to purchase certain equipment for the efficient operation of the town;
BE IT RESOLVED, to purchase an extended warranty for the Recreation Department Ford F250 for the purchase price of $3,325.000
SECONDED BY: Mr. Vern Bruno
DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Martin Perrotte				X
Vernon Bruno	X			
Timmy Aubin	X			
Jason Bruno	X			
Mindy Smith	X			

RESOLUTION 26-25
MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin
WHEREAS, that the Town of Schuyler Falls has agreed to apply for the OPHRP Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant;
RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the hiring of Barton & Logudice Consulting Firm for assistance in completing the grant application for the purchase price of $5,500.00
SECONDED BY: Mr. Jason Bruno
DISCUSSION: The grant funds will be used for an ice rink at the town hall.

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Martin Perrotte				X
Vernon Bruno	X			
Timmy Aubin	X			
Jason Bruno	X			
Mindy Smith	X			

RESOLUTION 26-26
MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith
WHEREAS, The Town Clerk would like to attend the New York State Town Clerk's Association Conference in Albany, New York from April 18, 202-April 22, 2026
RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the Town Clerk to attend said conference
SECONDED BY: Mr. Vern Bruno
DISCUSSION: Cost to the Town would include meals, mileage, and accommodations. This is the only conference of its nature. There is no online option.

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Martin Perrotte				X
Vernon Bruno	X			
Timmy Aubin	X			
Jason Bruno	X			
Mindy Smith	X			

RESOLUTION 26-27
MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin
WHEREAS, The Town Clerk would like to attend the New York State Association of Local Government Records Officer Conference in Lake Placid New York from June 7, 2026-June 9, 2026
RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes the Town Clerk to attend said conference
SECONDED BY: Mr. Jason Bruno
DISCUSSION: Cost to the Town would include meals, mileage, and accommodations. This is the only conference of its nature. There is no online option. Discussion took place regarding commuting to the conference, however, due to health reasons the Town Clerk is unable to drive the distance daily.

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Martin Perrotte				X
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ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Martin Perrotte				X
Vernon Bruno	X			
Timmy Aubin	X			
Jason Bruno	X			
Mindy Smith	X			

RESOLUTION 26-28
MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin
WHEREAS, The Town Board would like to change the date of the monthly board meetings and work sessions;
RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board authorizes the change of the meeting date to the first Wednesday of the month. Work sessions would also be changed to the second and fourth Wednesday of the month
SECONDED BY: Mr. Vern Bruno
DISCUSSION: This change will allow for more timely payment of bills and other town operations.

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Martin Perrotte				X
Vernon Bruno	X			
Timmy Aubin	X			
Jason Bruno	X			
Mindy Smith	X			

RESOLUTION 26-29
MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin
WHEREAS, it is necessary to purchase certain equipment for the efficient operation of the town
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board authorizes the Highway Department to purchase two new Western Star 47X Series Tandem Axle Dump Tricks for the Highway Department from Alamo Group Snow and Ice Team for the purchase price of $674,068.00
SECONDED BY: Mr. Vern Bruno
DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Martin Perrotte				X
Vernon Bruno	X			
Timmy Aubin	X			
Jason Bruno	X			
Mindy Smith	X			

RESOLUTION 26-30
MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith
WHEREAS, it is necessary to purchase certain equipment for the efficient operation of the town;
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board authorizes the Highway Department to purchase a SANY SY60C EX Float Blade Cab PRO mini-excavator for the Highway Department from CCR Sales and Service for the purchase price of $72,618.70
SECONDED BY: Mr. Aubin
DISCUSSION: Discussion about repair of the Gradall took place. The Gradall repair budget is capped at $10,00.00. If cost of repair exceeds $10,00.00 the Gradall will be marketed.

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Martin Perrotte				X
Vernon Bruno	X			
Timmy Aubin	X			
Jason Bruno	X			
Mindy Smith	X			

RESOLUTION 26-31
MOTION BY: Mr. Aubin
WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint certain individuals to committees for efficient operation of the town;
BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls appoints Richard Donah and Joe Lotemplio to the ethics committee as alternate board members
SECONDED BY: Mr. Vern Bruno

RESOLUTION 26-32
MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith
WHEREAS, Judge VanNortwick would like to attend a Judge's Training in Canandaigua, New York from May 26-28 2026
RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schuyler Falls authorizes Judge VanNortwick to attend said conference.
SECONDED BY: Jason Bruno
DISCUSSION: Cost to the Town would include, meals, mileage, and accommodations. It was discussed whether there was an online option for this training, at which time it was decided to table this resolution. A roll call vote was taken to table this resolution until speaking with Judge VanNortwick about this matter.

RESOLUTION 26-33
MOTION BY: Mrs. Smith
WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent would like to market the Gradall machine currently at the Highway Garage either by sale, auction, or repair;
RESOLVED, that the Town of Schuyler Falls Town Board authorizes the marketing of the Gradall machine
SECONDED BY: Mr. Aubin
DISCUSSION: Discussion took place on the different options for the Gradall, at which time it was decided to table the resolution, A roll call vote was taken to table this resolution until the cost of repair is known.

CLAIMS
General Abstract for January $47,391.32
Highway Abstract for January: $31,639.23
Audit Only for January $5,255.98
Capital Projects Abstract for January: $35,4744.54
Woods Mills Water for January: $58,711.31
Morrisonville Water for January: $67,789.61
Macey Lane Water for January $34,263.50
Lighting District Abstract for January $0
Fire District Abstract for January: $681867.76
Ambulance District 1 for January: $173,635.00

Claims: (#202600216-202600319)
Payroll Claims: (#202600172-202600186)
(202600202-202600215)
Audit Only: (#202600187-202600201)

PUBLIC FORUM:

NEXT MEETING

Regular Meeting	Wednesday March 4, 2026	6PM
Work Session	Wednesday March 11, 2026	6PM
Work Session	Wednesday March 25, 2026	6PM

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> Mr. Vernon Bruno made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Aubin, and was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ADJOURNMENT 7:30PM.

Kelsi Russell, Town Clerk