

**DRAFT MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF SARATOGA, 12 SPRING ST.,  
SCHUYLERVILLE, NY**

**June 14, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Thomas Wood opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll call:** Ruth Drumm, Town Clerk, called the roll. Supervisor Thomas Wood- present, Councilman Fred Drumm - present, Councilman Charles Hanehan- present, Councilman James Jennings - absent, and Councilman Michael McLoughlin – present

**Also present:** Deputy Town Clerk Linda McCabe, Town Attorney William Reynolds, Highway Superintendent Dave Hall, Zoning Officer Gil Albert, Justice Jack Ditch, Justice David Mathis, Marty Hanehan, John Deyoe, Wendy Lukas, Sherry Doubleday and other interested persons.

**Recognitions/Presentations/ Bid openings/ Public Hearings:**  
**Supervisor Thomas Wood presented the following Certificate of Appreciation to Marty Hanehan, President of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Quaker Springs Fire Department:**

**TOWN OF SARATOGA**  
*Certification of Appreciation*  
*Marty Hanehan*

Marty Hanehan, lifelong resident of the Town of Saratoga, is duly recognized and honored for faithfully serving as an active member and leader of the Quaker Springs Fire Department. During the planning and construction of Station #2, you served as chairman of the building committee. You served as a combination General Contractor/Site Superintendent and interfaced closely with the architect, the builder, and all of the subcontractors to insure that the work was done correctly and that the department received everything for which they had paid. You reviewed drawings, gave updates to the department and district on a regular basis, and asked for input so that all members had ownership and involvement. You always acted in the best interest of the residents of the fire district to be sure that they received a professional building in the most productive, economical, and useable condition. You gave selflessly of your time over a multi-year period to make this happen. The final product is a result of your attention to detail and persistence. We are deeply indebted and greatly appreciative of your service to the community. Over the years you have made the Town of Saratoga much safer. You have demonstrated by your work, the qualities and characteristics admired by our society. Thank you for your service to the Quaker Springs Fire District and the Town of Saratoga.

**Justice David Mathis** and **Justice Jack Ditch** explained the Town of Saratoga's Court Internship Program which began in the fall of 2004 and as of today have had a total of seventy-eight interns successfully complete the program. He noted that twelve students from three high schools, two colleges, and one law school completed internships during the winter and spring of 2010. Certificates of Completion were presented to the following participants and their advisors were recognized:

**Albany Law School:** Intern Jennifer Salas

**BOCES School:** Advisors John Major, Cheryl Jarvis, and David Foldi; Interns Rachel Dixon, Sabrina Cromie, Ronnie Gardner, Alicia Sovie, and Brad Lyon and Returning for second program: Marc Virgian and Josh MacFarland

**Greenwich High School:** Advisor Brenda Lee Saunders and Intern Dan Byrne

**Saratoga Springs High School:** Advisor Stacy Ralston and Intern Meredith Farley

**Schenectady Community College:** Advisor: Gary Perkins and Intern Dakota Perren

**Siena College: Advisor:** Dr. Len Cutler and Intern Ashley Towne

**Wendy Lukas reported on the Village of Schuylerville's Dissolution Committee's progress.** She presented the board with information as to what other towns in Saratoga County provide as far as garbage pick-up. She asked the board for their plan for garbage pick-up should dissolution occur. She noted that the next committee meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Schuylerville Village Municipal Center. She added that more information can be obtained on the website:

[www.Schuylerville.ning.com](http://www.Schuylerville.ning.com).

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman Charles Hanehan and seconded by Councilman Michael McLoughlin to accept the minutes of the May 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the June 4<sup>th</sup> special meeting as written.

Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilman James Jennings - absent. Carried 4 – 0.

**Town Clerk's report for May 2010:** Fees paid to the County Treasurer for Dog Licenses \$85.77. Fees paid to the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets for the spay/neuter program \$15.00. Fees paid to New York D.E.C. for hunting and fishing licenses \$292.89. Fees paid to the New York State Health Department for Marriage licenses \$0. Dog license fees to Supervisor Thomas Wood \$254.23. Clerk fees to Supervisor Thomas Wood \$37.11. Total State, County, and Local Revenues received were \$685.00.

**Zoning Officer's report: Gil Albert's May 2010 report:** 9 Building Permits, 11 Building Inspections, 8 Certificates of Occupancy, 1 Junk Yard Permit, 0 Fire inspections, 1 Complaint, 1 Property Maintenance Inspection, 2 Misc., 1 Order to Remedy, and 1 Building Permit Renewal. A check for \$1,106.25 was given to Supervisor Thomas Wood.

**Dog Control Officer's report for May 2010:** The report was read by Supervisor Thomas Wood: answered 34 complaints, took 8 dogs to the shelter, 2 bite cases, traveled 359 miles, issued 23 warnings and 3 summonses were issued.

**Town Court report for May 2010:** The following were closed: 118 Vehicle & Traffic, 16 Criminal/Penal Law, 3 DEC/ENCON, 2 Dog cases, 3 DWI's, 0 Town & Village Ordinance, 2 Small Claims/Civil, 1 Eviction, 0 Bench trials, 3 Divestiture Forms (case transfers) sent to County Court, 10 attended the Science of Speed School, 1 Defendant sentenced to probation, 0 hours of community service issued, 0 days of jail time issued, 1 Order of Protection issued, and \$8,704.50 in fees were paid to the NY State Comptroller.

**Historian's report:** Sean Kelleher submitted the following report for May: During the past month, I met with Phil Pendleton, an independent consulting historian from Pennsylvania, on a project being undertaken by Saratoga PLAN to develop a walking trail along Fish Creek, running on the south side of the creek in Victory to the Schuylerville area. The study is funded by the American Battlefield Protection Program, an office within the National Park Service. The study involves an archaeological assessment of the evident Revolutionary War earthworks on the south side of Fish Creek extending from the Victory Mills location to the eastward, and also a general historic architectural survey of a larger tract that contains part but not all of the Village of Victory as well as the earthworks area. There will be three local programs of historical interest. Heritage Hunters, the local genealogical association will be meeting on Saturday, June 19 at 1 pm at Town Hall. The speakers will be David Peck with a presentation entitled Graveyards and Greater Plots. Genealogy group at the Schuylerville Library will meet Tuesday, June 15, 10 am. The Old Saratoga Historical Association will have a program meeting on June 17 at 6pm at the National Cemetery. Cemetery Director, Dan Cassidy will be giving us a tour of the National Cemetery on Duell Road.

**Assessor's report:** Victoria Hayner submitted the following report: The Board of Assessment Review met on May 25th between 4 and 8 p.m. Sixteen town residents attended to grieve their assessments. There were also 2 mail in grievances and one stipulations presented for consideration by the Board. After receiving the decisions by the Grievance Board, we will input sales for next year's roll. The Final Roll for 2010 will be available July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The equalization rate is set at 66%, up from 64% the previous year.

The Assessor's Office will be open from June – mid-September on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The Assessor will be in the office those days and we will not use a clerk for the summer.

**Highway Superintendent's report:** Highway Superintendent Dave Hall reported that the mowing of the roadsides is going well. Truck #5 is back from being painted by Arrowhead Equipment and looks like new. Neilson Road and Caldwell Road came out well and the shoulders will be done next Monday and Tuesday.

Highway Superintendent Dave Hall stated that the position held by Charles Robinson is due

to be filled as he is done as of June 17<sup>th</sup>. He would like the board's approval to hire.

Highway Superintendent Dave Hall reported that Independent Towers is breaking ground this Thursday on the cell tower at the dump site. It should take 30 to 45 days to complete.

**Supervisor's Financial Report:**

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT MAY 2010

GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE (A FUND)

Balance on hand May 1	\$ 1,244,671.07
May Revenues	+ 83,908.10
May Disbursements	- 36,660.49
Balance May 31	\$ 1,291,768.78

GENERAL FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE (B FUND)

Balance on hand May 1	\$ 269,590.49
May Revenues	+ 1,372.97
May Disbursements	- 4,254.85
Balance May	\$ 266,708.61

HIGHWAY FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE (DB FUND)

Balance on hand May 1	\$ 887,023.37
May Revenues	+ 87,279.23
May Disbursements	- 39,435.26
Balance May 31	\$ 934,867.34

SCHUYLER PARK CAPITAL PROJECT May 31 \$ 82,137.74

YOUTH RECREATION & SERVICE May 31 \$ 1,214.52

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE May 31 \$ 12,742.67

BUILDING RESERVE May 31 \$ 149,506.10

SCENIC BY WAYS GRANT May 31 \$ 309.08

❖ **Sales Tax Received – May 2010 - \$86,904**

❖ **Mortgage Tax – April 2010 - \$61,687.60**

**Public comments on agenda items: John Deyoe addressed the board.**

**Committee reports:**

**Landfill:** No report.

**Insurance:** Supervisor Thomas Wood reported that the General Liability policy is up for renewal in mid-August and it is being reviewed. He is also gathering proposals for Health Insurance.

**Youth:** Councilman Michael McLoughlin reported on the status of the Summer Youth Swim Program. He stated that NYS Department of Health is no longer approving private pools for public use so an alternative is being pursued. He has been in contact with Meaghan Wilkins with Christ the King Spiritual Life Center. They have a Swim Program at their small lake at 575 Burton Road, Greenwich. They could run the whole program and will try to work within our budget. Councilman Michael McLoughlin will negotiate the final details so that a contract can be drafted by Town Attorney Bill Reynolds and approved by the board. Notices would need to be distributed as time is of the essence. Classes would begin in July and 24 days of instruction would be given.

**Senior Citizens:** The following report was submitted: The **Old Saratoga Seniors** met for a casserole luncheon on May 5<sup>th</sup> with 48 members attending. A fashion and beauty consultant was the guest speaker. A July 28<sup>th</sup> trip to the Mac Hayden Theater to see Damn Yankees is planned. On May 19<sup>th</sup> a sandwich lunch meeting was held with 40 members attending. The Election of Officers occurred and Senior of the Year was selected. Future trips are being planned to the Log Cabin Lobster Feast on August 17<sup>th</sup> and to Boston Harbor & Islands for a lunch cruise on September 21. More information will follow. The next meeting will be September 1<sup>st</sup> at the Fish Creek Rod & Gun Club.

The **Quaker Springs Seniors:** No report.

**Park Committee:**

**Schuyler Park: No report. (The May meeting was cancelled and has been rescheduled for Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.)**

**Wilbur Road Towpath Trail:** Supervisor Thomas Wood reported that the work on the Wilbur Road Trail is finished. A ribbon cutting is tentatively scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Office of Emergency Management: Sherry Doubleday** reported that they are working on emergency staffing and matching the job with the interest of the volunteer. She added that they are also working out the best ways to feed the people in a disaster. They will meet again on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Committee to Honor Volunteer Firefighters & Emergency Medical Service**

**Workers: Sherry Doubleday** reported that they are trying to find a landscaper for the project.

**GSES, QSFD, SLPID/SLA, SCFB Reports:**

**Lois White gave the following report for the General Schuyler Emergency Squad.**

- ❖ There were a total of 64 calls in May; 23 were in the Town of Saratoga; 3 in the Town of Northumberland; 18 in the Village of Schuylerville; 11 in the Village of Victory Mills and 9 Mutual Aid calls.

- ❖ The squad covered the National Regattas on May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and Lee's Trailer Park for the Dave Matthews Band at SPAC on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ In January of this year, GSES was chosen to be part of a new protocol involving the reversal of cardiac arrest in patients. During the month of May GSES assisted two patients using this new technology. In both cases this proved extremely beneficial to the patient. It was stated "that (the ability to send an EKG immediately upon arrival at the patient to the hospital) combined with the care provided at the scene by the Paramedic saved the patient's life.
- ❖ Our new building continues to progress. They should be starting the inside framing within the next two weeks.

**QSFD:** Marty Hanehan reported that after years of planning they have a State of the Art Facility (Station #2) that has been in use since December 29<sup>th</sup> of 2009 at Rt. 9P, Saratoga Lake.

He stated that the Quaker Springs Fire Department and all its members are dedicated to the Town of Saratoga and its citizens. This past weekend they had an open house to thank everyone for their support. They dedicated a memorial, which is on the outside of the tower, in memory of Stanley Bialahoski. There was also a moving in ceremony. Over 300 people toured the facility and hamburgers and hot dogs were served over the 2 day event. Nothing but praise was heard. During this event they had a call for mutual aid with Saratoga Springs for a water rescue on Lake Lonely. Our neighbors were surprised with our quick response.

They have 8 Junior Fireman. This is a first for the Department. These kids are to be commended. They have signed up 8 new members this weekend, which is amazing, a mix of juniors, firefighters and auxiliary.

**Old business: None.**

**New business:**

On a motion by Councilman Fred Drumm and seconded by Councilman Michael McLoughlin the following **Resolution #10-55 – Fund Transfer – Schuyler Park Signs** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, and Councilman James Jennings - absent. Carried 4 – 0.

**RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to transfer \$307.36 from the Schuyler Park Capital Project Fund Account #H7110.4 (via Interfund Transfer Account #H9901.9 to the General Fund Account #A5031 Interfund Revenues) to Traffic Control Account #A3310.4 to reimburse the Town's General Fund for the Schuyler Park portion of signage costs on Highway Traffic Supply Voucher #10-155A charged in total to the General Fund on May 10, 2010. The costs incurred were for 8 Handicap and 2 Stop signs for Schuyler Park.

On a motion by Councilman Michael McLoughlin and seconded by Supervisor Thomas Wood the following **Resolution #10-56 – Fund Transfer – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Writing by Marvin & Co.** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – no, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, and Councilman James Jennings - absent. Carried 3 – 1.

**RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to transfer \$3,500.00 from Demolition of Unsafe Buildings Account #A3650.4 to Town Board Contractual Account #A1010.4 to pay for the writing of the CDBG Grant Application by Marvin & Co.

**Communications:**

- ❖ **Saratoga County Farmland/Open Space Preservation Program Applications are available at Town Clerk’s Office and are due by July 30<sup>th</sup>.**
- ❖ **Food Pantry moving into Annex – June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> , Open House July 13<sup>th</sup>**
- ❖ **Ribbon Cutting Towpath Trail – Wilbur Road- tentative date July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Privilege of the floor: John Deyoe addressed the board.**

**Upcoming meetings:**

- ❖ **Agenda meeting – Thursday, July 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**
- ❖ **Regular town board meeting – Monday, July 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Audit the Bills:** On a motion by Councilman Fred Drumm and seconded by Councilman Michael McLoughlin the following **Resolution #10- 57 Approving the payment of bills in Abstract 6G** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Thomas Wood - aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan – aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, and Councilman James Jennings - absent. Carried 4 – 0.

**RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga that the bills be paid on Abstract #6 (06/14/2010) in the following amounts:

<b>General Fund A</b>	<b>Voucher No. 174 through 210</b>	<b>\$ 20,251.65</b>
<b>General Fund B</b>	<b>Voucher No. 35 through 40</b>	<b>\$ 1,859.29</b>
<b>Highway Outside DB</b>	<b>Voucher No. 121 through 143</b>	<b>\$19,626.76</b>
<b>Schuyler Park H</b>	<b>Voucher No. 12 through 17</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,580.09</u></b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$46,317.79</b>

**A motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.** was made by Supervisor Thomas Wood and seconded by Councilman Charles Hanehan. Supervisor Thomas Wood – aye, Councilman Fred Drumm – aye, Councilman Charles Hanehan - aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, and Councilman James Jennings - absent. Carried 4 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Drumm  
Town Clerk