

TOWN OF SARATOGA TOWN BOARD
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
12 SPRING ST., SCHUYLERVILLE, NY
May 12th, 2025
7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Ian Murray opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 7:03 p.m.

Roll call: Town Clerk Michelle Conover, called the roll: Supervisor Ian Murray - present, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – absent, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm – present, Councilman Gary Squires – present, Councilwoman Maxine Lautenberg – present.

Also present: Deputy Town Clerk Emilee M. Jones, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Gil Albert, Highway Superintendent Ryan Campbell and other interested parties.

7:06 p.m. Councilman Michael McLoughlin arrived at the meeting.

Recognitions/Presentations/ Bid openings/Public Hearings:

Supervisor Ian Murray recognized Pat Peck and the Quaker Springs Country Kids. On April 19th, 2025 Earth Day, the kids cleaned up roadside debris along DeGarmo, Hayes and Wagmans Ridge roads. He also wants to thank Highway Superintendent Ryan Campbell and the highway crew for supplying the orange vests and garbage bags and for picking up the debris that was collected by the kids.

Secondly, Supervisor Ian Murray wants to thank Town of Saratoga Historian, Sean Kelleher and County Historian, Lauren Roberts for putting on the Turning Point Symposium at the American Legion Post 278 in Schuylerville on May 3rd and 4th, 2025. Saturday was a sold-out event and Sunday was a bus trip that retraced Henry Knox's sled trail it was very informative and a great show. Supervisor Murray stated this program certainly showcased the tourism in our area.

Teresa A. Capozzola, Esq., thanked the Town Board for giving her the opportunity to present tonight, she is requesting the Town Board adopt a resolution urging the New York State Assembly and Senate to pass the Packaging Reduction and Recycle Infrastructure Act (Senate Bill 1464 / Assembly Bill 1749). Teresa stated plastics are ambiguous and are everywhere. Water bottles take 450 years to decompose and plastic doesn't really decompose; it disintegrates and breaks down into smaller pieces and those pieces are micro plastic and nano plastic. We breathe them in a form of dust, we drink them in our water and we eat them in our food. Plastics have been found in almost every organ in the human body. Recent studies have found a deceased person with severe dementia has 7 grams of plastic (equivalent to a plastic spoon) in their brain. Plastics have also been found in newborn babies. This is a crisis!

Recycling is a myth; it was promoted by the plastic and fossil fuel industries. Only 3% of plastic gets recycled in a tangible way, so we burn it and that's how it gets in the air along with other ways. No one wants a burn plant next to their home or where their children play.

New York produces 17.1 million pounds of waste per year. Plastic violates the rule of supply and demand. No one goes to the grocery store demanding it or wanting it. The plastic, chemical and fossil fuel companies make money from it and are not going to voluntarily reduce their plastic, that's a fool's errand.

There is an effort to pass the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (PRRIA). When adopted, PRRIA would:

- ❖ Reduce all packaging by 30% over 12 years
- ❖ Require 75% recycling rate for the remaining packaging by 2052

- ❖ Prohibit 17 of packaging's worst toxic chemicals and materials, including PFAS, lead, mercury, formaldehyde, bisphenols, polyvinyl chloride, polystyrene and polycarbonate
- ❖ Prohibit the harmful process known as "chemical recycling" to be considered real recycling as to a means to meeting the requirements of this bill
- ❖ Establish a modest fee on packing paid by companies, with new revenue going to local taxpayers and customers of private waste haulers
- ❖ Establish a new Office of Inspector General to ensure that companies fully comply with the law

No one asked for all this plastic, yet we're the ones that pay the price with the most precious thing of all, our health. We need good people in leadership positions to stand up and she hopes the Town of Saratoga Town Board will be part of the solution and pass a resolution in support of this bill.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin and seconded by Councilmember Gary Squires, **to accept the minutes of the April 14th, 2025 Regular Town Board meeting as written.** Supervisor Ian Murray- aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Maxine Lautenberg - aye.

Carried 5-0

Town Clerk's report for April 2025: Fees paid to the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets for the Animal Population Control Program \$54.00. Fees paid to New York D.E.C. for hunting and fishing licenses \$196.56. Fees paid to the New York State Health Department for Marriage licenses \$45.00. Dog license fees to Supervisor Ian Murray \$240.00. Clerk fees to Supervisor Ian Murray \$176.44. Total State and Local Revenues received were \$711.00.

Zoning Officer's report for April 2025: 14 Building Permits, 13 Building Inspections, 4 Certificates of Occupancy, 1 Junkyard Permits, 0 Complaints, 0 Fire Inspections, 0 Order to Remedy, 4 misc., 12 Building Permit Renewals and 0 Property Maintenance Inspections. A check for \$7,284.50 was given to Supervisor Ian Murray.

Dog Control officer's report for April 2025: Ed Cross, Dog Control Officer answered 6 complaints, took 0 dogs to the shelter, 0 bite cases, traveled 20 miles, issued 5 warnings and 0 summons' were issued.

Town Court report for April 2025: 25 Traffic tickets closed, 7 Criminal/penal law cases closed, 0 Civil case closed, 1 Encon/DEC closed, 1 DWI case closed, 0 Town and Dog cases closed. Supervisor Ian Murray received a check from Justice John McCarron in the amount of \$1,965.00, a check from Justice Charles Sherman in the amount of \$65.00 for a total of \$2,030.00.

Tax Collector's report for April 2025: No Report.

Historians Report April 2025: No Report.

Assessor's Report April 2025: No Report.

Highway Superintendent's report for April 2025:

- ❖ Cleared trees & large branches from Highways & right of way
- ❖ Mowed & trimmed Town properties
- ❖ Repaired/replaced damaged or missing road signs throughout Town
- ❖ Sign relocated on County Route 67
- ❖ Repaired guardrail end of Chestnut St
- ❖ Patched pot holes throughout Town
- ❖ Swept roads & intersections
- ❖ Replaced culvert Burke Rd

- ❖ All winter equipment washed & serviced for off season
- ❖ Sandblasted, Prepped, primed & Painted wings and plow frames
- ❖ Multiple repairs made to trucks & equipment
- ❖ Full service completed on tandems
- ❖ Assisted Village of Schuylerville with rebuilding Tow Path Rd
- ❖ Assisted Town of Wilton paving
- ❖ Prepped, shimmed & paved Burgoyne Rd from Walsh Rd to CR 68

Supervisor Ian Murray wants to thank Highway Superintendent Ryan Campbell and the highway crew for putting up the 250th America's Turning Point banners in the Town.

Supervisor's report:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT April 2025

GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE (A FUND)

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Balance on hand 4/1/2025 | \$ 739,286.20 |
| Revenues | + 58,445.93 |
| Disbursements | - (133,301.23) |
| Balance 4/30/2025 | \$ 664,430.90 |

GENERAL FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE (B FUND)

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Balance on hand 4/1/2025 | \$2,305,440.19 |
| Revenues | + 1,271.93 |
| Disbursements | - (1,883.76) |
| Balance 4/30/2025 | \$2,304,828.36 |

HIGHWAY FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE (DB FUND)

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| Balance on hand 4/1/2025 | \$ 382,835.44 |
| Revenues | + 68.13 |
| Disbursements | - (57,177.52) |
| Balance 4/30/2025 | \$ 325,726.05 |

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| SCHUYLER PARK 4/30/2025 | \$ 55,163.85 |
| YOUTH RECREATION & SERVICE 4/30/2025 | \$ 8,673.85 |
| HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE 4/30/2025 | \$160,839.17 |
| BUILDING RESERVE 4/30/2025 | \$484,088.55 |
| CDPHP & HRA 4/30/2025 | \$ 4,746.51 |
| AHC HOME IMPROVEMENT 4/30/2025 | \$125,436.00 |
| CDBG PROJECT 4/30/25 | \$ 21,898.20 |
| SCENIC BY WAYS QRTRLY 4/30/2025 | \$ 312.45 |
| PARKS RESERVE 4/30/2025 | \$376,956.55 |
| GFNB Certificate of Deposit 4/30/2025 | \$832,083.37 |
| NYCLASS 4/30/2025 | \$795,087.12 |

April 2025 Distribution - Sales Tax Received - \$ 143,869.00

March 2025 Distribution - Mortgage Tax Received – \$ 37,585.23

April 2025 Distribution- Mortgage Tax Received - \$13,511.00

Solar update: Supervisor Murray advised the Town Board of the steps that have to be done to finish up the process for our Solar Facilities Law:

- ❖ Notify our neighboring Towns and Cities, since we are making changes to our Zoning Code. The Town will be notifying Stillwater, Northumberland, Wilton and Saratoga Springs. The Town is working on that letter.
- ❖ This law was sent to the County Planning Board last Thursday, May 8th, 2025. The next County Planning Board meeting to review this is June 18th, 2025.
- ❖ We will schedule a Public Hearing for our next Town Board meeting of June 9th, 2025.
- ❖ We have to complete SEQR Legislation for the new action.
- ❖ We will have to set a special meeting for the end of June. The Town Board members all agreed to Tuesday, June 24th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Public comments on agenda items: Darlene McGraw and Theresa Capozzola addressed the board.

Committee reports:

Landfill: No report.

Insurance: No report.

Youth: No report.

Park Committee: No report.

Office of Emergency Management (OEM): No report.

WEMS: No report.

Old Business: None.

Communications: None.

Privilege of the floor: Darlene McGraw addressed the board.

Upcoming meetings:

- ❖ Regular Town Board meeting – Monday, June 9th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Special Town Board meeting – Tuesday, June 24th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Audit the Bills: On a motion by Councilmember Ruth Drumm and seconded by Councilmember Maxine Lautenberg, the following **Resolution #25-42 Approving the Payment of Bills in Abstract 5G of 2025**, was adopted by vote: Supervisor Ian Murray- aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilwoman Maxine Lautenberg - aye.

Carried 5 - 0

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to authorize payment of the bills listed in **Abstract 5G of 2025 in the following amounts:**

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| General Fund DB | No. 267-274 | \$ 1,907.16 |
| General Fund A | No. 246-249, 263, 265, 266, 275-303 | \$ 29,288.96 |
| General Fund B | No. 304-309 | \$ 4,902.83 |
| General Fund H | No. 310-312 | \$ 1,528.93 |
| General Fund HPO | No. 313-317 | <u>\$ 33,755.00</u> |
| Grand Total | | <u>\$71,382.88</u> |

A motion was made by Councilmember Maxine Lautenberg and seconded by Councilmember Ruth Drumm to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Supervisor Ian Murray - aye, Councilmember Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilmember Ruth Drumm – aye, Councilmember Gary Squires - aye, Councilmember Maxine Lautenberg - aye.

Carried 5– 0

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Conover
Town Clerk