

Village of Schuylerville

Village Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 9, 2026

Location: Schuylerville Village Hall

Type: Regular Monthly Meeting & Public Hearing

Present

Mayor Carpenter

Trustee Baker

Trustee Campbell

Trustee Colvin

Attorney Klingebiel

Treasurer Heyman

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee LeBaron attended remotely via telephone as a **non-voting participant**.

Public Hearing

Bond Resolution for Water Project and SEQRA

The Mayor opened the public hearing regarding the proposed Phase One Joint Water Project.

Project Overview

- Phase One project estimated at approximately **\$1.2 million**.
- Funding structure:
 - Federal grant (Rep. Tonko's office): approximately **\$641,000**
 - Joint serial bond financing: **\$609,000**
- Cost allocation under the Intermunicipal Agreement:
 - **76% Village of Schuylerville**
 - **24% Village of Victory**

Board discussion confirmed:

- Project can proceed **without increasing water rates**.

- Estimated annual bond payment: approximately **\$45,000**.
- Water budget projections indicate:
 - Approximate \$90,000 surplus prior to reserve allocations.
 - \$50,000 equipment reserve included.
 - Remaining surplus anticipated to support system repairs and future capital planning.

Board members emphasized infrastructure necessity and long-term cost avoidance by proceeding now rather than delaying improvements.

Public Questions & Discussion

Residents asked questions regarding:

- Responsibility for service line replacement.
- Lead and galvanized pipe replacement requirements.
- Federal and state mandates requiring replacement of lead/galvanized lines.
- Village responsibility:
 - Main to curb stop.
- Homeowner responsibility:
 - Curb stop to structure.

The Board explained:

- Current law prohibits use of public funds on private infrastructure.
- Future grant opportunities may assist homeowners pending federal/state guidance.
- Inventory surveys are ongoing to identify service line materials.

Construction timeline discussed:

- Bond issuance and preparation in 2026.
- Anticipated construction start: **Spring 2027**.

Close Public Hearing

Motion made and seconded to close the public hearing.

Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Meeting Called to Order

The regular Village Board meeting opened at **6:19 PM**.

Board Announcements

Announcements included:

- Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management budget meeting and regular meeting – February 17, 2026, 5:30 PM, Victory Meeting Hall.
 - Village Budget Meeting #2 – February 23, 2026.
 - Village Workshop Meeting – March 2, 2026.
 - Monthly Village Meeting – March 9, 2026.
 - Planning Board Meeting – February 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM.
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Minutes Approval

Trustee Baker made the motion to approve the following minutes, Trustee Campbell seconded the motion, all in favor, minutes approved.

- January 5 Joint Water Meeting Minutes
- January 12 Village Meeting Minutes
- January 5 Workshop Meeting Minutes

Trustee Colvin abstained due to absence at meetings.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Balances reported:

- General Fund Statement: \$115,867.26
- Sewer Now Statement: \$114,576.16
- Trust & Agency: \$14,945.75
- General Fund Money Market: \$1,064,056.57
- Sewer Fund Money Market: \$458,092.67
- Memorial Day Fund: \$1,363.39

Interest earned:

- General Fund Money Market: \$3,321.50
- Sewer Fund Money Market \$1,363.04

No questions raised. Report accepted.

Department & Committee Reports

Department of Public Works

Report summarized:

- International salt spinner repaired in-house.
 - Tire replacements completed on equipment.
 - Garage door repair completed.
 - Salt supply running low; additional order authorized.
 - Line locating training completed.
 - Ongoing water service issues addressed.
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Code Enforcement

- Follow-up conducted on property concerns.
 - Contractor corrected issues at 19 Broad Street including:
 - Removal of materials blocking electrical panels.
 - Installation of junction box covers.
 - Water leaks repaired.
 - Board to continue monitoring compliance matters.
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Fire Department

Report included:

- Alarm responses, training hours, and mutual aid activity.
- Members completed American Heart Association BLS certification.
- Equipment planning underway including radios, lighting, and EV fire blankets.

Request made to prepare a Village resolution recognizing **50 years of service** by a Fire Department member at the April banquet.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Increased energy usage anticipated due to cold weather.
 - One pump sent out for repair.
 - Facility operating normally.
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Historian / Visitor Center

Report included:

- Upcoming Tavern Night event (March 12, 2026).
 - Saratoga 250th education initiatives.
 - Trivia program completed.
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Planning Board

Planning Board reported continued activity with ongoing reviews.

Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management

- Water budget discussions underway.
 - Upcoming RO filter replacement estimated near \$70,000–\$80,000.
 - Continued PFAS monitoring remains within regulatory limits.
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Zoning Board of Appeals

No report.

Public Comment

No public comment offered.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Town of Saratoga Fire Protection Agreement

Trustee Baker made the motion to approve the 2026–2027 fire protection agreement, Trustee Campbell seconded the motion, all in favor, contract approved.

Local Law (Lawrence Case Recommended Compliance)

Attorney review completed; language updated as recommended.

Board scheduled public hearing.

Scheduling Public Hearing

Public hearing scheduled for:

March 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM

(to include Fee Schedule and Local Law).

Employee Handbook

Committee to conduct final review prior to Board action.

NY Forward Update

- Draft contract received from NYS Department of State.
 - Board reviewing prior to execution.
 - Initial implementation goals to be developed.
 - Anticipated contract signing targeted for March meeting.
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Constellation Energy Invoice

Invoice presented in the amount of **\$18.56**. Trustee Baker made the motion to approve the payment, Trustee Colvin seconded the motion, all in favor, invoice payment approved

Budget Transfer Resolution

Trustee Baker made the motion to approve and Trustee Colvin seconded the motion to approve the following transfers:

- Increase Snow Removal Personnel: \$16,000 Decrease Street Maintenance personnel \$16,000
- Increase Playground/Recreation Contractual: \$500 Decrease Buildings Contractual \$500.00
- Increase Central Garage Contractual: \$5,000: Decrease Central Garage Equipment \$5,000
- Increase Central Data Processing: \$600 Decrease Engineer Contractual \$600

All in favor, resolution passes

Bond Resolution – Joint Water Project

Trustee Baker made the motion to adopt the Bond Resolution authorizing issuance of **\$609,000 joint serial bonds** for reconstruction and improvement of the Schuylerville/Victory Joint Water System, Trustee Campbell seconded the motion, all in favor, resolution passes unanimously.

SEQRA Determination

Trustee Baker made the motion to adopt the resolution classifying project as a **Type II Action** under SEQRA. Trustee Campbell seconded the motion, all in favor, resolution passes unanimously.

Voucher Totals

- Trustee Colvin made the motion to approve the G Fund Vouchers in the amount of \$2,354.61 and the A Fund vouchers in the amount of \$12,532.04, Trustee Baker seconded the motion, all in favor, vouchers approved
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Adjournment

Trustee Baker made the motion to adjourn, Trustee Colvin seconded the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned