

# Town board approves Guilderland's own speeding law

By Nicole Fay Barr

**GUILDERLAND** — The town board Tuesday adopted a town speeding ordinance, making it illegal to drive faster than the speed limit in Guilderland.

The town proposed the ordinance because of a state speeding-fine policy, introduced by Governor George Pataki, which went into effect on Sept. 1. The policy allows the state to keep all of the money generated from speeding fines. Before, the state split a portion of the fines with the municipalities where the offenses occurred.

With the town ordinance, Guilderland can now keep all of its speeding-fine money.

Supervisor Kenneth Runion said he was advised to create the law from the state's Association

of Towns. Guilderland is the only town in *The Enterprise's* coverage area that has "suburban class status," meaning if it has a population of over 25,000, allowing it to create the law.

Although the state is likely to repeal the speeding-fine policy because of the outcry from upset government officials who can't create an ordinance, Guilderland went on with its law. It can potentially bring in more revenue from fines than it had before.

The town also approved an ordinance establishing a \$10 surcharge on speeding infractions made on state highways. The state gave municipalities this option for one year to help lessen the severity of its policy.

With no public comment and little discussion, the four present

board members — Runion, and councilmembers David Bosworth, Bruce Sherwin, and Michael Ricard — approved the two ordinances. Board member Patricia Slavick was absent because she is attending a conference in California.

## Other business

In other business, the board:

— Heard from resident Carol Williams that she is pleased with the town providing a mailing service to residents for meeting agendas, legal notices, and other information.

"It's a real commitment to open government," Williams said. "It's a wonderful opportunity for us....Thank you."

— Heard from Runion that residents have one last chance to register to vote at Town Hall on

Saturday, Oct. 9, from 1 to 9 p.m.

People can also register online, he said. Town Clerk Rosemary Centi added that anyone can pick up a registration form in her office as well;

— Authorized the implementation and funding of a grant program for improvements for Western Avenue's intersections with McKown Road and Parkwood Street.

The grant, which came through state Assemblyman Jack McEneny's office, is for \$142,500.

The project will probably begin next year, Runion said. The town must first choose an engineer, bid for the project, and have design plans created, he said;

— Approved the extension of public water from the town of Princetown to four properties in

Guilderland on Dunnsville Road and West Old State Road. Cost of the extension will be paid for by the property owners,

— Set a public hearing to discuss the 2005 assessment roll for Guilderland sewer improvements. The hearing will be Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m.;

— Set a public hearing to facilitate the transfer of \$106,000 from the highway reserve machinery fund to the highway capital outlay fund for the purchase of a 2004 snowplow truck. The hearing will be on Oct. 19 at 8 p.m.;

— Set a public hearing to discuss the 2005 budget for Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m.;

— Appointed Scott A. Snide to the town's traffic-safety committee.

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