

# Town board says yes to water, road resolutions

By STEPHEN PAUSE

The Guilderland town board Tuesday approved two motions that will alter the landscape of the town.

The board first adopted a resolution concerning issues with the reconstruction of Schoolhouse Road by Albany County. Most of the items in the resolution were standard items associated with a road project, including the discharge of wastewater into the town's closed drainage system and the maintenance of sidewalks, which will be installed on one side of the road.

Since the county does not have the capacity to maintain the road, the town usually agrees to care for them. The same agreement exists for other

county roads, such as Western Avenue.

There was also a need for town approval for water treatment systems, which will be located in the town's right of way.

The Commissioner of Public Works for Albany County, Michael Franchini, said the project will include the majority of County Route 204, from Schoolhouse Road west of the Thruway all the way down Russell Road to the city line.

"The objective is to improve the pavement," he said. "The pavement has deteriorated to a point to where the county needed to repave. In the process we looked to improve the drainage and pathways for pedestrians and bicycles."

The portion of Schoolhouse

Road between the Thruway and Western Avenue was reconstructed in 1997, and will not be affected by the new work.

While Franchini said it has not been decided which end construction will start from, the project as a whole will take two years to complete, and it is anticipated that the project will start in the late summer.

The most extensive work will occur at the intersection of Schoolhouse and Krumkill Roads, where the county has plans install a roundabout.

Franchini said that traffic estimates for the road warranted additional traffic control.

During construction, the contractor will be required to maintain one lane of traffic

during the day, although some backups may occur, and there will be no construction at night.

Todd Gifford, the superintendent of highways for the town of Guilderland, said the biggest improvement will be the upgrades to the road's drainage system.

"Anytime you can get storm water off the asphalt it will extend the life of the road," he said.

Gifford said that in turn better pavement will result in a safer roads for vehicles.

Also approved at the meeting was the dedication of Windsor Court, part of the Saddlebrook subdivision off of Johnstown Road. The town generally takes control of such roads so that private developments do not have to deal with the upkeep of the road.

Developers in this case had to pave the road in order to get building permits. The remaining two roads in the subdivision have yet to be completed, and additional building permits were made conditional on their completion.

Gifford said it was the only road the town took control of for 2005.

## Man charged with DWI following DWI sentencing

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A Guilderland resident faces