

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes ~ February 11, 2015

The Village of Schuylerville Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at the Village Municipal Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor John Sherman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Present were Mayor John Sherman; Trustees Whitney Colvin, Jim Miers, Robert Petralia, Mary Sherman; Village Attorney David Klingebiel; Clerk/Treasurer Anna Welfley and a small number of residents.

Trustee Petralia made the motion to approve the minutes of January 14, seconded by Trustee Sherman. Mayor Sherman, Trustees Miers, Petralia and Sherman aye. Trustee Colvin nay as he had not reviewed the minutes. Motion passed.

Mayor Sherman read the upcoming meeting announcements including the Village election to be held March 18.

Reports

Treasurer Anna Welfley reported on the bank balances as of January 31 and an update on the current sewer billing and the closing of the books on water and sewer collection for this fiscal year will be April 15.

Code Enforcement Office Gil Albert was unable to attend the meeting due to an injury, and did not have a report.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Decker reported that the DPW crew had completed several maintenance issues with the plow trucks and all the work was done by the DPW employees. The new Ford F-350 truck has arrived. The truck is outfitted with a Fisher stainless steel plow and a Fisher 1.8 cu. yd. salt/sand spreader. It has been lettered and is prepared for full service including completed training of the employees. The salt shed roof has collapsed, but the crew was able to secure salt from Saratoga County and Ballston Spa. Future salt purchases will be stored at the Town of Saratoga salt shed until the village rebuilds in the spring. We have a shortage of salt as most other communities do.

Our village has had 62” of snow to date. When not plowing snow and taking care of the village roads, the crew is working on snow removal from streets. The plowed snow is causing very high banks and narrow streets. He asks residents to be patient. They have a plan and will get all the streets, but it does take time.

Fire Chief Brian Myers was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Sherman read from Chief Myers report. There were 18 alarm responses in January and 322 man hours. Schuyler Hose Company (SHC) is hosting the NYS OFPCC STICO course training. SHC training man hours in January were 158.5. The annual firefighter physicals were conducted on January 20. Firemen spent 12 man hours shoveling out hydrants. Trustee Miers asked that we alert residents about shoveling hydrants adjacent to their home.

Planning did not have a report.

Sewer Operator Harry Bogardus was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Sherman read from Mr. Bogardus report. The quality Effluent discharge met all SPDES permit requirements. Lab samples are now being taken to the CNA lab at a savings of \$34 per month. There was a visit from a DEC Inspector who was taking pictures and will be putting together a report based on the last several months calling the Schuylerville project and upgrades a success story. The new plant upgrades are running and functioning as intended. The septage plant operation plan has been prepared for haulers. The board members did receive a copy and awaiting approval to move forward.

Mr. Bogardus has been using his own vehicle for transporting lab samples to Glens Falls where he was rear ended by another driver in his personal vehicle. He respectfully requests that the board provide a vehicle for the WWTP use as one had always been provided by United Water. The ability to purchase a used vehicle would be appreciated.

Water Board did not have a report.

Public Comment

Gail Blake, Pearl Street, thanked the Mayor for taking care of the problem she was having entering the alley behind her house to park her car in her garage. Last Wednesday she put in a formal complaint and John took care of it. Mrs. Blake also requested the board put up fire lane signs in the alley's since she feels they all alleys are fire lanes. The Mayor responded that the alleys in the

Village is considered streets for the Chips program and streets are not considered fire lanes. He was not sure what could be done, but he would check into it.

Wendy Lukas, Green Street, asked who the candidates were for the upcoming election. She wanted to know where the village salt shed is. The Mayor answered both questions. She wanted to know if there were any financial reports from the water board and the answer was no. Ms. Lukas also asked if there were any speed signs on Green Street. The Mayor responded that there was one at the south end. She said there is constant speeding on Greet Street and all the village streets. Speed signs should be installed to deter speeding. She mentioned that the County Waste trucks are big offenders of speeding.

Dan Carpenter, Green Street, asked if there were to be any budget workshops scheduled. The Mayor responded that yes, we will be scheduling the budget meetings soon.

Old Business

Trustee Petralia made a motion to approve the new date for the Schuylerville Community Cat Project Coin drop which will be August 8, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Sherman. Mayor Sherman, Trustees Petralia and Sherman, aye, Trustees Miers nay stating that coin drops for out of our area organizations was unfair and Trustee Colvin, nay, stating that there are too many coin drops. Motion passed.

The Mayor reminded Trustee Miers that this coin drop is for the village; however Trustee Miers argued that it was an organization outside the village.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the amount for septage receiving at six cents (\$.06) per gallon as a tentative rate to begin the process of receiving, seconded by Trustee Sherman. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve former water board commissioner Daniel Baker be compensated at the rate of \$150.00 per month for the nine months he served on the water board to be paid out of water board funds, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.

The Board was in agreement that when former water commissioner Charles Sherman turns in the number of meetings attended during he tenure on the water board, approval will be made to compensate him in the same manner.

New Business

Trustee Colvin made a motion to direct WWTP Chief Operator Harry Bogardus to search for a used pick-up truck for WWTP business, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to accept the Sewer Warrant for the service period of 02/01/2015 to 07/31/2015 for \$216,817.78, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to approve the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 278 Annual Fundraising Coin Drop May 16, 2015 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Sherman. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to approve the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 278 Annual Fundraising Coin Drop, September 12, 2015 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Miers made a motion appointing current water commissioner Charles Sherman, Burgoyne Street, to become an alternate commissioner on the water board effective immediately, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Miers made a motion to appoint Daniel Baker, Green Street, as a water commissioner representing the Village of Schuylerville effective immediately, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve attendance to the annual GFOA two day conference in Albany for Clerk/Treasurer Welfley and Deputy Rose Decker, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to approve Schuyler Hose Company request to dismiss Shane Buhrmaster from membership for failure to fulfill membership quota requirements over a period of several years, seconded Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the Schuyler Hose Company membership application of Jason M. Young, Schuylerville, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Miers made a motion to go into executive session at 7:42 pm to discuss litigation with Village of Victory and 7 Church Street, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:14 pm, seconded by Trustee Sherman. All ayes. Motion passed.

Attorney Klingebiel reported that the executive session focused on the plans submitted for the mobile home that was placed on the 7 Church Street land and the 50H hearing that discussed the Village of Victory drying bed inside the WWTP fence.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve payment of vouchers presented for General Fund - \$167,644.72 and Sewer Fund - \$5,366.52, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve payment of AECOM Invoice # 37508933 for \$7,366.52, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm, seconded by Trustee Sherman. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Anna M. Welfley
Clerk/Treasurer

