

**VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2018

The Village of Schuylerville Board of Trustees met at their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at the Village Municipal Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Carpenter followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Present were Mayor Daniel Carpenter; Trustees Daniel Baker, Brian Drew, Robert Petralia and Nicole Proctor; Village Attorney David Klingebiel; Clerk/Treasurer Anna Welfley and several residents.

Mayor Carpenter read the upcoming announcements.

Trustee Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17 meeting and February 17 special meeting, seconded by Trustee Proctor.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report was read by Mayor Carpenter. The third quarter sewer billing was out February 1 totaling \$199,638.61 which includes past dues with penalties.

Code Enforcement Officer Gil Albert was unable to attend the meeting and his prepared report was read by Mayor Carpenter.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Rob Decker was unable to attend the meeting. Trustee Baker read the updated information. It is a possibility that more salt will be ordered. Our stock is depleted because of the frequent storms we have had. The Dodge truck is back with the sand box repaired.

Fire Chief Brian Myers was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Carpenter read from Chief Myers prepared report. The required department physicals for 21 firefighters was on January 16 at the Schuylerville Health Center. January 21, eleven members participated in the Hudson Crossing Winter Festival at Lock 5. The fire department demonstrated ice/cold water rescue during the event.

SHC FF Justin Decker was presented his badge by Chief Myers for completing his probationary period. The resignation of FF Adam Myers was accepted at the February 1.

The department responded to 17 alarms during the month of January including mutual aid structure fires in Victory and Salem.

Historian Kristina Saddlemire reported on her activities for the month of January. There was a donation from the Bridge Company of newspapers that dated back to the 1830. She answered five inquires. She is preparing for an upcoming presentation for OSHA on Schuylerville history.

The presentation will be a snapshot of Schuylerville in the early 1900's. Also scheduled is the popular cemetery tour on June 28. Mayor Carpenter requested a flyer from her to share the upcoming events, which she will provide.

WWTP Chief Operation Charles Sherman reported that the plant is running smoothly. The flow meter was sent back to Kronhe Company to be repaired. When it is returned, it will take a day to reinstall. Mayor Carpenter asked if Operator Sherman would be available to go over raw data on the flow meters to clarify the information for the Board. He responded with yes. Operator Sherman requested permission to purchase a backup trash pump. The Mayor asked for three quotes to consider He would also like to upgrade the surveillance system to be more up to date. There are now search system cameras that can be viewed from a cell phone. Mayor Carpenter stated that our IT company, Storedtech, will be doing an evaluation next month to make a connection between the village office/fire department/DPW garage and the WWTP.

Wilton Emergency Squad did not have a report.

Planning Board Leona Colvin reported that two new apartment houses to be built on Green Street and Crow Street has been approved. Clark's Restaurant's new location at the Schuyler Yacht Basin was approved and under construction.

Water Board Chair Daniel Baker reported from the minutes of the January 22 water board meeting. The treasurer's report was read. Old business included the approval of a bid opening of the water tank repair project. Three bids were received and the lowest apparent bidder, Spensieri Diversified, LLC was approved by the board at the cost of \$88,000 pending attorney approval. Under new business, the question of the possible requirement of the water board to bring the main to new customers was discussed. Attorney Dixon was unable to attend the meeting, but offered his ruling by telephone confirming the water board would not be financial responsibility for extending the main to reach a resident or an outside user. There was discussion concerning the purchase of a new secondary chemical feed pump. Three quotes were received and Pollard was approved at the cost of \$814.95.

The water board has a draft budget that will be discussed at the next meeting. The quarterly charges have been reduced by 25% for the upcoming FY.

Tree Committee Chair Trustee Proctor reported on possible options for accepting donation from the public toward tree plantings. Cindy Wian of Hudson Crossing Park can house the donations because they are a 501 3C and feels this would be compatible with their mission. The next meeting will be February 15 at Faith Chapel to discuss spring tree planting. There will be 10 trees and additional shrubbery considered for planting in early May.

Sidewalk Committee Chair Bryan Drew and committee member Trustee Baker are working on the possibility of installing a sidewalk on the South side of Spring Street from Green Street to Pearl Street to allow safe walking for students to the crosswalk at Pearl Street. Their next meeting is February 21 at the village office.

Mayor Carpenter stated that budget meetings are scheduled for March 12 and March 19 to work on village general and sewer budgets.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Lloyd, Green Street, asked who would be responsible for maintenance of the proposed sidewalk from Green Street to Pearl Street because part of it would run across privately owned property. The answer to that is to be determined.

Wendy Lukas, Green Street, asked that the date and times of the tree and sidewalk committees be in the monthly announcements.

Ms. Lukas asked who owns the cemetery on North Broad Street. Historian Saddlemire responded that municipalities take responsibility for abandoned cemeteries. There could be a board named to take care of it.

Ms. Lukas asked about the status of the sewer litigation with the Village of Victory Mills as their meeting minutes stated that their response from the last proposal had been sent back to Schuylerville. Mayor Carpenter responded that this litigation is still pending.

PRESENTATION

Chad Putnam, LMSW, Project Director of the New Choices Recovery Center and Susan Tyrrell, Project Peer Advocate spoke to the board on their New Choices Recovery Center OASAS designated Center of Treatment Innovation (COTI). This project is a comprehensive substance abuse and mental health treatment program offering physicians, Registered Nurses and Licensed Clinical Social Workers assessments, diagnosis and prescription treatment concerning addiction. They are especially addressing the opioid crisis. Their mission is to reduce the number of barriers that exist when facing and treating addiction offering individual, family and group therapy and support. Information will be available in the village office

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Baker stated that the village's new website will be test piloted by the end of the week.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Baker made a motion to approve the Sewer Warrant for the third quarter of the 2017/2018 FY in the amount of \$199,638.61, which includes penalties and past due amounts. The motion was seconded by Trustee Drew. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0

Trustee Baker made a motion to approve the appointment of four election inspectors for the March 20 Special Election. Democrats Marvel Patrick and Patricia Behrens as well as Republicans Lois Miner and Lois Patrick will serve and be compensated \$100 each for the day. The motion was seconded by Trustee Proctor. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Baker made a motion to accept the Fire Protection Contract with the Town of Saratoga for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 for \$36,370.00, seconded by Trustee Drew. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board unanimously accepted the resignation of Roy Sifert, Planning Board member effective January 31, 2018.

Trustee Baker made a motion to approve the Planning Board appointments of Robert Foster, a five term; Ronalee Myers, a four-year term; Leona Colvin, a three-year term; Kay Lee, a two year term; and Linda Lloyd, a one year term, all effective February 2018 and expiring in July of the appointed term. The motion was seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0

Trustee Baker made a motion to approve the Oriental Shriners to hold a one- day Zebini Brothers family circus at Fort Hardy Park, August 2 from 5-7 pm, seconded by Trustee Proctor. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Baker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Drew to approve four-coin drops.... Lion's Club, May 5; American Legion Auxiliary, May 16; Schuylerville Youth Center, June 16 and Sons of the American Legion, September 15. Motion carried 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Margaret Chiperno, Grove Street, addressed the board with a concern regarding misuse of tax payer funds. She has heard that a snow plow, for sale by the village DPW, was sold for \$500. There were subsequent stories of the plow being used for parts and/or scraped for \$75.00 and the monies were put into a food fund for the DPW. There has been no evidence of any money being turned into the village office and the plow is gone. She is asking where the truth lies and where is the money belonging to the taxpayers. Mayor Carpenter will consider this immediately.

Wendy Lukas, Green Street, asked if the village has an inventory list and accountability documentation regarding village owned equipment. She asked if the information is available in the village office. Trustee Baker will address this.

Ms. Lukas reminded the board that summer is coming and air-conditioning is needed for the meeting room.

Ms. Lukas requested that the issue of zoning for the village not be forgotten.

Ms. Lukas suggested that the running of village elections could be turned over to Saratoga County. This is no charge and an opportunity to see what the county could offer.

Tim Lebaron, Liberty Street, stated that the condition of Broad Street this winter is the worst it has ever been. Cars are being hit on Broad Street and there should be towing in place for the violators of the parking rules. He stated that we are the only village where cars can be left on this type of main thoroughfare. He said you must start making people accountable. Attorney Klingebiel responded that you cannot selectively enforce. It must be across the board. Mayor Carpenter stated that Mr. Lebaron has offered his services and his lengthy experience to assist the village in moving forward to solve winter parking issues.

Leona Colvin, Pearl Street, addressed the board with her concern about a rumored slush fund for the DPW with tax payer dollars.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Trustee Baker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Drew, to approve the vouchers presented for payment for the General Fund - \$22,296.17 and the Sewer Fund - \$8,149.39. All ayes.

Motion carried 5-0

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Petralia. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Welfley
Clerk/Treasurer

