

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes – *April 8, 2015*

The Schuylerville Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 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 Daniel Carpenter, Whitney Colvin, Jim Miers, Robert Petralia; Village Attorney David Klingebiel; Anna Welfley, Clerk/Treasurer and several residents.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11 meeting, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.

Mayor Sherman read the announcements of upcoming meetings and extended the boards welcome to newly elected Trustee Daniel Baker, and re-elected Trustee Robert Petralia, Jr.

The floor was given to Bohler Engineering representatives Chris Boyea, and Caryn Miodzianowski to present to the Board their proposed plan for a new retail space in the Village. Ms. Miodzianowski introduced the plan to erect a 9000 +/- square foot building at 44 Spring Street (Rt. 29). The retail building will all be in the Village of Schuylerville with the existing house and garage removed. There is additional land they are proposing to be part of the project abutting land that is in the Town of Saratoga, bordering the Saratoga Apple farm land. Ms. Miodzianowski stated that this Board is the first to see the project and asked if there were any questions. Mayor Sherman asks about DOT requirements and the response was that they have been consulting with NYS DOT and will do what is necessary to meet their requirements. Trustee Carpenter asked how many employees do they expect to staff the store, and the response was 10-15. Trustee Colvin asked if this is a flat roof and the response was yes. Trustee Petralia thought this was a great idea. Mr. Boyea spoke stating that is was their first stop and they will be meeting with the Village Planning Board for site plan review and the Town of Saratoga, as well as working with Code Enforcement Officer Gil Albert. The store will be a Dollar General, which Mr. Boyea stressed is not a dollar store, but a department style store ‘with a little bit of everything’. The total investment will be one million dollars. This is a corporate store, not a franchisee, which currently has 17 projects in NY State. Mr. Boyea asked if there were any concerns. Trustee Colvin asks about the Greenwich store being so close. Mr. Boyea explained the company philosophy is meant to service the community here. Trustee Colvin asked about the hours of operation and the response was probably 7:00 am to 10:00 pm. Mayor Sherman asked about the pedestrian walking and the danger of this particular section of the road. Trustee Miers added to that stating some of the specific dangers on the hill area entering the village and traffic would be high on the agenda for approval. Mayor Sherman asked about sidewalks and the response was no, sidewalks would not be possible because of the grade of the land. Trustee Miers stated that the final design should be pleasing taking into account the history of the village. Mayor Sherman asked about archeological surveys, and the response being that this will be on a slab and there would be soil added to the site. Trustee Carpenter asked if they had reached out for county or state tax breaks and the answer was no. He also asked about landscaping and was assured there would be landscaping around the building.

Mayor Sherman thanks them for coming to the meeting and welcomes this project to the village, but there are concerns about traffic and storm water run -off. Mr. Boyea assured that all they do would be 100 % compliant. They thanked the board and said they would be moving forward to begin in 60 to 90 days.

Reports

Treasurer Anna Welfley read from her report on bank balances as of March 31, 2015 and that sewer and water billing collection will end on April 15. Books will close and no other payments will be accepted after April 24. All remaining unpaid charges will be re-levied onto the village tax going out on June 1.

Code Enforcement Officer Gil Albert read from his report. Trustee Miers asked about the property at 114 Broad St.. Mr. Albert answered that he is working with that property owner.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Rob Decker was unable to attend the meeting and did not have a report.

Fire Chief Brian Myers was unable to attend the meeting. The Mayor read from the Chief's prepared report. Alarm responses were 8 in March and 41 YTD. Seven members completed a 15 hour NYS OFPC course. Equipment update and membership update were given.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to accept new member Travis Holcomb of Schuylerville as an assistant to the firefighters and fire house of the Schuyler Hose Company, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.

Historian Kristina Saddlemire did not attend the meeting. The Mayor read from her submitted report. She has received five inquiries and is working the North Broad Street Cemetery tour. She will be at next month's meeting and bring a sample brochure of the church walking tour and the Cemetery information guide.

Planning Board Member Leona Colvin stated that there was a meeting in February at which time the board discussed the mobile home situation at 7 Church Street, a proposed sign for the newly renovated Pizza and Pasta restaurant and signage throughout the village. Member Colvin did state to the board that the renovations of Pizza and Pasta were well underway before the planning board was aware of it, and that the project should have gone to site plan review of the planning board. She is asking that the Board be cognizant of what the regulations are for site plan review in the future.

Sewer Operator Harry Bogardus was unable to attend the meeting. The Mayor stated that the village is seeking septage haulers for the new receiving system at the WWTP.

Water Commissioner Dan Baker reported on the water board meeting of March 16. The Annual Quality Report will be sent out to all water customers. The Board discussed updating the personnel policy and will review and propose changes at a future meeting. The board received two reimbursement requests for cost due to frozen lines or main breaks. There was discussion about the double billing error from the billing office, and that corrected bills will be sent out. Commissioner Baker asked that Mayor Sherman check with the insurance company regarding coverage for or water line repair on the Route 29 Bridge.

Commissioner Baker will continue to ask about the unpaid lead agency fee to Schuylerville from September 2013 to August 2014. Mayor Sherman asked about paving at the Schuylerville water plant and Trustee Miers asked about paving before proposed solar panels were put in. There were no other questions.

Public Comment

Wendy Lukas, Green Street, asked why the last water board meeting was changed. Commissioner Baker answerer her question about the meetings time and location and that it was due to conflicts.

Andrew Jennings, Morgan's Rung asked if there was any way to extend sidewalks down to Route 29 to tie into the sidewalk running in front of the Subway. Could the remaining balance in the Morgan's Run account be used for that? The children walking to school from Morgan's Run are walking in the road. Mayor Sherman said it would be taken into consideration.

Dan Baker, Green Street, asked when the tentative budget will be completed. Mayor Sherman said it would be soon. He also asked about the lawsuit Victory has taken against Schuylerville. Attorney Klingebiel responded. Because this is litigation, not all can be discussed with the public, but Attorney Klingebiel did state that he could report on status and any reports that have been publicly filed. Mr. Baker asked about the status with the EFC long term closing and Clerk Welfley responded that all the current questions and documentations have been satisfied and we are waiting to hear from EFC.

Andrew Jennings, Morgan's Run, asked about the borrowing that has been done for the Storm water/Sewer Project and what can be expected. Clerk Welfley explained in detail the borrowing history for the storm water/sewer project and the current status of the borrowing and EFC.

Gail Blake, Pearl Street, asked the Board when the Board is planning to discuss sidewalk repair in the village. Mayor Sherman responded that it would be at a workshop.

Old Business

Murphy and Mariotti Property LLC letter was read stating that the mobile home will be put on a concrete slab and the proposed enhancements will be done as well. The Mayor asks for the Boards standing and Attorney Klingebiel said it would be discussed in executive session due to the ongoing litigation.

The past due lead agency money due Schuylerville was raised. The money owed is \$500 per month from September 2013 to August 2014.

Fire House Roof issue was discussed and it was agreed that it needs to move forward and how to do that was discussed among the board.

Trustee Miers made a motion to provide five fresh uniforms and two coveralls, including towels, for each DPW employee every week with the total cost being \$2,560.48 a year from Aramark Co., seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to provide five fresh uniforms and two coveralls, including towels for both WWTP employees every week provided by the Aramark Co. at the same rate per person as the DPW agreement, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to approve the Old Saratoga Athletic Association Baseball Opening Day Parade on April 25, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Miers made a motion to approve a request from the Old Saratoga American Legion Post #278 for their yearly stipend of \$500.00 from the Miles De Long fund, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the Old Saratoga American Legion Post #278 Memorial Day Parade on May 25 beginning at 9:00 am, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to approve the use of Fort Hardy Park field by the Schuylerville Revolution baseball team of Schuylerville 9th & 10th grade students for practice and games from May through July 2015, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the Hudson Crossing Triathlon, June 7 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to approve the Turning Point Parade Festival Coin Drop for June 13 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to approve the General Schuyler Rescue Squad Coin Drop for August 15 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to approve the Schuyler Hose Company Annual Coin Drop for September 4 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion passed.

Re-Organizational Resolutions FY 2015-2016

- a) **Resolution to hold the reorganizational meeting FY 2015-2016 motion made by Trustee Miers, seconded by Trustee Petralia**
- b) **Resolution for Appointments to Office motion made by Trustee Miers, seconded by Trustee Petralia**
- c) **Resolution approving Advance Payment of Claims motion made by Trustee Colvin, seconded by Trustee Petralia**
- d) **Resolution for Attendance of Schools and Conferences motion made by Trustee Petralia, seconded by Trustee Colvin**
- e) **Resolution for Mileage Allowance motion made by Trustee Colvin, seconded by Trustee Petralia**

- f) **Resolution designating office Village Newspaper motion made by Trustee Petralia, seconded by Trustee Miers**
- g) **Resolution designation the official Depository for the Village motion made by Trustee Petralia, seconded by Trustee Colvin**
- h) **Resolution setting monthly Board Meetings and Workshops motion made by Trustee Colvin, seconded by Trustee Carpenter**

All the above resolutions we unanimously approved and each motion passed.

Trustee Miers made a motion to increase employee contribution for health insurance coverage from the current 15% to 20%, seconded by Trustee Colvin. Trustees Miers and Colvin, yeah; Trustees Carpenter, Petralia and Mayor Sherman, nay. Motion failed.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to approve the vouchers presented for payment for the General Fund - \$69,597.04 and Sewer Fund - \$16,332.92, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve AECOM Engineering invoice #37521941 for \$25,845.01, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Special Meeting

The Trustees agreed to meet with the Planning Board on May 18 at 6:30 pm at the Village Municipal Center.

Executive Session

Trustee Miers made a motion to go into executive session at 8:35 pm to discuss the litigation regarding the 7 Church Street property and mobile home, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:55 pm, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.

Attorney Klingebiel stated that there was not a proper permit filed for the mobile home on the property as they would have had to ask for a variance because the lot is 60 ft wide and not the required 66 ft.

Trustee Miers made a motion to grant a variance allowing the lot width to be 60 ft instead of the required 66 ft to the Murphy and Mariotti Property LLC to continue installation of a mobile home at 7 Church Street, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. Trustees Carpenter, Miers, Petralia and Mayor Sherman, yeah. Trustee Colvin, nay. Motion passed.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Welfley
Clerk/Treasurer

