

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes ~ September 9, 2015

The Village of Schuylerville Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 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; Clerk/Treasurer Anna Welfley and several residents.

Mayor Sherman read the upcoming meeting announcements and events

Reports

Treasurer Anna Welfley read the bank balances as of August 31 and reported that we are currently in sewer collection which will end October 26 with the second quarter billing to go out November 1 at \$232.50 per unit. Water second quarter billing will go out September 15 at \$125.00 per unit. Village tax collection will end October 16 in preparation to send to the County Treasurer in early November.

Code Enforcement Officer Gil Albert reported on his activities for August. Including continuing on with property maintenance inspections, answering complains and discussing proposed projects and inquires.

Fire Chief Brian Myers was unable to attend the meeting and did not have a report.

Village Historian Kristina Saddlemire reported that the Post Star is doing an article on Schuylerville and one of their focuses is the history of the mills and what happened with the mills. Kristina gave them other information to use. The program for the Historical Society in October will be Ms. Saddlemire doing a presentation of the history of crime in Schuylerville. The Candlelight Tour will be October 17 at the Schuyler House. The Visitor's Center has done very well this season with over 205 visitors and many positive comments.

Planning Board Member Leona Colvin reported on the August 31 meeting. There was a continuation on the Gluten Free Goods application which is close to approval, possibly at the next meeting. Allan and Sandra Ernst proposed a subdivision of their property in the village. Kevin O'Conner is opening a classic car repair shop on the corner of Beagle Land and Spring Street. Ongoing discussions continued with Bohler Engineering (Dollar General Store). Next meeting is September 21.

Sewer Chief Operator Harry Bogardus was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report read by Mayor Sherman. The new storm flow management system is working as designed. There have been some problems with polymer being used in the drying beds. The correction to that problem has been remedied. There was an underground water line joint separation at the WWTP that was corrected by the DPW crew.

Water Chairman Daniel Baker reported from the minutes of the August 17 meeting and the Emergency Meeting of August 18. The ending result of the two water operator vacancies created with the resignation of Mark Dennis and Todd Mallory is that DCK Services of Glens Falls presented a proposal for the operation of the two water plants at the August 17 meeting and after deliberation and discussion were hired to oversee the operation of the Schuylerville and Victory water plants at the August 18 meeting. Chairman Baker felt the DCK was doing a good job to date.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Rob Decker reported that there have been four water issues in the last month. Two were on homeowner's property and two on village property. He also reported on the water line breaks at the WWTP. The plastic lines were improperly installed and there were two breaks last month. The DPW crew did the necessary repairs. Mr. Decker requested permission from the Board to attend the NYCOM DPW School in Cooperstown from October 24 to 28. The Board agreed.

The salt shed being built on Town of Saratoga property has not been approved to date. Mr. Decker said we have a salt reserve for two storms and that this could be a problem as additional salt needs to be ordered and we need a place to store it. He would like to discuss options with the board at the next workshop or meeting.

Public Comment

Resident Andrew Jennings, Morgan's Run, asked about the revenues vs. expenses in the sewer budget.

Resident Wendy Lukas asked if the water board has arrived at a per gallon price for water. Chair Baker responded that they are working on the data to arrive at a figure. She also asked if George Sullivan was replaced after his removal from the water board. Chair Baker said Mr. Sullivan had just been reappointed.

Resident Leona Colvin said the website is pathetic and the Deputy Clerk needs to address this and bring it current.

Visitor's Center Docent Margaret Chiperno thanked the DPW for the slide bolt they installed at the Visitor's Center. She asked the Board what happens when she sees illegal happenings or activity that is not appropriate. Mayor Sherman told her to call him and he will contact the police.

Resident Daniel McCabe asked if the Village of Victory paid what they owed for their portion of the WWTP usage, would that make a difference. Mayor Sherman explained that we are in litigation and cannot discuss this issue. Mr. McCabe inquired about the status of the zoning proposal that was never approved. There are many deteriorating properties in Morgan's Run and this should be addressed. Attorney Klingebiel stated that the process to get the zoning proposal started again would be to hold a Public Hearing and review and update the current plan.

CEO Gill Albert said yes, he agreed with zoning but the current plan needs to be changed. He challenged the zoning committee, at the time it was proposed, to consider changes that needed to be made and he was ignored.

Old Business

Fire House building roof bid dated was changed to September 28 and the Trustees will review them on September 30.

The applicant for the employment position of crossing guard at the school will need to have a background check for total approval.

Selecting sidewalks in the village has been being investigated by DPW Supervisor Decker. Trustee Carpenter suggested that we consider doing ½ commercial property sidewalks and ½ residential sidewalks on Broad Street. Mr. Decker will work on getting quotes.

Trustee Miers made a motion to advertise for bidding of the paving projects outlined by the DPW Supervisor, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion passed.

The fee schedule for the planning board is being worked on.

Water Chair Baker did state that the lead agency fee of \$500 per month owed to the Village of Schuylerville for the period of September 2013 to July 2014 will be discussed at the next water board meeting.

New Business

The board would consider approval of a HOME grant application by Administrative Solutions but would like further information from Sandy Hart, Administrator.

Public Comment

Resident Gail Blake, Pearl Street, asked that with winter approaching, she wants to know why the alley's, which are now considered streets, do not have signs. DPW Supervisor Decker responded that she is asking about two different things and they are monitoring the alleys for parked cars and will during snow removal.

Resident Wendy Lukas, Green Street, stated that in the discussion of sidewalks, she does not want a sidewalk in front of her house. She also said that there are a lot of semi trucks going up Ferry Street and crossing over Green Street. She also complimented Dan Carpenter's letter to the Post Star Editor regarding the sewer issues.

Trustee Colvin announced to the board and audience that the Library is having an open house at 6:00 pm Tuesday, September 14 to welcome the new director and to unveil plans for a new entry and sidewalks in front of the Library.

Voucher Approval

Trustee Petralia made a motion to approve the vouchers presented for the General Fund - \$121,029.32 and the Sewer Fund - \$62,676.28, seconded by Trustee Miers. Mayor Sherman, Trustees Carpenter, Miers and Petralia, aye. Trustee Colvin, nay. Motion passed.

A voucher was presented by AECOM Engineering for \$2,874.44 for the period of 5/02/15 through 8/07/15. The voucher was not approved as the Trustees had question and Attorney Klingebiel suggested that they get detailed information on the charges. Approval was tabled

Trustee Petralia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Welfley
Clerk/Treasurer