

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLerville

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2016

The Village of Schuylerville Board of Trustee met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 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; Village Attorney David Klingebiel; Clerk /Treasurer Anna Welfley and several residents. Absent was Trustee Robert Petralia.

**Trustee Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes of November 18, November 25 and December 21, 2015, seconded by Trustee Miers. Trustees Carpenter, Miers and Mayor Sherman, aye; Trustee Colvin, nay.
Motion carried 3-1**

Mayor Sherman read the upcoming meeting and event announcements.

REPORTS

Treasurer Anna Welfley reported on the bank balances as of December 31, 2015. She updated the status of sewer billing and water billing collection dates and times.

Code Enforcement Officer Gil Albert read from his prepared report for partial month of November, month of December and early January. There has been significant activity with various site inspections, building permits, and status of ongoing projects in the village. Various complaints were answered. He attended meetings regarding the new Visitor's Center and reintroducing the village zoning plans.

Department of Public Works did not have a report.

Fire Department did not have a report.

Historian Krissy Saddlemire reported on an Empire State College presentation she made, work on Prospect Hill Cemetery and calls and inquires she has answered.

Planning did not have a report.

Sewer Chief Operator Harry Bogardus was not able to attend the meeting, but provided a comprehensive written report and expense tracking chart for the board. Permit criteria was again met for December. His report gave detailed status on liquid sludge. Chief Operator Bogardus has renewed his NYS 4-A certification.

Water Board Chair Daniel Baker was unable to attend the meeting, however he provided the minutes of the December 21, 2015 meeting of the S/V BOWM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Linda Lloyd, Green Street, asked questions regarding the sewer expense report provided. Mayor Sherman explained

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign a Preventive Maintenance Contract with Allstate Power Systems, L.L.C. for the 2016 year. The contract covers maintenance on the generator at the Fire House/Village Office and the WWTP at the cost of \$675.00 for each generator. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Sherman read correspondence from village property owner Cindy Carmody Spence regarding the 'outrageous' water and sewer rates in the village. She owns a ten unit apartment house on Church Street and these cost are putting an undue burden on her and her tenants.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve and have the board sign the voucher to pay the Village of Schuylerville's 76% share of the annual EFC Water Service Debt of \$67,374.76. This payment will be reimbursed to the village by the S/V BOWM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

The date of January 20 was set for a Public Hearing to approve the withdrawal of funds from the Repair Reserve Fund to pay an invoice from Sandhu Contracting, Inc. for the Roof Replacement Project, Contract #1, General Construction. The public hearing will be held at the Village Municipal Center beginning at 7:00 pm.

Trustee Carpenter made a motion to approve the expenditure for a one day consulting fee of \$1,200 to hire CPE (Corrosion Products and Equipment) Service Systems Solutions (Burgh Schoenenberger) to conduct a meeting between Village of Schuylerville and Village of Victory. The purpose of the one day meeting is to familiarize both villages on the operation, reading of data and interpretation of the meters measuring sewage flow from Victory. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Miers made a motion for the Board to approve Trustee Colvin to act as a representative for the Village and the Board and to attend settlement conferences with Attorney Matthew Fuller concerning current litigation with Victory Mills, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to direct the Clerk/Treasurer to move \$8,000 from the A.1991.400 contingent account to A.5142.400 snow removal account, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Miers made a motion to accept the fire protection contract with the Town of Easton for the 2016 year for \$3,715.00 seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to accept the fire protection contract with the Town of Greenwich for the 2016 year for \$16,414.00, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried. 4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to accept the fire protection contract with the Town of Saratoga for the 2016 year for \$35,313.00, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried. 4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the General Emergency Squad fundraising coin drop for August 13, 2016 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried. 4-0

The Lions Club coin drop will be on next month's agenda as two of the trustees present had to recues themselves.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to rescind the previous board approval to hire Edward Sharp as a part time crossing guard, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried. 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Carpenter suggested a new plan for two trustees to hold the village office open the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The purpose would be for the residents who wish to voice their concerns or ask questions outside of the meeting environment and restrictions on time.

Resident John Allen, Broad Street, commented on the roof replacement project. Attorney Klingebiel stated that the project has gone very smoothly. There were some insurance issues with the contractor initially, but they were resolved.

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Resident Wendy Lukas, Green Street, asked when the settlement conference is for the litigation with Victory Mills. Attorney Klingebiel did not have a date. Ms Lucas stated that she hoped Victory pays what is owed and not so much less as it has happened in the past.

Ms. Lucas wanted to know why the \$8,000 that was approved to be moved was not budgeted. She also asked about notification to the public on meeting time and date changes.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the vouchers presented for payment for the General Fund \$43,033.98 and the Sewer Fund \$10,586.75, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried. 4-0

Trustee Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Meeting adjourned. 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Welfley
Clerk/Treasurer