

## **VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE**

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

**November 18, 2015**

The Village of Schuylerville Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 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; Clerk/Treasurer Anna Welfley and several residents. Village Attorney, David Klingebiel was absent.

**Trustee Petralia made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14 meeting, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. Mayor Sherman, Trustees Carpenter, Miers and Petralia, aye. Trustee Colvin, nay as he did not have time to review them before the meeting.**

Mayor Sherman read the upcoming announcements and events.

#### ***Presentation by Marlene Bissell of Hudson Crossing Park***

Marlene Bissell, member of the Advisory Board and Fundraising Committee of Hudson Crossing Park, asked to present to the board the current direction and status of the Hudson Crossing Park. She is hoping the Village Board would act as ambassadors supporting the ongoing growth of this very successful park whose mission it is to revitalize the local river front communities. Using story boards she described the mission of the park and where it is today. The park had received public and corporate funds to hire Cindy Wain as a consultant to advise the park in its path forward. George Hogsdon has written many grants for the park. Since its inception in 1995, the park has been working with an all volunteer base. The park has been expanding its scope and growing in its mission. Their board is now finding the growth has created the need for permanent paid staff. Ms. Bissell is asking for all area municipalities to consider supporting this effort and committing monetary support. The amount she is suggesting from municipalities is anywhere from \$500 to \$2,000. She provided a binder with information on the past, present and future of the park to each board member. In the binder is a letter of support she is requesting be signed by the board.

**Trustee Miers made a motion to have the Board sign the letter of support, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion passed.**

## **Reports**

*Treasurer* Anna Welfley reported on the bank balances as of October 31. Sewer rents for the second quarter are currently in collection and due by December 10 without penalty. Unpaid village taxes have been re-levied to the Saratoga county Treasurer.

*Code Enforcement Officer* Gil Albert read from his prepared report the activities for October. He has visited all village restaurants and provided a Grease Trap Report for the Board.

*Department of Public Works Supervisor* Rob Decker reported that the crew has been doing leaves, leaves and more leaves. The salt shed borrowed from the NYS SOT is all cleaned, set up and ready to accept salt. Rob reported that vandals have marked and painted on the DPW garage and the recycling truck.

*Fire Chief* Brian Myers was unable to attend the meeting and there was not a report.

*Historian* Kristina Saddlemire read from her prepared report. She has received several inquiries on family history and the cemeteries. She had done two presentations in October including the Schuyler House Candlelight Tour. She is currently doing research on Prospect Hill Cemetery and beginning a report on the history of local crime. The Visitor's Center had a very successful season greeting guests from all over the county and many from our local area. The comments and feedback from all regarding the docents and the center. It is definitely a source of pride for the community.

*Planning Board Member* Leona Colvin reported on the last meeting concerning the construction of a building to house rowing skulls at 6 Ferry Street. The vote will be taken at next month's meeting.

*Water Board Chair* Daniel Baker reported on the past months meeting. Bill Lloyd was asked to step down from his position as water commissioner representing Victory Mills as he no longer resides in the village. There will be an alternate to fill his position until a new commissioner is appointed. Mr. Baker reported on water operations, including hydrant flushes, were completed in both villages.

DPW personnel Lloyd of Victory and Decker and Brooks were approved to attend water recertification training. Evelyn Burks was hired to work permanently for the water board as she has been working under a Kelly Services contract; however Victory's Mayor Dewey stated that the position should be advertised.

#### *Past due Lead Agency Fee from S/V BOWM*

After months of requests by the Village of Schuylerville, the water board made the decision on paying the past due lead agency fee. The unpaid lead agency fee due to Schuylerville was for the period of September 2013 to July 2014 at \$500 per month equaling \$5,500. The water board arrived at a decision that the only money that Schuylerville was due was \$1,787.24. The Village Board accepted this proposal.

**Trustee Colvin made a motion to accept the reduced lead agency fee from the S/V BOWM. The period was from September 2013 to July 2014 at the agreed to monthly fee of \$500 totaling \$5,500. The reduced amount offered was \$1,787.24. The motion was seconded by Trustee Miers. Trustees Carpenter, Colvin, Miers and Petralia, aye. Mayor Sherman, nay. Motion carried.**

**Trustee Carpenter made a motion to not charge the Schuylerville water plant for village garbage pickup, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.**

#### **Public Comment**

Trustee Miers asked about WWTP operator Sherman and if his Town Justice appointment would interfere with his work duties. The Mayor said it should not. Mr. Miers also asked if we would be seeing Harry Bogardus at the meetings to give his report and the Mayor said yes.

Resident Andrew Jennings, Morgan's Run, asked questions about sewer and getting a refund if Victory paid for their usage of the Schuylerville WWTP. He is expecting a refund check. The Mayor stated that this entire Victory/Sewer payment issue is in the hands of an attorney.

#### **Old Business**

The fire house roof project is on hold due to an insurance issue with the awarded bidder, Sandhu Construction.

Trustee Carpenter read the letter from Barton & Lougidice Engineering regarding the repair of the DPW roof/building. Trustee Carpenter stated that the letter did not address the issue of whether or not the DPW building was worth saving and repairing.

The village zoning meeting was set for December 10 beginning at 7:00 pm.

**Trustee Colvin made a motion to have the Village of Schuylerville repair the water line freezing problem at Curtis lumber, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. Trustees Carpenter, Colvin, Miers and Petralia, aye. Mayor Sherman, nay.**

### **New Business**

The web site needs attention. There were some suggestions from the audience.

### **Public Comment**

Resident Andrew Jennings, Morgan's Run, asked about the status of the 30 year payment to EFC for the completed Storm Water/Sewer Project. He had heard a rumor that it would be stretched to 40 years. Clerk Welfley could not verify that rumor.

Resident Daniel Baker suggested that the DPW rent a trailer to work out of for the winter. Supervisor Decker said that the equipment needs to be kept warm as well at the crew.

Resident Gail Blake, Pearl Street, stated that the block of her street has cars bumper to bumper and asked how alternated side of the street parking was going to work over the winter months.

Trustee Carpenter apologized to the board and the public for the article he had written placed in the Post Star Editorial section some weeks back.

Trustee Miers raised the issue of the proliferation of sandwich boards in the village. He also raised the issue of the parking of cars in the bridge area of Rt 29 around the Expressohaus Restaurant.

### **Voucher Approval**

The vouchers will be approved at a special meeting to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm

respectfully submitted, Anna Welfley, Clerk/Treasurer

