

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2015

The Village of Schuylerville Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 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: Mayor John Sherman; Trustees Whitney Colvin, Jim Miers, Robert Petralia; Village Attorney David Klingebiel and Clerk Treasurer Anna Welfley. Trustee Daniel Carpenter arrived after the meeting began. There were several residents in the audience.

Approval of minutes for November 18 and 25 were tabled until next month's meeting.

Mayor Sherman read the upcoming announcements and events.

REPORTS

Treasurer Anna Welfley reported on the bank balances as of November 30, 2015. Sewer collection for the second quarter is in collection and due without penalty by December 10. The third quarter is going out February 1, 2016.

Code Enforcement Officer Gil Albert was unable to attend the meeting.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Rob Decker reported on the Curtis Lumber water line. He has received two quotes and they are not comparable. There will be further discussion

Fire Chief Brian Myers was unable to attend the meeting.

Historian Kristina Saddlemire was unable to attend the meeting.

Sewer Chief Operator Harry Bogardus was unable to attend the meeting. He provided a report for the Board. Permit criteria has been met for November and no bypass was required. There are drying bed problems that are being resolved. The plant operators are working on a way to process liquid sludge on the drying beds for the winter months.

Water S/V BOWM Chair Daniel Baker reported on the board correspondence regarding resident discussion on water rates and a recall on the water departments Ford truck. He covered account balances and budget amendments. There was a report in the minutes of the November 16 meeting that contained a water operations report from DCK Services. The water board came to a decision regarding the past due lead agency fee owed to the Village of Schuylerville. They agreed to pay \$1,787.84 of the \$6000.00 owed. The water board will be advertising their pick-up truck and plow for sale. Victory Trustee Tim Healy, as alternate to the water board, is filling Bill Lloyd's seat. Water Clerk/Treasurer Evelyn Burks has given her notice and will be leaving December 17. There was a server failure at the Schuylerville plant and Rasp, Inc. has been called in to replace it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Andrew Jennings, Morgan's Run, asked if there is a deficit in the sewer fund, and if so, how will it be handled. He asked if DCK Services could operate the WWTP as they are doing the water plant. David Klingebiel answered that it was possible. He asked if the Trustees had received keys to the Clerk's office. The answer was yes.

Trustee Miers made a motion to advertise for bid the operation of the Schuylerville WWTP, seconded by Trustee Colvin. Trustees Carpenter, Colvin, Miers and Petralia aye, Mayor Sherman, nay. Motion carried 4-1.

Resident Wendy Lukas, Green Street, commented that it appeared that the water clerk was being used to conduct Victory business in their office since she sits at the front window of the office. She stated that whoever works for the water should not be intermingled with the Village of Victory daily activities.

She also asked when Schuylerville would take over as lead agent. Chair Baker stated that the decision was up to the Village of Schuylerville Board. Mr. Baker stated that it would be the water boards intention that there be continuity and that the clerk/treasure hired to replace Ms. Burks would follow the books.

Trustee Carpenter asked Attorney Klingebiel if it would be possible to discuss a three to five year switching of *water lead agency*. Attorney Klingebiel answered that the decision would be up to the water board

OLD BUSINESS

DPW Garage repair is possible as Mayor Sherman reported reading a letter from engineer Matthew Fuller of Barton and Loguidice. Attorney Klingebiel said the next step would be developing the scope of work and bid package, asking that Supervisor Decker be involved in this process.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to spend \$5,500 to hire Matt Fuller of Barton and Loguidice to do the scope of work and prepare the bid to repair the DPW garage, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

The date of February 6, 2016 is set for the first discussion on reviewing *Zoning Code* for the Village.

The *Curtis Lumber* water line repair resolution is still in process.

Tree Harvesting - The Mayor reported on a letter he received from Lake George Forestry Services L.L.C. regarding the harvesting of the Village owned Town of Easton property. This company felt that the stands of trees are now in the process of regeneration where seedlings are becoming established on the forest floor. There are scatter trees that are large enough to be harvested but it would be a good idea to wait for 15-20 years before harvesting of this property.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to have the board sign a letter for the Hudson Crossing Park in support of their effort to generate multi-year funding commitments and to continue the strengthening of this recreational and educational destination. The motion was seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval for the Allstate Power Systems yearly contract to service the two village generators was moved to next month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Andrew Jennings, Morgan's Run, stated that providing funding for Hudson Crossing Park would be a double payment for Village residents if the Town of Saratoga and the Village of Schuylerville both participated. Village residents pay taxes for both municipalities.

Resident Linda Lloyd, Green Street, asked what the zoning meeting would entail.

VOUCHER Approval was moved to a special meeting on December 21 due to some account codes with negative balances. The corrections will be identified and completed and approval will be at this special meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm with a motion from Trustee Colvin, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Anna M. Welfley
Clerk/Treasurer