

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2016

The Village of Schuylerville Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at the Village Municipal Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Mayor Sherman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: present were Mayor John Sherman; Trustees Daniel Carpenter, Whitney Colvin, Jim Miers and Robert Petralia; Village Attorney David Klingebiel; Clerk/Treasurer Anna Welfley and several residents.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13 and January 20, 2016, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Sherman read the upcoming meetings and event announcements.

REPORTS

Treasurer Anna Welfley reported on the bank balances as of January 31. 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 the month of January. He issued building permits, performed several inspections and did property maintenance inspections.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Rob Decker reported on the quotes he has received regarding the replacement tiles for the firehouse and meeting room ceilings. The quote from Allerdice Hardware was the lowest for 800 tiles and thirteen bundles of insulation. The DPW crew will do the installation of all the tiles. The only other expense will be the rental of a sky lift. Mr. Decker also presented a letter to the board requesting an air quality test be done at the DPW garage. There have been recent illnesses of some DPW crew, including himself, and he feels it would be important to know if the illnesses could be caused by poor air quality at the garage.

Fire Department Chief Brian Myers was unable to attend the meeting. He did send in a prepared report read by Mayor Sherman. There were 169 alarm responses in 2015 and 12 in January. There has been extensive ongoing training. There has been equipment as well as station updates... The fire house is in need of a new lock system. for all exterior doors.

Assistant Fire Chief Rob Decker has received quotes for various entry systems. The fire department would like to go with the Fob system with a total cost of \$6,800 of which Schuyler Hose has offered to pay one half and the village will pay one half.

Historian Kristina Saddlemire reported that she has had five inquiries in January. She continues to work on the cemetery tour scheduled for June and she will be presenting at Empire State College next month.

Planning did not have a report.

Sewer Chief Operator Harry Bogardus reported on the WWTP operation for January. He sees the potential need to ship out liquid sludge to Saratoga County as a back up and this may happen by spring. The drying bed needs were discussed at the last workshop with the Board, when he expressed the importance of making a decision on the procedure to follow in preparation. Mr. Bogardus presented two possible system options for back up dewatering systems.

Water Board Chair Daniel Baker reported from the minutes of the February 4 Special Meeting and the January 25 monthly meeting of the S/V BOWM. The Route 29 Bridge repair is completed and usage units were discussed for a property. Several items under new business were covered including the water operator's truck selling to the highest bidder for \$5,900; review to purchase a backup server for the plant from RASP; approval to purchase chemicals from OCS Chemical; and the successful negotiation By Chair Baker to extent the contract with DCK with no rate increase until May 31, 2017. At the February 4th meeting, Chair Baker presented and discussed the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget and approval to purchase Valves for the CIP filtration system to the lowest bidder.

PUBLIC COMMENT on agenda items 3-5

Resident Wendy Lukas, Green Street, asked about the upcoming zoning meeting scheduled for March 1 and if minutes would be available from the last zoning meeting. Trustee Carpenter responded that he would have the minutes soon and confirmed the March 1 date.

Ms Lukas asked if after the public hearing, the board would approve the Dollar General for Schuylerville and asked about potential zoning restrictions. Attorney Klingebiel spoke on spot zoning and the suggested moratorium inquiry discussed in past meetings prohibiting new commercial businesses in the village. If that were the reality, all commercial ventures of any kind would be curtailed he stated.

Ms Lukas asked about the Local Law on cross connection and if that was being enforced. She has concerns about the apple orchard land.

Resident Andrew Jennings, Morgan's Run, asked about the audit approved by the board for the sewer fund. Attorney Klingebiel responded that for requests for an audit to be sent out, parameters would have to be determined such as the number of years, and the scope of the audit. It would be expensive and was not budgeted for in this year's budget. Trustee Carpenter stated that following a combined meeting with Attorney Fuller, CPA Donna Farrar, Clerk/Treasurer Welfley and himself, he did not feel an audit was warranted.

Resident Linda Lloyd, Green Street, asked if our water is tested for lead. Mayor Sherman responded that the lead test is done every three years.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the Lion's Club Fundraising Coin Drop for Saturday, April 30 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Petralia. Mayor Sherman, aye; Trustees Colvin and Petralia, aye; abstention due to membership in the Lion's organization by Trustees Carpenter and Miers. Motion carried 3-0 2 abstentions

Trustees signed the 2016 Town of Saratoga Fire Protection contract previously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Miers made a motion to approve the American Legion Post #278 Fundraising Coin Drop for Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried. 5-0

Trustee Colvin asked that the Sons of the American Legion Coin Drop, scheduled for September 10 and the Community Animal Action Project Coin Drop, scheduled for August 27, be put on hold and ask the two organizations to choose another date as these dates are weekend before and the weekend after the Schuyler Hose Co. coin drop. All agreed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve that Rob Decker and Michael Patrick be allowed to carry over their remaining vacation days into the following fiscal year beginning June 1, 2016, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to request the Mayor to order an air quality test to be performed at the DPW garage, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the purchase of 800 pieces of fire code ceiling tiles and 13 rolls of R38 insulation from Allerdice Lumber & Building Supplies for their lowest bidder price of \$6,755.98, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the ordering of the new FOB door lock system for the firehouse with the Village paying one half of the cost \$3,400, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0

It was agreed that the funds to purchase the product from Allerdice would come from the Repair Reserve Fund. It was also agreed that the 50% village contribution to the new FOB entry door locks for the firehouse would come from the Repair Reserve Fund.

That being agreed to, a public hearing was set for Thursday, February 18 at 6:30 pm to hear public comment on using the Reserve Funds for this purpose.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Old and New Business Only

Trustee Miers asked about the board's ability to donate to the Hudson Crossing Park fundraising effort presented at a past board meeting. Attorney Klingebiel will check into the ability for the village to do that. He did not feel there would be a conflict.

Trustee Colvin asked about the status of the DPW roof bid. Mayor Sherman will check with the engineering firm.

Resident Wendy Lukas, Green Street, asked if she could have a copy of the sewer spreadsheet Trustee Carpenter was referring to.

Trustee Miers raised the question to the board about the tree removal on Broad Street by National Grid, and what direction should the board take.

Resident Andrew Jennings, Morgan's Run, asked that the stumps left from the tree cutting be ground up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Colvin made a motion to go into executive session at 8:34 pm to discuss litigation with the Village of Victory, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0

Trustee Carpenter made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:37 pm, seconded by Trustee Miers. The discussion was on the terms of negotiation between the Village of Schuylerville and the Village of Victory. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0

Approvals of Vouchers were tabled to a special meeting due to some account codes showing a deficit balance.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Anna M. Welfley
Clerk/Treasurer