

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLerville
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday January 9th, 2019

PRESENT:

Mayor Daniel Carpenter
Trustee Bryan Drew
Trustee Timothy Le Baron
Trustee Jason Young
Clerk/Treasurer Cory Heyman

ABSENT:

Trustee Robert Petralia
Attorney Dave Kliengbiel

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management Meeting Monday, January 21st at 7:00 PM in the Victory Meeting Hall
- Schuylerville Planning board will be holding a public hearing on January 14th at 6:30 pm
- Schuylerville Tree Committee to be announced
- Sidewalk committee to be announced
- Schuylerville Village Board Workshop Meeting Monday February 4th at 6:30 pm at the Schuylerville Village Hall.
- Schuylerville Village Board Meeting Wednesday, February 13th at 7:00 pm at the Schuylerville Village Hall.

MINUTES:

Mayor Carpenter asked the board if they had read the minutes and asked if he could get a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Lebaron made the motion to approve the minutes and Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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| General Fund | \$848,852.99 |
| Sewer Now Account | \$376,570.36 |
| Trust Agency Account | \$37,441.60 |
| Housing Rehab | \$0.00 |
| AHC home imp. | \$0.00 |
| Septage receiving | \$69,222.82 |
| Capital Sewer | \$90,591.73 |
| Repair reserve | \$4,654.17 |
| Sidewalk repair res. | \$25,051.91 |
| Sewer Equipment | \$59,043.51 |

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| Harbor Project | \$5,079.16 |
| Memorial Day | \$4,361.66 |
| Capital Project | \$10,061.01 |
| Morgan's Run | \$14,162.73 |
| Ft. Hardy Park, \$11,779.75 | |

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

No report

- **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Rob Decker was unable to make the meeting, Mayor Carpenter reviewed the discussion from the workshop, he stated that Trustee Lebaron and himself had conducted several interviews for the open position in the DPW.

- **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

December 15th five members participated in the Wreaths Across America program at the Saratoga National Cemetery.

December 17th Fire Extinguisher annual inspection has been completed by Saratoga Fire Extinguisher.

December 20th Prob. FF Maria Saavedra completed 79-hour NYS OFPC Basic Exterior Firefighting Course hosted by Burnt Hills Fire Department.

January 3rd at the Annual Election of administrative officers members of the Schuyler Hose Co. elected the following members to two year terms:

President Richard Behrens

Vice President Matt Derway

Treasurer Whitney Colvin

Trustee Ed Carr

Safety Committee Chair Laurie Scheuing

The fire department finished 2018 with zero firefighter injuries while working 6,465 hours. The Dept. of Labor mandated Summary of Work Related Injuries Form SH-900.1 has been completed and posted on the fire station bulletin board.

ALARMS

Department responded to 19 alarms in the month of December.

In 2018 the department responded to 164 alarms totaling 2,378 hours with an average of 12.2 firefighters per alarm. All 2018 incident reports were submitted to NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control on January 5, 2019.

- **WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Snow blower and generator purchased

- **HISTORIAN/VISITORS CENTER**

None

- WILTON EMERGENCY SQUAD

None

- PLANNING BOARD

None.

- SCHUYLERVILLE/VICTORY BOARD OF WATER MANAGEMENT

Jason Young spoke regarding the water board meeting that he had attended, at which CT Male spoke regarding possible grants.

The water board had been seeking a grant for either meters or an additional water tank that would be elevated to increase the water pressure for those residents that are located too close to the grade of the current tank.

CT Male explained that there are currently no grants out there for meters, as there are many communities facing much more dire issues, such as deteriorating infrastructure or unsafe water supply.

There are CDBG grants out there for 100% funding for infrastructure in areas that qualify.

Trustee Young noted that one example given by CT Male was the extensive infrastructure repairs that were being funded in Fort Edward through this program.

Kathryn Sera from CT Male also noted that these grants could be considered part of a long-term plan to prepare for the eventual acquisition of a water tower, as the current infrastructure would not be able to handle the additional pressure in its current condition.

There are CDBG grants available for 100% funding for infrastructure in areas that qualify. If sections of the community can be defined as meeting the more than 50% low income levels, and there is a need to replace the infrastructure, we could qualify for grants up to \$600,000.00. These grants could also possibly include replacing the sidewalks and roads over the infrastructure.

Mayor Carpenter stated that the minutes from the water board meeting were available for review.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wendy Lukas asked if the account named sewer now was an interest-bearing account, as she thought the account had considerably more in it than the previous month. Treasurer Heyman clarified that the account named, "Sewer Now" was the operating account and that the higher balance was due to the sewer billing deposits.

Ms. Lukas also asked what the account named, "Fort Hardy" was and Mayor Carpenter clarified that it is a CD which matured in June of this past year, and that it was an account created to set aside funds for improvement to the park.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he was considering using those funds to finance the renovations to the park that were currently being planned.

Trustee Lebaron voiced his concern regarding whether changes could be made to the park, as it is a historic site. Both Mayor Carpenter and Trustee Young assured Trustee Lebaron that there would not even be plans drawn up until qualified persons had researched the matter thoroughly.

Ann McGath of 168 Hoss road asked what Morgan's Run was. Mayor Carpenter informed her that it was a development outside of the village. It was discussed that the money in the savings account named Morgan's Run was from funds withheld from the

contractor, due to work that was not done correctly. Mayor Carpenter stated that these funds were earmarked for improvements to the roads and sidewalks in the Morgan's run development.

Ms. Lukas also asked about the subject that had arisen at the workshop, regarding the possibility of the DPW donating their empty bottles to the firehouse. Mayor Carpenter stated that this was under review by the attorney.

Ms. Lukas also asked about the board's views on holding a voter registration day. Mayor Carpenter stated that the board was concerned that by holding a registration day, that any resident who did not register on that day would not be able to use the deadline of ten days prior, and that this could restrict voters from participating.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

There was discussion regarding the Saratoga County Planning and Zoning Conference of 2019, Mayor Carpenter and Trustee Young were requesting approval of payment by the board for them to attend this conference. The price per person for is \$60.00.

Linda Lloyd from the planning board stated that she would like to attend the conference. The board approved up to three attendees from the planning board.

Trustee Lebaron made the motion to approve the board to pay for Mayor Carpenter, Trustee Young and up to three planning board members to attend, Trustee Drew seconded, all in favor.

Fire protection contracts Greenwich and Easton were up for approval by the board. The board had reviewed these contracts at the workshop, these are the same contracts as the previous year's. Trustee Lebaron made the motion, Trustee Drew seconded, Trustee Young abstained, Mayor Carpenter aye, motion passed 3-0.

Jason Young spoke regarding the meals on wheels program that is run through the Town of Saratoga. He stated that this program can service up to 40 persons at a time. He stated that currently the program is seriously underutilized. Trustee Young informed the room that up to 20 persons could eat at their congregate meal, which is served on site, and the meals on wheels can service up to 40 persons at a time. Linda Lloyd suggested that one of the board members could attend the next senior meeting at the town hall, Trustee Young volunteered for this, he asked Linda Lloyd when these meetings were held and she informed him that they were held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Mayor Carpenter read from the Climate Smart Communities Pledge; whereas, the Village of Schuylerville believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and Whereas, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

Whereas, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

Whereas, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

Whereas, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

It is hereby resolved that the Village of Schuylerville, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, *adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:*

- 1) Build a climate-smart community.
- 2) Inventory emissions, set goals, a plan for climate action.
- 3) Decrease energy use.
- 4) Shift to clean, renewable energy.
- 5) Use climate-smart materials management.
- 6) Implement climate-smart land use.
- 7) Enhance community resilience to climate change.
- 8) Support a green innovation economy.
- 9) Inform and inspire the public.
- 10) Engage in an evolving process of climate action.

Trustee Young made the motion to approve the resolution, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, Mayor Carpenter took the roll call, all voted yes, resolution passed 4-0.

Presentation of the water debt payment for approval. Mayor Carpenter noted that the amount for which Schuylerville is accountable for the payment on the debt incurred in the construction of the water treatment plant is \$67,374.76. Trustee Drew made the motion to approve the water debt payment, Trustee Lebaron seconded the motion, all in favor.

The board reviewed a request by the Saratoga Rowing Association to hold their womens' under 17 and under 18 Olympic development camp in Schuylerville, with a tentative date from June 16th to July 03rd. They have made arrangements for accommodations and food and are working with Turning Point Rowing Club for equipment storage. Attorney Klingebiel has approved this, on the condition that they provide the village with a certificate of liability and hold harmless agreement. Trustee Drew made the motion to approve this, Trustee Young seconded the motion, all in favor.

Next on the agenda was the request by Kera Empie for permission to camp overnight at Fort Hardy Park during the event, "The Great Big FANY Ride." Cyclists would arrive at noon on Tuesday July 23rd, and stay overnight. Attorney Klingebiel asked for proof of insurance. Klingebiel also recommended that the group provides information regarding the products that they would be using as far as soap goes. Kera Empie stated that the group uses only an environmentally safe camping soap product.

Linda Nadeau is requesting permission to hold the annual Community Animal Action Project Coin Drop on August 10th of this year, upon proof of insurance Mayor Carpenter asked for approval of this request. Trustee Drew made the motion, Trustee Lebaron seconded, Trustee Young abstained, motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Carpenter asked for a motion to pass the resolution to decline to hold a voter registration day in the village for the reasons discussed earlier in the meeting. Trustee Drew made the motion, Trustee Young seconded the motion. Resolution passed 4-0. Mayor Carpenter asked for a motion to approve the resolution establishing March 19th as election day. Mayor Carpenter read from the resolution;

Whereas; The board does hereby approve this resolution that the village will be holding an election on March 19th of 2019 and has identified the village firehouse as the polling location for both districts and the hours of the election will be 12:00pm till 9:00pm.

Trustee Drew made the motion to hold the election on that date, Trustee Young seconded the motion all in favor, passes 4-0.

There was a review of the Nexamp energy contract. Nexamp is a company that promotes local solar farms. Currently, there is one that is designated to be built in Brunswick. The company offers opportunities for residents and municipalities to invest in these solar farms, with guaranteed refunds from National Grid. At this point the village has only two small accounts that qualify for this program, but the company is working with the public service commission to add "on demand" accounts as those that could qualify.

The most positive aspect of this contract is the fact that going into contract with Nexamp would help us to achieve one of the qualifications listed on the Climate Smart agreement.

Mayor Carpenter presented the resolution to state that the board of the Village of Schuylerville does hereby agree to go into contract with the Nexamp Community Solar Team. Trustee Drew made the motion, Trustee Lebaron seconded the motion, all in favor. Resolution to transfer funds from fund balance to fire contractual. This is due to monies left over in the fire contractual line, which were for expenses which were related to contracts which were entered into in the prior fiscal year. Mayor Carpenter read from the resolution the following;

Whereas, a budget amendment is needed to increase the expense line A.3410.400, fire contractual, to return monies unspent by the fire department in the previous fiscal year which at the closing of the year became fund balance. Whereas, The budget should be amended as follows:

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| A.3410.400 Fire Contractual, | \$25,076.05 |
| A.0909.004 Fund Balance Unreserved | \$25,076.05 |

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of The Village of Schuylerville does hereby approve this resolution and authorizes the Treasurer to amend the budget as stated and as outlined.

Trustee Lebaron made the motion, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, Trustee Young abstained, resolution passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Lloyd inquired as to the progress of the project at the intersection of Broad Street and Spring by Stewarts. Trustee Young stated that he had been communicating with the group that had made the plans with Saratoga Hospital to increase safety at that intersection. At this point it is up to the hospital to take action to move forward on this issue. Trustee Young stated that he had been informed that the private funds had already been allocated for this project.

Wendy Lukas stated that she had asked for a copy of the resolution that was passed to allow the village to relevel the unpaid taxes onto the county taxes. She stated that she felt

that her request for this document had been denied by the attorney. It was clarified that her original request was for the *annual* resolution, which does not exist. Treasurer Heyman pointed out that this law was passed in 1977, and that retrieving this record would require some considerable research, and therefore might require some time to locate. Ms. Lukas was fine with that.

Alex Czuhanych of 77 Pearl Street spoke. He praised the new sidewalks, he said that his wife Martha and he appreciated them every time they went for a walk. He said that the village website looks great, very professional. He said that the snow, trash and brush removal is better than any place that they have ever lived.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Mayor Carpenter asked for a motion to approve the Sewer and General Fund Vouchers. Trustee Young made the motion, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Young made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor