

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 7, 2016

The Village of Schuylerville Board of Trustees met at their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 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, Robert Petralia; Village Attorney David Klingebiel; Clerk/Treasurer Anna Welfley and several residents.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 1 and August 10 meetings, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Sherman read the upcoming meetings and announcements.

REPORTS

Treasurer Welfley read from her prepared report the bank balances as of August 31 for the General Fund and Sewer Fund and July 31 for the balance of the remaining accounts. She reported on Village tax collection and first quarter sewer collection.

Code Enforcement Officer Gil Albert read from his prepared report. The months of July and August saw several inspections at various stages of residential construction as well as meetings for future plans.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Rob Decker asked the Board if they had any word on the use of the State salt shed. The Mayor said we had sent the letter some time ago and were waiting for a response. He asked the Board if there had been a resolution on the pay situation. Trustee Carpenter said he is working on a formula with Dan Baker. Mr. Decker stated that the Dodge 5500 transmission line was leaking and an oil seal leak. The vehicle was repaired. He told the Board there had been three water service lines repaired and one was in the Victory. Our DPW crew did the Victory job with very little assistance from Victory. During the repair, it was noted that the water department road saw was damaged. Mr. Decker was not sure why, but felt maybe the wrong gas was put in the saw. He felt that Schuylerville should have their own road saw and he had gotten quotes with a low price of \$2,102 from Reigers. There is a bad corner in Morgan's Run roadway and the DPW crew will tackle it. It will take five working days, weather pending. There is no longer anywhere to bring brush and leaf debris without a charge. He reported that the current charge is \$25 a yard. He asked if anyone knew of another source. The crew has been doing their fall trimming of roads and alleys in preparation for winter months. Mr. Decker also reported that our DPW crew organized and cleaned the water shed. Two villages are using it and it became unmanageable.

Fire Department Chief Brian Myers was unable to attend the meeting. He provided a detailed report for August.

Historian Kristina Saddlemire was unable to attend the meeting and there was not a report.

Sewer Chief Operator Harry Bogardus read from his prepared report. He stated that the septage receiving was going well with no problems. He reintroduced the Asset Management Plan that is being established by the DEC. Mr. Bogardus has provided a two year plan to the board which meets the NYS DEC requirements and will prepare the Village for full operation staffing when he fully retires in two years. Trustee Carpenter stated that the board would review the plan at the next workshop.

Water Board Chairman Daniel Baker provided the minutes from the S/VBOWM August 15 meeting. He reported from those minutes. Both plants operated well meeting all the requirements for the Department of Health for the month of July. There were some maintenance issues resolved and a complaint of discolored water due to a check valve failure. Going forward, DCK will be monitoring all the check valves in the two villages. There was discussion on an ongoing quote with CT Male and Universal Utilities concerning the water tower. There was a water break on Liberty Street handled by the Schuylerville DPW. The HACH Service contract was approved for the next year. Trustee Miers commented that the Schuylerville Water Plant was 'nickel and diming' the village. Mr. Baker offered that there is a lot of electrical and advanced components and he is trying to determine the root cause of the problems. Upgrades could be planned but it is not in this year's water budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Baker, Green Street, asked what had happened in Morgan's Run that caused storm grate to fall in to the drain below. Mayor Sherman explained and assured everyone that the situation was handled promptly by himself and the DPW crew. There was no known reason for the grate collapsing.

Gail Blake, Pearl Street, asked if septage was coming in on a regular basis. Mayor Sherman answered yes and that right now the system is working well. Operator Bogardus spoke saying that the septage receiving is in a second trial run and will be for the balance of the year. He is instituting more controls to reduce processing issues.

OLD BUSINESS

DPW Roof project discussion continued from previous meetings. Trustee Colvin and Trustee Miers insisted that the previous quotes that had been received were not acceptable. They were over what was needed and should be much less expensive. Code Enforcement Officer Albert spoke to that stating that the specs quoted on were what was required by code and he would not approve anything less. Trustee Carpenter located an email from Engineer Matt Fuller and read it pertaining to the roof specs. Trustee Colvin was not convinced.

The proposed Zoning plan was raised by Trustee Miers stating that he wants to adopt the existing plan and then make amendments as it is implemented. Attorney Klingebiel reiterated the need for a complete process to be followed. The original zoning plan was developed in 2011. There would need to be a complete review of that plan, public hearings and other procedures before adopting a zoning code, which would possibly include a new comprehensive plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the DPW purchase of a road saw from Country Power Products for \$2,102.00, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0

Trustee Carpenter addressed the second written complaint from resident of Saratoga Street, Larry Alheim. He is asking the Board to resolve the issue of the sidewalk next to the Glens Falls National Bank in front of 67 and 65 Broad Street. It is in dangerous disrepair and needs to be corrected. The Trustees agreed to have CEO Albert issue an Order of Remedy to the home owners of those properties.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Lloyd, Green Street, ask the Board questions about the Zoning plan.

Dan Baker, Green Street, asked about the progress of the litigation with Victory over the sewer charges owed by Victory. Attorney Klingebiel gave a complete summary of the recent history with Village Special Counsel for the litigation, and himself. Over time, three valid offers from Schuylerville Board were flatly rejected by the Victory Board. The litigation proceedings continue.

DPW Roof Action

Trustee Carpenter made a motion to approve going out to bid, for the second time, with the current construction specs from Barton & Lougudice engineering for reconstruction of the DPW garage roof, seconded by Trustee Petralia. Trustee Carpenter, Petralia and Miers, aye. Mayor Sherman, aye. Trustee Colvin, nay. Motion carried 4-1

Trustee Miers made a motion to go into executive session at 8:25 pm, seconded by Trustee Colvin. The purpose was to discuss litigation and personnel issues. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0

Trustee Carpenter made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:00 am, seconded by Trustee Miers. The discussion was about litigation with Victory and a personnel issue. All ayes. Motion carried 5-0

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Trustee Carpenter made a motion to approve the vouchers presented for payment with the exception of two vouchers that had negative funds available. The General Fund - \$32,838.32 Sewer Fund \$55,158.40. The motion was seconded by Trustee Petralia. Trustees Carpenter, Petralia and Miers, aye. Mayor Sherman, aye. Trustee Colvin, nay. Motion carried 4-1

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Anna M. Welfley
Clerk/Treasurer