

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLerville
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday February 13th, 2019

PRESENT:

Mayor Daniel Carpenter
Trustee Bryan Drew
Trustee Jason Young
Trustee Robert Petralia
Attorney Dave Kliengbiel
Village Clerk Rebecca Christner

ABSENT:

Trustee Timothy Le Baron

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management Meeting Monday, February 25th at 7:00 PM in the Victory Meeting Hall
- Schuylerville Tree Committee to be announced
- Sidewalk committee to be announced
- Schuylerville Village Board Workshop Meeting Monday March 4th at 6:30 pm at the Schuylerville Village Hall.
- Schuylerville Village Board Meeting Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 pm at the Schuylerville Village Hall.
- Schuylerville Village Budget Meeting Schedule as follows; Thursday February 21st at the Schuylerville Village Hall, Monday, February 25th at the Schuylerville Village Hall, and Wednesday February 27th and Monday, March 4th at the Schuylerville Village Hall at 6:30.

MINUTES:

Mayor Carpenter asked the board if they had reviewed the minutes and if there were any questions or corrections. There were none, so Mayor Carpenter asked if he could get a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Petralia made the motion to approve the minutes and Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor.

General Fund	\$813,999.13
Sewer Now Account	\$320,177.16
Trust Agency Account	\$22,517.65
Housing Rehab	\$0.00
AHC home imp.	\$0.00
Septage receiving	\$69,225.76
Capital Sewer	\$90,591.73
Repair reserve	\$4,654.37
Sidewalk repair res.	\$25,052.97
Sewer Equipment	\$59,046.02
Harbor Project	\$5,079.38
Memorial Day	\$4,361.85
Capital Project	\$10,061.01
Morgan's Run	\$14,162.73
Ft. Hardy Park	11,779.75

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Gil Albert reported on the number of inspections, permits and renewals issued in the past month. Mayor Carpenter stated that he had spoken to Tom Wood regarding the plans for the Empire State Trailways, and that he would be keeping Gil in the loop regarding the impending work to be done there.

- **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Mayor Carpenter stated that the new parking regulation enforcement was underway. He noted that he felt that the message was getting out, and that there were fewer cars parking illegally, as offenders are now being towed.

Trustee Young questioned why the snow has not been being cleared from the curbs on Broad Street. Mayor Carpenter stated that this had been a matter of discussion with Rob Decker, and that the board would be setting forth a policy on the cleanup of Broad Street.

He also noted that the removal of the snow has been complicated by the rain and melting as the Towpath Road, where the DPW usually brings the snow, has become saturated and impassable, as it is a dirt road

Mayor Carpenter asked the board to consider an alternative to the current parking restrictions that would allow the DPW to have more opportunity to clean the streets, and to please direct any suggestions to Trustee Lebaron.

- FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 14-18 Annual gear inspections and repairs were completed by Elliott Enterprises. Annual gear inspections are conducted in compliance with NFPA 1851. No major issues. January 15th department members received annual medicals provided by Saratoga Hospital Corporate Health Services. Medicals are in compliance with OSHA 1910.134 and department policy.

January 17th department members received annual mask fit testing provided by Gibby's Fit Testing. Testing is in compliance with OSHA 1910.134 standards.

January 24th – FF Laurie Scheuing completed 12 hour NYS OFPC Tactical Fireground Simulations hosted by West Crescent.

January 28th – Lowest bid for new command vehicle was \$39,263.78 Metro Ford. New vehicle will replace 2006 Jeep.

Alarms; Department responded to 9 alarms in the month of January.

- WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Charles Sherman gave his report on the plant operations, He noted that the new operating assistant has completed the majority of the courses he needs to become certified.

He spoke briefly regarding the fact that he has been monitoring the SCATA system remotely using a camera that he can view from his cell phone. He would like to be able to actually run the system remotely, as opposed to just being able to view it.

He said that he had spoken to some IT companies regarding systems that would allow him to do this.

Mayor Carpenter cautioned Sherman that he should contact our IT company, Stored Tech to be sure that this would be secure.

There was some discussion regarding the repairs that need to be made to the skid steer. Mayor Carpenter stated that he felt that this repair could be made in house, and the cost of repair could be shared between the DPW and the village.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he had been in contact with Cornell to determine if there were ways that we could improve our methods of trapping storm water that would be more environmentally friendly. He noted that there were municipalities that used systems which incorporated green space within their sidewalks to abate the runoff issue.

Mayor Carpenter stated that the Mill project in Victory was back in the planning stage, and that there would need to be some accommodations made to receive the increased amount of sewage that we would receive as a result of the increase in sewer units.

He mentioned a possibility that they could suggest a cistern as a possible way to alleviate some of the stress that this would add to our waste water treatment plant.

Charles Sherman asked if we could look into the diversion of some of Victory's storm water runoff to the storm drain system.

- HISTORIAN/VISITORS CENTER

Kristina Saddlemire was unable to attend. Mayor Carpenter read her report and mentioned that he was going to be meeting with her about the tours she would be creating for the new trail system.

- WILTON EMERGENCY SQUAD

No report.

- PLANNING BOARD

There was no report, but Mayor Carpenter did note that the planning board had met to review the renewal of the LA Group plans for the building project on Green and University and that the approval for this project has been extended. The Crow Street project has been put on hold until further notice.

- SCHUYLERVILLE/VICTORY BOARD OF WATER MANAGEMENT

Mayor Carpenter noted that the minutes from the Water board were available at the meeting and that they would also be available online.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gilman Albert spoke regarding a residence that was currently being planned to be built on Ferry Street. He asked if the village would be responsible for going under the road for the sewer and water connections for this building. He also asked if the resident could connect to the existing curbstop (they already have one residence on the property and are hoping to connect to the existing stop and just be charged for two units) or if they had to connect to the main. He expressed concern that he felt that he was not being included on some of the planning that was in progress in the village, citing the LA Group project as an example, as he had not been informed of the changes that were being discussed.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he would ensure that Gilman was kept informed in the future.

Another resident mentioned that the parking situation on Crow Street was as bad as ever. She noted that the parking had been being enforced on some of the other streets, but not on Crow Street.

Wendy Lukas stated that she thought that the area in question on Ferry Street was on a flood plain and that she was under the impression that building was prohibited on floodplains land. Gil Albert clarified that there were regulations on how you build on the floodplains but that there was no prohibition against it. He assured her that he would be monitoring the planning and progress closely. Wendy Lukas also mentioned Ronalee Myers was going to be moving out of the village. She questioned the legality of a non-resident being on the planning board.

Attorney Klingebiel stated that there were no such restrictions on members of the planning board. James Sullivan spoke regarding snow removal. He resides in Victory, but the street in front of his residence is owned by the Village of Schuylerville. He brought pictures of some ponding that occurs in front of his house.

He asked if the village to look into the situation. Trustee Young asked if the water in question travels south. Mr. Sullivan said that it does not. He suggested that if the area was raised it might help to alleviate the ponding.

Mr. Sullivan also noted that he had had an altercation with Rob Decker, as he was blowing snow across the road to the church. He clarified that it is his practice to then then continue to push the snow towards the church. His main issue was the way that Mr. Decker approached the subject. He stated that he did not know that he was not supposed to put snow in the road.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a video camera quote from Saratoga Surveillance that had previously been reviewed by the board. Mayor Carpenter had questions regarding this quote as it was so much lower than the other security company's quotes. Upon inquiring into the matter, Mayor Carpenter discovered that the quote did indeed include all of the items and services that the other companies provided in their quotes.

NEW BUSINESS:

The bid for the new fire chief's car was reviewed by the board as well as the Town of Saratoga fire contract. The contract had previously been reviewed and approved by the fire company. Trustee Petralia made the motion to approve the contract, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor.

Review of Video Surveillance quotes, Mayor Carpenter announced the rates quoted by the three companies. Mahoney Notify came in at \$9,9985.00, Adirondack Security at \$7,929.04, and Saratoga Surveillance at \$2,850.00. Mayor Carpenter reiterated that this extreme difference in prices for quotes was what had caused him to call Saratoga Surveillance to be sure that this quote included all of the services that the other companies were offering, and the quote did include all. This includes six high definition cameras, all installation and a two-year warranty. He asked for a motion to approve the quote for the purchase of the system from Saratoga Surveillance. Trustee Drew made the motion to approve the purchase, Trustee Petralia seconded the motion, all in favor

There was a complaint by Michael Farrel regarding flooding during the rainstorm that followed the recent snow storm. Since this complaint, the DPW has dug out the culvert in front of the resident's home, and the culvert is now working more efficiently. We are hoping this will resolve this issue.

An application for parade gathering from Saratoga Rowers Association was reviewed.. They are asking to practice and train on the river during the school spring break. Approximately 45 people will attend and will bring approximately 15 vehicles. Mayor Carpenter mentioned that he has spoken with the event coordinator and has been assured that the vehicles will not be parking on the grass, as the ground will be very soft at that time of year. Attorney Klingebiel cautioned that the river might be unsafe at that time of year and that the village should make it clear to the Rowing association that they might not be allowed to row if the conditions are dangerous and

that the village reserves the right to revoke access if they deem water conditions to be unsafe at the time of the event. The decision will be made by the Schuyler Hose Company, as to whether the river will be safe to navigate, to make the call. Trustee Petralia made the motion to approve only if the Schuyler Hose Company deems the conditions to be safe at the time of the event and on receipt of proof of insurance. Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor.

Shriners circus would like to get permission to hold their event at Fort Hardy Park on August 15th. They would like to set up in the morning and leave by that night.

Upon proof of insurance, Trustee Young made the motion to approve this event, Trustee Petralia seconded the motion, all in favor. Mayor Carpenter asked the board to approve Village Clerk Rebecca Christner and Village Trustee Brian Drew to attend the course "Introduction to Governmental Accounting", held by the New York State Comptrollers. This course is \$85 per person and will be taken from their perspective contractual lines. Trustee Young made the motion, Trustee Petralia seconded, Trustee Drew abstained motion passed 3-0

A resolution for water line budget amendment was presented. This amendment is needed to add to the expense line for water repairs, and to the balancing revenue line, as these expenses are reimbursed by the water board. A budget amendment to increase the revenue line A.2378.00 Water Services in the amount of \$5,000.00 and the expense account line A8350.100 in the amount of \$5,000.00. Trustee Drew made the motion to approve the resolution, Trustee Petralia seconded the motion all in favor

A resolution was presented to allow the Town of Saratoga to take the lead agency and complete the SEQR process on the Empire State Trail; Town of Saratoga segment project. Trustee Young made the motion, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor.

A resolution was presented to appoint election inspectors for the March 19th 2019 Village regular election.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the following inspectors shall be appointed for the upcoming village election:

Democrat: Marvel Patrick (Chairperson)	Patricia Behrens
Republican: Lois Miner	Lois Patrick

Furthermore, Be It Resolved; that as compensation, each election inspector working the day of the election shall receive \$100.00. In the event of a partial day's work, this amount shall be prorated to the hours worked. Trustee Drew made the motion to approve the resolution, Trustee Petralia seconded the motion.

The American Legion has applied to hold their annual coin drop on May 18th, 2019 at the corner of Broad and Ferry Street. Trustee Petralia made the motion to approve the gathering, providing the Legion has the required insurance coverage and proper safety gear. Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor. The Sons of the American Legion has applied to hold their annual coin drop on September 14, 2019 at the same location. Trustee Drew made the motion to approve the parade application under the same conditions, Trustee Petralia seconded the motion, all in favor. There was some discussion regarding the Easter egg hunt to be held at the School. Mayor Carpenter stated that the village is currently working with the school to determine the dates and times for this year's event.

Mayor Carpenter stated that the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership has asked the village to provide a letter of support for the upcoming mill renovation project in the Village of Victory. A very reputable developer plans to build 160 workforce housing units in the former Victory Specialty Packing building.

Mayor Carpenter did advise the county that he has some concerns regarding the ability of the Schuylerville waste water treatment plant to process the additional units. There was some discussion that followed concerning the fact that there would need to be study done to determine whether our system could handle this. It was also discussed that the line that runs down Gates Avenue may not handle the increased flow. Attorney Klingebiel noted that we need to know what type of units they planned to build, for example, are these one bedroom, two or three? What kind of first floor commercial space were they planning?

Mayor Carpenter stated that he would keep the public up to date as the project unfolds.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wendy Lukas asked a question regarding the residency of the election inspector Lois Minor. Attorney Klingebiel stated that the same rules applied as to the planning board members, and that it was not necessary for her to be a resident.

She also asked about the openings in the water board for a commissioner and an alternate commissioner. Mayor Carpenter stated that we had not had any applications for either of these positions.

James Sullivan asked about the Street light on corner of Burgoyne and pearl Street. He stated that National Grid had replaced the pole but did not replace the light. He feels that this has caused an unsafe situation on that corner. Mayor Carpenter stated that we would contact National Grid on this matter.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Young made the motion to approve, the Sewer vouchers for \$29,954.14 Trustee Petralia seconded, all in favor. Trustee Young made the motion to approve the General Fund vouchers in the amount of \$26,160.47 Trustee Petralia seconded, all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Young made the motion to adjourn, Trustee Petralia seconded all in favor.