

Village of Schuylerville  
Workshop  
November 2, 2020

PRESENT;

Mayor Carpenter  
Trustee Drew  
Trustee LeBaron

PRESENT VIA ZOOM;

Trustee Colvin

Mayor Carpenter opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the Johansson's application for a sewer connection. The Johanson's reside at 39 Chestnut Street which is on the west side of Chestnut Street outside the village limits. This makes them outside users. Mayor Carpenter advised the Johansson's that in the past the village has encountered issues with outside sewer users because unlike those who live within the village limits, we cannot levy unpaid utilities to the property taxes. Per Department of Health regulations, turning off sewer is considered a public health risk. This means that our only recourse, as far as collections go, is to sue. Mayor Carpenter stated that Attorney Klingebiel is working on a contract that would protect us if the sewer bill were to become delinquent. Supervisor Decker will advise the Johansson's as to where would be the best location to connect to the sewer system.

The next item up for discussion on the agenda was the upcoming election and the need for a resolution to determine which board members offices are up to be filled. Mayor Carpenter announced that he will be appointing Dan Baker at the next village meeting to serve in the interim for the vacancy left by Jason Young until the special election in March 2021.

The next item up for discussion was the resolution to approve the contract for the Fort Hardy Park Master Plan. The mayor advised the board that the total budget for this contract is \$65,000. The Village will be responsible for \$16,250 and the state will contribute \$48,750. As the contract is over 80 pages long the board will receive this electronically. Mayor Carpenter asked the board to please look over the contract for any errors. The board will need to approve the signing of this resolution by the meeting next Monday as the original deadline of November 5<sup>th</sup> has been extended to November 10<sup>th</sup> to allow time for us to vote on this matter.

The sidewalk revisions that Trustee Drew, Attorney Klingbeil and previously Dan Baker have put together were discussed. It was suggested, that as the zoning had not yet been adopted, the board should consider incorporating these into the zoning. Trustee Lebaron brought up the issue of allotting more funds when budgeting for these sidewalk reimbursements. Treasurer Heyman suggested that the board could designate a reserve for sidewalks in the event that an unexpected

number of residents were to participate in this program. She stated that the village had at one time a sidewalk reserve and that this was depleted during the Pearl and Spring Street sidewalk matching funds project.

Upon investigation into the matter of adopting the zoning that was presented back in 2010, Treasurer Heyman was informed by NYCOM attorney Wade Beltramo that since it has been such a long time between the initial presentation of zoning and present day, that we would basically have to start from the beginning in the process of adopting zoning. The first step would be to appoint a zoning Commission. Leona Colvin, former zoning Commission chair has offered to serve on this commission. Treasurer Heyman stated that the only step that will cost the village money is the SEQR, which will need to be redone, as the laws have changed since 2010. Leona Colvin will reach out to the people who were on the original commission to see if they would be interested in serving on the new commission.

The board discussed the formation of a Fort Hardy Master Plan advisory committee. The recommendation from the Department of State is no more than 10 members. Mayor Carpenter stated that he would like to start recruiting now. The committee should consist of representatives from groups like OSAA , the school, the chamber, the Small Business Association, churches and the youth center. They should review site conditions, project requirements and roles and responsibilities with the consultants that we will hire. They will have regular meetings over the course of the project to guide the project development. This committee will create an outreach plan. The Department of State must sign off on these members, at which point the board will create a resolution to approve these members. Mayor Carpenter stated that Trustee Lebaron had asked earlier when the village would be required to contribute their portion of the funds. The earliest would be second quarter of 2021. Our contributions could also consist of, "in kind" work. We have five years from the appointment of the committee to complete this project.

The board reviewed a transfer of funds resolution that would be presented at the regular board meeting on Monday.

Quotes were brought before the board on laptops. Mayor Carpenter explained to the board that currently he is having to use his work computer for the Zoom meeting. He also noted that Treasurer Heyman is using a personal PC for her work from home which is failing. Since we don't know the path that this virus will be taking, we feel that it would be prudent to make sure that work could continue from home.

Beth Wohl submitted a complaint regarding the parking and access to the boat launch ramp. Supervisor Decker stated that the signs designating parking are often knocked over and almost never complied with. He did feel that the issue of access to the launch could be remedied with some stone deposited next to the concrete pad.

Charlie Sherman was present to give his report. The waste water treatment plant is running well.

Supervisor Decker stated that being down two staff members is causing work to be backed up. He has asked Justin Decker to come in for four hours on garbage day to assist with the driving of the truck. The remaining crew is focusing on preparing the snow removal equipment. There are currently two DPW members who are out due to injuries, one of which was not incurred on the job. Mayor Carpenter asked the board how they would feel about hiring a seasonal part time DPW worker to help with snow removal during the winter months. One of the workers will be on

workman's comp for an indefinite period of time and the other is out without pay. The board felt that considering this, there would be funds to cover this in the budget providing they limit the hours to a maximum of thirty per week. Supervisor Decker would manage the hours worked.

Trustee LeBaron stated that the vehicle discussed in the previous meeting which appears to be unregistered is still parked on Broad Street and causing a visual obstruction. There are now two other vehicles that are parking on North Broad near that location. Mayor Carpenter will ask the building inspector to investigate.

The issue of the alley between the Bullard Block building and the cigar shop was discussed at the previous meeting. The owners of the Bullard Block building had expressed that they would like to put in a pedestrian walkway. A recent survey done by Sweeney's has determined that once you go past the cigar shop as you head east, the area in question is fully owned by Sweeney's. Sweeney's does not want a walkway. They have stated that if the owner of the cigar shop puts in a walkway that they will put up a fence to block access. They are concerned about liability and would also like to keep this area so that they could expand their outdoor venue to use this portion of their property to have outdoor dining. Mayor Carpenter would not like to see people putting fences up and blocking the alleyway that runs through this alley.

Mayor Carpenter asked Trustee Drew if the letter to Mr. Sullivan had gone out, Trustee Drew stated that as Chairman Healy was absent, the water board had tabled any decisions until the next meeting. There was further discussion regarding concerns that issues at the water plant are not being addressed in a timely matter.