

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING ~ April 13, 2016

The Village of Schuylerville Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 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; Clerk/Treasurer Anna Welfley and several residents. Absent were Village Attorney David Klingebiel and Trustee Robert Petralia.

Trustee Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6 and March 14 meetings, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Mayor Sherman read the upcoming meeting and event announcements.

REPORTS

Treasurer Anna Welfley reported on the bank balances as of March 31, 2016. The fourth quarter sewer billing is out and is without penalty by May 11. Any unpaid sewer charges by May 18 will be relieved onto the Village Tax going out June 1. Water rents are due by April 15 to avoid penalty and the relevy will be handled in the same manner.

Code Enforcement Officer Gil Albert read from his prepared report for the month of March that included inspections and permits. Mr. Albert stated to the Board that if they wish to pursue action regarding the non operational former Cenco gas station property on the corner of Broad Street and Ferry Street, they would need to authorize Village Attorney Klingebiel to proceed. Mr. Albert will need to issue a second Order of Remedy if the Board wishes to pursue this. After receipt of the document there 10 day response time, and then the Village Attorney would begin action against the property owner.

Fire Chief Brian Myers was conducting a firemen training program and unable to attend the meeting. He forwarded a written report read by Mayor Sherman. There were 10 alarm responses in March and 42 year to date. Training courses in Best Practices, Pump Ops, and NYS Rescue Technician Basics were or are being attended by some of our firemen. There was and update on the status of the equipment, ladders and tools. The new door lock system is working out very well. A new gear washing machine will be purchased in the near future.

Historian Kristina Saddlemire reported on her continued research for the June cemetery tour, answering some genealogy questions and researching historical markers. Mayor Sherman asked if we could refurbish markers in the village that are showing significant wear and Ms Saddlemire said yes and that she would check to see if Eagle Scouts could possibly volunteer to do the painting.

Trustee Carpenter asked if Ms. Saddlemire would be interested in posting more information on the village web site. She answered yes stating that she could do something monthly and also put her presentations on the web site. Trustee Carpenter asked that she prepare a draft proposal for the Board to review.

Planning Board Member Leona Colvin reported that the Planning Board held a public hearing on March 21 concerning the proposed Dollar General Retail store.

Sewer Chief Operator Harry Bogardus was unable to attend the meeting and sent a written report read by Mayor Sherman. Permit criteria was met for the month of March. Rain was 2.3 inches. Due to warm weather, there has been great success in processing sludge and several loads have been trucked to the landfill over the winter. Mr. Bogardus injured his back cleaning a drying bed and was out of work for two weeks. He stated that Operator Charles Sherman did an excellent job operation the plant during those two weeks. He was working seven days a week and maintained the plant in compliance with DEC rules and regulations.

Water Board Chairman Daniel Baker presented copies of the March 21 meeting minutes to the board. He reported on the details of the tentative budget for the 2016/2017 FY. He did announce that there will be a drop in the price of the quarterly water billing to \$115 from \$125. An inside user saves \$40 per year and an outside user saves \$60. DCK's operations report stated that Victory and Schuylerville passed all Department of Health testing. Mechanical problems were handled and there was a review of the hydrant replacement quotes. There has been ongoing communication with the National Park Service regarding the ponding of water on the Monument/Cemetery grounds. Trustee Carpenter suggested that reports from DCK be put on a web site. Trustee Miers asked about the water tank progress and Mr. Baker stated that there have been delays in addressing some issues due to the hiring of the new clerk. Trustee Carpenter acknowledged publically the great job that the water board has been doing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Wendy Lukas, Green Street, asked about CEO Albert's follows up on the issue at 88 Pearl Street. Mr. Albert reported that it is completely resolved. She asked about the progress of the DPW garage roof replacement and about the report from the Community Cat Program group. That report is included in this meeting agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

The item under old business was the approval of the bid specs received from Barton & Loguidice Engineering for the DPW garage roof. Trustee Colvin stated that he felt the bid specs were 'way over the top' and felt the bids would be very high. Trustee Colvin said that he will work on this and come up with alternatives.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Colvin made a motion to accept the Sewer Warrant for the service period of April 11 to July 31, 2016 for total charges of \$300, 851.26, which includes accumulated penalties, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the signing of the Resolution authorizing the participation of the Schuyler Hose Company in the Saratoga County Fire Mutual Aid Plan. The motion was seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve providing the Turning Point Parade Committee \$2,500 toward the parade to be held August 7, 2016, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to honor the request of the American Legion Post 278 to release the yearly \$500.00 from the Miles Delong Fund also known as the Memorial Day Account, to support their Memorial Day Celebration, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the Turning Point Parade Committee annual fundraising coin drop on June 11 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Miers made a motion to approve the Turning Point Parade Festival Weekend, Saturday, August 6 and Sunday, August 7. The Parade events will be the Festival, the Parade, Fireworks and the DCA Drum Corps Competition, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the First Annual Rotary Bicycle Ride-Fun Community Event to begin at Fort Hardy Beach on Sunday September 18 from 8:00 to 3:00, seconded by Trustee Miers. The approval is contingent on proof of Insurance Coverage for the event. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Miers made a motion to approve the Annual Hudson Crossing Park Cardboard Boat Race at Fort Hardy Park and Beach area on August 20 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association to hold soccer practice at Fort Hardy Park during the month of April, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Miers made a motion to approve the Schuyler Hose Company Annual Coin Drop for Friday, September 2 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Miers made a motion to approve the Schuyler Hose Company Line Officers for the April 7, 2016 to April 3, 2017 year. Fire Chief – Brian Myers; Assistant Fire, Robin Decker; Captain(s) Scott Maguire and Matthew Derway; Lieutenant(s) – Adam Myers, Raymond Carr and Matthew Varner; Safety Officer – Richard Behrens. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

REORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS – 2016/2017 Fiscal Year

- a) Trustee Miers made a motion to adopt the following resolution below from b) to h), seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0**
- b) Trustee Carpenter made a motion to approve the appointments to office presented, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0**
- c) Trustee Colvin made a motion to authorize the advance approval of certain claims including public utility services, postage, freight and express charges, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0**
- d) Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the attendance of schools and conferences by certain municipal officers and employees to include a verbal report at the conclusion, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes.**
- e) Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve mileage allowance for officers and employees of the village at the current IRS rate of \$.54/mile, seconded by Trustee Carpenter.**
- f) Trustee Miers made a motion to name The Glens Falls Post Star as the official newspaper for the village, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0**
- g) Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the Village's designated depository to be The Glens Falls National Bank, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0**
- h) Trustee Colvin made a motion setting the day of the week and time for board workshops and meetings, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.**

Trustee Colvin made a motion to accept the retirement of DPW worker Michael Patrick effective May 31, 2016, seconded by Trustee Miers

Trustee Colvin made a motion to place an employment advertisement in our official newspaper to hire for the open position on the DPW crew for a laborer/driver to begin working June 1, seconded by Trustee Carpenter.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve CEO Albert to issue a second order of remedy to the owner of the former Cenco gas station located on the southwest corner of Broad Street and Ferry Street, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Colvin asked if there was insurance coverage in place for the DPW's use of the State salt shed. Mayor Sherman will check the contract.

Discussion on sidewalk replacement in the village was tabled until a future meeting.

Trustee Carpenter stated that he had sent a resolution for Jason Young and A-Plus Rentals to sign regarding their generous offer to pay the first month's rent, delivery and set up charges for the trailer placed at the DPW garage for the crew to work out of.

Trustee Miers made a motion for the Board to create a resolution naming March 31 in the Village the Edythe Burch day in honor of her 100th Birthday, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve DPW Supervisor Rob Decker to attend a one day school on operation of a highway department held at the Town of Saratoga building on April 27, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Leona Colvin, Pearl Street, stated to the Board that they should decline the offer from Jason Young and A-Plus rentals for their offer of the one month rental payment and associated charges of the DPW trailer. She feels the village is not a charity.

Wendy Lukas, Green Street., stated that she agreed with Mrs. Colvin on the topic of the trailer rental. She also asked for details on the village's position on sidewalk replacement. She questioned the village sidewalk resolution that the owner of the property pays their share of the cost of sidewalk replacement.

Ms. Lukas asked about the status of litigation with Victory on the sewer and will we ever see an end to this matter.

Ms. Lukas suggested that the DPW take the grates down from stream bordering her property or maintain it. When it is not maintained, it creates problems.

Ms. Lukas asked about the budget line for the Mayor's contractual expenses and questioned the money used to hold the Mayor's dinner. Mayor Sherman stated that it was a rotating event that all the Mayor's take part in. The dinner he is sponsoring is in December.

Resident Linda Lloyd, Green Street, asked about official and employee attendance at school and conferences and the Mayor responded.

Trustee Colvin stated that he has two quotes on mold remediation for the DPW garage building and needs one more.

Trustee Carpenter made a motion to approve the vouches presented for payment for the General Fund - \$80,030.15 and the Sewer Fund - \$237,447.81

Trustee Miers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Anna M. Welfley
Clerk/Treasurer

