

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2015

The Village of Schuylerville Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at the Village Municipal Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor 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 some residents.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the minutes of June 10 and June 17, seconded by Trustee Petralia.

Mayor Sherman read the announcements for upcoming meetings and events.

Reports

Treasurer Anna Welfley reported on bank balances as of June 30. The last day to pay without penalty on the village taxes are today, July 8. Sewer rates will be going up this year to meet the village's debt obligation to the EFC for the DEC mandated Storm Water/Sewer Project costs.

Code Enforcement Officer Gil Albert reported on his activities during the month of June. Duties performed included an order of remedy and follow up on proper permits concerning a Schuyler Island property, inspections on framing and solar panel installation, permits issued and inquires on proper code procedures.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Rob Decker was unable to attend the meeting. The Mayor reported on the current activities of the crew.

Fire Department Chief Brian Myers was unable to attend the meeting and did not provide a report.

Historian/Visitor's Center Kristina Saddlemire gave her report on June activities. She has answered two inquiries; attended events about the *Saratoga Springs Centennial History Book*; planning for two presentations for September and October and making a Schuylerville poster for Travel and Tourism at the Saratoga County Fair. The Visitor's Center had welcomed 85 guests in June.

The Visitor's Center's new docent Margaret Chiperno is doing an excellent job and is very knowledgeable about our Village. Docent Esther Blair is doing a great job as well.

Planning Board Member Leona Colvin reported that the June 22 meeting included a presentation concerning the opening of a cross fitness gym at the old bus garage on Spring Street and Beagle Lane. Bohler Engineering and Primex Properties presented updated and continued information on the proposed Dollar General Store.

Sewer Chief Operator Harry Bogardus was unable to attend the meeting and did not provide a report.

Water Commissioner Daniel Baker read from his prepared report on the water board meeting of June 15. Enlighten Power Solutions did a presentation on solar solutions for the water plants. The route 29 Bridge water main problem is corrected. There are three quotes for the installation of heat tracer cable on Route 4 near the Schuyler House. The village board agreed that the Curtis water line freezing problem needs to be addressed. The cause is still in question. The Bonadio Group has not completed the water AUD yet. The Great Lakes Dredge Co is using water as an outside user for \$187.50 per quarter. A resolution was passed to allow the Treasurer to pay utility bills in advance of a board meeting.

There was no public comment on items 3-5 of the agenda.

Old Business

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve \$4,000.00 expenditure by the DPW to repair the Tow Path dirt road, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Carpenter made a motion to approve that \$5,000.00 be reserved to draw from for the DPW to provide, repair and replace signs in the Village, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to approve an amended Sewer Budget for the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year. The amended budget is the original budget provided to the Board with a 108% increase to the per unit rate. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion passed.

The status of the Lead Agency fee due the Village from the S/V BOWM in the amount of \$5,500.00 is still unresolved.

Trustee Colvin provided a draft bid package for the Fire House roof and the DPW garage roof and requested Attorney Klingebiel review it.

New Business

Trustee Colvin made a motion to restructure the Sewer Rent payment schedule to be billed quarterly due to the increase in the per unit rate. The motion was seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the waiver of the normal 10% late fee for the 1st quarter which is August 1 to October 31, 2015, seconded by Trustee Petralia.

Public Comment

Daniel Baker, Water Commissioner, asked about the surge protection insurance issue at the Schuylerville water plant.

Andrew Jennings, resident Morgan's Run, asked about the revenue that was budgeted last year and never collected and how that 'short fall' was absorbed. Mr. Jennings feels that the meeting guidelines are ridiculous. The board asked him to bring his concerns into the office for discussion or to write his concerns down in a letter. He stated that he has trust issues with the village office and feels he will not hear from the board if he writes.

Approval of Vouchers

Trustee Petralia made a motion to approve the vouchers presented for payment – General Fund \$72,050.75 and Sewer Fund \$19,442.55, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Welfley
Clerk/Treasurer

