

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2015

The Village of Schuylerville Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 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.

Mayor Sherman read the upcoming meeting announcements and events.

Trustee Miers made a motion to approve the minutes of August 12, August 24, September 9 and September 14, seconded by Trustee Petralia. Mayor Sherman, aye, Trustees Carpenter, Miers and Petralia, aye. Trustee Colvin, nay as he has not reviewed them.

Reports

Treasurer Anna Welfley read the bank balances as of September 30 and reported that the second quarter sewer billing will go out November 1. Water rents are due by Thursday, October 15. Village Tax Collection will end Friday, October 16. The collection will be closed and a report prepared to send to the Saratoga County Treasurer.

Code Enforcement Office Gil Albert was unable to attend the meeting but prepared a report read by Mayor Sherman. There were five permits, final inspections and several property inspections

Department of Public Works Supervisor Rob Decker attended the meeting and asked if there were any questions from the Board. Trustee Miers asked for clarification on how charges for a sewer line problem is handled. Mr. Decker stated that the sewer line to the curb is the village's responsibility and from the curb to the home is the property owner's responsibility.

Fire Chief Brian Myers was unable to attend the meeting and there was not a report.

Historian Kristina Saddlemire was unable to attend the meeting and there was not a report. The Visitor's Center will close on October 18.

Planning Board did not have a report

Sewer Chief Operator Harry Bogardus did not attend the meeting but provided a report on plant operations.

Water Chair Daniel Baker was unable to attend the meeting that there was no report.

Public Comment

There was no public comment on items 3-5

Old Business

Trustee Miers made a motion to approve the recommendation of Barton & Loguidice Engineering to accept the lowest bidder, Sandu Contracting of Astoria, NY, to replace the Fire House Roof. The bid was for \$86,360.00. Acceptance will be complete when a contract is signed, and insurance coverage's as well as prevailing wage requirements are verified. The motion was seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion passed.

Discussion began concerning the bids for paving in the Village. Returned bids resulted in Valley Paving being the lowest bidder for the Scope of Work of A) Schuyler Hose Company fire truck entry/exit; B) Morgan's Run; C) Pearl Street South; and D) Church Street, south end. Trustee Colvin wants to use fund balance to do all four paving jobs. Supervisor Decker advised that Morgan's Run paving would require preparation prior to paving with one step being raising man hold covers. He advised that it was late in the season for the Morgan's Run portion of the paving quote. The current CHIPS funding the Village has would cover items C and D. Item A would be a Village expense and would not qualify for CHIPS funding. Trustee Colvin feels that we should use fund balance to cover the additional funds needed to do A, C, and D and look at B in the spring. Some board members did not agree that using fund balance was a wise idea.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve paving for A) Schuyler Hose Company fire truck entry parking lot for \$24,000; C) Pearl Street South for \$32,000; and D) Church Street South end for \$15,000 by lowest bidder Valley Paving of Valley Falls, NY, seconded by Trustee Petralia. Trustees Colvin, Miers and Petralia, aye. Mayor Sherman and Trustee Carpenter, nay as they did not feel using fund balance from the general fund was correct. Motion passed.

There was not a representative from the water board to respond to the question of the unpaid lead agency fee that has been owed to the Village covering the period of September 2013 to July 2014 at \$500.00 per month.

Mayor Sherman is working with the NYS DOT to arrange usage of the salt shed on State grounds that are currently unused by the State. A request letter has been sent and insurance is being arranged. The intent is for the Village DPW to use this salt shed for the 2015/2016 winter season.

New Business

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the repair of the NEW HOLLAND L-785 Skid Steer for the WWTP with estimated repair and maintenance costs of approximately \$5,000, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve spending of up to \$1,800 for Goodyear G622RSD rear tires for the garbage truck, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the purchase of radios for the DPW Dodge truck and International Dump truck for up to \$1,100, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the purchase of a new 22 ton floor jack for the DPW garage with the cost of approximately \$800, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Carpenter spoke regarding the status of the Water Board Clerk/Treasurer, Evelyn Burks, as an employee. The intention is to have Ms. Burks as an employee of the Village of Victory which would include the benefits of the NYS Retirement System and health insurance.

Public Comment

Resident John Allen, Broad Street, asked who had been hired to do the fire house roof and were they local. He asked what areas of the Village were being paved. Mr. Decker responded to that question.

Resident Linda Lloyd, Green Street, asked how residents know about special meetings. Mrs. Lloyd also wanted to know if the village has received another home grant. The Mayor stated that it has been applied for and we are awaiting award results.

Several people asked about the updating of the web site. Trustee Petralia said he has spoken to Deputy Rose Decker and she will be putting minutes on the web site this week.

Resident Diane Martindale, Green Street, asked if the board was aware that a trailer on Canal Street is for sale for \$119,000.

Resident Gail Blake, Pearl Street, asked if there had been anything more done about the DPW garage. Trustee Carpenter stated that is was being addressed.

Resident Andrew Jennings, Morgan's Run, asked for an explanation on the paving that was voted on tonight. He wants to know what determines what is to be paved. He asked if there was a deficit in a fund at the end of a year would the village be able to borrow from another fund. The answer is yes, but has to be paid back with the exeception of the sewer fund. No borrowing from the sewer fund is allowed. Mr. Jennings then asked if a village employee wins the position of Town Justice, can he have time off during his work. He asked about the timber harvesting on the Easton property and stated he thought owing the property was a liability. Mayor Sherman stated that we can not sell that property. If we no longer want it, it reverts back to the original owner.

Another question about the Easton property taxes and if that cost should be shared by the water board. Trustee Carpenter said it would be taken under consideration by the board.

Mr. Jennings was talking about possible streams of revenue such as dog licensing, a commercial tax of properties such as the hydro plant and getting a larger portion of the sales tax as the Town of Saratoga gets the 'lion's share'.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to contact Barton and Loguidice Engineering to do a cost/benefit analysis regarding the DPW garage roof and building, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve payment of the vouchers presented for the General Fund \$96,917.31 and the Sewer Fund \$13,159.06, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm seconded by Trustee Carpenter. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Welfley
Clerk/Treasurer

