

Village of Schuylerville
January 7th 2019
Workshop Minutes

Kelsea Fiori spoke regarding Nexamp. She represents the department of the company that promotes local solar farms.

Currently, there is one that is designated to be built in Brunswick. The company offers opportunities for residents and municipalities to invest in these solar farms, with guaranteed refunds from National Grid. There is no contract, no cost to join, and we may leave the agreement at any time. Nexamp is not an energy supplier. There will be a line item at the bottom of the bill which will include your discount for participating in the program. Buildings that have onsite solar are not eligible for this program. Nexamp does ask that we give at least 3 months' notice before we end our agreement, as they have a waiting list.

The idea was well received by the board, as this would be an opportunity to gain one of the requirements that we need to meet to qualify for the Climate Smart Communities pledge.

The actual savings per year would not be that large, (approximately \$100) as only a couple of our accounts qualify at this time. Ms. Fiori stated that Nexamp is working getting, "on demand" accounts added to those qualified for the program, which would greatly increase the amount we could expect to save.

Rob Decker asked permission to use funds from the parks and recreation to purchase supplies to renovate the benches that line Broad Street. He stated that he did not think that this had been done in almost ten years. He felt that this would be a good project for the DPW between snow storms. Mayor Carpenter suggested that as Rob Decker would be purchasing in bulk that he should investigate buying extra hardware to use for the benches that we will be building for the canal trail.

Rob Decker brought up the issue of returnable bottles and asked how they should handle the returning of them and the deposit revenue. He asked if it would be possible to donate the proceeds to the firehouse, as they already use Klink.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he would reach out to Attorney Kliengebiel to find out if we can donate the proceeds to the fire department through Klink.

The new snow plow will not be delivered until February 1st. Rob Decker expressed hope that there would not be any significant snowstorms in the interim.

Jason Young spoke regarding the water board meeting that he had attended, at which CT Male spoke regarding possible grants.

The water board had been seeking a grant for either meters or an additional water tank that would be elevated to increase the water pressure for those residents that are located too close to the grade of the current tank.

CT Male explained that there are currently no grants out there for meters, as there are many communities facing much more dire issues, such as deteriorating infrastructure or unsafe water supply.

There are CDBG grants out there for 100% funding for infrastructure in areas that qualify. If sections of the community can be defined as meeting the more than 50% low income levels, and there is a need to replace the infrastructure, we could qualify for grants up to \$600,000.00. These grants could also possibly include replacing the sidewalks and roads over the infrastructure.

Kathryn Sera from CT Male also noted that these grants could be considered part of a long-term plan to prepare for the eventual acquisition of a water tower, as the current infrastructure would not be able to handle the additional pressure in its current condition.

Mayor Carpenter read from the DCK water plant operations report the following:
Items of note;

Met with Mahoney Alarms on the 5th to discuss and review possible upgrades to the alarm systems at both plants. CIP on RO # 1 completed on the 12th, benchtop turbidimeter bulb changed, borrowed bulb was returned. Hach was on site for quarterly preventative maintenance on the 14th, including calibration of benchtop turbidimeter. CIP on RO # 2 completed on the 18th. TC samples transported to CNA on the 26th. Monthly SPDES samples were transported to JH on the 20th.

Mayor Carpenter mentioned that there was a conference on February 6th, Saratoga County Planning and Zoning that he would like to encourage the board members to attend. He is planning to attend. He asked that anyone interested should contact Treasurer Heyman.

The board reviewed the fire contracts for Greenwich and Easton. Mayor Carpenter noted that they were unchanged from the ones signed last year, and that Fire Chief Myers had reviewed and approved them.

The topic of video surveillance was discussed at length. It was decided that after researching the matter, the cameras that we were previously considering would not be adequate for our purposes, as the quality of the video would not be acceptable. Mayor Carpenter asked the board to table the matter until the next meeting, as he felt that we would need to reach out to some professional surveillance companies to get the appropriate quotes.

Trustee Young stated that he had met with Tom Wood, Town of Saratoga Supervisor. Meals on wheels was one of the programs that he discussed with Supervisor Wood.

Currently the program is seriously underused. He was hoping that we could find a way to reach out to those that could be in need of this service, without overwhelming the people running the program.

Another program, run by the same people, provides meals served at their facility, and is also currently underutilized.

The board reviewed a request by the Saratoga Rowing Association to hold their womens' under 17 and under 18 Olympic development camp in Schuylerville. They have made arrangements for accommodations and food and are working with Turning Point Rowing Club for equipment storage.

Karen Empie, organizer of, "The great big FANY ride" has asked if her group of cyclists. An estimated 130 to 160 persons would be attending.

They are asking if they could have access to the youth center building on July 23rd, and permission to camp at the Fort Hardy Park.

Linda Nadeau requested permission to hold the annual coin drop for Community Animal Action Project. The proceeds go to funding for spaying, neutering and medical care for local stray and feral cats.

Mayor Carpenter asked Treasurer Heyman to e-mail these requests to Attorney Klingebiel for his opinion on these three requests.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the EFC water debt payment for \$67,374.76 due on February 15th.

There were no questions from the board.

The resolution to adopt the climate smart communities pledge was presented to the board. The board had viewed this resolution at an earlier meeting and had no questions.

The next resolution for review would be one that would state that the village would not be holding a voter registration day. Some of the points discussed were the costs to hire the inspectors, as well as the fact that it would limit new voters, as, if there is not a village voter registration day, the voters would have up until 10 days before the election to register. If we do hold an election day, the residents would have to have registered on that day. It was determined that we would not hold a voter registration day.

Mayor Carpenter informed the board that in the near future, the Canal Corporation they may ask the board to pass an MOU which pertains to the maintenance of the section of the Canal Way/ Empire State Trail that is currently

being planned. The board expressed concern regarding potential costs of assuming the liability for this section of the trail.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he would be consulting with Attorney Klingebiel on this matter, and that he would keep the board informed regarding any progress regarding this matter.