

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2015

The Schuylerville Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 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 – Mayor John Sherman; Trustees Daniel Carpenter, Whitney Colvin, Jim Miers, Robert Petralia; Village Attorney David Klingebiel; Clerk/Treasurer Anna Welfley and several residents.

Approval of the Minutes of the April 8 meeting was postponed until the June Board meeting.

Mayor Sherman read the announcements of the upcoming meetings.

Reports

Treasurer Anna Welfley reported on bank balances on all accounts as of April 30, 2015. All unpaid Sewer and Water for the 2014-2015 year will be re-levied onto the Village 2015-2016 village tax bill.

Code Enforcement Officer Gil Albert read from his prepared report for activities during April. There was much activity at 88 Pearl Street regarding hazardous pesticides stored on the premises, requiring several visits and follow-up. There were four building permits issued and some final inspections of improvements to property. He met with the architect for the Notre Dame Visitation Church improvements project.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Rob Decker reported that the village is now doing zero sorts recycling. There will no longer be partial recycling on the first Monday of the month. All recycling will be picked up on Tuesday with the regular household trash. During the month of June, the crew starts up again with their maintenance program. Summer hours for the DPW will be 6:00 am to 2:30 pm, Monday to Friday, if approved by the board.

Fire Chief Brian Myers could not attend the meeting and did not have a report.

Historian/Visitor's Center Kristina Saddlemire read from her prepared report. She received three inquiries, reported on her ongoing projects including the walking tour of North Broad Street Cemetery and announced she is available for presentations and encouraged people to ask her. There were two requests. One of them was to do a Civil War encampment this summer in Fort Hardy Park. There were questions from the

Trustees on cost for the village to host the event and any food provided. Kristina will ask what they would need and report back with details. The Visitor's Center will be open Memorial Day Weekend.

Planning Board Member Leona Colvin reported that there was a meeting held May 4 which included a public hearing on the Tow Path property erosion and the Pizza and Pasta Restaurant sign. The Saratoga Gluten Free Bakery did a preliminary presentation on their new business on Broad Street. Signage in the village was discussed.

Trustees Carpenter and Miers voiced their concern about no zoning in place for the village. Attorney Klingebiel stated that he will work on what to do to get the public hearings and other items going to move the process along. The current zoning plan does need to be reviewed and updated.

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

Water Commissioner Daniel Baker reported on S/V BOWM activities for the past month. A meeting was held April 13 and Commissioner Baker read from those minutes. Proposed personnel policy changes to the employee manual are set to take effect as of June 1, 2015. Solar panels were discussed to save energy at both water plants. The back lead agency fees due Schuylerville are still on hold by Commissioner Sullivan. The Route 4 bridge tape repair was discussed. It was voted on and passed to increase the units at the American Legion from one unit to two. Repair to the Route 29 Bridge was discussed and quotes received for the work was reviewed. A motion to hire Mark Rogers was approved in a 3-1 vote.

Trustee Miers did state that it had been agreed to leave the American Legion at one unit because of their recent past dire financial situation. He also asked the question regarding the water tower repair and water meter installation. Commissioner Baker did say that his goal was to have meters in the next two years. There are many questions and details to research.

Public Comment

Jack Sullivan, Morgan's Run, spoke representing OSAA regarding use of the bathhouse bath rooms during the evening for the little league. Mayor Sherman said he is giving him the keys to the bathrooms and OSAA will be responsible for the opening, closing and monitoring of the bathrooms when it is for their organizations use.

Wendy Lukas, Green Street, asked if the Board will be hiring a cleaner to clean the fire house meeting space and village office.

Mayor Sherman said he will be handling that the beginning of the new year in June.

Ms. Lukas asked about the incident at 88 Pearl Street and CEO Albert explained what happened. She also stated that zoning did need to be addressed and she inquired about the new attorney we have for the sewer litigation against Village of Victory.

Andrew Jennings, Morgan's Run questioned whether the outstanding sewer billing for Victory's usage of the Schuylerville WWTP had been sent up to them. He also asked if the board would consider another public comment after new business.

Daniel Baker, Green Street, asked if taxpayers would receive money back if Victory does pay the sewer charges they owe to Schuylerville. Attorney Klingebiel said that General Municipal Law does do refunds on a case by case basis.

Leona Colvin, Pearl Street, said she would like to pursue the zoning plan again and stated that she would be willing to chair the committee.

Trustee Miers made a motion to go into Executive Session. Motion was denied until the end of the meeting.

Old Business

Commissioner Baker said he will stay on the payment due Schuylerville for lead agency from September 2013 to July, 2014 at \$500 per month.

Trustee Colvin made a motion directing the DPW Supervisor to dispose of the old Ford pick-up truck, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion passed.

New Business

Trustee Carpenter made a motion to approve and adopt the General Fund budget as presented with Revenue of \$1,131,240.00 and Expenditures of \$1,157,338.00 using \$26,098 Fund Balance to balance the budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Miers made a motion to table the Sewer Fund budget, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Carpenter made a motion to add another public comment after new business, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.

All Board members committed to march in the American Legion Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 25 at 9:00 am.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the annual Village trash pick-up week for June 8 through June 12, seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the Schuylerville Lion's Club Wine & Food Tasting Event benefiting their 'Journey for Sight' program on Saturday, July 25 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Petralia. Motion passed with two abstentions by Lion's Club members Trustees Carpenter and Miers.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the use of Fort Hardy Park by the Schuylerville Colts Travel Baseball Team from April 24 through June 12, 2015, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Miers made a motion to approve a request from the Turning Point Parade Committee for \$2,500 toward their August 2 Parade themed 'Saratoga Battlefield - History in our Back Yard'. The motion was seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Miers made a motion to approve summer hours for the DPW crew to begin at 6:00 am and end 2:30 pm Monday - Friday and the Clerk's office to work from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:30 am to 12:30 pm on Fridays. This schedule will remain in effect until after the Labor Day holiday. The motion was seconded by Trustee Petralia. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the General Fund vouchers presented for \$193,241.84, and Sewer Fund vouchers presented \$2,447.96 - minus a \$10.95 invoice that did not have proper documentation, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Carpenter made a motion requesting the recent bank reconciliations and budget to actual reports for the sewer fund, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:37 pm, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Miers made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:28 pm, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin announced the reason for the Executive Session was to discuss what action the Trustees would take following Mayor Sherman moving funds from the Sewer Reserve Fund account to the Sewer Fund account without permission of the Board. Trustee Colvin did say that the majority of the board agreed to work toward removing Mayor Sherman from his position but they needed more information. A special meeting was set for Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 pm.

Trustee Petralia made a motion to accept the nominations of Line Officers for the Schuyler Hose Company for the 2015/2016 year as follows:

Chief – Brian Myers; Assistant Chief – Robin Decker; Captains – Scott Mcquire and Matthew Derway; Lieutenants – Daniel Buell, Adam Myers and Ray Carr; Safety Officer – Richard Behrens. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion passed.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Anna M. Welfley
Clerk/Treasurer