

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2015

The Village of Schuylerville Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 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 Whitney Colvin, Jim Miers; Village Attorney David Klingebiel; Clerk/Treasurer Anna Welfley and several residents. Absent were Trustees Daniel Carpenter and Robert Petralia.

Trustee Miers made a motion to approve the minutes of April 8, May 5, May 13, May 20 and May 27. Trustee Colvin did not second and wanted approvals of the minutes presented at the next meeting. Motion failed.

Mayor Sherman read the announcements for upcoming meeting and events.

Reports

Treasurer Anna Welfley reported on bank balances as of May 31. Village taxes were mailed out June 1. The water bill, sent out by the S/V BOWM, will be mailed June 15 for the first quarter. The water bill reflects a rise in rents to \$125.00 a quarter for inside users and \$187.50 for outside users.

Code Enforcement Office Gil Albert read from his written report. He addresses a variety of issues during May. Church renovations, final inspection on reconstructed restaurant, meeting with Village Board and Planning Board and Schuyler Island issues.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Rob Decker reported that the annual trash week was progressing well. He discussed the need to rebuild the Tow Path road to make the edges higher and reduce the crown in the road, which will help to control the development of pot holes. 42 Spring Street needs work done to their sewer line and Mr. Decker suggested bringing in R & J Kerr to assist in the dig and trench work. The problem is a boulder in the sewer line. Not sure how it was blocked. Rifenburg Construction will be questioned. Trustee Miers asked about Mr. Decker's progress in inspecting the village sidewalks. Mr. Decker reported that he had done an inspection and he feels the areas with the most need of attention are Broad Street and Pearl Street West between Burgoyne and Horicon Avenue. Trustee Miers asked him to put his findings in writing. Mr. Decker did mention the road work needed in Morgan's run and the huge water problem in this development. Trustee Miers also asked if all the storm drains are completed in Morgan's Run and Mr. Decker responded that all had been done with the exception of two.

Trustee Miers asked about the Curtis Lumber frozen lines problem from the past winter and the water board's refusal to pay the Curtis Lumber invoice concerning the repair. On the subject of street signage in the village, Mr. Decker stated that all signs would have to be replaced over time. There is a new regulation that all poles for signs need to be break away poles. Supervisor Decker is working on a five year plan for signs.

Fire Department did not have a report

Historian/Visitor's Center did not have a report

Planning Board member Leona Colvin reported that at the May 4 meeting there was discussion on signage throughout the village and the initial presentation from the owners of the Gluten Free Bakery proposing a wholesale bakery business in the village. The meeting opened with a public hearing concerning the erosion problem at Riggio property on the tow path and the new signage for the renovated Pizza and Pasta Restaurant. She asked that any correspondence concerning the planning board coming into the village office be forwarded to the planning board members, not just the Chair. She asked the board to consider revisiting the zoning plan prepared for the village and never adopted,

Sewer Chief Operator Harry Bogardus reported that the WWTP permit criteria have been met throughout the year. With the heavy rain, the equalization tank has been working well and storm water is going into the canal as intended. There was NYS inspection in May and a routine visit from the EPA who did an extensive five hour examination of the plant and went into the streets to look at the system. All was very satisfactory to the inspector. Mr. Bogardus brought up the issue of a vehicle for the WWTP. He has been using his own vehicle and the value of his vehicle has decreased as a result due to being rear ended when delivering WWTP samples, in addition to hauling dirty tools used to perform his job. During the budget process, the Trustees suggested that a new truck be purchased. Due to budget constraints it was decided to not purchase a truck at all. Mr. Bogardus had stated previously and restated that a used low cost truck was all that was needed. He has found four trucks in the \$8000 range that would be fine and he is asking that the board approve the purchase of a used truck for \$8,000.00. The septage receiving operation is starting and there has been good business in May. Harry and Charlie have been sending out flyers and talking with people to encourage business. Trustee Miers asked about schooling for operator Charles Sherman. Mr. Bogardus stated that six months at the plant are required and he will begin classes at ACC in the fall.

Water Commissioner Daniel Baker read from his prepared report on the S/V BOWM meeting of May 18. There was a presentation from the NY Renewal Energy, Engineering and Recycling, LLC on solar panels for the water plants. The Schuylerville Plant is still experiencing severe water hammer. Operator Dennison is working on the problem. Mr. Dennison requested and was given approval to purchase a used pick-up truck box. Curtis Lumber has been in communicated with the water board regarding the bills due to repair frozen water lines at their Schuylerville location. Attorney Dixon is to write a letter to Schuylerville Trustees concerning this matter as the water board feels it is either Rifenburg Const. or Village of Schuylerville responsibility. Two engineering firms were contacted by Commissioner Baker to work on grant writing for the repair of the water tower. Mr. Sullivan requested a third cell phone for privacy and it was not brought to a vote. There will be a review of billing units for users and work on their personnel policy. The issue of ending the lead agency is being reviewed and making a permanent hire. Mayor Sherman mentioned that the temp agency is costing \$3,000 a month. Trustee Miers asked about lighting protection for the plants. Mr. Baker went on to explain about the surge protection needed. Mayor Sherman said that Mark Dennison has all the communication information from the insurance company, but he will check with the insurance agent on the status.

Public Comment

Resident Leona Colvin, Pearl Street, commented on the lack of public information available to the meeting attendees and the board should address that.

Old Business

Regarding the lead agency fee due Schuylerville from the water board, Commissioner Baker is working on that.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the purchase of a used truck from the quotations presented, not to exceed \$8,000, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.

DPW Supervisor Decker was asked to place temporary signs at the alley entrance to the WWTP on both sides.

New Business

The tax warrant for the 2015/2016 FY was presented for approval. Trustee Colvin would not approve the warrant until he looked at the relevy reports to make sure they were entered correctly.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve Ester Blair as Greeter/Docent at the Visitor's Center, Wednesday through Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm with ½ hour for lunch at \$9.67 per hour beginning May 27 and ending October 17, 2015, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve Margaret Chiperno as Greeter/Docent at the Visitor's Center, Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm with ½ hour for lunch at \$9.67 per hour beginning June 6 and ending October 17, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion passed.

Trustee Colvin requested that the Water Board commissioner appointment of Daniel Baker and Michael Hughes be placed on the agenda for the special meeting ,to be scheduled in the near future, as they are hold over's until they are formally reappointed and Mr. Colvin has some questions and concerns.

Trustee Colvin requested that response to the issue of complaints from residents and letter from the Schuylerville Area Chamber of Commerce concerning the trash receptacles on Broad Street be held over until the upcoming special meeting.

Trustee Miers made a motion to approve the Sophomore Class of Schuylerville High School to hold a car wash at the Village Fire House on Saturday, June 13 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with a rain date of June 20, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion passed.

There was discussion among the board and Attorney Klingebiel regarding placing a moratorium in the village. Attorney Klingebiel advised Trustee Miers and the board that spot zoning is not possible and if you place a stop on commercial business, all businesses will be affected. The matter was dropped.

Public Comment

Andrew Jennings, Morgan's run, inquired about the law suit with the Village of Victory regarding the WWTP. He asked why the Village of Schuylerville is paying legal fees on the issues of the drying bed and the flow meter upgrade. Attorney Klingebiel explained as much as he could as this is active litigation. Attorney Matt Fuller is working directly with AECOM and BCI Construction.

Voucher Approval was denied by Trustee Colvin. The approvals will be on the agenda at the upcoming special meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Welfley
Clerk/Treasurer