

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2016

The Village of Schuylerville Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 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; Village Attorney David Klingebiel; Clerk/Treasurer Anna Welfley and several residents. Absent was Trustee Robert Petralia.

Trustee Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 20, 29 and May 2, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Sherman read the upcoming meeting and event announcements.

REPORTS

Treasurer Anna Welfley reported on the bank balances as of April 30, 2016. Village sewer charges were due May 11 without penalty. The last day of accepting payments for this fiscal year will be March 18 after which an unpaid relevy report is prepared and goes on the 2016/2107 Village Tax bill. The village budget was adopted on May 2. Sewer charges were reduced from \$930 per year to \$708 per year.

Code Enforcement Office Gil Albert reported from his prepared April activity report which included several inspections, building permits issued and following up on complaints. He did have an inquiry about building an apartment building on a vacant lot at University and Green Streets. Mr. Albert requested that the link to the zoning plan be removed from the VOS web site. He has been getting several calls relating to the proposed code and because the code was not adopted, it is causing confusion to visitors to the web site. He also requested that the Village Board consider waiving the building permit fee for the new Gateway Visitor's Center. The fee would be between \$500 and \$1,000.

Department of Public Works Supervisor Rob Decker provided a written report stating that the employment ad for the DPW Laborer/Driver netted 12 applicants of which 8 were interviewed. He recommends three to Trustee Colvin and Trustee Miers who interview those three candidates. Mr. Decker felt that Ray Carr was the best fit for the job and the team. Mr. Decker requested approval to spend \$6,200 on a new hot water pressure washer from Capital Tractor to keep the DPW equipment looking new and in good working order.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the purchase of a new pressure washer from Capital Tractor for the DPW at a cost of \$6,200. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Fire Department did not have a report

Historian Kristina Saddlemire reported that the Visitor's Center will open May 27 for the season. She and the docents will be cleaning the interior of the building to prepare for the opening. Regarding the blue and yellow historical markers that need painting, she suggested that she ask the Boy Scouts if they could possibly volunteer the work. She will let the board know. She did state that there is not a current historical marker program and the signs are not regulated. She discussed her work on the history of the North Broad Street cemetery and that her findings would be ideal material for the village web site.

Planning Board did not have a report. Trustee Carpenter requested that the decision regarding the approval of the Dollar General Retail store be noticed to the public.

Sewer did not have a report due to illness of the Chief Operator.

Water provided a written report of the Minutes of the April 18 meeting. Chairman Baker was unable to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Gail Blake, Pearl Street, asked when the first sewer billing for the new year would be. The answer is August 1, 2016

Resident Andrew Jennings, Morgan's Run, asked that the funds in the Morgan's Lookout Bank Account be used to raise the remainder of the grates on the Morgan's Run streets. Mayor Sherman will speak to the DPW

Resident Wendy Lukas, Green Street, asked for the water board minutes from the April 18 meeting. She also asked the Mayor what the new tax rate will be for the new year. Mayor Sherman said he would get back to her.

Ruth Mares, Myers Lane, asked what the board is doing to insure that Victory Mills pays their share of their unpaid sewer charges. She wanted to let the board know how difficult it is to have the sewer rates so high. She was making suggestions and asked about grants or other avenues of revenue that the board could seek out. Mayor Sherman responded that the payment issue with Victory Mills is in litigation. Ms. Mares asked about Super Fund funding. Attorney Klingebiel responded that the Village of Schuylerville's Storm Water/Sewer Improvements Project was mandated by the DEC under a consent order and would not qualify as a super fund site. He explained that a qualified super fund site is a deposit of pollution in a certain area that can be cleaned up. A good example of a super fund site is the Hudson River clean-up with GE and the EPA.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Colvin made a motion to set a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 18, to pay Barton & Loguidice Engineering \$9,064.27 from the Repair Reserve Fund to complete payment for the fire house roof project. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

The reading of the Proclamation honoring Schuylerville resident Edythe Burch was postponed.

Trustee Miers made a motion to advertise for a crossing guard for the Route 4 & 32/Spring Street location, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Miers made a motion to approve the Village Annual Spring Clean-up Week for June 6 through June 10, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Miers made a motion to approve summer hours for the office staff to close the office on Friday's at 12 noon from June 3 through September 2, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried -4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve summer hours for the DPW crew of 6:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday-Friday from May 31 to September 2. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to hire Ray Carr as the new DPW Laborer/Driver employee beginning June 1, 2016 at the rate of \$14.50 per hour, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Miers made a motion to accept Linda Lloyd, Green Street, and Schuylerville as an alternate Village Planning Board Member effective immediately, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Miers made a motion to approve the hiring of Ester Blair as docent at the Visitor's Center for Thursday and Friday of each week from May 27 through October 14, 2016 at the rate of \$9.94 per hour, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the hiring of Margaret Chiperno as docent at the Visitor's Center on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday of each week from May 28 through October 16, 2016 at the rate of \$9.94 per hour, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Carpenter made a motion to approve the Schuylerville Colts Travel Baseball Team to hold a Coin Drop on May 14 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm to help with costs of uniforms, equipment and league fees, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Miers made a motion to approve the Annual Hudson Crossing Triathlon, June 12 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, seconded by Trustee Colvin. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Carpenter made a motion to approve the Annual Turning Point Parade Festival Fundraising Coin Drop on July 9, 2016 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Miers. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the Annual Schuylerville Lion's Club Food and Wine Festival on July 23 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, seconded by Mayor Sherman. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the Resolution to accept NYS Homes and Community Renewal funding awarded to the Village of Schuylerville, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

On the agenda was an question regarding Terry Woodcock of Cambridge, NY conducting a business as a licensed and fully insured hot dog vendor in the parking lot of The Way, 17 Ferry Street, Schuylerville, from Wednesday through Sunday's throughout the summer and fall months. Attorney Klingebiel advised the Mayor and the Trustees that they do not have the right to approve or disapprove the hot dog stand. He stated that it is not a village issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Wendy Lukas, Green Street, said that she felt the board had no authority to allow or disallow the hot dog stand. She also asked about the money that was discussed to put toward improvements to the Youth Center. Mayor Sherman stated that there were funds coming from Assemblywoman Carrie Worner's office, and if it would go directly to the Youth Center.

Trustee Carpenter asked if the key to the Beach Restrooms can go to both the baseball and softball teams. Attorney Klingebiel, who is also the president of the Old Saratoga Athletic Association, said if this could happen, he would arrange for the cleaning of the bathrooms.

Resident Andrew Jennings, Morgan's Run, asked if there were still questions about the Victory/BCI issues, regarding the meter installation, still out there. Attorney Klingebiel said the issue is on the table and being addressed.

Trustee Colvin made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:58 pm seconded by Trustee Carpenter to discussion litigation. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Trustee Colvin made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:12 pm, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0

Attorney Klingebiel reported that during the Executive Session there was discussion regarding an upcoming appearance before the judge in the continuing efforts to resolve the Victory sewer non-payment litigation.

VOUCHER APPROVAL

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve the vouchers presented for payment, seconded by Trustee Carpenter. *General Fund \$186,936.46 and Sewer Fund \$29,074.51. All ayes. Motion carried 4-0*

Trustee Colvin made a motion to approve payment out of the Capital Sewer Fund for two remaining AECOM invoices. *AECOM Period 5/02/15 to 8/07/15 for \$2,874.44 and AECOM Period 8-08/15 to 1/29/16 for \$62,024.60*

Trustee Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm seconded by Trustee Colvin. *All ayes. Meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted

Anna M Welfley
Clerk/Treasurer