

Village of Schuylerville February 4th 2019

Workshop Minutes

Present;

Mayor Daniel Carpenter
Trustee Tim Lebaron
Trustee Bryan Drew

Absent;

Trustee Jason Young
Trustee Robert Petralia

The first item up for discussion was the renewal of the contract with the Town of Saratoga Fire Department. Mayor Carpenter noted that it was the same contract that we have had with them in prior years, and asked the trustees to look over the contract, as he was hoping the board could sign this contract at the next meeting.

The next item on the agenda was the resolution to appoint the election inspectors for the upcoming elections. The persons selected are the same persons who have been hired for several years past. There were no questions.

The Village Clerk, Rebecca Christner, would like to attend the course offered by the Office of the NYS Comptroller, "Introduction to Governmental Accounting." This course will be held on May 21st through the 23rd and is \$85. It will be in the Town of Malta. Treasurer Heyman stated that she had found this course to be tremendously helpful in the transition from private sector finances to government. Mayor Carpenter asked if there were sufficient funds in the clerk contractual account and Treasurer Heyman stated that there were.

Mayor Carpenter informed the board that Leona Colvin was not aware that the planning board members had been offered the opportunity to attend a conference on February 6th by Saratoga County Planning and Zoning. It was decided that since there was an extra opening on the village board side, as Trustee Young had not signed up, that Leona could participate, as the monies were already appropriated for this.

Security camera quotes were reviewed. Mayor Carpenter reminded the board that we had obtained some quotes previously, but that they were for some lower quality products. Mayor Carpenter stated that after meeting with a representative from Saratoga Surveillance, that the village should consider getting a better-quality system.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he was concerned that the quote from Saratoga Surveillance at \$2,850.00 was so much lower than the ones from Mahoney Notify at \$9,985.00 and Adirondack Security at \$7,985.00. He felt he should clarify that this was correct before the board proceeds

with the approvals for this expenditure. He asked the board to review these quotes and let him know if there were any questions.

Brian Myers spoke regarding the bids for the new chief's car. He asked the board if they had any questions. Mayor Carpenter stated that he had complete faith in Chief Myers, and that he felt that Chief Myers ran one of the best fire companies in the area.

The subject of pistol permits was touched on briefly. Chief Myers said that he did not feel that it was a matter that needed to be addressed at this point.

Mayor Carpenter pointed out that the firemen were first responders to much more than just fires, and that he felt that they should be able to defend themselves if need be.

There was some discussion as to the village code regarding firearms. Wendy Lukas asked why the board did not have a code book with them. Mayor Carpenter stated that the code book was posted on the website and showed Wendy Lukas how she could locate it on the site.

The only restrictions in the village code book were that you could not discharge firearms in the village.

Mayor Carpenter stated that this was something that he would need to discuss with the attorney. Budget prep discussion; Mayor Carpenter stated that Treasurer Heyman had sent out the revenue and expense reports to the board members and that she would provide them with any detail they might need.

Mayor Carpenter also stated that he would be creating a budget calendar with dates for budget meetings and that letters were going out to the department heads, requesting that they submit their forms of estimates of revenues and expenses for the ensuing fiscal year.

Trustee Lebaron had some questions regarding the subject of snow removal from the curbs on Broad street. He asked why the curb cleanup had not been done yet. Mayor Carpenter stated that the DPW had had multiple problems with the equipment. There was discussion regarding the logistics of getting this done during the hours when there were no cars on the street, and the recent difficulty in scheduling this, due to the timing of the past few storms. Rob Decker also mentioned the difficulty of removing the snow to another location with our lack of equipment. Mayor Carpenter asked Rob Decker to reach out to the state for assistance on this.

The board reviewed a complaint from Michael Farrel of 74 Green Street regarding flooding at his residence during the weather event that occurred last week. There was a substantial snow storm, followed by warm temperatures and several inches of rain. There was some conversation regarding the effectiveness of the culvert on the opposite side of the street from his residence. Mayor Carpenter felt that once the snow has melted, the village could assess the situation to determine if there could be a solution to the issue of water runoff in this area.

Saratoga Rowing Association would like permission to row out from the village beach if Fish Creek Marina was not ready during their spring break. Mayor Carpenter stated that he had no problem with that providing that they produce proof of insurance for the time period. He also stated that he would like to discuss with the Rowing Association the fact that he did not want the trailers to be parked on the grass, as the ground would be very soft at that time of year, and he did not want the fields to be damaged.

Treasurer Heyman noted that she had received correspondence from Scott Cutting Junior of Faith Chapel. He had made inquiries regarding the youth center, asking if it were possible for the church members to volunteer at the youth center, and if we accept donations.

Mayor Carpenter stated that Treasurer Heyman should direct him to contact the Youth Center Board. Trustee Lebaron noted that as the youth center board was a not-for-profit, that they would be able to accept donations.

Rob Decker spoke regarding the storms over the past few weeks and the resulting flooding. He stated that they had cleared the ditch line on Green Street, and that this seemed to alleviate some of the flooding issues. He also mentioned that they cleared a drain over by the school.

Equipment issues were discussed, among these was the fact that the loader radiator broke down, and that the DPW borrowed the backhoe from the water department, which also broke down.

Mayor Carpenter asked Rob Decker if he thought that putting the backhoe on a monthly schedule where it could be started and run could be good preventative maintenance. Rob Decker agreed that this would be beneficial to the maintenance of the backhoe and asked that the schedule could be shared with Victory.

The issue of the Morgan's Run repaving project was discussed. Rob Decker said that he had received only one quote back so far, for \$111,000.00 to do what would basically be a, "band aid."

This would not include the removal of the millings, which we could hope to accomplish with the aid of other municipalities.

Trustee Lebaron suggested that we should hire an engineer to assess the situation of the water flow at Morgan's Run, which he felt was the main cause of the problems we are experiencing.

Rob Decker stated that the residents were using French drains to move the water from their back yards into the streets. Trustee Lebaron stated that more culverts might alleviate the water issues and help to prevent future deterioration of the roads.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he had spoken to Rural Water regarding a separate issue and that he felt he would ask them to investigate the water issues and advise us as to how we should move forward.

Mayor Carpenter mentioned that he had had a conversation with the school regarding the crossing guard issue and that he had made it clear that our responsibility, as far as we are concerned, is in safely crossing the children to the school and that traffic control is secondary.

Mayor Carpenter asked Rob Decker how the new member of the DPW Noah Kapper was working out. Rob stated that the new hire was doing very well. He mentioned that he would need to be given training in sexual harassment and workplace violence.

Rob Decker also mentioned that the DPW would need to change the day for garbage pickup on Tuesday the 19th would be moved to Wednesday the 20th, as the DPW would be attending a mandatory training class that day.

Trustee Tim Lebaron moved that the meeting be adjourned, Mayor Carpenter seconded, meeting adjourned.