

Village of Schuylerville  
Workshop Minutes  
June 3, 2019

PRESENT:

Mayor Carpenter  
Deputy Mayor Young  
Trustee LeBaron  
Trustee Colvin

ABSENT:

Trustee Drew

Drew Alberti presented on the Technical Assistance report. The board had all been provided with both electronic copies prior to the meeting as well as printed copies to review at the workshop. Drew felt that there were some items that were left out, but that the report contained all of the pertinent information. He suggested that a disclaimer should be added to this report that this was prepared by the village in support of Main Street development but that it is not a commitment by the village, the business owners or the State of New York to fund all or any part of these projects. He asked the board to please let him know if they had any questions. He also stated that he had asked if the ownership of the sidewalk could be made clearer in the document. Mayor Carpenter read the section of the code book regarding sidewalk ownership and it was determined that maintenance and repairs of sidewalks were clearly the responsibility of the owner of the property.

Mayor Carpenter asked Drew to clarify that he feels that the report is complete enough for the board to review and make a decision as to whether or not they will approve it, Drew said yes, it was.

Request for funds from The Turning Point Parade Committee was reviewed by the board. Mayor Carpenter asked Treasurer Heyman to make sure that this was something that the board had done historically and to determine whether there were funds available for this.

The invitation to the board to participate in the Turning Point Parade was discussed. Trustee Colvin suggested that Treasurer Heyman could fill out the form for all of the trustees and the mayor to participate, as all had agreed that they were interested.

There was a request by Bob Foster for the reappointment of Linda Lloyd to the planning board, Mayor Carpenter stated that he had no issues with appointing Linda for another term. All were in agreement on this matter.

Rob Decker had requested that he either be allowed to roll over his unused vacation time or be compensated monetarily. He was not able to use his vacation time due to the reduced workforce caused by the resignations of three of the DPW members in the last quarter of the year. Trustee Colvin suggested that he could roll over one of the weeks and be compensated monetarily for the remaining four days. It was agreed that this would be compliant with the current handbook. Summer hours for the DPW crew were discussed. Rob stated that the crew had requested four ten-hour days, but that he would prefer to have 6am to 3pm Monday through Thursday and 6am to 10am on Friday. Using the current schedule caused difficulties when working with other municipalities, as the surrounding towns and villages were all on the four ten schedules. Mayor Carpenter stated that he preferred the option that Rob suggested, as when there was work to be done on a Friday, such as preparation for weekend events, it would not cause the village to pay overtime.

Mayor Carpenter brought up the subject of summer hours for the office. Deputy Mayor Young asked if the office personnel had a preference. Treasurer Heyman stated that she did not want to adopt summer hours for the office, but that she would ask Becky if she would be interested.

Fireman's equipment (air packs) lease payment was discussed; this is an annual lease-to-own payment that the village needs to pay on July 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the second installment of five for \$32,848.88.

There was a review of the cafeteria plan, which the board would vote on at the regular meeting.

The Volkssport walking tour application was discussed, Treasurer Heyman explained the event; it is a group of adults who make this tour annually, starting in Victory, through the monument park and down the tow path to the veteran spark. There were no issues with this.

There was some discussion regarding the Stewarts shop intersection and the installation of bollards to prevent the vehicles from illegally passing through the parking lot of the medical center across Spring Street. It was determined that the board should invite the person whom they had been communicating with on this issue to attend the next board workshop to discuss with the board and Rob Decker how they could move forward on this issue

Mayor Carpenter mentioned that he had met and physically walked the canal path with representatives from the DEC, DOT and The Canal Corporation regarding the problems with the canal and how we can move forward on the proper maintenance to eliminate the chokepoints of the canal. He stated that as a result of this meeting, there would also be an evaluation of the effectiveness of the culverts under the bridges. The persons who will be evaluating these factors have requested copies of the reports from AECOM regarding the storm drain upgrades.

Mayor Carpenter visited the school to discuss the parking problems that the village is experiencing due to the students using the streets. They are blocking driveways and hydrants and often are parked in the wrong direction, or too far from the curb. He also noted that he would be presenting at the school regarding the alternate parking laws, and how they would be enforced if not followed. He had not yet set a date for this, but planned to do this after the start of the 2019-2020 school year and well before the start of the parking restrictions beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Rob Decker stated that he was still looking for a confirmed start date for the paving project slated for Morgan's Run.

He also expressed that he was unhappy with the fact that the insurance company had concluded that the sewer backup issue on Schuyler Island determined that the DPW was at fault. The board as a whole agreed that the finding was not a personal note, but simply insurance verbiage to allow for a payout on this claim. Decker then requested that the board conduct a review of his performance. It was determined that the board would conduct the review. Rob Decker asked Mayor Carpenter to confirm that the DPW would not be removing the curbs at the Broad Street location as previously discussed. He was concerned that the curbs could be L shaped, which could disturb the infrastructure under the sidewalk. Mayor Carpenter stated that the curbs should remain as they are, and not be taken out. The removal of the sidewalks at this site has been scheduled for the week of June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Charles Sherman gave his report on the Waste water treatment plant operations. He stated that the plant was running well. He reported that he and Scott Brooks had pulled the pumps at the Victory Plant and that the pump station is working much more efficiently. As a result, there have been no further alarms since they performed this maintenance.

Sherman had discussed with an engineer who is involved in the Victory mill project the feasibility of running the waste from the proposed complex through the current pump station. Sherman does not feel that the station would be able to withstand the additional flow. The engineer stated that it might be necessary for the mill to build an additional pump station to accommodate the added units. It was determined that at the very least there would need to be a grinder pump installed to reduce the waste to a manageable product.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he would be bringing Attorney Klingebiel in on this matter, and that there would be further discussions as the project developed.

Deputy Mayor Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned.