

Village of Schuylerville
Workshop
August 5, 2019

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Jason Young
Trustee Whitney Colvin
Trustee Bryan Drew
Trustee Tim LeBaron

ABSENT:

Mayor Carpenter

The first item up for discussion was the issue of developing a preventative building maintenance plan.

Trustee LeBaron had suggested this to avoid situations like the visitor's center roof and the DPW garage roof which both had deteriorated to the point of causing damage to the building, therefore costing the village more money ultimately.

Trustee Young brought up the issue of the lighting in all of the buildings, which is outdated and inefficient. It was noted that this matter had been discussed previously when James Buono of Potentia energy presented at a meeting last year and that the board had postponed a decision on this to look into the pricing and incentives available to municipalities relating to converting to LED.

Trustee Young also mentioned the door leading into the office which does not shut properly and the condition of the floor in the meeting hall.

Trustee LeBaron stated that the state DPW were responsible for performing building maintenance in addition to their other duties. He stated that he felt the Village crew should be asked to address some of these matters.

Trustee Colvin suggested that we should check to be sure that these duties were listed in the job descriptions of the DPW before we make a work list for the crew.

The board also discussed an idea that was brought up earlier to initiate a conversation with OSAA about the possibility of getting volunteers to help with the maintenance of the ballfields.

Both trustee LeBaron and trustee Colvin recalled a previous time when as parents of children participating in the sports, they had divided up the duties of the care of the ballfields between themselves and the other parents.

The board would like to try to bring this program back to relieve the DPW of this time-consuming task. This would allow the DPW to address other issues such as those related to building maintenance.

The next item for discussion is the offer of a local business person to install a fountain in the Canal in the section between the post office and the future brewery tasting room. He felt that circulating the water would help with the issues that we are having with stagnation, mosquito breeding and an all over general unappealing affect.

Some discussion followed as to the fact that The Canal Corporation owns the Canal and that we would need to obtain permission from them to install the fountain.

The question was also raised of who will pay the electric bill to run this fountain. A suggestion was made that a solar fountain might be an option if we were able to go forward with this project.

The subject was brought up regarding the storage of the boat at the towpath location near the water plant.

Wendy Lukas stated that she did not feel that taking the top off the boat made it any less of a hazard. She stated that she did not understand why Mr. Roberts was being given yet another extension and that she would like to see the boat removed. The board discussed how they could go about moving forward on the issue of the removal of the boat from the property.

Trustee LeBaron questioned why there were vendors with alcohol in the park at the Turning Point Festival in the park. He stated that the board had not approved this.

Deputy Mayor Young stated that the vendor should have applied for one day license with the NYS liquor authority, and that the actual owner of the property needed to give permission to the vendor.

Treasurer Heyman stated that the responsibility of completing the peddlers license forms fell on her this year as the village clerk had resigned. She stated that it was her understanding, per Jenni Alan, the event coordinator, that the vendors were allowed to sell alcohol at the event. Treasurer Heyman apologized for her ignorance in this matter.

Deputy Mayor Young commended the DPW on the preparation of the grounds of the village. Trustee LeBaron mentioned that the only complaint that he had heard was that the American flags were not put up. Some discussion followed as to the fact that the current organizers were resigning, and that the village board would need to become more involved in running the parade in the future.

Wendy Lukas commented regarding the deteriorating condition of the Canal. There was extensive discussion on what steps the board could take to rectify the situation. Wendy Lukas suggested that we ask the town engineer to investigate this. Trustee Drew stated that it would be beneficial if they could participate in this shared service.

Trustee Drew made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion