

Village of Schuylerville
Workshop
October 7, 2019

Present:

Mayor Carpenter
Trustee Colvin
Trustee LeBaron

Mayor Carpenter opened the meeting with the pledge. He noted that there were no department heads present. The presentation by Tom Grabowski for a new server for the office that was originally scheduled for this workshop has been postponed, as neither Trustee Drew or Trustee Young are present.

Mayor Carpenter updated the board on the SAM grant, as this was something that had been brought to the previous board. He asked them to review this and to please feel free to contact him with any questions. He stated that we will be able to submit for our grant reimbursement for the pearl and spring street sidewalk project as soon as the check to Catalfamo is cut and cleared. Treasurer Heyman also informed the board that we had received our CHIPS and EWR funding that we applied for to reimburse for the Morgan's Run paving project.

The next item for discussion was the request by Martin Flanders to purchase some land that the Village had purchased from Saratoga County back in 2004. This parcel was scheduled to go up for auction, and the mayor at the time, John Sherman wanted to ensure that this property did not become another trailer, as the adjacent lots currently had rather run down and unsavory trailers on them. Mayor Carpenter asked the board to consider whether they should sell the parcel or maintain ownership. Trustee Colvin stated that he would like to find out the value of the land before making any kind of decision.

Regarding the handbook, Mayor Carpenter stated that Rob Decker had requested that the board postpone passing the new handbook until he had time to review the proposed changes and offer some input, as he had not been a member of the handbook committee. Mayor Carpenter stated that there were some benefits that those employees hired prior to the new handbook would lose if there were no clause to protect them. Trustee LeBaron stated that there were some resolutions to amend the handbook which had never been instituted and that he felt that these should be reviewed.

Trustee Drew submitted a request to attend a conference on new technology for infrastructure. It was discussed whether this should be the responsibility of the water board or the village. There was also lengthy discussion as to the cost of this course and the applicability.

There was discussion regarding the request by Dick Behrens to place a box in the office for donations to Toys for Tots. Mayor Carpenter asked Treasurer Heyman if she find out from the attorney if there was any reason that the village could not do this.

There were only two quotes for the bond note for the new fire engine that Myers had requested. It was decided that the board would like to wait to see if more quotes would come in.

Trustee Colvin asked if there was any progress on the 29 Church Street RFP to hire an engineer to study the water runoff issue that Jean Myers had lodged a compliant about. Mayor Carpenter stated that he would work to prepare an RFP for this.

Trustee Colvin also inquired on the status of the zoning, and whether Mayor Carpenter had heard back from Attorney Klingebiel regarding his communication with CT Male. Mayor Carpenter stated that he would find out where we stood on this matter.

There was extensive discussion regarding the safety issues that existed at the school crossing. Trustee LeBaron stated that he had been monitoring the situation at the school crossing at the entrance and suggested that the village could institute a no left turn from Pearl Street from 7-9 am during school hours. He felt that this would prevent the dangerous situation that we currently have where vehicles are turning into the crosswalk while there are people in the crossing. Mayor Carpenter stated that he would consult the attorney on the legality of this. He also mentioned that there was a possibility that the school might contribute to the costs of maintaining a crossing guard.

Mayor Carpenter stated that there were some trees down by the bandstand. The tree committee had attempted to remove these but did not have adequately powered equipment to move them. Mayor Carpenter plans to discuss the removal of these with Supervisor Decker when he returns from his vacation. The redesign of the Veteran's park was discussed. Trustee Colvin suggested adding a POW flag or possibly a village flag.

There was some discussion regarding the parking of boats on the street. Trustee LeBaron pointed out that currently there is no law that would prevent parking a boat on the street as long as it is registered with motor vehicles.

Trustee Colvin made the motion to adjourn, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion all in favor, meeting adjourned.