

Village of Schuylerville  
Workshop  
November 4, 2019

Present at the workshop were Mayor Carpenter, Deputy Mayor Young and Trustee LeBaron.

The first item to be discussed were the resolutions for SEQR, estoppel and to a resolution to go out to BAN for the fire engine. The board had previously approved a note at 2.85% from Greene County Bank for the purpose of purchasing the engine from a fire company. These resolutions will be reviewed at a public hearing scheduled to be held directly before the next regular meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm.

There was a discussion regarding the request by Martin Flanders to purchase a lot that the village obtained from the County of Saratoga back in 2004 for \$2,916.03. It is a small lot, that is currently of no use to the village, that would provide Flanders with a much-needed parking lot. Mayor Carpenter stated that he would consult Attorney Klingebiel to find out if we need to put this out to bid, or if we could sell it at will.

Treasurer Heyman had compiled reports for the department heads budget standings and they are both currently running slightly under their budgeted lines. Mayor Carpenter commended Charles Sherman in particular for his careful budgeting. Sherman stated that this was due in large part to the fact that he personally performed much of the repair work at the plant. He also stated that he had what he felt to be a very good preventative maintenance plan.

Sherman requested approval from the board to integrate remote access to the operating system at the plant. He stated that he often was obligated to physically go to the plant to make minor adjustments to the operations of the system that could be done remotely from his phone. He stated that this would be particularly helpful when alarms went off in the middle of the night, or other such inconvenient times. Mayor Carpenter stated that he thought that this sounded quite reasonable, but that he would prefer that Sherman include an iPad in the package as opposed to using a phone for this.

Mayor Carpenter thanked Sherman for his excellent presentation at the previous evenings meeting held at the Town Hall to discuss the proposed Victory Mills Project. Sherman spoke regarding the potential issues that may arise as a result of the large increase in the number of sewer units that were proposed in this project. He gave detailed information at the meeting at the town hall on flow during normal weather situations as opposed to flow during weather events, which has on many occasions caused the plant to run at maximum capacity. Sherman expressed concern that adding the proposed number of units could potentially cause the plant to be overwhelmed.

Department of public works budget lines were well within the percentage that they should be for this time of year. There was discussion regarding the charges for removal of the water that is retained in the tank under the DPW garage. Mayor Carpenter expressed concern that the charges for this service were not budgeted for and that there might need to be a budget transfer. Rob Decker also stated that the cost to advertise for DPW staff openings were affecting his budget as well.

Trustee LeBaron asked if there was any word regarding the dump truck that we had ordered. Decker stated that the truck would be ready hopefully before the end of December. Trustee LeBaron also asked about hiring temporary employees for the DPW during the busy times of year. Mayor Carpenter stated that he would be willing to investigate this.

The health insurance plan is coming up for renewal. The insurance representative has provided the board with a spreadsheet on the plans offered. The current plan premiums will go up from an annual cost of \$95,204.16 to \$99,227.76, with some increases of copays and an extreme increase in out of network charges from \$250 ind./\$500 family to \$5,000 ind./ \$10,000 family. CDPHP offers an HMO that would be considerably less expensive, with the only major drawback being that the medicines would be 0/\$50/\$80. This plan would still be much better for any employee who only needs generic medicines. Mayor Carpenter suggested that the employees should meet with the insurance representative to review the plans offered and then make a group decision as to which plan they feel is best for them.

The resolution to transfer funds from contingency to data processing was reviewed.

Blue Neils from Saratoga County Municipal Wastewater Management provided the village with some recommendations regarding the runoff issues we are currently experiencing. Heyman pointed out that Neils had stated that the issue that Jean Myers is experiencing is groundwater, which is different from surface water. He suggests that Ms. Myers should hire an engineer to investigate the problem and possibly provide a solution for this issue.

Trustee LeBaron suggested that Mr. Neils might be able to provide some help regarding the runoff that we experience coming down from Saratoga Apple in the Town of Saratoga. Mayor Carpenter stated he agreed with Trustee LeBaron, but that we would need to work with Supervisor Tom Wood to come up with some solutions for these problems. Mayor Carpenter stated that he would reach out to Supervisor Wood to find out if he could ask Mr. Neils for help on this matter.

Mayor Carpenter stated that the village had received a commitment from the prosperity partnership, at the Town Hall meeting last night regarding the Victory Mills project. (The prosperity partnership is currently working with the developers of the Victory Mills project.) This was in relation to Charles Sherman's presentation wherein he stated that we would be being asked to take on up to 30,000 to 35,000 gallons of waste per day. Marty Vengus, the chair of the prosperity partnership, stated at that meeting that he would commit to working with the villages and the town to procure funding to finance finding solutions to the stormwater issues in the village. Mayor Carpenter expressed concern that if we do not take steps to ensure that our plant does not have to operate at full capacity to service the Victory Mills project, that we may be restricting our own village from being able to grow, such as expansion of our schools, or new construction, and that we need to ensure that this does not happen.

Patricia Smola thanked the mayor for taking care of the issue of the sign that was blown down in the recent windstorm. Deputy Mayor Young went out and personally removed the sign for Ms. Smola.

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