

Village of Schuylerville

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2020

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

None

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management Meeting has been changed since the third Monday is MLK day and will be held on **Wednesday** January 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Victory Meeting Hall
- Schuylerville Tree Committee Meeting, TBA
- Schuylerville Village Board Workshop Meeting Monday February 3rd at 6:30 pm at the Schuylerville Village Hall.
- Schuylerville Village Board Meeting on Wednesday February 12th at 7:00pm at the Schuylerville Village Hall.
- Schuylerville Planning Board Meeting, January 13th at 6:30
- Regular Meetings of the Climate Smart Task Force meetings for the next three months are as follows; January 14th at 6:30 pm at Revive, February 11th at 6:30 at The Saratoga Town Hall and March 10th at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall. These meetings are open to the public, all are welcome to attend.
- Climate Smart Task Force Leadership Meetings for the next three months are as follows; February 3rd at 8:15 am and March 2nd at 8:15 am, all will be held at the Village Hall in Schuylerville.
- Budget meetings will be held January 27th at 6:30pm, February 10th at 6:30pm a tentative meeting was scheduled for the 24th of February at 6:30 at the Schuylerville Village Hall.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the December regular meeting, as well as the workshop from December 30, were presented for approval. Trustee LeBaron made the motion to approve the minutes, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor, minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund Statement balance	\$225,730.51
Sewer Now Statement Balance	\$422,021.74
Trust and Agency	\$33,711.87
General Fund CD	\$501,495.21
Sewer Fund CD	\$200,598.08
Memorial Day	\$3,863.39
General Fund Money Market balance	\$300,586.12
Interest Money Market this month	\$318.90

General Fund and Sewer Fund CD's matured on December 19th. The interest rates for both the sewer and general fund CDs are now at 1.55%. General fund projected earned amount is \$647.76 per month, and the projected sewer interest \$259.11 per month.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Supervisor Decker stated that he garbage truck has broken down and is in for repairs again. Supervisor Decker feels that it is probably electrical. The new dump truck is almost ready to be picked up. Supervisor Decker stated that the lights in the shop were beginning to fail. He asked if the board felt that they should repair the existing lights or install LED. Trustee Colvin stated that Asko electric has LED lights at approx.\$40. It was decided that this would be a better plan than to repair the old fixtures.

Deputy Mayor Young asked if the board would invite the gentleman back who had presented last year on converting to LED lights. Mayor Carpenter stated that this was a good idea.

The air compressor at the shop is beginning to fail as well. To replace the part will be \$640. The model that we currently have is from 1998. There is currently a compressor on sale at Tractor Supply for \$529.00 which is the same model that we currently have (Dewalt) with the same specs. Decker has compared some prices and the Dewalt was the better model at the best price. He asked the board for permission to purchase this item. The board approved the purchase.

- CODE ENFORCEMENT

Gil Albert stated the number of inspections performed and permits issued.

- FIRE DEPARTMENT

December 7th – Seven members provided traffic control for the annual Dutch Christmas walk on Broad St.

December 10th – Schuyler Hose Safety Committee met. The following recommendations were made concerning the fire station:

Interior lighting – Lighting in the hallway to office, the center of the vehicle bays, and on the second floor near the elevator needs repairs. A member recently hit his head when accessing the closet near the office. Members are advised to use caution in these areas, especially after dark.

Trip hazard – damaged floor tiles: The meeting room and lounge floors have damaged tiles that need replacement. The safety committee has identified the scope of work and will contact potential contractors for the damaged tiles.

Parking lines- The safety committee will paint lines for member parking on the east side of the firehouse in the spring.

December 14th – Five members, President Richard Behrens, Lieut. Mark Wells, FF James Carr, FF Laurie Scheuing and FF Travis Holcomb representing Schuyler Hose participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremonies at the National Cemetery.

December 16th-18th – Tower 577 was out for repairs at Vander Molen in Ballston Spa. Waterway has been removed while they order a gasket kit. It is expected to go back in early January to finish up repairs.

December 16th-19th – Structural gear (coats and pants) were inspected and repaired as needed. The inspection is an annual NFPA requirement. Work was completed in station by Elliott Enterprises.

December 17th & 23rd – Fire Extinguisher were inspected by Saratoga Fire Extinguisher. The inspection is an annual requirement of OSHA and NFPA.

December 20th – Chiefs Myers and Decker picked up the “new” used engine that was purchased from the Schuyler Heights Fire District. The engine is a 2002 E-One on a custom Typhoon cab and chassis. It is expected that the engine will be in service this spring.

January 2nd – Schuyler Hose held their annual meeting and election of Executive Officers. The following positions were filled to two-year terms: President – Richard Behrens, Secretary – Frank Merrill, Trustee – Wes Wohl, Trustee – Rick Drew.

January 6th – The 2006 Jeep command vehicle has been placed out for bid on GovDeals.com. Auction ends on Tuesday January 14th

Fire Chief Brian Myers report included total alarms for 2019 of 164, and gave the breakdown of incident type, response zones and man hours.

- WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Charles Sherman reported on the flows which were up approximately 25% from November to December due to the rainfall. He mentioned one maintenance issue; blower number 2 needs to be overhauled. It has been sent out to Glauber. Sherman had photos to show the board. He stated that this repair was projected to cost somewhere upwards of \$3,500.00. Mayor Carpenter stated that as the expenditure would cause the equipment account to be over budget, that he felt that this was a good situation to use the contingency account. Trustee LeBaron asked if there would be a warranty for the repair on the blower repair. Sherman said that he would look into the matter.

- HISTORIAN/VISITORS CENTER

- PLANNING BOARD

- SCHUYLERVILLE/VICTORY BOARD OF WATER MANAGEMENT

Trustee Drew gave a report on the Schuylerville/Victory Waster department meeting. He noted the highlights of the meeting, including Deputy Mayor Young's attendance at which Young brought up the subject of the pilot program for meters that the water board had implemented to determine the amount of water that the new brewery would use. Deputy Mayor Young stated that he would also like to be allowed to have a meter at his liquor store on Broad Street.

Mayor Carpenter read from a statement by the water board attorney, Phil Dixon.

The statement, in summation, stated that the water board was under no obligation to provide meters to all water users. The brewery was allowed to install a meter at their own cost, as there were no prior businesses to offer a comparison.

Deputy Mayor Young stated that he felt that the agreement between the brewery and the water board was not sufficient. He expressed concern that at the end of the year, the brewery would have used a larger amount of water than the board had established to begin with and would be unable to pay the balance. He stated that he had seen numbers to state that the average brewery used over 9,000 gallons of water per month. He felt that we need more data to make a comparison. He felt that the water board should be researching further to find out from neighboring municipalities how much water these breweries use.

Gil Albert thought that there should be a sampling of residents and businesses given meters to determine a basis to work from.

Trustee LeBaron stated that he felt that the water board should have to answer to the village board. Mayor Carpenter stated that he thought that the trustees should attend the water board meetings to express their concerns. Mayor Carpenter stated that he would write his own statement regarding his opinion on the matter. Deputy Mayor Young stated that he would bring his own. Deputy Mayor Young then asked what oversight the village board had over the waterboard. He asked when was the last time that the Intermunicipal agreement was reviewed. Mayor Carpenter agreed that this is something that could be reviewed. Mayor Carpenter gave the example of his concern regarding the fact that the account clerk, Susan Westbrook, had not been directly hired. He felt that it was a waste of taxpayer's money to continue to employ Westbrook through a temp agency. It was agreed that this was a matter to be addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wendy Lukas thanked Trustee LeBaron and Deputy Mayor Young for bringing up the subject of the village oversight of the water board.

A resident named Walt Allen asked if there was a noise ordinance in the village. He was informed by the board that there is an 11pm ordinance to 7am. He asked if it was legal to park a car on the sidewalk in the village. Mayor Carpenter stated that it was against village law to obstruct the sidewalk. He asked if it was legal to dig up a sidewalk and just have blacktop (this was in reference to a situation that occurred). Mayor Carpenter clarified that this was an issue that had occurred where the owner of that property had, without seeking permission from the village, torn up the sidewalks and blacktopped the area, thereby effectively turning them into street. Mayor Carpenter stated that the board and the building inspector were unaware of the situation until it was already happening. He stated that the board feels that this has caused a hazardous situation, and that there was an agreement with the property owner, that this issue would be addressed in the spring. Mr. Allen stated that there is still a large hole that he believes is on village property. Mayor Carpenter stated that he would ask the DPW to repair this. Mr. Allen claimed that his neighbor has several unregistered vehicles, and that there are strong oil smells coming from the property. Deputy Mayor Young suggested that Mr. Allen should call DEC. He also complained that Stewarts trucks back down the street at all hours of the night. He said that he has never experienced these kinds of issues in all his 17 years as a resident in the village. The

board agreed that they would issue a letter to the Stewart's Corporation notifying them of the noise complaint brought to their attention at the monthly meeting by resident Walt Allen. There was also a complaint that the intersection by Stewarts was unsafe for pedestrians. Deputy Mayor Young suggested that painting the crosswalk might help to add visibility to the intersection.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Carpenter announced that the board was currently going through the preliminary budget process. The board decided on several meeting dates. January 27th at 6:30pm, February 10th at 6:30pm. A tentative meeting was scheduled for the 24th of February at 6:30.

The Town of Greenwich fire contract had been reviewed both by the board at the previous workshop and by Attorney Klingebiel, who found only one issue which concerned insurance. This has been corrected. Trustee LeBaron made the motion to accept the contract, Deputy Mayor Young seconded the motion, all in favor.

A resolution was presented to amend the budget to increase the revenue line, "other governments" and the expenditure, "crossing guard personal" with funds from the school of \$3,000.00. As previously discussed, the school had agreed to assist in the cost of a second crossing guard in the amount of \$3,000.00. This resolution would enable the village to use this revenue to counter the extra costs of a second crossing guard. Trustee Drew made the motion, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, all in favor. Deputy Mayor Young stated that he felt that the school should be responsible for crossing the children, and that he felt that the school had a considerable budget for this.

A resolution was presented to amend the budget to increase the expenditure line for sewer personal and the revenue line. "public works" by \$12,000.00. Mayor Carpenter read from the resolution. Trustee Colvin made the motion, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor.

The next resolution presented was a similar resolution to increase water revenues and expenses by \$12,000.00 for the reimbursement from the joint water district to the village for work done by the DPW as well as the water clerk salary expense. Trustee Drew made the motion to accept the resolution, Trustee Colvin seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Carpenter brought up an item that was not on the agenda, regarding the expenditure for the repair to the blower which would cause the line for waste water treatment plant equipment to be over budget. Mayor Carpenter asked for a motion to use the contingency account to pay for the repair in the amount of \$3,475.00 Trustee Colvin made the motion, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor.

A parade gathering permit for Animal Action by Linda Nadeau on August 8th was presented for approval. Trustee Drew made a motion to approve the animal action coin drop, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, Deputy Mayor Young abstained, motion passed 4-0 one abstains.

Ronalee Myers requested permission to attend the Saratoga County planning and zoning conference. \$60 for advanced registration. Mayor Carpenter stated that he had attended this conference the previous year and that he felt that this course was very informative. out of planning contractual there would not be any need for a hotel. Trustee Colvin made the motion, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor.

Complaint from Neil Scott Griffiths of 81 Green Street. There is an area to the north of this property, running north to south directly behind him. He is asking the village to put a ditch back there. The village is concerned that this is private property and that it would cause us to be vulnerable to liability issues. Deputy Mayor Young stated that this has always been an issue for

many years. He suggested that Griffiths should consult with their neighbor, Cheney to obtain permission to work on the property. Deputy Mayor Young stated that there is a storm sewer grate in front of 81 Green into which he could expel.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wendy Lukas asked if Mayor Carpenter had reached out to the resource officer at the school to find out if they would be willing to assist in traffic control at the crossing by the school by possibly issuing tickets to drivers who refuse to yield to pedestrians in the walk. Mayor Carpenter stated that he had spoken to the resource officer regarding the parking issue, and that he would address this with him. It was also determined that the village board should submit a written request to the school board for funds to finance the employment of the crossing guard for the next fiscal year.

She asked about the subject of the part time employee that was proposed for the total of no more than 10 weeks this summer. Mayor Carpenter suggested that he would like to find out if the village could hire through the Saratoga County summer youth program. Wendy Lukas inquired as to the status of the Easton property timber harvesting. Mayor Carpenter informed Wendy that he had met with the forester and Mr Dixon, owner of the property to the north and east of the lot, regarding using his land to bring out the timber. Mayor Carpenter advised Ms. Lukas that the forester had cautioned that there were considerably steep ravines that might pose potential issues in removing the timber, and that the forester felt that the project would need to be postponed until the spring

Ms. Lukas asked if there was any progress in the revision of the comprehensive plan. She expressed concern that she felt that Mayor Carpenter had stated that the was waiting on word from the climate smart committee. She stated that she was disappointed that there were not more persons on the committee that were village residents. Mayor Carpenter stated that if you examine comprehensive plans from local communities that have adopted climate smart task force, those communities have also allowed for and brought initiatives related to the climate smart task force into their comprehensive plans.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

General Fund Vouchers in the amount of \$27,177.02 Trustee Drew made the motion to approve the vouchers, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, all in favor vouchers approved.

Sewer Fund Vouchers in the amount of \$3,725.17 Trustee Colvin made the motion to approve the vouchers, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor vouchers approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Recording Secretary,

Cory Heyman

