

**Village of Schuylerville**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
September 09, 2020

PRESENT:

Mayor Daniel Carpenter  
Trustee Drew  
Trustee Colvin  
Trustee LeBaron

ABSENT:

Deputy Mayor Young

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management Meeting Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Victory Meeting Hall SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS WILL BE ENFORCED.
- The Village of Schuylerville Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm. The purpose is to hear public comment on a single-family home at 231 Broad Street being converting to a five-unit MICRO apartment building. This meeting will be available via Zoom as well as a limited number of in person attendees (10 including board members.) All attendees must wear a mask and social distancing protocols will be enforced. Zoom and in person attendees must register at [cheyman@villageofschuylerville.org](mailto:cheyman@villageofschuylerville.org) or call 518-415-9240. In person attendance will be first come first serve.
- Schuylerville Village Board Workshop Meeting Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Schuylerville Village Hall.
- Schuylerville Village Board Meeting on Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Schuylerville Village Hall.

MINUTES: Trustee Colvin made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 2020 meeting, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor, minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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| General Fund Statement balance | \$175,749.32   |
| Sewer Now Statement Balance    | \$173,957.16   |
| Trust and Agency               | \$37,795.62    |
| General Fund Money Market      | \$1,011,721.98 |
| Sewer Fund Money Market        | \$301,855.91   |
| Memorial Day                   | \$3,863.39     |

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Supervisor Decker stated that he had sent the requested information to the board as discussed at the previous workshop regarding the warranty on the garbage truck. The upgraded warranty was only for an additional three years. The board discussed the warranty at length. Mayor Carpenter expressed an opinion that he was not sure that there was a need to spend \$4,300.00 to warranty a new truck of this caliber. Trustee Colvin stated that his main concern was that with the computer systems that new vehicles were equipped with, that there could easily be a major repair that could cost at least the amount that the village had invested in a warranty. Trustee LeBaron cautioned the board that he was concerned that there were many residents that use contractors for their trash removal. Mayor Carpenter asked Treasurer Heyman to do a revenue and expense analysis for garbage removal. Trustee Colvin mentioned that the garbage truck is also used for brush removal. Trustee LeBaron stated that he feels that the proper piece of equipment for this is a chipper not a garbage truck.

Supervisor Decker informed the board that all the employee evaluations had been completed and filed with Human Resources.

He stated that Justin Decker's ship out date had been moved up to October 23<sup>rd</sup>. He requested permission to begin the hiring process for an additional DPW member.

- CODE ENFORCEMENT

Gil Albert gave his report on the permits and C of O's issued throughout the month. Mayor Carpenter asked Gil if he had been in contact with the owner of KO Motorsports regarding the issue of the sidewalks that had been illegally taken out the previous fall. Gil stated that it was his opinion that the sidewalks should be put back the way that they were and that the law prohibiting parking on the sidewalks should be enforced. Trustee LeBaron asked Gil if the owner of 231

Broad Street had contacted him. Gil said that he had not received any communications from anyone regarding this project. Trustee LeBaron stated that he felt that there were businesses going in and changes being made to buildings that no one on the board had any knowledge of. Attorney Klingebiel expressed concern that the issue of stormwater runoff should be seriously addressed for the 231 Broad Street conversion. He advised the board to make sure that there were measures that would be taken to ensure that the engineer had solid plans to divert the runoff to the storm drain and not the sewer.

- FIRE DEPARTMENT

No report.

- WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Plant Operator Sherman gave his report. The main topic that he brought to the board was the water leak at the plant. There is a water line that runs under the plant that he feels is leaking. He can see water trickling by near some valves in the ground that have been there since the 1980's. He feels there is a significant amount of water being lost as there is a water meter at the sewer plant and this meter has been reading much higher than usual. Supervisor Decker stated that he will work with his crew to repair this line.

- HISTORIAN/VISITORS CENTER

Kristina Saddlemire gave her report via Zoom. She listed some inquiries that she had responded to. She also stated that the visitor's center had been open limited hours during the month of August as she had been manning the desk herself as her schedule permits. She will continue to work at the visitor's center on the weekends as her schedule permits and will be available by appointment when possible.

- PLANNING BOARD

No report

- SCHUYLERVILLE/VICTORY BOARD OF WATER MANAGEMENT

Trustee Drew gave a brief summary of the last water board meeting. He stated that DCK was currently working with CT Male on the master plan. The water main break on the intersection of Ranger and Hessian was completed with just the repaving of the area remaining to be done. Trustee Drew also stated that the board had discussed possibly ending water service to the Easton area as the repairs to the infrastructure in that area were becoming a burden on the water district. Mayor Carpenter asked that the issue of billing for Mr. Edwin Sullivan for water services for that parcel which had previously been believed exempt from water charges be discussed at the next water board meeting. Mayor Carpenter also confirmed with Trustee Drew that the water board had received the letter of support on moving forward with the master plan. Trustee Drew stated that he would confirm this.

- CLIMATE SMART COMMITTEE

Mayor Carpenter stated that he would be reaching out to the Climate Smart Committee to discuss resuming their monthly meetings.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Maggie Chiperno spoke regarding a 15 mile per hour sign that had recently appeared in front of her property. Mayor Carpenter recalled that the issue concerning this sign had been brought up previously by Julia Van Hall. DPW Supervisor Decker stated that the DPW had not moved the sign, so it was assumed that Ms. Van Hall had taken it upon herself to move the sign. Attorney Klingebiel advised sending a notice to the homeowner in question to inform her that she did not have a right to move a street sign that is in the public right of way and that it must be moved back to its original placing. It was discussed whether the sign was necessary.

Wendy Lukas thanked the board for moving the stop sign in Fort Hardy Park. She also advised the board that is her opinion that within the next several years the village was going to be required to separate food waste in the garbage. She felt that the DPW were not going to be able to handle the food waste issue.

Wendy Lukas also asked if all of the persons listed on the billing register that she had foiled the village for were paying. Treasurer Heyman stated that everyone pays one way or another; either paying on time, a relevy to their taxes, or in the case of outside users, if they do not pay in 30 days there is a notice that is sent out, then a registered mail notice and finally a notice posted by the DPW. After these steps have been taken, if they have not paid their water bill, the water is shut off.

### OLD BUSINESS:

The Schuyler Hose Cow Plop is an event that is being held in place of the usual coin drop. Trustee LeBaron made the motion to approve the event, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor.

### NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion regarding a proposal from a representative from National Grid for LED conversion. The board had all been provided with a spreadsheet mapping out the current street lights in the village as well as information on the potential rebate that could result from this conversion. It was decided that this person should attend the next workshop for a Q and A.

The board had discussed previously, at the workshop, a quote of \$648 for repair to a concrete drain at the sewer plant. Trustee Colvin made the motion to approve up to \$700 for the repair, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, all in favor, expenditure approved.

The board reviewed the language in the handbook regarding section 802. Attorney Klingebiel felt that there was no tie to the fiscal year stipulated in the handbook. He felt that the intention was that the employee would receive their full 10 days of vacation when they have reached one year of continuous service.

The board also discussed the section 908 which refers to smoking in village buildings and vehicles. The board agreed that this section should refer to all tobacco use and vaping, not just smoking. Designated areas could be determined for tobacco use. Trustee Drew made the motion to amend the handbook to state that there will be no tobacco use or vaping on village property with designated areas in accordance with NYS law for tobacco use. Trustee Colvin seconded the motion, all in favor motion passed.

The board will review the zoning that had previously been put together by the zoning committee. Mayor Carpenter would like the board members to bring any issues or questions back to the next workshop to be considered by the full board. Any changes or suggestions should be brought to the November meeting for review. He asked if the original committee could be brought into the discussions as well to weigh in with their views.

The board reviewed a request for a handicap parking sign at 26 Green Street for Denise Drew. Trustee Colvin made the motion to approve the request, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion. Trustee Drew abstained as he is related to Ms. Drew. Motion passed.

There was a discussion regarding the issue of the sidewalk that was illegally removed by KO Motorsports. Building Codes Enforcement Officer Gil Albert expressed his opinion that the property owner in question would most likely continue to park on the asphalt that he had illegally poured over where the sidewalks used to be.

He feels that the owner of KO Motorsports should be made to replace the sidewalks and that the law regarding parking on the sidewalks should be enforced. The board agreed and that this needed to be completed by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Carpenter asked Attorney Klingebiel to draft a letter to Mr. Ferrillo of KO Motor sports to inform him of the board's decision.

Supervisor Decker mentioned that there was a resident in Morgan's Run who wanted to widen his driveway. He asked if this would be an issue. Attorney Klingebiel stated that this was a different situation. Providing this did not violate a setback issue, there should be no problem with this resident widening their driveway. He stated that the law only states that the resident may not demolish a sidewalk without approval of the board. In this case they are replacing the sidewalk with a driveway.

The board had reviewed garbage truck quotes at the previous workshop that had been compiled by Supervisor Decker. The main question that the board had at the workshop was that the warranty portion of the quote did not have enough detail. Trustee Colvin made the motion to move forward with the public hearing for going out to bond for the garbage truck. Trustee Drew seconded the motion. Mayor Carpenter, Trustee Drew and Trustee Colvin voted to move forward. Trustee LeBaron voted against.

Trustee Colvin made the motion to approve the appointment of Linda Lloyd to the planning board. Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Schuyler Hose requested approval for the appointment of firefighter Peter Abelle of 6 Merchant Road in the Town of Northumberland. Mr. Abelle is a NYS correctional officer working at Great Meadow correctional facility, he is an experienced firefighter, having served as a volunteer firefighter for the Bellmore Long Island fire department and is a member of the fire brigade at

Great Meadow. Trustee Drew made the motion to appoint Peter Abele, Trustee Colvin seconded the motion, all in favor, appointment approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Lukas asked if the village would be erecting signs to prohibit smoking on village property. She stated that she felt this was a waste of public funds. Mayor Carpenter felt that if the signs deterred even one person from smoking on village property and saved at least one child from being forced to breathe in secondhand smoke that he would consider it money well spent. He felt that it was a health and safety matter that needs to be addressed.

Ms. Lukas also asked if the proposed zoning was posted on the website. Mayor Carpenter stated that yes, it is.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Drew made the motion to approve the vouchers for the general fund in the amount of \$18,282.73 and the sewer fund vouchers in the amount of \$12,043.55. Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, all in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Recording Secretary,

*Cory Heyman*