

Village of Schuylerville  
Workshop and Zoom presentation  
By the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence  
October 5, 2020

Present;

Mayor Carpenter

Trustee Colvin

Trustee LeBaron

Trustee Drew came in at the regularly scheduled 6:30

Absent

Deputy Mayor Young

From Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence:

Kelli Owens, Executive Director

Shannon Cantiello, Deputy Executive Director

Ellen Schell, General Counsel

Christine Sadowski, director of External Affairs

Alicia Borns, Director of Professional Education

Mary Walsh Fatality Review

From Wellspring, provider of safe dwellings and emergency services for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, Elizabeth Bliss

The members listed above from the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and from Wellspring presented to the board on how the village could assist persons who may be victims of domestic violence. They educated the board on how to spot the signs of the different kinds of domestic abuse, red flags (indicators of possible homicide level abuse) and provided pamphlets and contact information that the village could provide to persons in need of these. Their mission is to enhance the response in New York State to victims of domestic violence. The person who presented for Wellspring stated that the community could be a major factor in holding these abusers accountable and that this was often a better way to approach the issue of domestic violence than involving law enforcement.

Mayor Carpenter opened the regular workshop meeting with the discussion of the planning board appointment of Darren DeMarco and the two alternate member vacancies, as Dustin Deluke resigned. Mayor Carpenter asked Treasurer Heyman to post the vacancy on the village website.

There was a presentation of a resolution for a tobacco free Policy. Treasurer Heyman had drafted this policy from a template online. Mayor Carpenter asked the board to please review the policy before the next meeting. He asked them to contact Treasurer Heyman if they had any issues with or additions to this policy.

The board discussed the issue of the LED Conversion of the street lights in the village. A question was raised as to who owned the lights that are located on the backs of the buildings on Broad Street that face Canal Street. It was decided that this matter should be investigated and that if these were village owned that Attorney Klingelbiel should be asked to weigh in on the matter of liability on the village's part.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he would reach out to Mr. Ferillo (KO Motorsports) to inquire as to when he planned to remedy the issue of the sidewalks that he had illegally torn up last fall. Building Inspector Gilman Albert had sent out a letter with an order to remedy on September 21 with a deadline to comply by October 15<sup>th</sup>. There has been no activity seen at the location.

There was a presentation of a resolution to amend the budget to increase Storm Sewers Personnel A.8140.100 (currently at -1847.94) due to the work done by the DPW at the Green Street culvert and Public Works Revenue A.1710.000 in the amount of \$3847.94 to bring balance to the original \$2000. Mayor Carpenter asked if there were any questions regarding this resolution. There were none.

There was a presentation of a resolution to create a reserve for equipment from fund balance in the amount of \$44,953.60 to be used in conjunction with a bond for \$100,000.00 to purchase a new garbage truck for the Village of Schuylerville. There was some discussion as to whether the board should use a specific reserve that would be earmarked for the purchase of the garbage truck or form a type reserve for equipment which would enable them to use these funds for other types of equipment. The specific would require a public hearing to form, but not to expend, and the type would not require a public hearing to form, but it would require a public hearing to spend from this reserve.

Treasurer Heyman reported on the submitted AUD. She pointed out the major differences between last year's AUD and the 2020 AUD. The H fund was the most affected, due to the purchase of the dump truck and the fire truck. Heyman also pointed out that the assets line for the sewer fund is much higher this year. She stated that this was due to the closing of the capital project accounts for sewer into the sewer fund. She told the board to feel free to come to her with any questions regarding the 2020 AUD.

Supervisor Decker gave his report. He stated that he had asked his crew to change their vacation days to allow them to have a sufficient crew for trash day. Pat Grogan and Nate Brockway both agreed to alter their vacation days to make sure they are both there on Tuesdays. Mayor Carpenter stated that there were 3 signs that were part of a grant program from Lakes to Lock

that are ready to be installed. Rob will provide the materials and will do the dig request. The work will be done by volunteers including Mayor Carpenter and Dave Roberts Sunday morning at 10 am.

Mayor Carpenter has asked that there be a mailing insert with the billing letting people know that leaves must be bagged or canned after November 1<sup>st</sup> or after first snowfall, whichever is first.

Mayor Carpenter announced that he had requested quotes from several refuse removal companies to contract out garbage removal for the village. They came in at \$420,000 per year from Casella, \$280,000 from Twin Bridges, with a caution that this was only an estimate, and \$320,000 for waste management.

Mayor Carpenter also mentioned that he had contacted Carrie Woerner's office to ask if there was any legislation coming up in the next few years that would mandate that the village must process food waste separately. He was informed by Carrie Woerner's office that there was definitely not anything coming along in the foreseeable future. Mayor Carpenter also inquired of Woerner's office about the digesters that Wendy Lukas had mentioned in prior meetings. Woerner's office's statement was that even a city as large as Buffalo at this point couldn't power one of those digesters alone on food, you will still need cow manure. In summation, it would seem that a mandate for food removal from waste services is not something that you will see soon.

Leona Colvin, former Zoning Commission Chair, spoke to the board about the zoning plan that had been put together back in 2010. The zoning commission worked with a consultant and spent \$50,000.00 of the village's money, came up with a code and went through three separate public hearings for the proposed zoning plan. The village board at that time voted it down, and at that point the zoning commission dissembled.

Ms. Colvin educated the board on planning and zoning. The planning board performs the site plan review at which point the zoning code enforcement officer will determine whether the plan meets code. If the proposed plan does not meet the zoning code, it will now need to go before a zoning board of appeals, to obtain a variance. There are extenuating circumstances wherein a variance could be granted, such as if not granted it will harm the person who is applying or if they were misled by the seller and it would cause a hardship. There would then be a procedure for obtaining a variance. If zoning were to be approved in the village there would need to be a zoning board of appeals. This board would only meet if there was an issue that needs to be appealed.

Leona Colvin stated that at this point with no zoning, the planning board's hands are virtually tied. The planning board has no effect at all on any single-family home. They can only function for commercial properties as site plan review, they have no jurisdiction over building codes or the interior of the properties at all. Without zoning, Leona stated, the planning board has no, "teeth." Mayor Carpenter asked if there is another jurisdiction that would step in for a board of appeals such as the county. Leona stated that she did not know if the county would step in, and that she felt that there should not be an issue getting people for the zoning appeals board, as they would only have to meet when there is an issue that has to come before it.

Mayor Carpenter asked Leona if she felt that the input from the public and the code enforcer had been incorporated satisfactorily into the zoning plan. Leona stated that this plan was put together by professionals and reviewed by Saratoga County. Ed Bartholomew was legal council at the time . Engineers from CT Male worked diligently, going through every line of that document. She stated that it would never be to the satisfaction of everyone, but that is the nature of this type of document. The building code inspector weighed in, Schuyler hose Company was consulted and any issues and questions were addressed and resolved. She also noted that the zoning could be amended in the future if something was not working to the village's satisfaction. Mayor Carpenter stated that the board would follow up with Attorney Klingebiel to determine how they need to move forward on the zoning plan.

In public comment Wendy Lukas brought up the issue of the adult entertainment zone. Wendy did not like the fact that the zone was close to the school. Leona Colvin stated that there was a reason that the commission determined that this was the correct location for this.

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