

Village of Schuylerville
Monthly Meeting Transcription
Meeting held via Zoom
Wednesday February 10, 2021

Present;

Mayor Daniel Carpenter 104 Green Street

Trustee Daniel Baker 50 Green Street

Trustee Whitney Colvin 64 Pearl Street

Trustee Bryan Drew 66 Green Street

Trustee Tim LeBaron 6 Liberty Street

Mayor Carpenter I would like to call the meeting to order, and we will start with The Pledge of Allegiance. (All recite pledge) All alright, we'll start off with board announcements. The Schuylerville Victory board of water management regular board meeting will be held on Monday February 22nd instead of the regularly scheduled Monday, as the 15th is president's day. The meeting will be held at 7:00 PM in the victory meeting Hall, social distancing protocols will be enforced. The planning board meeting is scheduled for February 22nd at 6:30 PM at the village Hall; this meeting will be held via zoom and details will be sent out and made available to zoom in, will be made available on the website. The villages of Schuylerville will be holding the following budget meetings; preparation and filing of the tentative budget with the clerk on February 22nd at 6:00 PM, presentation on the tentative budget by the clerk to the board at the workshop on March 1st and the board will hold a public hearing on the tentative budget at 6:45 prior to the monthly meeting on March 10th. These meetings will be held via zoom until further notice. Schuylerville village board workshop meeting Monday March 1st at 6:30 PM at the Schuylerville village Hall. Schuylerville village board meeting on Wednesday March 10th at 7:00 PM to follow the public hearing on the tentative presentation of the tentative budget. We are not ready to approve the minutes from the last meeting, and that was on me. I've kind of been busy this week and they sat in my inbox, so I apologize for that and we will approve those at the next meeting. Cory did have them done but that was just on me. Corey will you go to the treasurer's report.

Treasurer Heyman general fund statement balance \$161,080.35 sewer now \$178,207.60 Trust and agency \$37,651.45 general fund money market \$912,560.33, sewer fund money market \$452,171.22 Memorial Day \$3863.39

Mayor Carpenter all right next we will move on to Department and committee reports. Rob (Supervisor Decker) was unable to attend the meeting so the only report that we have from him is that everything is kind of running smoothly, you know they've gotten everybody back from the absences that we discussed at the last board meeting and everything is running smooth, so you know, with the exception of the storms it's been business as normal, nothing out of the ordinary. He did want the board to know two things; one the enforcement of the alternative alternate street parking is going well, not this just last storm that we had but the storm prior to that there were three cars in the whole village that were on the wrong side of the road. He just wanted everyone to know that. And that he and his team are really appreciative of both the enforcement and the adherence to from the public of the alternate street parking. It is making the clearing of the streets much easier. The second thing he wanted everybody to know is that the upgrade for the interior lights at the DPW is complete. Every light now has been updated and upgraded, so, as we had discussed and set aside money this year for that, that project is

now done. Are there any questions or any comments that anyone wants me to pass along to Rob this week? Any questions? Gil did submit a code enforcement report, Cory can you pull that up? While you are doing that, I'll get Brian Myers report ready. Chief Myers send the following report for the month of February; COVID-19, all precautions remain in effect until further notice. Guidelines for incident response and face coverings mandatory for all company functions, COVID-19 vaccinations are available for Group 1B firefighters. Approximately 10 members have started the vaccination process. Alarm responses; only 6 in January and 160 in 2020 total. January training conducted January 14th; emergency vehicle operator refresher training. January 19th operations and equipment refresher training, January 21st STBA refresher training, January 28 ice cold water rescue operations and equipment refresher training. On January 31st, ice cold water rescue hands on training; they hosted a multi-agency training session on the Hudson River at Fort Hardy beach. Agencies attending were Greenwich, Victory mills and Wilton EMS medical , due to COVID restriction and Saratoga County **health care services** are will not be able to provide our medical's at the schuylerville Health Center as we have scheduled in the past. Interior firefighters will have to schedule their medical at **the core health and medical** or in Malta. The fire station did have water damage from the burst, frozen pipe. The village is handling the insurance claims. The inventory of their items damaged; mostly electronics in radio room, has been started and all the items on the 2nd floor have been moved into the outside storage pod. And that's what we have from Brian. Just so everyone knows, I did talk to Brian, he is working on the fire department budget, but he does not see much changing from the 180 that they had from the current year's budget; just so everyone knows. I don't have a report for the historians so we will go to Charlie for the wastewater treatment plant and I'll start looking for the building inspector's report while he's giving it. OK thank you Charlie unmute.

Waste water treatment plant operator Sherman yeah, can you hear me? So yeah, I mean I don't have a lot, so I am just basically available for questions in case anybody has any. Dan, I discussed the budget with you not too long ago, and I think that you reported that at the workshop. You know things are, when they're cold like this, and we're kind of in a deep freeze situation, where those temperatures don't go above freezing, it makes things a little bit more difficult for us. You know for the equipment and whatnot. So, we've had some frozen valves and some issues with some blowers and keeping air to some of the tanks. Well, we've managed to valve things around and and you know get by. Besides that, I really don't have anything.

Mayor Carpenter OK Cory, that should be the report coming in to you right now, if you get on the screen that's great if not I will just read off what he did.

Waste water treatment plant operator Sherman how do you feel about what we discussed, I mean you know we looking like we're in pretty good shape going forward for the budget.

Mayor Carpenter yes, so Charlie I discussed what I proposed to you, and discussed it with the rest of the board, and they were in agreement with keeping the budget flat this year and then preparing to utilize equipment reserve if we decide to move forward on the skid steer. Any questions, or no? Great. I will just read off Gil's report; for 33 ferry Street, he did a CEO inspection and for 43 Morgans he addressed the complaint regarding debris in the yard. He saw none in view, the house has a fence around the entire back and side yard, He did a framing inspection at 14 Skyler Island, worked at Al Morrison's for site inspection, a frame inspection on Broad Street at 9 Broad. There was an inspection of all apartments at 153 Broad Street. He issued building permits for renovating an apartment at 67 Pearl St and a building permits for a reroof. Al Morrison, again, was an insulation inspection and then 55 Church Street he issued the final inspection which needed another re-inspection so he did not authorize the final inspection. Alright, so there's the report from Gil. Now, we will move on to the agenda. Thank you, everyone, for bearing with us as you know we've had a flood and it's a little bit harder to deal with all these documents not being on site. Planning board, like you said, we have a tentative meeting for the 22nd. Moving on to the Schuylerville Victory board of water management, Bryan, go ahead.

Trustee Drew yeah, the only thing I have to add on that is we have the joint boards meeting for the CT Male master plan; that will be next month. We'll probably discuss a date at the meeting and then I'll reach out to everybody on that. And we're still continuing doing the budget for next year.

Mayor Carpenter all right, are they gonna hold any more public hearings?

Trustee Drew I don't know, sorry, not probably going to do workshops for the water board. That hasn't been on the radar yet for the budget, not 100% sure on that one. I will email him on that one and see if he will do it.

Mayor Carpenter so, OK, will you please keep the board apprised of any proposed budgets that are being worked on as you get closer? Please, if there's no if there's no workshops, I think I know that at least one or two board members have reached out to me and said that they would just like to be kept in the loop when it comes to the budget, or the budget proposal for the water board.

Trustee Drew alright, no problem, alright.

Mayor Carpenter and then did you guys discuss moving forward with the letter that Tim Healy circulated, Commissioner Healy circulated? Whose property? Refresh my memory.

Trustee Drew that's the flower shop, the garden shop. Yeah, it looks like we're not going to reduce; keeping it the same, yes, more than likely, yes thank you Dan.

Mayor Carpenter what about the other one, across the river, the Sullivan, any progress made on the Sullivan property?

Trustee Drew no progress on the Sullivan property yet

Mayor Carpenter what's Phil Dixon's take on that?

Trustee Drew I have not received any emails from Phil and Tim has not even given an email yet on that yet, so Phil Dixon's take in that was already that there is no agreement, so I mean, I don't know, me and Mike Hughes would like to move forward on this.

Mayor Carpenter, alright yeah, we would like to state that the village board is requesting an update and would like to move forward with this. Email him right after the meeting, thanks, Bryan. Any other questions for Bryan? Alright let's move this over to public comment, and Wendy has chatted that she has two questions that she would like to ask. Wendy please keep it to 3 minutes.

Wendy Lukas am I unmuted?

Mayor Carpenter Yep we can hear you.

Wendy Lukas OK I just had a question on the, if there's any updates on the comprehensive plan group and the climate smart committee group. I don't see them on the agenda anymore, so I didn't know if they had been disbanded or whether they're just on hold.

Mayor Carpenter no they're just on hold, Wendy. I did reach out to some of the people about restarting the climate smart community, just waiting for a couple of people to respond. I will email you directly when or if between now and the next village meeting that gets scheduled. I will email you. If not, I'll have an update for you at the next board meeting.

Wendy Lukas what about the comprehensive plan, the committee, are they moving forward with that or are they on hold until what

Mayor Carpenter Wendy, are you talking about the Fort Hardy?

Wendy Lukas well whatever I call it the comprehensive group, the team, I don't know what their official name is anymore

Mayor Carpenter so we're just kind of waiting to hear back on this. I haven't heard back from them yet, so they are on hold until I hear back from the state, then. What are you waiting to hear about? We gave them notification of who the members were. OK alright, moving on to old business, we have none. New business, discussion on progress of repairs to the meeting hall and offices. OK, so for everyone in the meeting who may not be a board member, we did have a frozen pipe that burst last Monday not two days ago but last week's Monday. It caused extensive damage on the 2nd floor and on the 1st floor office and in the fire Department control room. Immediately, Quick Response was called. They were on

the scene within an hour, had set up everything, and were done for the night. That frozen pipe was noticed at 8:00 o'clock. Quick Response set up everything and had left the building with everything still going by midnight. Quick Response followed up the next day, along with the insurance claim that I had already started and filed the night before. We had an adjuster there the second day, working with Quick Response to make sure that everything was being addressed and inventory was being done. The claim was being reviewed. By the third day the claim had been accepted had been approved as far as we would be covered by the insurance and ever since then we have been working with Quick Response and the adjuster to make sure that we are moving forward to address any damages that occurred. As of right now, the 1st floor has been dried, and the removal of damaged sheetrock has been done. A contractor is coming tomorrow to start assessing the repairs that need to be done on the 1st floor. As for the 2nd floor, the floor tiles have been tested and they do contain asbestos in the glue, so therefore the cleanup and removal and replacement of that floor is going to take just a little bit longer than we had originally thought now that asbestos has been involved. Insurance is aware of this, they know what the steps are, along with Quick Response, so tomorrow Helene and I will be meeting with the project coordinator from Quick Response to go over the next steps for the 2nd floor. Our plan of attack is to try and get the 1st floor done first, obviously, because the hold up on the 2nd floor is the asbestos, right? But we also want to make sure that there's a place for Cory and Helene to do work, because this is super inconvenient right now for them to be trying to do a lot of the work off site, and the way that Helene is working on site is not conducive to, while she's doing a great job with it don't get me wrong, it's not sustainable the way that it is, so we want to get them both into that office as soon as possible. However, we want to make sure that they are going to be in an office environment that is healthy and safe. So, if the asbestos removal is going to affect them in any way negatively, they will not be in the office. We will set up an alternative location for Helene. Cory is working remotely, has been working remotely, and will continue to do so with the exception of this Friday to cover for Helene's vacation day, but Victory has graciously reached out to us to let us use space at their meeting Hall. The only problem that we have with that is that in order to set up the station completely we would have to move the server over which is a whole another cost with Storedtech while which isn't covered by insurance. It's just a really tough thing to do. So what I've asked Helene, and I think she's going to work with me on this, is to make it so that the server can stay at the workstation at our office, however whatever equipment like printer or anything else like that that she may need will be set up at victory and she will use that as a temporary workstation with remote access to the server. So hopefully, that all gets accomplished and squared away tomorrow. I will be able to provide the board with a fuller update on where we are with that after we talk to Quick Response and again to the adjuster. Any questions about this, about what's going on with the village offices? No?

Trustee Baker none for me

Mayor Carpenter I will say that, one thing I will say is that the fire Department has requested, since we had allocated funds for the 2nd floor to be remodeled anyway and now we're no longer using those funds because the insurance is covering for this, they would like us to consider the only floor left that would need to be replaced is the lounge flooring in the fire Department. They are willing to go over that flooring rather than take up the old tiling, however, I would like to see what the cost of doing it right, which is taking up the old tiles, if it's asbestos. We can go over it if it's not asbestos. I'd like to see about doing it right, take up the tile and put a new floor down there, but we'll see how that works out once things there slow down with the 1st and 2nd floor then we will tackle that. I just need to get the first two projects done so that we can get the ladies, or sorry, so that we can get the office employees back to their workstations.

Trustee Colvin Dan, I imagine that's asbestos, because that was put in the same time as the upstairs was. Bryan said that it was definitely not, but at the same time that was original and cement floor

Trustee LeBaron yeah that's the original floor, so I imagine it's probably asbestos. I guarantee you are probably thinking about like what was done at the time when it was originally put in. It wouldn't make sense to be asbestos, to me, but he you know, he's done his two different time periods so it might not be, but I agree with you, I think it's probably going to be.

Mayor Carpenter yeah, OK, yeah I don't see an issue with that. I mean we were going to spend the money anyway in that is a smaller square footage so we'll probably be saving money anyway. OK, Dave I don't think you were, maybe you were, maybe weren't, were you present the last meeting? We discussed amending the village law for Broad Street parking to mirror the alternate street parking that we have for Saratoga though all the North South roads.

Attorney Klingebiel I was present at the last meaning but I don't recall that being discussed.

Mayor Carpenter OK so I think we agreed, maybe it was discussed, maybe not. Maybe it was at the workshop, yeah, maybe at the workshop and maybe I forgot to say something to you. We would like to move forward with the amending of the laws to reflect and mirror the parking regulations for the rest of the North South directional streets, So it would be Monday, Wednesday, Friday no parking on the East side, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday no parking on the West side 8:00 AM to 8:00 AM. So there's already North South and Broad Street in the code, but but it's 12:00 AM to 6:00 AM.

Attorney Klingebiel So what do you want to do?

Mayor Carpenter we want to make it 8:00 AM to 8:00 AM so it's alternate street parking every day. Because we're getting cars that are not moving during storms and none of the board is up at midnight to enforce the parking and I have store owners that are complaining about cars not being moved, enforcement not being done. And the only way to make sure that's gonna be enforced is if I can call the tow company at 8:00 AM in the morning and say, "hey start towing people" alright?

Attorney Klingebiel so just shoot me an email with those streets and I can easily put that amendment together

Mayor Carpenter we'll try to get it to you in time to notice it for the next meeting. Cory, can you make sure that on Monday morning or Tuesday morning of next week to set a reminder for me to get that email to Dave? OK so I'll get it to you by Tuesday next week, Dave.

Attorney Klingebiel OK alright, thank you.

Trustee LeBaron Dan you wanted me to remind you for Pearl street.

Mayor Carpenter yes can you go ahead please, go ahead and talk about that 'cause you went out and looked

Trustee LeBaron yes, hopefully Dave's listening in on this too 'cause we're going to have to get into Victory with this and get permission from them, because our street signs aren't up there but it's actually Pearl Street, Dave coming off of Burgoyne

Mayor Carpenter yeah so this is this is where the tricky part of the village is, where the street is technically Schuylerville, but then everything on the West side of the street is Victory, which you know I think, and you could tell me better, but there is a right of way that Schuylerville still has off of that street, but you know we don't have any signs on either side. We have one sign throughout that section of that street and the only sign is on the East side, which is the Schuylerville side, where Tim took a drive up the other day and realized this, and it has been brought to our attention that cars are not adhering to the parking restrictions, but there's no there's no signs. How do we are we able to put signs up in that kind of right of way area that's Schuylerville street but Victory's land?

Attorney Klingebiel that I'll have to look to see to define the right of way, but has anybody reached out to Mayor Dewey to see if he will just agree to let you put the signs up?

Mayor Carpenter No I haven't yet, I just wanted to check first, I wanted to see if we needed to, OK? You know what I mean, before I email Pat. I see you're saying. I'll reach out to Pat before then and I will let you know what he said on the Tuesday email.

Mayor Carpenter OK go ahead Tim

Trustee Colvin technically we own the sidewalks, right? Because we made James Sullivan pay for half his sidewalk

Mayor Carpenter no we settled on that

Attorney Klingebiel I have to go back and look at those schematics, I remember that on those plot plans in everything that I looked up at the time Schuylerville owned more than the street it actually, at Whit's point it encompassed the sidewalk

Mayor Carpenter Yep that's right now remembering correctly

Trustee Baker so right up to their porch is I think

Attorney Klingebiel yeah pretty much depending on the location of the house so I think is long as there's something to affix a sign to between the sidewalk and the road or street, then you're fine but I would still, just as a good neighbor, I would reach out to mayor Dewey and say hey look here's what we're gonna do. Because he's ultimately gonna probably bear the wrath of some of the citizens that don't like it if they're gonna say we live in victory what's going on here

Mayor Carpenter yeah I got you alright so I'll make that go made a good faith thank you Whitney I I was talking to Tim about that I could not remember whose street or what but you're right now that you think back to that you're right so OK I'll make that call to Pat and then Dave I'll loop that into all into one email

Attorney Klingebiel OK sounds good

Trustee thanks Dan

Mayor Carpenter Yep now we have the resolution to transfer funds. Cory, can you bring those up? It's just a pain for me to do that and try and read the agenda at the same time. OK, first resolution to transfer funds; whereas a budget transfer is needed to transfer money from the budget between appropriations for the cost associated with 7550.400, celebrations contractual in the amount of \$2500, 1620.100 buildings personnel in the amount of \$2150, G account 8130.400 wastewater treatment plant contractual in the amount of \$6900 and they would be transferred to 1420.400 law contractual in the amount of 1500, 1680.400 in the amount of \$3000 3602.400 safety inspection contractual 8120.400 sanitary sewer contractual amount of 4500, 8130.200 wastewater treatment plant equipment in the amount of \$2000 and then 8130.401 in the wastewater treatment plant law contractual to the amount of 400.

Trustee Colvin I'll make the motion first

Trustee Baker I'll 2nd

Mayor Carpenter alright so that's the Whitney and Dan, **Trustee Colvin** (aye) **Trustee LeBaron** (aye) **Trustee Drew** (aye) **Trustee Baker** (aye) and myself yes, so the vote passes 5-0. Next thing on the agenda is the resolution to add accounts; whereas the board proposes to add the following accounts the budget for the 2022 fiscal year and henceforth, 0789.100 other cultural an rec personnel the above account would allow us to break out the staff for the visitor center 0789.400 other regional contractual visitor center.

Mayor Carpenter Therefore, be it resolved that the board of Schuylerville here does does hereby sorry you guys gotta make the motion

Trustee Colvin I will make the motion

Trustee LeBaron I will second it.

Mayor Carpenter we will do a roll call vote **Trustee Colvin** (aye) **Trustee LeBaron** (aye) **Trustee Drew** (aye) **Trustee Baker** (aye) and myself yes, so the vote passes 5-0. Hearing none that passes 5-0. I know that we had talked about some other accounts being added to the budget, so Cory, can we make sure that we're also doing the buildings contractual that we talked about and the other stuff that we discussed at the meeting?

Treasurer Heyman yes, so we can just change the object it doesn't require resolution

Mayor Carpenter oh, that's right, because I was going to communicate with the board that was happening

Trustee Colvin and weren't we looking at one for the fire company too, if he doesn't use all his money so it goes back in his account?

Treasurer Heyman so that's not a creation, that's a reserve

Mayor Carpenter OK just double check and I did talk to Brian about that, which he understands what we're doing too, right? OK good, all right, next is a resolution to adopt the pandemic operations plan. Dave you reviewed that and the changes that we've made?

Attorney Klingebiel it's fine

Mayor Carpenter OK so I'd like to adopt the

Trustee Baker I'll make the motion

Trustee Drew I'll second it

Mayor Carpenter thank you, all in favor? (all say aye) OK we will do a roll call vote **Trustee Colvin** (aye)

Trustee LeBaron (aye) Trustee Drew (aye) **Trustee Baker** (aye) and myself yes, so the vote passes 5-0.

Hearing none that passes 5-0 And then we have the review for approval of the Town of Saratoga Fire Protection contract. Apparently, Brian has reviewed this, and he's in agreement with it, so I would entertain a motion to adopt that.

Trustee Baker I'll make the motion to adopt it, and it was a slight increase from the prior year if you guys hadn't looked at it

Trustee Drew I'll second it

Mayor Carpenter all in favor? (all say aye) any opposed, hearing none that passes. We need to, unfortunately and reluctantly, at least for me accept the resignation of Danielle Decker she's been with the village for quite some time now and has done a great job in keeping the offices clean, the meeting Hall and other facilities throughout the village. It is unfortunate that she no longer can stay with us, but she has put in her resignation, so we have to accept it.

Trustee Colvin I'll make a motion to accept it

Trustee Baker second

Mayor Carpenter Dan Baker seconded it all in favor (all ayes) I will turn it over to public comment.

Wendy you have three questions

Wendy Lukas yes, I have three questions if that's OK. The pandemic operations plan, is that going to be available to the public on the website?

Mayor Carpenter yes

Wendy Lukas OK and OK so when after it's been approved will it be on, soon?

Mayor Carpenter I would imagine tomorrow but we have to make sure we're not having any problems with the connections that we've had here right now we will get it up as soon as we can Wendy just understand that we are working through some technological issues with the flood

Wendy Lukas I had a question about the frozen pipe, was that what was it attached to, the frozen pipe, was it the bathrooms?

Mayor Carpenter Nope it was a heating pipe that was in the closet. One of the floor radiator pipes upstairs

Wendy OK I just was curious is there a way to prevent this from happening in the future?

Mayor Carpenter yes I guess, I mean like it's just the same way that, you know, I sometimes have a frozen pipe in my house. The temperatures dip down below a certain degree and it happens. I mean I'd like to say that we can prevent every single one of these from happening every single time, but you know these things, this is Mother Nature at best or worst, however you want to look at it

Wendy Lukas yeah and the last one kind of isn't a question it was just talking about the Pearl St area I did specifically ask Jim Sullivan what Maps he was using for that information and he said they were water Maps. They were not like Maps from, you know, from the actual, it's different. And so I had come across a map from 1886 with that showed that there was a line drawn in the middle of that road. So I'm just pointing that out to the village board, saying that it's I think there's a question on where the middle

line runs, and I don't think that we should be trusting the water maps that were used in this particular situation, if that is the case. So I just wanted to bring that up as a possible issue

Mayor Carpenter gotcha thank you

Attorney Klingebiel to Wendy's point I'll take a look at it again but I remember when this came up I actually pulled Jim Sullivan's deed and went through his description, and based on his description his lot ended at the sidewalk.

Wendy Lukas I'm all set now. I was just curious, 'cause at that map that I found which goes back many many years it actually showed the line in the middle so, I and that's, and I remember always when I was a board member, we were told it was the middle of the road. So, I just think that there is a possible question on this area.

Mayor Carpenter one thing that we forgot to do at the very beginning of meeting and I'm going to start it off identify where you are per the open meeting laws with the zooming. So, I'm located right now at 104 green St in Schuylerville, New York if the rest of the board would please identify where they are.(each trustee announced self) Tim LeBaron 6 Liberty Street, Whitney Colvin at 64 Pearl St Schuylerville, Dan Baker 50 green St, Schuylerville NY, Bryan Drew, 66 green St Schuylerville, New York. Thank you, alright, does the board have anything else they wanna bring up, any other issues that need to be raised?

Trustee Colvin we got bills to pay, Dan?

Mayor Carpenter Yup, that was the next thing, I just wanted to give you one chance to go over things. Just so everybody knows, the vouchers are ready. They are upstairs, so Helene will be in tomorrow, if anybody hasn't gotten a chance to sign them yet, they are still up there and she can get you what has been printed. Please understand that she's doing her best with what she has available to her, so you know, she has reached out to some of the vendors to notify them of the situation, so that in case we are maybe a day or two late on a payment they understand why. They get it. So, she has done her due diligence in reaching out to make everybody is aware of the situation. So, with that, I would entertain a motion to approve the vouchers in the total of \$17,633.58 for the A fund and \$7,474.67 in the G fund.

Trustee Baker I will make the motion to approve the vouchers for \$17,633.58 from the A fund and \$7,465.67 from the sewer fund

Trustee LeBaron I'll second it

(All say Aye)

Trustee Baker I'll make the motion to adjourn

Trustee LeBaron I'll second it

Mayor Carpenter All in favor? (all say aye)