

Village of Schuylerville
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Workshop Meeting Transcript

Present;

Trustee Daniel Baker 50 Green Street

Trustee Whitney Colvin 64 Pearl Street

Trustee Bryan Drew 66 Green Street

Trustee Tim LeBaron 6 Liberty Street

Absent;

Mayor Daniel Carpenter

Treasurer Heyman So I think we're all here that's coming and I think I have let everybody in, I'll double check that. So I guess we can start by, I'll present the budget. We will start with the general fund budget, if I could share my screen.

Trustee Baker Do you need to take roll call or anything, Cory?

Treasurer Heyman yes you're right, I'm not used to running these.

Trustee Baker OK so I guess for start will we all stand for the pledge

Treasurer Heyman yeah you're right you got it OK

Trustee Baker stand for the pledge (all recite) I pledge allegiance to the flag of the united states of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God indivisible, with Liberty and justice for all.

Cory, can you take roll call too?

Treasurer Heyman I will, Mayor Carpenter is not here today, so Trustee Baker? (states present) Trustee Drew? (states present) Trustee LeBaron? (states present) Trustee Colvin? (states here) OK and Rob, supervisor Decker, is also attending the meeting

Trustee Baker Wendy Lukas is on the call too

Treasurer Heyman Wendy Lucas is attending also. OK, so I pulled up the general fund budget. I think everybody has had a chance to review it; it's also posted on the website. I also have posted on the website the exemption report which shows how many people in the village have exemptions; veterans and so on and so forth. So, if anybody has any questions regarding the budget I can answer them.

Trustee Baker obviously, nothing's changed from when we submitted it, so I have no questions Cory.

Trustee LeBaron I'm good with it

Treasurer Heyman OK I'm going to bring up the sewer one next, no, it's hard to see it's so small when it comes up, this one here. OK, that should be right. OK, so the sewer fund if anybody has any questions I can scroll down if you need to; this is the revenue part, basically everything is the same last year, right? Anybody have any questions or comments?

Trustee Baker nope, I am good with it.

Trustee Colvin it hasn't changed since we presented it, so..

Trustee Baker now, do we need to make a motion to accept the budgets back to us or no?

Treasurer Heyman yes

Trustee Baker I don't have the language in front of me of, "so be it that the board" you know, whatever, you know with the roll call, I don't know, if you have that I can read it.

Treasurer Heyman no, we do not need a motion for this one

Trustee Baker then I make a motion to accept the village and sewer budgets handed back from the treasurer back to the village board

Trustee LeBaron I will second it.

Treasurer Heyman OK, great, so the second item on the agenda

Trustee BakerSchuyler Hose president resignation and election of new president Matthew Derway and vice president Laurie Shuering Whit, I don't know if you want to speak to that at all or not?

Trustee Colvin no, just Doc resigned, and we appointed Matt Derway and Laurie Shuering it's just, I guess giving you guys information that's all

Trustee LeBaron It's just documenting, right?

Trustee Colvin yeah, it's just documentation, lets you know who's president of the Schuyler Hose company

Trustee Baker well I know Matt's been part of the company for awhile so good for him should do a good job

Trustee Colvin yeah, he was vice president so he moved up

Trustee Baker and then the other thing I have here was the trash buildup on the corner of Birch and Burgoyne

Treasurer Heyman yeah, do you want me to talk about that?

Trustee LeBaron Yeah, I've seen it today it was down by the alley or the entrance going onto Burgoyne there

Treasurer Heyman yeah, Lois White called that in, she emailed me and I spoke to her on the phone, it's from the apartments that are there in the corner, she said it started off as just a couch that maybe someone thought someone would take and that it is now turning into a small dump and so do we want Gil to go and give an order to remedy..

Trustee LeBaron well is it somebody that got kicked out or somebody that has left the apartment?

Treasurer Heyman well, she said it started off with just like one piece and then it's been being added to so it sounds like it's probably more than just one one-time thing

Trustee Baker OK Corey, can you approve Wendy to come in with the phone number 63806

Treasurer Heyman I got her in, Tim, thanks

Trustee LeBaron yeah, I think Gil's gonna have to go down and say something, 'cause it has definitely got more there, there is more there now

Trustee Baker do we know who the homeowner is?

Trustee Colvin there's 3 or 4 in that apartment, so I don't know which one it is

Trustee LeBaron so yeah, I don't know which one it is, so he may have to go to the landlord

Trustee Baker that's what I'm saying, it's going to be on the landlord, they are the taxpayers not the renters

Trustee LeBaron Oh no, no, I understand that but if you can find out if it's one of the apartments that's doing it, I agree with you Dan, yes, it should go to the landlord

Trustee Baker I guess my first thing would be try to find out who all the property owners are around that area that potentially could be putting their stuff there and call them, "you guys been dump in your stuff?" tell them, you can't do that. I don't know what do you guys think?

Trustee Colvin no I agree, you have to go to the landlord and let him know

Trustee Baker I don't know if we have a record of who the owner is I'm sure we do somewhere

Treasurer Heyman yeah, I can look it up in the tax log

Trustee Baker if there's no number I guess we can send a letter, or just ask them to, you know, please contact us regarding the trash left on the property you know whatever

Trustee Colvin well I think too is we should probably set a time limit, send a letter saying, you know, we've got to have this removed by a certain date

Trustee Colvin yes, send them a letter with a date, saying please remedy this, you know your tenants are putting their..

Trustee Baker actually give the name and address to Gil, he can write up the order to remedy, right? He's the building inspector, he would be the one to say they're violating the village code, right?

Trustee Colvin yes

Treasurer Heyman how many days do you wanna give him?

Trustee Colvin I think we probably should give him two weeks, right?

Trustee Baker at least, yeah.

Trustee Le Baron yeah, I would say at least, but no more than two

Trustee Colvin yeah that's what I'd say where

Trustee Baker Well, I guess then, is it then we come remove it we're just going to charge you?

Trustee Le Baron yeah well that's usually how it goes

Trustee Colvin well, what are we going to charge him? Because he will probably go past that

Trustee Baker now, I mean for me, I would find out who it is before we take the steps, before we send a letter, and I guess maybe follow up with Dave to see what we would need to do on our end to enforce it, right?

Village Clerk Patterson isn't it usually just a remedy to order? That's what we did at trash week anyways

Treasurer Heyman yeah, that works pretty quickly they just they took care of it

Treasurer Heyman so the office renovation, Helene, do you wanna speak to that? What's going on with that

Village Clerk Patterson well, as of right now, we are waiting for final approval from the insurance for the downstairs asbestos abatement. We were waiting, then we got clearance, and then the insurance adjuster emailed me right away and said no not yet because apparently there's a price discrepancy. The insurance company, Utica national is trying to figure out why the abatement cost so much and Orion, the company working through quick response, they're just trying to settle some price differences and why it cost so much. Quick response is sending the pictures and the testing so we're on hold right now till Wednesday and then we will find out if that company continues or if we have to find another company. Very frustrating.

Trustee Baker what about the other cost incurred from them?

Village Clerk Patterson no, the insurance is already paying what the cost is, I think they were looking at like 15 grand for upstairs and then he said 33 for downstairs which I agree that sounds kind of, why is it double, but I also in my brief experience with our insurance with all three companies they don't communicate well as to far as what the scope is first the versus the price so I think they all have to get on the same page 1st and I just have a sense that's not happened yet. And other than that Cory and I had fun picking out paint stuff at Curtis lumber on Friday morning. Cory has graciously taken over the flooring and she can expand on that, and I believe Dan is going to follow up with the construction. So I'm just plodding along timeline as soon as I get information from everybody, but Cory, you can take over with the flooring, and then Rob's guys, the DPW, they're going to be painting with Cory's assistance and guidance so we're just we're just really have to wait until this asbestos nonsense is done but go ahead Cory

Treasurer Heyman yeah so, as soon as we are good to go I'm gonna get Zack and Travis and I'm gonna teach them how to paint. I've done a ton of painting between the motel and apartments and my own house, so I'm going to let them do a lot of the rolling and I'll do most of the cutting. So, we hope to get that all done, you know, in a good timeline and then you know definitely before the floor goes down, I don't want paint on the new floor, but it's really we're just depending on when we can actually get in and when it's safe for them to go in there but I definitely want to get started on that. Flooring wise, I have you know, an appointment for Wilton flooring, and had sent it out to you guys earlier, so I am moving forward on that, but unfortunately, we can't get them in to measure until all the spaces are

cleared so there's just a little bit of a hang up with that. For furniture, Helene I went to Charlies office supply and we checked some catalogs and we're looking at some different desks. It'll be nice to have everything matching and a little bit more modern and cleaner lines with drawers that work. My desk was good but Helene's desk needed to be replaced, so this will be good, and also Gina's desk is a mess. So, we are really just held up on this whole abatement thing, it's kind of keeping everything from moving forward, but we do need to order these desks sooner than later because they take awhile to come in. So that's where we are with the office renovations

Trustee Baker thank you guys and then I think we're on to Rob, right?

Supervisor Decker guys, to it's been awhile it seems like forever since we talked a couple of things equipment wise we had a plow cylinder go bad on the boss plow it's been rebuilt reinstalled and the gentleman had a spare cylinder sitting on his shelf that he asked if I think it was like 30 bucks if we wanted as a spare I said absolutely so the total bill was like 166 ish but we got the cylinder rebuilt and a spare so if we're ever in the middle of a snowstorm again we can just swap it out we don't have to put the truck on hold for a cylinder yeah that's on the Dodge. On the Dodge as well, we had a rear chain roller that feeds the salt onto the spinner seized up in the middle of the ice storm that has since been taken care of all repaired in house day project actually Aaron took both of those projects and ran with them and did a really nice job on both of them. As far as streets everybody sees that our fabulous winter thaw is starting and the holes are starting to pop up everywhere cold patching will start Wednesday and probably will continue until we get to a point where there's no more holes but that will start Wednesday. Cory has mentioned already about the painting, I got at least two guys that are going to assist with that with Travis and Zac if it is a day where you know there's not much going on down here and I could throw another guy or two up there to move this along we will but I don't want to strip the whole DPW. I think it was the last workshop we were at we were discussing it might have even been the budget meeting we were discussing the salt usage and absolutely what I didn't want to happen happened these pidley one inch storms ice storms has really taken a toll on our salt salt shed but with that said I think we're good I don't think we need to adjust next year's budget I think we are still status quo I just wanted to throw that out that that overabundance of stock that I planned on having, February took. With that, the only other thing I think that I got is I did talk to the international dealer about the new trash truck we are on schedule actually probably 2 weeks ahead we possibly if everything goes right may receive that truck by April 1 I know we were scheduled for May 1 so if we see that on April 1 it's a bonus for everyone but I think that's all I've got.

Trustee Baker on the agenda, that had mentioned DPW staffing. Is that something to discuss in executive session?

Supervisor Decker I would assume that's not something we can share

Trustee Baker so I'm assuming that's executive session which I don't think you can do off

Village Clerk Patterson well we were just talking about, for this purpose, we were just looking at what we need, which is a resolution. Because of our two seasonal workers. Like Zach was three months temporary and we want to extend that another three months so the County...

Trustee Baker can you draft this up in an email to everybody to review before the next board meeting then what you're looking for regarding this, Helene for everybody to kind of get a good idea wrap around it?

Village Clerk Patterson OK

Trustee Baker and I don't think Charlie's on. Charlie are you on?

Treasurer Heyman no I don't see Charlie

Trustee Baker do you guys have any questions for Rob?

Rob, do you have cold Patch now?

Supervisor Decker yes Sir

Trustee Le Baron OK, cause we could get a major one that needs to be taken care of that I was wondering that's all, thanks

Supervisor Decker yeah, we've got probably one ton sitting in the shop right now and they'll probably waste that the first trip out through the village but that as I say I'm going to start using some days vacation 'cause I've got four weeks so I'm going to start taking just Wednesdays off. So, Pat and Aaron, this Wednesday, they're gonna hit the ground running with cold Patch and then go get another two ton if needed

Trustee Le Baron OK thank you Rob are you still feeling to Helene's part, with the part timers, and needing extensions, are you good with extending them for another a block of time?

Supervisor Decker yes Sir, Helene and I've talked a lot about this situation and more that we can't discuss but yeah we need to do something especially coming into spring but I think it's just as easy to extend then it is to go look for however. You know she's done a lot of talking with the County as far as what we can and can't do

Trustee Baker So Helene we just need to extend the three months contract

Village Clerk Patterson yes

Trustee Colvin are we still down two people?

Village Clerk Patterson correct so it's just extending who we have and we don't have to commit we're not committing to them we're committing to the County, or really we're not committing to anything, we're just covering ourselves. like if we need somebody for two weeks we need somebody three months and that's why we have the two positions in case we need them

Trustee Colvin so the two people that are out aren't back yet then

Village Clerk Patterson correct

Trustee Colvin OK and no word on when they plan on coming back or anything like that then

Village Clerk Patterson we really don't have a lot of answers right now to give at this meeting

Trustee Baker right yeah, I don't think that'll be a problem, but yeah, definitely Helene, if you could document, I believe it's Travis and I don't know the other guy's name

Village Clerk Patterson yeah, no that's fine, we just have to make sure that, the main thing is that, and Cory and I've discussed this, Rob and I have discussed it, 'cause Corey is kind enough to draw up the resolutions, just to make sure the wording is correct, so I can get it to the County with my paperwork. But it does take a board resolution, so it's a formality but it has to be done

Trustee Baker yes send us the details in an email and let's make sure it's on the agenda for the next meeting

Trustee Le Baron we can do it Wednesday night's meeting

Trustee Baker alright I mean that's all I saw that was on the agenda. I don't have anything else

Village Clerk Patterson did you guys already get the gathering, coin drop things, like that?

Trustee Baker no, thank you, that's right there was the late email, thank you Helene, do you guys have any thoughts on that? I mean have we had anybody apply for a permit?

Village Clerk Patterson well, that's what brought it up, is the softball/baseball people are looking to have a coin drop in May, I've got a phone call about, my gosh, I think it is a circus or something?

Treasurer Heyman yeah

Village Clerk Patterson yeah, you know what I'm talking about, right? Yes, so he's been on the radar, and I suspect that there will be more in March, so I just wanted to have some kind of plan to tell these folks

Trustee Baker you might have to do some research, I guess, on the state guidelines for gatherings anyway regarding Fort Hardy right?

Trustee Baker for the coin drops I don't know I believe that's I don't see if that's an issue if they're following protocols like wearing a mask and a safety vest right?

Trustee Colvin Dan the only thing that I am concerned about is the construction going on down there on those corners

Trustee Baker Oh yes that's right, that too, that's right that's gonna start up in the spring

Trustee Colvin yeah, it's going to start up, and it's a mess down here now

Village Clerk Patterson Whitney do you think that would impact on the weekends, though? Like an actual coin drop though? In the middle of the road?

Trustee Baker I don't know, let's just think about it, Whitney, you make a good point, I forgot about the construction and Helene, I don't think Whit's saying it's going to be an issue with the people in the road he's saying it's going to be such a mess down there trying to Criss cross in pedestrian traffic alone that then to add somebody in the middle of the road I think is not beneficial

Trustee Le Baron you make a good point because right now where the crosswalks are? They're way farther back than what they used to be

Village Clerk Patterson OK, good point. Thank you, Whitney, thank you guys

Trustee Baker think about it guys, we can discuss it again at the night of the meeting and think about it but you made a good point I forgot I complete forgot construction was going on

Trustee Le Baron I was just curious to see, was there a date, does anybody know when the completion for date was to have that completed?

Trustee Baker I have no idea

Trustee Colvin I don't either

Treasurer Heyman I haven't heard anything

Trustee Baker they stopped early in the this last fall, 'cause they were supposed to put curbs and then they said they weren't going to come back and do it right?

Trustee Le Baron right 'cause of the winter so

Trustee Baker yeah, I mean they probably beat to their own drum it's the state highway Department

Trustee Le Baron you got to remember it's the state you're dealing with

Trustee Baker so alright, good point Whit, that was a good point but think about it guys, I mean maybe we can come up with a solution of another area in the village where we allow them to do it I don't know. They will miss the main drag and all the traffic but just a thought to kick around.

Trustee Le Baron but the only other corner that would be available would be Cumberland Farms, you know, and Stewarts

Trustee Baker yeah I don't like that one either

Trustee Le Baron no I know but that would be the only

Trustee Baker I don't know, probably have to wait till construction is done

Trustee Colvin we got to look at the guidelines to and see what the state comes up with, what's recommended before we make any decisions I think

Trustee Baker when are they looking to do that, did they give you a date?

Village Clerk Patterson they said May 15th and that's usually when it starts and then it goes on from there all summer

Trustee Baker yeah I don't even know if they have guidance for coin drops Whitney but I was more concerned about the guidance of having gatherings at a location like Fort Hardy right

Trustee Colvin and we have to check who's gonna be responsible, you know, who's going to police it to make sure they are in compliance or it can they come back on us

Trustee Baker so that's definitely, probably a Dave follow up and us doing some research on what the current state guidelines for gatherings are in public places. I'm just taking notes guys sorry

Trustee Le Baron no I'm writing it down too

Trustee Baker so, Helene, was there anything else in that last email besides the coin drop permits and stuff

Village Clerk Patterson no Sir that was it thanks

Trustee Baker I don't have anything else guys but I've got some stuff to follow up with Dave on, Cory do you want to email Dave regarding that, if there's any guidance or concerns regarding gatherings at Fort Hardy and where liability falls regarding those? And give him the example of the circus, right? And I guess even ask his opinion, in that same email, if you don't mind Cory, regarding coin drops during a construction zone that he would agree that that's probably not a great idea

Treasurer Heyman OK

Trustee Baker could you do, since we're all here thinking, I'm just thinking in my head, coin drop, could you do it not at the corner you know how they try to do it at the three corners if you gave them permission to do it away from the corner but on is it 29, going to Greenwich, almost at Fort Hardy, as long as they had cones up and everything, and they'd still get that flow of traffic there, but it just wouldn't be at the corner. What do you guys think about?

Village Clerk Patterson that would be a good idea

Trustee Colvin I think that would be too far away for people. You know, I mean.

Trustee Baker I think people would slow down, especially in the local community

Trustee Colvin yeah I know it but with the red lights you got a little more protection there, because they gotta stop for the lights, but you also see, I know I've been down here many coin drops, and when that light turns green they're flooring it to get through.

Trustee Baker I'm not saying just having them right there, I'm saying further back than that. I mean like down by the entrance of Fort Hardy, if you set up, have them set up like 25 cones one way, 25 another so people see there's something going on. If they're all wearing safety vests. I don't know, think about it, just something that popped into my head, but I mean I'm no safety expert so again maybe a Dave question of where liability is. Rob, what do you think, you're a highway guy or Tim you both you know

Trustee Le Baron well my only thing is with the restaurant down there, once they open back up

Trustee Baker Oh yeah, the basin Yep

Trustee Le Baron 'cause that's when they start with all the campers coming in, too, is May first

Trustee Baker well they may have to just postpone their coin drop then, I mean if we can't come up with the alternative, right?

Supervisor Decker the only other option is to bring them back to Saratoga St I don't care what street you set up on there gonna drive like idiots if they're idiots so I mean I hate to say that but it is the truth

Trustee Le Baron absolutely people have no patience anymore

Trustee Baker well think about it you know let's see what Dave says he may say you know don't move it around the village right people expect to see it at that corner right? So it's not a surprise if you see people out there, whereas if we stick people up on somewhere else in the village they might not be paying attention, but to Rob's point people drive crazy anyway that's all I had I didn't have anything else unless you guys have anything else

Trustee Le Baron no I'm good

Trustee Baker Whit, you have anything else?

Trustee Colvin no I'm all good

Trustee Baker Bryan you got anything buddy?

Trustee Drew no I'm good

Trustee Baker I guess I'll make a motion to end the workshop

Trustee Colvin I'll second it

Trustee Baker all in favor (all say aye) Cory, can you just go over upcoming dates I believe before the next village meeting is the public hearing on the budget

Treasurer Heyman that's right, on the tentative budget, and that add went in the paper yesterday in the post star and it's posted on the website as well so we have all of the you know the the notice that we need to get out and we're all set for 6:45 right before the meeting.

Trustee Baker and before we go, I'm Dan Baker at 50 green St

Trustee Colvin and Cory that's gonna be posted for people for zoom?

Treasurer Heyman yeah

Trustee Baker make sure you guys say your name and addresses please

Trustee Le Baron Tim lebaron 6 Liberty St

Trustee Colvin Whitney Colvin 64 Pearl St

Trustee Drew Bryan drew 66 green St

Trustee Baker OK, alright, thank you. You guys have a great night.