

Village of Schuylerville
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Public Hearing on the tentative budget
and Regular Meeting Transcription

Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget

Mayor Carpenter So I will call the meeting to order. We will start with the Pledge of Allegiance. 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. All right, tonight is the public hearing for the tentative budget; so we have talked exhaustively about the.. Wendy I'm just going to address your chat what do you mean you can't get the website?

Wendy Lukass I can't get to the website because it, 'cause I don't have access to it on my computer right now, so I can't see the agenda. So I didn't know if you or someone could put it up or whatever.

Mayor Carpenter so this is just a simple one item agenda, it is just for the public hearing on the budget Wendy Lukas so you're not having a regular meeting?

Mayor Carpenter we are but that this is the public hearing first OK? We will close out of this and then head over to the other one, and Wendy can you see the screen?

Wendy Lukas I can see the screen on the bottom I don't have access to my links so that's my problem

Mayor Carpenter OK no worries when we do start the general meeting we will be sharing documents and if you have questions that require us to share a document, the budgets we're going to share the screen too so will have everything you need but as I was going to say we've talked exhaustively at all the meetings around the budget this is a budget that everyone has worked on and brought forward. Corey do you have the budget materials with you? If you can bring up the general fund, we'll do that one real quick first. You're muted Corey, we can't hear you. Sorry, I just had to let Dave in

Mayor Carpenter I'm just gonna ask everybody to mute your phones if you're not speaking over your computers we can hear some background conversations. So as you can see we have for the most part balanced a budget this year with the exception of \$1995.59 of fund balance. I want to congratulate the board going through this budget making cuts where they felt necessary to make it so that we we're not relying on a large amount of fund balance to balance this year's budget. You know as years past we have put in fund balance to help make up some differences that we've had when it comes to expenses versus revenues and Luckily we have been fortunate enough not to have to expend those funds, so while yes, every year we have put in a little bit of fund balance to cover the difference, as I say, we haven't had to use it and it looks like the fiscal current fiscal year we are in this year may be the same, we may find ourselves in the same position. So again I really do want to say thank you the board for the hard work that you did to help create this budget I think it's fiscally sound and we did anticipate some expenses and reallocate some lines to make it so that it was more transparent and accountable when it came to certain departments by adding and creating some new lines ,so I just want to say thank you. You guys did an excellent job and I really do think that this this budget reflects that. So, at this time I would open it up for any public comments or questions around general fund budget. Wendy, you're the only one that I can see in the public only 'cause Corey's sharing her screen and I can only see six bobbing heads so I don't know if anybody else is here.

Wendy Lukas I have some questions. I based my evaluation based on the 2020 because that is the only one that right now that has been approved by the comptroller's office.

So that is what I based it on so I was my first question tonight is will the board be adopting tonight.

Mayor Carpenter correct

Wendy Lukas I have a question on what date was the constitutional tax limit form filed with the new state comptroller's office

Mayor Carpenter Cory, you go ahead and answer that, I know you filed it

Treasurer Heyman today is not the day that we adopt the budget, this is the tentative budget public hearing after this is when that happens. I have filed the tax limit already and then it's the the next step after we have a tax cap file the amount for that

Wendy Lukas I'm sorry, I'm having a hard time hearing you, so it's very muffled I'm sorry but you basically you're saying that you have not filed the tax limit form yet?

Treasurer Heyman I filed the tax cap limit form 1st and then after you adopt your budget you have 10 days to file your constitutional tax limit

Wendy Lukas OK So what is the property tax cap for the village of Schuylerville?

Treasurer Heyman the tax cap, the amount we can tax without exceeding the limit is \$556,109

Wendy Lukas so I was looking for, OK I was looking for something else. OK, OK I'm gonna move on to the budget part. What were the Fort Hardy fund reserves used for in 2021 and why is it reduced for 2022

Treasurer Heyman the Fort Hardy Reserves was not used, we did not end up doing that project it is still in our reserves and we still have it separated out in its own account, not bank account; those bank accounts were consolidated because they were earning no interest and the controllers actually ask that you not have so many operating accounts. Their suggestion and recommendation and any of the courses I've taken is always been that monies should be kept together and that they should be separated out within your books as to what monies are earmarked for different purposes.

Wendy Lukas I'm I was just curious what the TE accounts stand for 'cause they don't make it into the budget Treasurer Heyman there's no budget for TEs

Wendy Lukas they're not included in the budget I just didn't know what they were, what TE stands for what they were

Treasurer Heyman oh trust and agency. So, it depends on the account, We have that TA account, it's our payroll account. TE accounts are monies that are held for other entities; for example, the Memorial Day account, that is money that is held for the veterans building. This is money that was donated by Miles De Long for us to keep for them, giving to them \$500 per year. We are just keeping it in custody that's the only TE we have.

Wendy Lukas OK so those T accounts never make it into the budget

Treasurer Heyman no, they're not a budgeted account there just funds that are held

Wendy Lukas we just spend it OK. I had a question on miscellaneous revenue for villages schuylerville for it was A.2389 I was just curious because when I look at 2020 the amount was different in the open book area than it was in the village of schuylerville by \$3000.00 so that was one of the things I noticed that there is a \$3000 difference between the 2389 that's in the budget and what was actually on the open book.

Treasurer Heyman it must be a typo I mean you can see it all the way back to 2019

Wendy Lukas there were quite a few different amounts in the 2020 which was approved by the comptroller's office so that's why I'm just asking. I had a question also on on the 2020 because anything that you do in 2022 is going to be based on are you going to be able to match this with your AUD when you finish it, but the the sale of equipment, the number 10 which is at A.2665 on the first page, it came to \$1,026.75 but on when you go into the what was provided by the controllers AUD, the open book it was \$55,037 so that was a huge difference of income that was there and spent

Treasurer Heyman there must be some confusion I have not looked at the open book but we did not sell any equipment for 55,000 so I don't know where those numbers are coming from

Wendy Lukas it was equipment

Mayor Carpenter Wendy I'm gonna tell you that's a typo in there end 'cause the amount that's in our budget right here is how much we received for miscellaneous revenues

Wendy Lukas no, no I'm trying tell you that the sale of property was the forest products there was real property that the village sold, there was scrap in excess that was sold which is not included in here so that is income that was not included so that was just something. I mean I just go through and I look and see and I check but I just wanted to know

Treasurer Heyman sale of machinery and sale of forestry, those are two different things the forestry sale Wendy Lukas it was still income that came into the village that was money that came into the village that belongs to the village people so was anything else that was sold the real property that was sold that money belonged to the village people so that should be in your budget it should be shown as income and that's what it shows on the AUD so that's why I wondered why they AUD does not match what's here. It should be, it should be verified so perhaps the village board and the next board in the next year when they do it they will they will check they and make sure that the numbers are matching 'cause there were quite a few that were not and so

Treasurer Heyman the reason that the forestry budget line is not on here is because we're not having any forestry work done this year. If you wish to see the AUD

Wendy Lukas I was talking about 2020 I was comparing 2020 only because that's the only one that has accurate numbers that the controllers approved, so I'm looking at that and saying why is it different then, an because you're there's no way to really trust what's on here for this year because there's nothing to actually balance it by. So only thing I can do is look at 2020 to 2021 and not coming up so that's why I'm just concerned that the the numbers what is sent to comptroller's office that they proved do not match what was what's in the what's in the budget preparation report that was provided so that is basically the bottom line I just personally don't completely trust the numbers that are here now because they're very similar to across the board and that is

Mayor Carpenter point taken Wendy we will double check the numbers and we will reference both the AUD and our budget preparatory form and find out where if any errors were made and on who's end and we will look to fix them

Wendy Lukas OK thank you

Mayor Carpenter any other public comment about the general? So I will move on to the sewer if not. So, the sewer budget this year has remained flat. We did not we did not raise rates; they will be remaining the same for all users as they were from last year. Charlie has put together a good program down there and we feel that we are now at the place where we are running almost as efficiently as possible and maintaining a level cost and expense for treating the sewer refuse of the village of Victory and the Village of Schuylerville. So rates are remaining exactly the same as they were from the previous year. So any questions about the sewer budget? (none) OK hearing none, the public comment period for the general and the sewer our requirement has been met, the public hearing has been met, and if the board has any questions or comments that they want to weigh in on now is the time.

Trustee Baker I have none

Trustee Colvin I have none

Trustee LeBaron I'm OK with it

Trustee Drew I'm good with it

Mayor Carpenter OK hearing none I would take a motion to close the public hearing

Trustee Baker I'll make the motion, Dan Baker

Trustee Colvin I'll second it, Whitney Colvin

Mayor Carpenter alright with that we will close the meeting

Regular Village Monthly Meeting

Alright so now I'll call to order the regular scheduled monthly meeting for the month of March we've already done the pledge so we can skip that and Corey if you can pull up the agenda

Trustee Baker I believe it starts with a presentation by Dave Meager on the Schuyler Hose insurance, Dan

Dave Meager good evening can you hear me?

Trustee Baker you're muted, Dan Carpenter

Mayor Carpenter there you go, David, we can hear you

Dave Meager OK great great do you want me to go ahead and Yep sure go right ahead OK great thank you. I hope the board members have a copy of the summary of insurance, basically I'll sort of give you an overview. The village insurance is divided into 2 parts. There's the fire company which is what we're going to review tonight and then there's everything else, and everything else comes up in July and then we'll get together at that time to discuss that. The reason that we do it this way is the fire company is in a group plan for Volunteer Fire departments and there's around 600 volunteer fire departments in upstate New York that are in the program, and the beauty of the program is of course it tailor makes the coverage to the needs of the fire service, but secondly, it normally declares a dividend and wouldn't you know, for the first time in 28 years they didn't have a dividend this past year because there was a \$2,000,000 claim by a participant in the program. So what they tried to do to offset as best they could not having a dividend, and if you see on page three, since you've been in the program the dividends are approaching \$100,000, so it's not exactly small change and the dividend has been a terrific feature of this program. So what they decided to do was to discount your auto policy, so when we get over to the premiums will see the auto policy was discounted around \$600 the idea of that was the offset the lack of dividend and that doesn't mean that dividend is forever curtailed, that dividend is a one year calculation. So I would hope that this December, if everything goes the way it has for the previous 28 years, I'll have a dividend check for you. As far as the policy, I mean I could review the policy, you've all seen it. I thought maybe I'd hit the highlights. First of all, the company did increase the amount on the building by 3% and the amount on the fire trucks by 5% and in spite of those increases in the coverage, that overall premium, when you see we get to the premium page, is actually less than last year and I think the other remarkable thing about that, and the reason I'm very happy to make this presentation is this is the policy that is covering your water damage claim, and in my conversations with the adjuster, that claim could easily approach \$200,000. So in spite of all that, in spite of the claim, in spite of the increased coverage, the premium overall is down. So I think that's a great overview and I could maybe stop there, but just briefly Page 3 shows the amount on the building but in this program you have what's called guaranteed replacement cost coverage, so that means the limit on the building isn't 2.1 it's actually whatever it takes if the building were totally destroyed, by say a fire or hurricane. So you really have all the coverage you need on that building. Going on to the next page, and I know you gotta you got a full agenda so I'll do a quick overview, and I'm glad to have anybody interrupt me at any time, page 4, rather than going into all of these 18 items, I would just say that all 18 items on this page are included in the policy and they're all coverages designed for the fire service. Over on the next page is the liability which looks like \$1,000,000 but you've got a \$2,000,000 umbrella so for all intents and purposes general liability claims are covered up to \$3 million and general liability would be people who slip and fall around the building, but more importantly they cover the operations of the fire Department. So if the fire company fights to fire an they they do their best but heaven forbid there should be a case where people couldn't get out of the house, you can bet there would be a lawsuit against the village an the Schuyler Hose. And the way we write the coverage, volunteers are all additional insureds, so the Fire Chief and the line officers who might get sued, as well as the village and the fire Department, are all covered under what I would call firefighters malpractice; that's general liability also. In addition under general liability are things like sexual harassment, wrongful termination, discrimination in hiring and all of those are included in that general liability category also. Bottom of page 5 is basically a listing of the vehicles an we have increased those 5% for each of the last nine years, so hopefully those numbers would be pretty much what you would need to replace one of your vehicles that was totally destroyed, and the way that Utica provides this coverage is new for old, so if you if you totaled your 2003 pumper, you would have up to \$714,000 to buy a 2021 maybe 22 if it had to be speced, truck of similar style and capacity. Limits are the limits, that's why we have boosted them up every year but you could have the Fire Chief take a look at those and see if he's comfortable with those numbers. They should be pretty good because we try to keep up to date; it's hard to keep up to date with the cost of new fire trucks, they're just escalating at a very rapid rate. So the one exception of course, that isn't

covered for replacement cost is the antique and that's covered for depreciated value, you couldn't replace the 1856. Over on page 6 is just the automobile part of the policy, again \$1,000,000 limit supplemented by the umbrella the umbrella is down little farther on that page. Now the the only thing the umbrella covers over the auto and over the general liability with one exception and that is the sexual harassment part. If you want to, you can have the umbrella cover over the sexual harassment and wrongful dismissal part, but that would require an endorsement and additional premium. Also, I need to disclose, this year lot of insurance companies are putting what's called a communicable disease exclusion on their policies now, and that's of course as result of the pandemic. Now, the way Utica has chosen to do it, I think you would be OK with that, it's on the umbrella only. So that means if somebody said that they caught covid arising out of the activities of Schuyler Hose, the basic policy is going to provide attorneys to defend you and is going to defend up to \$1,000,000, and it's very hard, we aren't seeing a lot of these kind of claims, because it's very hard to prove how you got a virus or where you got a virus. You can have it and not know it for five days. And so I think I wanted to mention that but I don't think it is as big an issue is it might appear on the surface. The other policy at the bottom of page 6 it's an accidental death policy, 10,000 for the members of the fire Department. By calling it 24 hours, it means he could be on duty it could be off duty. It's not sickness, it's accident, but the accident could occur to the firefighter when he's on vacation, driving to Disney World, and that 10,000 would be paid. The next policy is on the next page and that's a little different. That is strictly in line of duty and that's an accident policy in line of duty and you can see it pays \$10,000 for accidental death in line of duty. Over on page 8 is the cancer policy;

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you're required by state law to provide a cancer policy for what are described as interior firefighters who have been interior for five years so there are criteria not every firefighter qualifies for this and it we list there the items that are in the law that are covered both kinds of cancers are covered it doesn't have to be proven that the cancer resulted from fire service it's called presumptive it soon that it did show those cancers that are listed there are in the legislation adopted by the state it is possible to cover all kinds of cancer not just the ones listed and you can see there would be \$51.00 and you've got 21 people so it's not insignificant it would be about \$1000 a year to cover all cancers but some fire departments have done that and then you'll see at the bottom of the HA the grand whole slightly less than last year in spite of the increases in coverage and over on page 9 I just wanted to mention a couple of things there's a federal benefit I wouldn't want you to think that the firefighters are limited to just that 10,000 accidental death policy or the 10,000 in line of duty policy they also have workers comp through the County and there is a federal benefit through the Department of Justice and that is referred to in the middle of the page is nothing that I provide but I just think that I like to inform you of coverages that are available to you and to your firefighters even though I don't provide them that coverage is now up to 370,000 \$376 a year or rather that's that that's the limit if a firefighter is killed in line of duty or actually has a fatal heart attack in line of duty so just want to mention that we would hope it wouldn't happen other than that Utica does provide a free on line training that's the last item that's mentioned there and the only other thing I think rather than taking anymore your time would be just to reiterate there are two beneficiary forms that you should have on file for each firefighter one is the cancer beneficiary form and the other is the group accident form and since there are two different companies each firefighter needs to have a separate beneficiary form and I think if you ask Brian there probably on top of that but I just wanted to make sure that you were aware of that there should be 2 beneficiary designation forms for each active firefighter so that's a quick review I think it's all it's all good news and I'm predicting we will have a dividend check for you at the end of the year are there any questions I went through it sort of quickly but I'd be glad to answer any questions I have not thank you did OK thank you thank you for taking me first and I I hope you have a good meeting and I'm working every day even though remotely and as Corey can tell ya I'm always available to you so I want to last thank you for your

loyalty to us we very much appreciate it and will always do our best for the village and for Skylar host and have a good meeting thank you thank you Dave I was great presentation all thank you thank you for saying so thank you very much all right we'll move on to the announcements as we just moved right into daves presentation just give me one second I'm going to try and buy it down some of the background noise in my house so the presentation by Dave Miller came first now move on to board announcements the skybell victory board of water management regular board meeting will be held on Monday March 15th the meeting will be held at 7:00 PM the victory meeting Hall on the Sky bold village board workshop will be held Monday April 5th at 6:30 PM in zoom format only and the scalable village board meeting will be held April 14th at 7:00 PM and that will be in zoom format only as well I think you know something that we should talk about our next workshop moving forward is what the meeting should look like after April as more folks are getting vaccinated but again we will leave that for the workshop in on April 5th to discuss everyone should have received the minutes for the last meeting an for the workshop and I would like to approve them Korean that's incorrect please let me know but I'm pretty sure I saw both go out no they did it I'll make a motion to prove him Carl Sagan it antim all favor aye aye and before we go any further we probably should do a roll call thank you Whitney I appreciate that zoom I love it so before we adopt the minutes hold on so in attendance tonight is trustee Winnie Colvin trustee Tim lebarron trustee Brian drew an trustee damn Baker please let me know if anyone is not their home address 'cause it looks like you guys all are so for the record please let that show that everyone is calling from their home address everyone zoomed in from the home address alright now with that I would take a motion to approve the minutes now that we know everyone is here I'll make the motion would need and then 10 meters 2nd Yep all in favor EBay hearing on that passes unanimously move around to the treasures report statement balance is 200 and \$87,209.58 the supernaugh statement balance 100 and \$78,207.60 trust and agency \$30,173.62 general fund money market 900 and \$12,700.30 Superfund money market is 400 and \$52,240.58 and Memorial Day account is \$3863.39 OK can you guys hear me Yep alright so as I switch to headphone so next we'll move on to any questions for Corey and the treasures report no no alright moving on to Department committee reports as everyone knows I was unable to attend the workshop so can folks please report out for me for what Rob had to present at the workshop uh sure and the salt shed was running slightly lower than he anticipated with the unexpected you know cold hot cold *** ***** and a lot of snow melt freezing so but he thinks he'll be alright with salt for the rest of the season should be OK hoping for the new trash truck arriving April 1st any an I believe timid ask him if he had enough cold Patch at the time he said we have plenty in stock Mel is pretty much it you guys don't miss anything now OK so that was the DPW report OK thank you I aren't you court code enforcement corded Gil sending a sheet for the meeting he did not OK and then the next we'll move on to the fire Department chief Myers submitted the following report filed March 10 2021 COVID-19 precautions remain in effect until further notice guidelines for incident response face face coverings are mandatory for all company functions and a majority of their members have received or have started to receive or have started the vaccination process alarm responses 8 in February 14 and 2021 which is about half of their typical alarm volume 188 man hours with 19 members responding 8.5 members per alarm January training that was conducted February 4th Patch bloodborne pathogens refresher February 11th hazmat operations classroom professor February 18th ground ladders February 25th fast operations and equipments medical's annual medical's are in progress and expected it could be complete by the end of March fire station water damage inventory of their items damaged mostly electronics in the radium radio room has been completed and submitted to Elaine who is now passed them on to the insurance company I'm sorry the claims adjuster fascinating New York recruit New York Sunday April 25th at this time the fire Department is planning a virtual open house in an effort to recruit new members more details will be released in the near future the only thing I would add to today's meeting around the fire Department is my thanks and appreciation for them to allowing us to continue to use the firehouse for an election site it's not been a fun time at the village office for the last couple of weeks due to the pipe and brian has been more than accommodating and gone out of his way to make

sure that the election will be held in a safe So this is the masking and sanitizing as required and as to meet the guidelines the CDC in New York State Department of Health alright on to the wastewater treatment plant I spoke with Charlie he said everything is running well he's getting sand he's ordering stand now for the drying beds as he anticipates the warmer weather to come upon us we did review the valves I did review the vouchers with him specifically went around \$4000 I know trustee Baker reached out to me about that that was for a flow meter up in one of the manholes by victory so that was a approved expense as that flow meter had stopped working and needed to be fixed immediately thank you Yep but that was it from Charlie as he's getting ready and just he's once everyone know the plants running smoothly he's getting ready for the warmer weather to start drying drying some beds I did not receive visitors visitors center report I'm nothing from I will report out that I did attend the last planning board meeting and please understand that I'm not speaking for the planning board but I will tell you that the Broad Street the 231 broad St project was approved and then there was other participants who spoke about future projects that are not officially in front of the board at this current time next to Scott victory board of water management Brian if you want to whack at this yeah the only thing I will add is the joint water board meeting tomorrow at 7:00 PM with the about about the water master plan so hopefully everybody will be able be able to attend hey did anyone have any questions regarding what's going on right now with word water management I mean I had one I just like to know a little bit more where they are with their budget but outside of that that was one question I kind of had see that was mine too damn in the second one how we did with her anymore action on across the River for Sullivan no action on the Cross River hotel eventim and we're still working on the budget and I'll fill you guys in as soon as you know we work on it moreNot a problem you are going to the meeting tomorrow as well as I do the joint board we would love to see all trustees, if you can make it yeah I'm going to definitely use that opportunity to talk to ask some questions about the budgeting process and the stuff across the River Thames so please feel free to take that time to let's address that stuff at that meeting too if you if you have questions that are further thank you Yep anyone else OK hearing none we will open up the public comment many I still think you're the only one on 'cause I can't see everyones heads can you hear me hello Yep we can hear you Wendy I just have it OK thank you I wanted to when I was looking at the budget I just had a question on the planning studies 'cause it was always there is money budgeted there was aprox zoning it was on the first page on the bottom but it doesn't look like anybody any money budgeted for this year when it has in the past so I didn't know what that was for is that I didn't know his own is off the table as my question is not also table we had discussed that if we needed to have expenditures out of there we did have some consistency funds and we didn't want to without knowing exactly what the cost work is Whitney has been working with Leona to get some pro bono work done on getting the old bold proposal and Wendy I'm actually gonna address one of your other questions real quickly had the meeting the sale of the forestry products actually was and it was a revenue that came in during the previous year's budget not 2020 not the current fiscal year that we're in now so it would have been recorded under sale of forest products which it is in the 20 the adjusted 2020 budget my father but it wasn't it wasn't on the 2020 actual amount on your budget preparation report is what I'm stating it was were not matching what was in the AUD so anyway I'm just bring it to the detention though I had a question regarding the water board is the question I guess close to Brian the meeting that he is he brought forward to everybody is that the one that is requesting that the both of the village boards meet with the water board is at that meeting that is correct Wendy yes and do you have any confirmation from the Villa discover board that any are going I've confirmed Wendy and we will be there also OK alright and just since well I'm part of this DPW is just something I've noticed 'cause I'm home more but the speed of the DPW and some of their vehicles is quite fast they drive quite fast on the roads I'm just mentioning it 'cause they I've never seen machines go that fast on our roads but just notice that because it's a little loud anyway again I'm home so anyway just makes mentioning it thanks thank you any other public comment Andrew it looks like I keep forgetting that you're on so if you have anything you want to chime in on please feel free I just with a shared screen I can't see your head automatically all right

hearing no further public comment will move on to old business which actually we don't have any this month so move right into no business Skylar hose president has announced their resignation and there was election of a new president Matthew Dear way and vice president Laurie shoeing and I'm sure that the board has to approve that is that correct Winnie Oh yes so the does the board want to entertain a motion to prove Matthew Dear way to become the new president of the Skyler hose company and vice president newly elected glory shoeing I will make the motion to approve Matthew derways the new president and Lori shrink as the new vice president for the Skylar hose company I'll second it favor I I you're not any post hearing none that passes y'all received a fire contract cord used it send this one out right yeah I know we got it late we all received a fire contract for Houston believe it or not that invoice actually is a fire contract so we do have to approve that for the Skylar host company and for the village I know questions that I'll make the motion to approve Easton fire contract on favor OK any opposed hearing none that passes trash buildup on the corner of Birch and burgoyne earlier this month we received the complaints regarding the trash buildup at the alley of Birch and burgoyne I did talk to I did talk to who the neighbors thought was responsible for the garbage the landowner swears up and down it was not his tenants and without proof I can't do much or say much other than to provide him that it is a nuisance and that you know to remind him of those laws against dumping and kind of to let him know that you know his neighbors are watching and monitoring the situation and that if I do get a complaint from a neighbor that witnesses any of the tenants dropping off garbage we will hold him accountable for the removal of that garbage moving forward he was very amenable to that he understood he understood I wasn't blaming him because again I don't have any proof that was him but you know moving forward we said that we would take care of the removal this one time but again if we do get complaints in and witnesses of the dumping of garbage by the tenants this is something that we will address with landlord moving forward OK anyone have any questions or comments regarding how that was handled then just a quick thing there is in her thing there If people wanna pay the extra money to get rid of something it is that in our thanks saying now we have opportunity to get rid of like a chair or something like that but yeah OK yeah that's still on the website and then actually that came up on the social media not too long I think like last week or the week before because of the renovations of the office people are still wondering if you're getting stickers and the answer is yes we just need to call the office and Helene has been really accommodating folks and making appointments to drop off the stickers if they if they needed to so you asked him they are still available even with the office in the condition that it is OK thank you so that actually is a great segue to talk about the update on the office renovations today Ryan has completed their appointments tomorrow will be the air quality and some other tests that need to be completed to get the full OK that means that now the upstairs and downstairs have had the abestos removed from the floors on the village meeting Hall the two closets upstairs in the bathrooms the stair covers have been removed the covering of the stairs the landing tiles have been removed the tiles that separate the Firehouse and the village office have been removed the tiles inside the radio control room of the fire Department have been removed and the tiles on Corey and Corey and the water board side of the office which is all the original tile where the asbestos was had been removed as well I know that quick response is coming to remove the remainder of the rug on the 1st floor and then all the demo will have been completed at that time we have other village DPW has already started to paint upstairs they have already removed the molding in the trim so that the floor can start to be replaced they will the DBW will continue to paint and replace the molding once the flooring is finished working diligently with flooring companies to get quotes for two different kinds of things one is going to be a quote for the work that was due to those do's do as a result from the flood and then the section of office where helene's room is that is a separate expense that we're that we're going to update the flooring there because there is no asbestos we will be updating the flooring to match the rest of remainder of the flooring in the in the village office so two separate expenses but she's working with foreign companies to get those costs and quotes in we have we have gathered one quote for the sheet rocking of the office and we have submitted exit the adjuster and we as Brian stated he is got a

Firehouse gotten all their expenses in so far to the adjuster and we now have to look at the furniture replacement that was damaged due to do the flood we have been tracking our expenses all along Elaine has been working diligently with the adjuster to make sure that everything from reimbursement of electrical costs because of all the fans that were in place to the last nut and Bolt that would be put in when we replace the molding on the floors in the first floor to the molding around the floor the 1st floor everything will be accounted for and will be put in as a claim I'm sure the board many of the board members are aware but for those who have who are not Colleen and Corey have done an amazing amazing job coordinating all of the repairs that have taken place so far in the players that need to take place moving forward with the adjuster with Orion with quick release I mean if those two hadn't been on top of their game I couldn't tell you where we would be and whether or not we'd be shifting to try and hold the election at another place but these but Corey and Elaine in the assistance of the DPW has gotten us to a place where we should be getting back to the office I'm hoping relatively soon so I would like to pass on my appreciation ovalene isn't here but I've talked around a daily basis she knows but dickory thank you and telain you guys have done an amazing job so far yeah thank you Corrie excellent well done quarry in your welcome welcome OK does anyone have any questions about the office renovations unfortunately Elaine has clerical school tonight she wasn't she was not unable she was unable to attend I will do my best to answer any questions but Helene really is the one who's got the master spreadsheet so OK hearing none we do need to move forward on a resolution to hire A temporary to to extend the hire of temporary help Corey can you please bring those resolutions up as you know we did terminate the employment of one of the DPW employees last week I'm not going to go into details as that is a personnel issue but the board was aware that that was happening in has happened the letter had been sent out and received from last week so this is the resolution to approve the hiring of Travis holcombe and Zachary Golden as temporary workers this would be for a three month period and both would not exceed over 30 access over 30 hours per week at a rate of 15 per hour pretty much just read the resolution so if folks have any questions free to to answer them this is an extension that is required by Saratoga County because both of them have bumped up to their three month temporary status so this is just an extension that needed to be passed in order to keep them on two to keep their services for the village sorry go ahead and add I've read this already I have no problem with it I will make the motion list is the spring extension yeah let's do it OK I'm sorry I just I just want to clarify now this is after April 1st correct Mr starting April 1st correct so there from what they were up until then is all good this is attention from April may June and July correct April 1st for three months yes OK and I just got a question if one of them leaves that we have to do another resolution and we have names in there that's a good question Whitney I'm not really sure on the answer that I think I think more or less we are creating to the position of temporary workers Dave if you have an opinion on this please feel free to weigh in but it's my understanding that we did name them in the resolution but we are we are approving the two temporary positions for three months yeah I which which point is right you're creating the position you don't have to have the names in there if one of them was to leave you would still have that temporary position created and you can put somebody else in it does that help wet if I may the only reason including the names search from the accounts we need to be audit this year they they report they told us that we should have resolution signed by the board anytime a person is hiring stating with the board agreed on as an hourly rate this is that's only reason that I put the names in there is because they ran it is a good idea because you know this way it's clear this is what we agreed to pay this person and that's the only reason why so my next question that is the one that we just let go should we have a motion on that not to fire no OK we're still going to Rob and I will start a job search for that for that position if that's where you're going out with me yeah I just didn't know if we had to I approve of him letting him go that's the only thing at the mayor that's the mayor's role right OK so we don't have to approve it then OK alright so any other questions on the resolution on the floor not dandy who I expect to put that out there like a month I'd like I'd like to eat so Tim I'll be honest with you I have some travel coming up for work over the next heavy travel over the next two weeks and it's just the base of

the state budget being passed so I would like to kind of sit tight for the next two weeks and then put it out there so I'm going to be traveling for two weeks so after next week put out the notice for interviews so that way after would be the third week from now when I'm not traveling as West as much we can start the interviews OK I like you to be a part of that only be a CDL correct so I'd like to talk to everybody how what is the board feel about about that you know the the position that we are looking to fill the permanent position that we were looking to fill should in my estimate have a CDL I'm not looking to personally I'm not looking to hire A laborer but I will take direction from the board if they feel strongly otherwise what did we lose did we lose a CDL yes then yes we need a CDL yeah that's why I asked the question 'cause right now we're in a pretty good shape with our laborers with these two temporary people and specially with this new garbage truck coming yes agreed I gotta agree with you on that too I agree there and also like I agree with Wendy and I'm going a little too fast through the village I see him quite a few times too so they do have to slow down I got you I'll pass that message along alright so I'm not going to change anything other words to him I'm just going to try and hire for the same position that's vacated now OK great thank you yeah so any other questions or questions around the emotion I'll make the motion grade ambekar ismeta motion I'll second it I think I don't know sound like to second it Yep all in favor by any post it's a roll call isn't Yep sorry thank you I'll do roll call vote trustee Whitney Calvin Eric trustee lebarron trustee drew yes Jesse Baker and and myself yes so that passes 50 K I'm Cory next time Jenna sorry I had my phone turned off so did mine Yep transfer funds resolution to transfer funds so could you pop up that resolution Can you see it no no OK did you see yourself alright sorry there now you got it OK alright so we need to move monies from move money to cover some expenses that we had in the planning board contractual to the amount of \$400 auditor contractual and this \$1500 is the remainder of the \$4500 contract that we had with blanket on their name Marvin and company marketing company and then this is the upfront payment that we had to make regarding the street light contractual it will also cover some of well we're having to make this transfer because we had the upfront cost of the transfer the swap out of the lighting and we will be reimbursed so well it looks like we're running short here there will be a reimbursement however you know there's question on whether or not will come during this budget cycle so that's why Cory is making the suggestion to move some money around to cover that lighting we are getting the reimbursement folks I just want to make sure everyone feels and understands that that money is coming is just that we had to do an upfront payment up front obviously so Corey has looked around and it seems like she has found the funds from state retirement and the planning board personnel which is actually just a swap out clear you want to talk about that been so B in the previous couple years we've been paying for Anna's services out of planning board personnel and actually again this is a situation where she's not personal she's a contractor I think originally that's what it was treasure and also dictation board work but really to have this correctly booked it should be a contractual she is not on our books as an employee she is a contractor so we're just doing that transfer from personnel to contractual and that's basically just the same thing that we did with the the worker alright so you can see that corey's proposing moving \$6649.57 from state retirement and \$400 from planning board personnel to the planning board contractual new Mount 400 the auditor contraction amount of 1500 and the street lighting interaction in the amount of \$5149.57 now make a motion a second on favor aye and we're going to do a roll call vote 'cause I guess I'm going to assume that that's what's underneath I can't see yeah Yep so trusting koven yes Jesse lebarron trustee drew yes trustee Baker yes myself yes that passes 50 last thing on the agenda most of you will have received an email from you this morning Dave I know this is kind of spring on you but I just you know this is something that we found out kind of last minute Orion the abatement company due to some New York State labor laws is a company that the village has to pay up front and then will be in reimbursed by the insurance company for everybody this is a 42,000 rounding up but this is a \$42,000 expense that was not budgeted and his current cycle after talking with Corey Ann reviewing the reserve account Handbook this is the reserve fund account Handbook this is something that we can address and move \$42,000 at a general fund into the reserve repair and here's the here's the here's the resolution

that Corey is written up on the repair reserve the amount of 42,000 to help cover the cost of the abatement now obviously we will be getting reimbursed this cost but you know as well as I do we're not going to be able to scramble right now and find \$40,000 Sir plus lying around in this fiscal year's budget it is my recommendation and I agreed with Corey that we do create that we do take the funds from the general fund over to the reserve repair reserve in the amount of 42,000 we will not be spending it this month the point of this resolution is just to move the money over into the reserve because we will have to hold a public hearing next month to expand the funds and this will allow us to time in order to do that without incurring any charges for being late on payment because as you know contractors like to do net 30 or net 60 Orion is already agreed to work with us on the next 60 and gave us a 30 day extension so this is something that needs to be done because otherwise we do not have enough funds to cover this expenditure until the reimbursement comes in of around 50,000 dollars and if we do have any upcoming repairs they can be covered by this reserve. Dave, do you have anything that you want to weigh in with on that?

Attorney Klingebiel so the insurance company wont just cut a check to Orion?

Mayor Carpenter no. because of New York State Labor laws, like department of labor laws. SO, he is going to get me the complete verbiage, but he is citing New York State Law stating that the expense must be incurred by the village and then will be reimbursed by the insurance company.

Attorney Klingebiel OK

Mayor Carpenter It is the only expense that is like this. The insurance covers all other repairs.

Trustee Baker does it have to do with prevailing wages or anything like that, Dan?

Mayor Carpenter no, because everyone working on this is getting prevailing wage unless they are a sole proprietor, it has nothing to do with that, this is something separate. I am waiting, Michael has not responded back, in fact, I think I kept you on the e-mails, Dan, because I think you had a couple of questions, he did respond to me, and all he did respond to me was that it was a New York Department of Labor law and that he would get back to me with that labor law, but that this is the way that it had to be done according to him and I don't have the labor law in front of me, but this is our window of opportunity to do this and do it now without having to call a special meeting. If nothing comes of this, if it turns out that he was falsely citing a New York State labor law or a law which is nonexistent then we have created a reserve that we don't have to do anything about anyway, if we don't expend the funds then we already have a repair reserve for 50,000 just like we have talked about doing.

Attorney Klingebiel yeah, there's really no harm in moving the money, but I would be interested in what he is citing in referencing that makes him unique over other contractors that he has to be paid directly by the village

Mayor Carpenter It is not the contractor, I just want to make sure that everyone is clear because I may have given everyone that impression, it is not the contractor citing that, it is the claims adjuster

Attorney Klingebiel I know that but what makes the contractor unique that the adjuster is saying that the village has to pay him directly, but the insurance company can pay everybody else directly?

Mayor Carpenter I think it had to do with the abatement, but again, Dave, I hear you and as soon as I get that reasoning and that law that he is citing, I will be happy to share with the rest of the board, this is something that just literally came up this morning and Helene and I spent hours trying to track this guy down so that we were prepared for tonight

Attorney Klingebiel yeah, that is fine

Trustee Baker Dan, I agree with you on the no risk here in setting this up, but I have the same exact question, why change the process, right?

Mayor Carpenter so Dave, you saw me email, right? I am pretty sure I captured what we are saying, I did leave it open that I thought this was exposing us to risk and also, Dave, just so you are aware, like I said, like Dan Baker pointed out earlier, he felt that this was one of those things that his concern was also around, you may have said that we were going to cover the initial cost of abatement, but it was implied that we were only going to cover \$35,000 out of the \$42,000 so now you are on the hook for \$7,000, so

another thing that I asked for was written documentation that the insurance company has every intent to pay the full cost of the abatement and that there is no wavering on that as well, because as Dan says, too, we are exposing ourselves to risk because who knows how long it takes that insurance company to write that check? And are they going to come back and say, well we may have said that in an email, but it was implied that according to XY and Z we were only going to cover 75% of the cost, or something like that, so we did our due diligence on that now and the only thing that I feel was lacking was the full citation of the law.

Trustee Baker I agree, now, Whitney you made the motion?

Trustee Colvin yeah I will make the motion

Trustee Baker I will second

Mayor Carpenter All right, I will do a roll call vote, Trustee Colvin (says aye) Trustee LeBaron (yes)

Trustee Drew (yes) Trustee Baker (yes) Myself, yes so the transfer of funds in the amount of \$42,000 has been approved. Back to the agenda, we open it up for public comment, as everything has now been addressed on the agenda

Wendy Lukas I have a question on your resolution to hire temporary help, it just says three months, does your resolution not need specific dates, or the date from the resolution that you signed so that you know when the three months start and end?

Mayor Carpenter that was a question brought up by Tim and the period starts April 1st.

Wendy Lukas should that not be in the resolution?

Mayor Carpenter I brought that up, Wendy, everybody on the board knows that it is going to run from April 1st for the three month cycle

Trustee LeBaron well Dan the first batch is already in there until April 1st anyways.

Wendy Lukas well I am just saying, resolutions are historic documents and to me it would be very like Mayor Carpenter would the board like Cory to amend the resolution to include that it is beginning on April 1st for a three month period?

Trustee Baker if that would appease Wendy, sure, but you had firmly stated that in the meeting it would be in the minutes, so

Wendy Lukas Anyway, I had a question on are there any updates for when New York State is returning to complete the intersection?

Mayor Carpenter No they have not gotten back to me on that

Wendy Lukas and my last question was were there any historic documents destroyed in the flood?

Treasurer Heyman No historic documents were destroyed, they were all locked in waterproof safes; all of the deeds, all of the minutes and all resolutions

Wendy Lukas OK because you know the village has never really scanned any of their historic documents in the past that I am aware of so that if in the future there is no backup of any of the historic documents that are in the village.

Mayor Carpenter and Wendy, just so you know, I hope to put some of your concerns at ease, Helene, Cory and myself will be attending a 45 minute presentation as our current lease with our copier is up about the importance of uploading those documents and how both Canon and Toshiba can be of assistance with that.

Wendy Lukas yeah the village missed out on being able to get grants to have it done by the New York State Preservation people many years ago, but that money is long gone and there isn't any money to do that but anyway

Mayor Carpenter any other public comment? All right, we will move on to the approval of the vouchers

Trustee Baker I will make the motion to approve A funds expenditures and vouchers in the amount of \$41,682.08 and the G fund in the amount of \$10,583.45

Trustee Colvin I second it

Mayor Carpenter all in favor

(All say aye)

Mayor Carpenter any opposed? (none) hearing none, that passes, and folks please do come in to the office it should be open with the passing of the air quality control test tomorrow so please do make it a point to come into the office tomorrow or Friday or Monday just to see what the office looks like. With that I would entertain a motion to close the meeting

Trustee LeBaron I make a motion to close the meeting

Trustee Baker Second it

Mayor Carpenter all in favor? (ayes) any opposed? (none) Hearing none meeting adjourned