

Village of Schuylerville  
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Workshop Meeting Transcript

**Mayor Carpenter** I will start the meeting. Cory, are you recording?

**Treasurer Heyman** yes it should be automatically recording

**Mayor Carpenter** OK, let's 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. Alright, so Cory was able to send around the agenda for everyone, so first thing, let's go to DPW, to Rob, 'cause I know this is going to be a Rob heavy discussion. So, let's just kick it off from where you guys are.

**DPW Supervisor Decker** So I've sent everybody, after long discussions with three companies, I've received the quotes for paving. These are the paving projects of the lanes that **Mayor Carpenter** and I have discussed. There are several other alleys and roads that still need it, but I think these are definitely some of the ones that are really bad. So take a peek at them, that way if you have any questions before next week, you guys can get them to me, and if I can't answer them I can ask the companies.

**Trustee Baker** Rob, I got a question for you, there's quite a disparity; two of them are pretty close, you know the 48 to 47 thousand range but the one company is 124,000! Are we looking at apples and apples or apples and oranges?

**DPW Supervisor Decker** yes, that's why I didn't put this all forward last month, because I looked at the same exact thing and said, what are we missing? So, where everybody else, and I've confirmed this with Kubricky and Evolution, they're doing all the milling project for roughly 87 to \$9000 for all the roads and Delsignore's only got it at 31,000 and change just for the milling. But that's where it's hurting Delsignore, he says that Evolution and Kubricky are doing it for free. He just can't go that low.

**Trustee Baker** So that's the difference, is one is charging for the milling and the other is not.

**DPW Supervisor Decker** Well, they're all charging for it

**Trustee Baker** or doing it at cost you know.

**DPW Supervisor Decker** Yeah, that's what I'm guessing, because all the paving, once you break it down, all the paving they're roughly the same within you know \$2000 of each other.

**Trustee Baker** OK, I'll look back through.

**DPW Supervisor Decker** Yeah, that's why I didn't put this out, because I wanted to get this done last month and I said the same exact thing. I called everybody, and yes, that's it.

**Trustee Baker** Thank you, sir, I appreciate that

**DPW Supervisor Decker** As far as DPW goes, our biggest thing is manpower right now. The workload is substantial, the manpower is not. We're trying to use vacations; couple of guys are leaving, we've only got one guy as a part timer and we gotta stay under so many hours. And then the rain's not helping, but we are gaining, we just gotta be patient.

**Trustee Baker** Rob did you guys interview somebody last week?

**Mayor Carpenter** right, yeah that is an agenda item, right?

**Trustee Baker** It would have been under new hire update

**Mayor Carpenter** it would have been, but we can talk about it now. So Tim, myself and Rob interviewed the one person who submitted an application, that was Zach, who is currently an employee down there in one of the temporary spots. We all agreed that he is a great candidate for this job and that we would like to move forward with hiring him. The only hiccup that we had, and after discussing this with Dave and making sure that everything is OK, is that he has applied to enter the National Guard, so he will be

leaving May 17th through September 10<sup>th</sup>. And Rob, did I get that backwards or is it May 10<sup>th</sup>? I think it is May 17th through September 10th I think that's the correct way to state that,

**DPW Supervisor Deckeryes**, his last day with us will be the 14<sup>th</sup>

**Mayor Carpenter** so, Zach is not going to be taking any benefits, therefore we won't be paying for anything while he's gone. My concern was that we would be paying benefits while he is on the National Guard tour and not getting any work out of him, and he assured us that he's not taking any benefits. He is still eligible under his parent's plan. So, you know, there's no real cost of hiring him and then paying out benefits. So this is, again, going to leave Rob shorthanded, right? Because right now, Rob has Aaron and Pat as full-time employees. That's three out of the five. If we hire Zack, that's great, and then we still have one person out on workers comp, there's your 5th employee, right? So, we still have, starting May 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have two employees out at that point with no salaries being expended that we budgeted for. So, we could again, because Zach is filling a temporary position as a result of the workers comp claim, and this all gets very confusing. But understand that if we hire Zach as a result of that round, we will be at a three person crew with one out on workers comp and one out on military leave. Both are not receiving any salary that we budgeted for, so we could bring in temporary help to fill those positions. We did receive an application after the deadline, which I would like to move forward to interview to fill one of those two vacant slots that will be temporarily vacant, and we still need to move forward with the two seasonal positions that we budgeted for, so this would get Rob, eventually, up to the five-person crew. And then with the two seasonal people we will be fully staffed as we planned it through the months of summer, all which is been budgeted for.

**Trustee Baker** Dan, how many of those five ones are still out on medical?

**Mayor Carpenter** one, and without about getting into too much personnel issues I don't have a return to work date for her.

**Trustee Baker** Thank you

**Village Clerk Patterson** and I did wanna mention that, as you asked me to inquire with the County as far as summer youth help, I actually did get an application for us, as an employer, to apply. Just so you know, those dates are June 28th through August 20<sup>th</sup> when that program runs. I forwarded the information to Rob and he will address that tomorrow as far as getting the application filled in so we can turn it in to the County. But Catherine from the County did caution me that there were not as many applicants this year as in the past.

**Mayor Carpenter** makes sense. OK, what about the BOCES program

**Village Clerk Patterson** Rob, Have you heard from any interns?

**DPW Supervisor Decker** I have. Mr Hoffman reached out to me last week. They have one candidate that is available; I know him, I don't think he's going to be a good fit for the crew that we have, and I expressed my concerns with Mr Hoffman on that, but we also can pursue that if we're in a pinch, I guess, but that would only go until probably the second week of June

**Mayor Carpenter** Gotcha, so really that's just getting caught up from all the winter mess.

**DPW Supervisor Decker** I think, and I've expressed this with Mr Hoffman, I just think it's going to be more of a concern getting him on board and trained and then he'll be gone. I mean we're already talking, by the time we get the paperwork filled out, you're going to be looking mid May almost 17th of May which is when we need somebody, but he'll be gone by the 14<sup>th</sup> as he's a senior. So you're looking three weeks of work.

**Mayor Carpenter** Yep, alright. So, what I'm looking to do is get approval. And again, it's not going to be at this meeting, right? This is going to have to be an approval at the monthly meeting to put out a notice that we're seeking two temporary positions; one for the medical leave and one for the military leave, and then two seasonals, which we have already budgeted for, and I'd like to run that only in one ad, rather than two separate ads, which costs more money in the long run.

**Village Clerk Patterson** When you vote on that, the board, you'll determine are we looking for two temporary full times, which we can do and two temporary

**Mayor Carpenter** that's what I am looking for two full time for the two full time employees who will be out and then two part time seasonal employees, OK? As per our budget. Alright, so that takes care of the DPW hire. Rob, let's go back to where you left off at," very short staffed, and the work is piling up."

**DPW Supervisor Decker**Yup, right now, without getting into a lot of it, the morale around my shop is horrid. I just think the workload is abundant, which is leading to that. So, I have talked to one of my associates, without getting into a lot, and asked him to take some time off. He had it, to refresh and recharge, so we can move forward. Once summer gets here, I think I'm in the same position. I just think, I don't know if it's covid or that's the excuse we're gonna use, this last year has been rough, and I really don't know the answer

**Mayor Carpenter** but I mean, it's been a lot of things, Rob, right? You've been short staffed for one reason or another throughout the whole year, you know, there's certain things that are out of our control and you guys have been just chugging along and I'm sure it's starting to catch up with everybody.

**DPW Supervisor Decker**yeah, so, we are in full mowing. We started it the other week ago or so, so all our mowers have been serviced. One of our weed whackers, I'd hold this piece of metal up but you wouldn't be able to see it anyway, it's the oldest weed whacker we have in the shop. It's been here longer than I have! But we put a metal filing from a valve through the cylinder head, so that's gonna be about a \$400 charge that we're going to have to replace in the next week or so, so we can get that back.

**Mayor Carpenter** is it cheaper to get a new one?

**DPW Supervisor Decker**That's getting a new one, well, it's not cheaper to get a new one, I can rebuild the motor on that for about \$160.00, Aaron can do that, he's already told me. But the problem is the rest of the weed whacker still 16 years old.

**Mayor Carpenter** so you made a weed whacker last 16 years! Good for you Rob!

**DPW Supervisor Decker**yeah, it's been it's been here since I've been here, and I tried to dig through Hoss's paperwork, and I think I found it, and we're guessing anywhere from 15 to 16 years old. So it's the one I've used since I have worked here, so yeah other than that, I think unless you guys have any questions. Oh, I do have something. We had a sewer issue down at 10 Ranger Rd. It is a grinder pump. I don't think we own it. The problem is, we were about ready to spill over the grinder pumps walls, so I had to do something, and made a decision. So, if we come to determination that this is not ours, we're going to have to charge the resident at 10 Ranger.

**Village Clerk Patterson** I just got the bill

**Mayor Carpenter** alright, so I want to talk to you guys about a conversation that I had with Rob today. I called Rob, 'cause I wanted to talk to him a little bit more about the sidewalk project that we have coming up with SAM Grant on Broad Street, and I am thankful that Rob feels, for lack of a better term, safe enough to be honest with me about his feelings regarding this work. He is concerned that I am asking him to bite off more than they can chew, and what his real concern is that we won't find that out until they are into the project. And it's not so much just the sidewalk project which is his concern, it's all the work that's going to come to a stop because they're all doing the sidewalk project. Alright? So, I promised Rob that I would bring to the board tonight, the staffing situation and how, starting May 14<sup>th</sup>, we possibly could be down two staff, and then the seasonal, we still need to hire, so a total of really three people moving towards June. So, I promised Rob that I would make it a priority to try to get these positions filled. I'm starting to get concerned about where potential problems are with the sidewalk project. So one of the things that I want to see, and Cory, if you could please check this out with Carrie's office, are we responsible for spending all of the money in the sidewalk project all at once or is this something that could be split up over two years, so maybe Rob handles the North side of the West Side or the South side of the West side of Broad Street. So, going from Ferry to Burgoyne, he handles that this year, and then next year he handles Saratoga to Spring Street or Ferry or something like that.

Somewhere where we phase this out, so it's not like Rob is going to be doing 4 weeks, three to four weeks, of straight up sidewalk work. Now, I'm asking this because I've already tried to consider maybe the town can pitch in, I mean we all pay town taxes, maybe the town can give us a guy for a couple of weeks to help alleviate some of the stress on Rob, but I haven't been able to have that discussion with Don yet, so I'm trying to figure out ways that A, we get this completed and B we don't neglect the needs of the rest of the village outside of the sidewalk project and Rob isn't ready to kill me and everybody else at the same time. Which, don't get me wrong, Rob and I can handle each other, we know how to speak to each other and we are respectful, but at the same time, you know am I putting an unfair expectation on Rob and his crew only to find out in the middle of a project that it was unfair and unachievable, 'cause then what do we do? You know what I'm saying? Rob, did I capture our conversation, and then again I'm springing can we do it in stages thing on you, 'cause you and I didn't really discuss that, but did I capture our conversation pretty well?

**DPW Supervisor Decker** as I said, I just think the workload has doubled with these sidewalks, but our staffing has not. As a five man crew, we were always running behind playing catch up before all the extra stuff come on, it's just that I just don't feel confident knowing that we don't have the expertise of doing sidewalks, nor has anybody in my crew done one, to start a project and then go, oh crap, now what? And who does the liability fall on when something doesn't meet DOT or ADA compliance, because if it's falling on me, I really have an issue with this.

**Trustee Colvin** Dan, if we're doing the Main Street, I'd rather see us hire that out, because that's our main walkways

**Mayor Carpenter** so the problem with hiring out for Main Street, is that the project that we did on Pearl Street, where we got between Saratoga and Ferry street done on both sides, the majority of that grant for 50,000 was spent on labor. It wasn't spent on concrete, it was spent on labor, and it got us one block, that's it.

**Trustee Colvin** yeah, I understand that, but I kind of agree with Rob that, you know, he doesn't have the crew to do the finish work and everything of the sidewalks, and Main Street is our Main Street. We want that looking nice.

**Mayor Carpenter** So, what about contracting out the finalizing of the work, the finishing

**Trustee Colvin** what, do you mean the pouring and all that?

**Trustee Baker** no, I don't mean the pouring, I mean the finishing,

**Trustee Colvin** screening, yeah, I could go with that now, the finishing work of it. And you know if somebody oversees it to make sure it is done right, because you know that's our Main Street and we want to make sure, you know? And I understand the splitting it out, because we are short on manpower and we don't want to short him on that, having him on the sidewalks all of the time, you know that is a big project, sidewalks, clearing out and getting them ready, that takes a lot of time

**Trustee Le Baron** Dan, I think we should still, I'm firm believer in, you know, just what the state has been doing all along; the villages and the towns and everything else are all working together. You know, you grab a body from one shop to the other. It's planning, that's all it is.

**Mayor Carpenter** do you recommend we go back to Tom or Don and ask for more staff

**Trustee Le Baron** I am not just saying the town itself, I mean, a lot of these other places, The Town of Northumberland you know, they're all working together on a paving job, anything now. That's just my feeling, I mean everybody's doing it now, I don't know if it's pride or what, but I just feel that we're not utilizing what's out there for us for a situation like what we're in right now. The availability has always been there, the state used to do it with the village

**Mayor Carpenter** I got you, so Tim, I have no problem reaching out to the town and to the County. I mean I'll ask Tom and see if they will help us, but you know the town of Saratoga, I definitely feel like it should have some obligation, for our taxes that we pay, and the County, you know I'll see what they can do. The one thing I don't want to do right now, and the Village of Victory has offered to let us use their

forms, but I don't wanna ask them for help right now, because they're gonna ask us to reciprocate, and that's gonna just cause more stress on Rob with scheduling and staff. So, for right now, I'm more than happy to reach out to the County, and to the town, and see if we can schedule something out, and say OK we're going to need a couple of bodies for XY&Z, and see what they say. But I still think, to Tim's point that I'm more than happy to do that. I still think this may be one of those projects that's going to take two years where, we do half the project this year, and half the project next year, though even if we get the bodies,

**Trustee Le Baron** Yeah, but then it falls back to, what happens when someone wants their sidewalk done, and then they're not there to help them tear it up that's my thing, is if we're not gonna allow the village to do the tearing up of the sidewalks up and stuff

**Mayor Carpenter** wait how did we get there, I don't understand

**Trustee Le Baron** you're saying two years and all that, but that's not fair to the homeowners. Say next year that they wanna take their stimulus money and do their sidewalk, and the village isn't there to help them because we are short staffed or whatever

**Mayor Carpenter** I have no intention of stopping the DPW from helping out removing existing sidewalks. Is that what you're getting at?

**DPW Supervisor Decker** and that's what I talked to the mayor today over the phone, it's just those nonstop requests that we get from the water board and now we've got sidewalk too. There's only so many times, so many hours in a day, so many days in a week. Plus, you got everything else that we want to keep our village looking good. I mean, we don't want brush piles sitting on the sides of the roads for weeks at a time, we don't want the cemetery to be outgrown, we don't want a lot of this stuff to be not taken care of, but we still have to take care of the normal stuff that we do on a daily basis. That is my concern here. I'm not saying we're not going to help tear the sidewalks off of Broad Street, I'm just saying it's time, a lot of time, that you're going to spend up there. Especially with a crew that's never done sidewalks before. And we're going to put him right down the Main Street. I just, if you're going to throw us under the bus, let's start it up on a sidewalk that's walked on three times a day not all day.

**Trustee Baker** Dan, you had asked for my opinion as well. First off, I would, yes, to your steps Dan here let's reach out to the town and County and get more headcount, preferably people who know what they're doing, with experience. I they could lend them to us, that would be step one, in my opinion, to figure that out. If they can't, Step 2 I guess, this is a sub of step one, is reaching out to Carrie's office, does this have to be a one year project or not? So, I think that will sum up a lot of this question. If it's a one year project, Rob clearly doesn't have the manpower to do that, looks like we would end up doing maybe a hybrid, hire out, I don't know. Then, if it is able to be expended in two years, then we'd have to come back to the board, and you know, as a board say OK Rob, can you do this much of it with a team and borrowing from the town or County? Or Rob, can you do at least the demo and we will have somebody come in and pour and finish. I don't know, step one I guess some final number how much we got to spend, and when we got to spend it. That's my opinion. I have more questions than answers, you know?

**Mayor Carpenter** alright, we don't have to decide this right now, this is a good step, because again, we don't have any answers from the state on when we exactly can spend this anyway, so it's good to bring these questions to the state first before we even start coming up against that, which is why we're having this discussion.

**DPW Supervisor Decker** a good place to start Dan, would be those sections of sidewalk on Pearl St we discussed. Those small sections that need a little bit of maintenance and a little bit of tender loving care and see if it is possible, I mean I don't know, I might find out that Aaron's the best Mason I got and this thing will be a piece of cake but

**Mayor Carpenter** you're talking about two wedges right?

**DPW Supervisor Decker** yeah down there on south Pearl, 'cause there's actually two spots down there, one is in front of the one that we discussed, and I think there's one a little bit further South

**Mayor Carpenter** why don't you try it? Because those are village owned sidewalks and they gotta be repaired, we've been put on notice, so why don't you try it with those? So everyone understands what Rob's referring to, there are sidewalks on South Pearl that are in front of victory owned houses, so those sidewalks have already been defined clearly, that those are village owned sidewalks, and they need to be replaced or maintained. So, to Rob's point, it's a very small section of sidewalk that I think would be a great opportunity for Rob to see with his crew if this is something they can do. I mean we've already been put on notice, we gotta fix the sidewalks.

**Trustee Baker** no it sounds good to me, that seems reasonable

**Mayor Carpenter** have at it brother

**DPW Supervisor Decker** Yep, it's already on the list as I said, we're going to squeeze it in

**Trustee Le Baron** are you going to use victory forms or you're going to build your own

**DPW Supervisor Decker** I will talk to Ryan about that see if we can get them

**Mayor Carpenter** I've already talked to Pat, he's open to it

**Trustee Le Baron** cause that will save you a lot of time too instead of you know building them

**Mayor Carpenter** Yep That's a discussion that if Ryan wants go back to Pat about that's not a problem 'cause like I said pat's already offered

**Mayor Carpenter** Charlie's not on, so Rob, let's talk about the vacation rollover, I mean we talked about this already as a board but

**DPW Supervisor Decker** it'll be a week for Pat and I that's it

**Trustee Colvin** Dan I really have no problem with them rolling over a week I know with covid and everything it's kinda tough I know down where I work they gave us the option to do the same thing 'cause they know with covid, how things were, so they let us roll over a week too so, I have no problem with that OK

**DPW Supervisor Decker** only thing that we're really doing that's not by the employee Handbook is we didn't get you a letter in writing by the March meeting, and the employee Handbook says we can all roll a week it's just that it had been approved by you via March meeting

**Mayor Carpenter** Rob, you brought this back up in January to us all so I feel like you verbally had announced this to the village that you were running into a problem way before the March meeting

**Trustee Colvin** and I have no problem with that too, you know, with rolling it over, and I understand too that you know he brought it up before, so I'm in favor of it

**Trustee Baker** I have no issue with that at all Rob

**Trustee Le Baron** I'm good with that Dan, just hopefully we won't have to keep doing this you know rolling it over but

**Mayor Carpenter** hopefully, if we get Rob full staff he can take his vacations

**Trustee Le Baron** I hear alright

**DPW Supervisor Decker** I just want you to know what kind of employees you have working for you right now that will give up vacation time to stay their \*\*\*\*\* at work , that's just showing a very very productive workforce that works for this village

**Trustee Le Baron** yeah I agree

**DPW Supervisor Decker** the only other thing Dan, is next time you get a chance, I'd like to go around the village with you give me an hour hour and a half of your time maybe talk about my surrender, but that's something I want to discuss I want to take a ride around we've got some issues with trees, I just want second opinion, you "de man" so I just want some time if you can free that up it doesn't have to be tomorrow

**Mayor Carpenter** actually, Rob its going to be this week, so if Wednesday at 8 sound good or if you want me earlier I can be there at 6

**DPW Supervisor Decker** 6? You are on crack

**Mayor Carpenter** ok Wednesday at 8. Okay so next on there is a sidewalk request. If you remember, I brought up at our last meeting that Terry Burch had submitted a sidewalk quote that included the front walkway, they have sent in the new quote, removing that part of the quote, didn't lower the price any, removing the work, and it came to \$3,600. So she understands that the most we can pay is \$1,500. She did try for multiple quotes, I did walk her through this whole process, she called me each time, no one called her back. So I know she's not joshing, she's been trying to get three quotes, but the quote has been submitted.

**Trustee Colvin** Dan, can we get who she contacted?

**Mayor Carpenter** Helene, can you do outreach to Terry, or Cory? You two coordinate someone reaching out to Terry. She's already provided us the one quote, but if she could email the other two companies she'd contacted

**Village Clerk Patterson** sure, I can

**Trustee LeBaron** off the top of my head, Dan, one question. I'm familiar where you're talking about, what about coming from the curb to her to the sidewalks? You know?

**Mayor Carpenter** I think it's only one slab, Terry's replacing all of her sidewalk

**Trustee LeBaron** no I'm asking about the little piece

**Mayor Carpenter** she's replacing the sidewalk now, and I would assume it would just look silly if she didn't replace that as well, so I'm assuming that that's included

**Trustee LeBaron** OK, 'cause I know exactly where you're talking, walking to your house, but I was just curious, from the curbing from the state

**Trustee Baker** are you guys gonna be sending out her quote that was submitted?

**Mayor Carpenter** yeah, she sent it to me and I caught the issue about the walkway being on there so, I don't know, I mean do you remember, did we send it out to the board or do we stop it there? (to clerk Patterson)

**Village Clerk Patterson** I think it stopped there, I'm not sure I will follow up though, and get it to you guys before the meeting

**Trustee Colvin** well Dan, and you said the pricing didn't go down not including that the other walk? It didn't go down? I can't believe that!

**Mayor Carpenter** no, I think it was a mistake that it was added in there, because I had walked her through the whole process, and already explained to her that that would not have been covered in the first place

**Trustee Colvin** can we check into that with the company or something? See what they would charge? There is something fishy there, you know, to me. I would rather see what they are getting for you

**Mayor Carpenter** I'll go through it with them and see what they say they're getting for the sidewalks. Alright, so that's the only one official quote that we have and the only one official request that we have in right now. However, I'm going to let everybody know that that posting on Facebook about the article, I think I fielded five or six calls about people who want to redo their sidewalks and want to participate in this program. I have explained to all of them that this is a first come first serve program and there's only X amount of money in it and you know this isn't going to be something where if they want to utilize the DPW they don't call me up the day before and say, oh hey March 6 I've got my guys coming in for sidewalk work, can your guys come tomorrow and rip up my sidewalk. Yeah, but we're going to charge you for that one! Not that I would do that you Rob, so I just pretty much said no we're not going to do that if you want the existing sidewalks ripped up you've got at least give me 2 weeks' notice at a minimum. So everyone knows what our expectations are

**Trustee LeBaron** but now that's actually a good point, what you just said. we haven't submitted the new proposal, correct?

**Mayor Carpenter** correct

**Trustee LeBaron** alright, can we put that two weeks?

**Mayor Carpenter** OK, so everybody knows that that next week, and put a pin in that somewhere, Tim, because next week at the public hearing, we want to we're going to be trying to talk about ways to revise the sidewalk law to address some of the issues that we've seen come up, OK? And that should be one of them, OK?

**Trustee LeBaron** Yep, beautiful!

**Mayor Carpenter** we all know that we're not passing the sidewalk law next week, we're going to discuss some things, I already went back to Dave on some other issues, so we got some work to do, but I'm glad that the article went out because it forced a needed conversation. Alright, next on the agenda; reserves. Cory want to go to town here?

**Treasurer Heyman** So that is just that sidewalk beautification reserve, I just want to make sure everybody remembers that we talked about it. It's that 10,000 that we're going to earmark to keep in reserve in case we go over the amount that we budgeted for assistance with sidewalks and trees. We reduced that, remember, and decided we would put a reserve in because this year we didn't use anything. So we'll take that money and roll it back into the reserves for beautification and that's all, I wanted to touch base make sure everybody understood. I'm going to send out that resolution for everybody to look at, make sure I didn't screw up and put the wrong people in there, you know I copy and paste and I forget sometimes, but that's all. I wanted to just make sure we were all on the same page, and also the fire reserve, the best policy for that would be to wait until mid-July when all of the Firehouse expenses have come through, they'll be some trailing bills from June, and then whatever is leftover, then we can make the reserve for that. That does not need a public hearing to form because it's going to be more generalized, but it will need one to spend.

**Mayor Carpenter** alright, review of proposed change to sidewalk law. So we just kind of discussed a little bit about the idea that we're not going to be passing anything next week you know there's the issue that Wendy correctly rose about, you know, sidewalks on both sides of street where there's no existing sidewalk, for example in front of her house, so language needs to be amended to say that sidewalks will be required where existing on both sides of streets, or something that effect. Dave knows that, you know I think there's something that we should really consider about Morgan's Run, which is you know their sidewalks now are currently 4 feet, just under 4 feet, so asking them to go to 5 feet might be unreasonable just in the area and space that they have. So in speaking with Dave, language can be amended to make an exception for Morgan's Run. The other problem that we have in Morgan's Run is that if we stayed with the five feet, and let's say one homeowner decides to go 5 feet and their neighbors decide that they don't want their sidewalks replaced, well then you're talking about a tapered edge and then who's responsible for fixing the tapered edge when their neighbor does go to five feet or if they don't do a tapered edge it's going to look pretty weird having a 5 foot section butting up against the four foot section, so Dave was pretty clear that we should consider doing a carve out from Morgan's Run where it's four feet existing already while acknowledging the fact that this that has nothing to do with this current board and that's just a situation that we have been handed. And then there's some digging in that he's going to do regarding stuff like we talked about with South Pearl, where Victory residents don't own the sidewalk, that kind of stuff. So he's looking into that as well. So if you guys have any other questions, please look at the sidewalk law with a fine tooth comb, if you have any other issues that you want to bring up let's try and bring it up at that public hearing so that people who join know that we are seriously considering and discussing this project and it isn't something that is coming up last minute, because we've all been working on this for like 2 years and we're still finding some issues with it as we move forward. So, let's just make sure that it's going to be the best law that we put forward. Update on insurance and building renovations. Yeah, so I wish I really had some good news for folks. So, I guess we do have good news, right? The flooring is going to start tomorrow. Cory, Helene and the fire department realize that they're not allowed to touch the floor until Friday. So, no one will be in the



office. The only accessible area that will be able to be utilized is that small foyer walkway when you first come in the village office, right there in that you know, 6 foot by 6 foot by 6 foot section right there, that's it. None of the other floors can be touched because of the curing process and everything else. So everybody is out of the office until Monday so Monday morning, Cory and Helene, my understanding is, have worked out a schedule that they're going to be checking the inbox for any payments dropped off, any letters, that kind of stuff. And, Helene, correct me if I am wrong, but you guys are still going to be in coordination with Byron's as far as stickers goes so that we will make sure that we're still having accessible stickers to the village residents for garbage

**Village Clerk Patterson** yes, I check in with them every week and then I've also taken care of the people by mail or drop box for the pink stickers as well, and I just moved all that this afternoon to all downstairs, I'm going to have a couple hours tomorrow morning, but I will make sure that's all accessible to us, I talked to Cory about it and yeah we should be fine, the basics we need will be will be up front in the foyer, secured.

**Mayor Carpenter** so, painting has been done so that's all settled, the floor is really, I think, the last hurdle and then we get the furniture we get things kind of moving back to somewhat normal.

**Village Clerk Patterson** the biggest thing will be the computer tech hookup. That kind of turned into a hot mess and it's not getting any better now, it's just in everybody's way so we don't know what happened we don't understand I had several issues today and well just do the best we can and get that scheduled as soon as I get the final floor completion date, then I can certainly schedule immediately to have Stored Tech right on the heels

**Mayor Carpenter** OK, alright next is the quotes for the LED update in the Firehouse and offices. Cory, I know you did some more extensive outreach, can you talk about why we're still finding Hill to be the most appealing?

**Treasurer Heyman** OK, So, what happened with the LED quotes, is I actually had, I thought, three vendors a contractor from Hill came in, another one was Brownell and one was Gary. Then, what ended up happening was, Gary actually works with Hill, he's the one who kind of looped me in with them, so two vendors became one, basically is what happened. So, we have the two quotes, the guy from Brownell seems very reluctant to commit to any sort of assistance, with you know, incentives or any kind of help on this

**Trustee Baker** Cory, did he send back a quote showing the incentives like the other company did?

**Treasurer Heyman** he said, I thought I sent you the email that he sent to me

**Trustee Baker** yes, but I don't know if everybody else saw it

**Treasurer Heyman** so, he said Wednesday, he can send me something, he can't guarantee it he can only send me an estimate of what he thinks it would be. So, you know, Hill Electric is actually saying that they're going to hold the money, they're going to be the ones who are waiting for the money from the incentives. They're only going to charge us back what is it, \$2400? And they're the ones who are going to be holding the bag. So it's going to be impossible to compare the two because the other guy is not committing, he is just saying, I can tell you what I think it might be, but I don't know, I can't guarantee it, you know what I mean? So, even if he comes up with a similar price, his isn't guaranteed, whereas Hill is like, yeah, we're gonna wait for the incentive, the National Grid, the \$3500 incentive, we are gonna wait for the COVID incentive, you know we're going to do all that and you know you're just going to pay 2,423.46, which sounds outrageously cheap to me. I'm happy, I think it's great but it is a little bit difficult to get a comparable bid, we'll see what happens on Wednesday but if he doesn't have a guarantee of what he thinks we're gonna be getting back, then you know, I don't know if it's worth even going with them, you know?

**Trustee Baker** let's at least make sure we see what he sends back. I was disappointed at the first quote where it's like, OK, this isn't comparable, you know exactly to your point, so thank you

**Mayor Carpenter** I mean the work was comparable that's the thing, the work was comparable and one was \$26,000 and one was \$2400 for the same amount of work.

**Treasurer Heyman** you know the whole time that he was looking at the job he kept saying things like well other people are going to the cheap way but I'm gonna do the really good products and the really good work, and so, you know I kind of was getting a feeling right away that he was going to be, you know a higher quote. We will see what happens on Wednesday, if he send something and he wants to back up what he saying will be our incentives and our cash backs, but you know, Hill Electric has some, it's like a fireman's incentive, then there's also a COVID incentive, I mean they really have done a lot of work here, and I just feel like I doubt if Brownell, he doesn't seem that committed to trying to help us. But anyway, we will definitely look into that just to make sure that we have a comparable quote, but that's all I have for now on that.

**Trustee LeBaron** the only question I have on that, Cory, was if something breaks or anything

**Treasurer Heyman** Oh, warranties?

**Trustee LeBaron** yes

**Treasurer Heyman** I think that they are the same products, they are all, you know, quality products. I'm guessing each individual product has its own warranty. LED bulbs go 30 years but that's definitely a good thing to ask about, what is the workmanship warranty

**Trustee LeBaron** and that's the only other reason why I'm asking is, the company that did ours, we had a couple of issues with the brand new lights. They had to go back through the program to get the new lights. As far as the warranty work that is where all of the aggravation came from.

**Treasurer Heyman** ok so I will ask them about that.

**Mayor Carpenter** SO Cory has reached out to Saratoga County for advice on how to handle the erosion that is happening on the building due to the water runoff, at least cosmetically at the firehouse, So Cory, if you want to talk to a little bit about what Blue had Suggested.

**Treasurer Heyman** OK, so he did do a drive by, he didn't have a lot of time he's got kids at home and his wife is out of town, so he's having a little bit of trouble getting a lot of time to come and take a look at it. He did ask if we have reached out to the state DOT, Saratoga regional engineers office in Saratoga Springs, since 29 is a state highway they might be able to provide some options. So, he may he may be able to help us, but he also give us another idea for a resource, I just got that email today at 12:50 so I'll reach out to that Paul Karajic, I think his name is, and see what he has to say. Basically, to me, it just seems like common sense; the water comes down the hill, there's no curb, it washes in and you know, just hits that building full force. Maybe curbing, or you know, there are storm drains; there's one right in front of our building and I think there's one further down Spring, but if there's another way to access part of that, it would be interesting to know. I don't know maybe you have to look at a map of that which could be buried right now and hard to find, but you know it's pretty cut and dry the reason why, it's just how to fix it that you know, we probably still help on.

**Mayor Carpenter** Soffit, geez Cory, you just knockin them down

**Treasurer Heyman** well, I'm not having any luck with the soffit quotes, because nobody wants to do it. I contacted East Coast construction, they came up, he took a look at it, they didn't think it was a big enough job for them. Bartlett Enterprise, same thing, not interested in it, too small a job. Rich Aluminum is going to come out May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10. It may be something that we don't have enough to do a siding company, we may just have to try to find a contractor who knows how to do siding. I'm just going to have to keep trying, I just I haven't had any luck. I had people come out and look and then just like no this is to this is not a big enough job, we don't want to do it. If anybody knows any contractors, it's just a matter of taking down that stuff that's there, that big panel stuff, and then, the one guy from East Coast had talked about you know, smaller like you see on the soffits on buildings where the boards go in this way instead of big panels, and changing it out to that. I don't know if I'm describing it properly

**Mayor Carpenter** we know what you are talking about, vinyl siding

**Treasurer Heyman** it's a deep soffit, and those big panels, they're always going to be a problem eventually and plus the wind, as we were standing there, the wind is coming down and catches those big panels and gets under them, so you're going to need something that's better and then maybe an edging on it to keep that from happening. But you could see what he was talking about and why it happened. It's just right there in the wind.

**Village Clerk Patterson** has anybody thought of my Mike Hayes, reaching out maybe Mark Wells? I don't know if he do it but he's local, maybe he knows someone

**Trustee Colvin** I can check with mark Wells and maybe they can do it.

**Trustee LeBaron** so, are we looking to change the whole thing out or do we wanna go smaller would be my first question

**Treasurer Heyman** so the panels that are there, they're like I think 4x4. It looks like an they're just an old material that I think we probably don't even use anymore, and now, for most soffits, they have stuff that looks almost like boards you know what I mean? It would be probably maybe 4 inches wide by a long board, that's part of what the issue is, is we need a material that's going to be a little bit more resistant to that wind that comes up

**Trustee LeBaron** so, that's what I'm saying, are we looking to go to a smaller soffit then what's there?

**Treasurer Heyman** a smaller material, yeah.

**Mayor Carpenter** does that answer your question, Tim, are you looking for a smaller footprint?

**Trustee LeBaron** that's what I'm saying, if we're gonna do away with the 4 by 4, if we're gonna go to a smaller one, maybe Rich can give us an idea what we could go with product wise

**Treasurer Heyman** yeah, maybe the other guy too, he was nice enough you know, he just has a lot of big jobs going on right now and it wouldn't be worth it for him to mobilize to get that little job done. Maybe he can tell us what would be the right product

**Trustee Colvin** right, too Mark and Hayes will give us an idea of what they would do too, right? They do this kind of thing.

**Mayor Carpenter** OK, alright and then lastly, I think it's just kind of on there, Whit, does Leona have any kind of update for us with where we are with the progress on the zoning?

**Trustee Colvin** no, she doesn't. She's waiting for the guy to contact her back. She's gonna call him this week and see what's going on

**Trustee LeBaron** I was just wondering what everybody's input is with the new trailers that are on the sonotubes at the basin

**Mayor Carpenter** they still have to go in front of the planning board

**Trustee LeBaron** OK, cause that's originally when were they were talking about this, they were going to put them on a trailer

**Mayor Carpenter** so that was just the original presentation, and Leona, if she's in there can correct me if I'm wrong, the unofficial original presentation that he did he did bring up to Bob was that if they don't put them on permanent structures, if they leave them on the trailers, and technically they're no different than the RV's, then we don't need to come in front of the planning board. And Bob hemmed and hawed, but sort of said yes, and then after further review with Dave Klingebiel, it didn't matter what he does it's in a 100 year floodplain, so whatever he does, regardless of sono tubes or leaving them on trailers, all of this project has to come in front of the planning board.

**Trustee LeBaron** OK thanks

**Mayor Carpenter** and I think I captured some of that right, right Leona?

**Trustee Colvin** yeah, she's not home right now so

**Mayor Carpenter** OK, well trust me, I think that's about 95% accurate

**Trustee LeBaron** I was just bringing it up 'cause I remember the whole discussion, what they were talking about, and I see they're on the sonotubes now, that's all.

**Mayor Carpenter** Cory, did they get back to us, the planning board on a solid date yet?

**Treasurer Heyman** no, I haven't heard anything

**Mayor Carpenter** so, the other problem is, that they didn't get the plans to the full planning board prior to what would have been the public hearing two Mondays ago, I think it was now, two or three Mondays ago. So there was as an issue and then there was something else so that public hearing for that work got postponed and we're waiting on both Bob and the owners to get together to set up a public hearing to discuss moving forward but it sounds like, to you Tim, they're moving forward. I don't really understand how they're doing it.

**Trustee LeBaron** you know, I'm all for growth in the village, but I just wanna make sure that everybody is paying their fair share for what they wanna do, believe me I'm all for growth, I just wanna make sure that everything is being done properly

**Trustee Colvin** yeah Dan there supposed to have the plans to him by the 4th and then they're going to meet on the tenth I believe

**Mayor Carpenter** OK, well today's the third, so we'll see how far that goes. I'll check in with the owner and see where he's at with that 'cause you gotta get t COB tomorrow, right, if I'm not mistaken in order to meet the deadline?

**Trustee Colvin** Yep

**Mayor Carpenter** alright, well, that's where the zoning is. Tim that's the best answer I can give you right now about that

**Trustee LeBaron** no, that's fine Dan I like I said I'm all for growth believe me it's not that I'm nitpicking \*\*\*\* I'm just I wanna make sure everybody is paying their fair share of what they're supposed to be doing

**Mayor Carpenter** and protecting their neighbors and doing things the right way, I totally agree with you

**Trustee LeBaron** Yep, that's all I'm asking. That's why I was elected to be on the board here, I love the growth, believe me, I really do

**Trustee Baker** but, to your point, they still have to go to the planning board, and Tim is saying they're still moving forward, is that something we should be asking Gil to go down and say..

**Mayor Carpenter** I am going to have that discussion, 'cause I didn't realize it was put on sonotubes

**Trustee Baker** right like you shouldn't be doing this until you get approval from the planning board

**Mayor Carpenter** yeah, I didn't realize they were on sonotubes

**Trustee Baker** so the next step, right?

**Mayor Carpenter** Oh yeah, if they are on sonotubes then there needs to be a discussion with Gil, I haven't been down there yet

**Trustee LeBaron** well, the only reason I know is I was out there for dinner and I happened to walk over there, and there they are on the sonotubes. I would have never known either

**Mayor Carpenter** so, alright well that's a discussion that I'm going to have to have so I'll have it alright anybody else have any other issues that they want to bring up or discuss

**Trustee LeBaron** I got one more question, and I know Charlie's not here. Did he touch base with you about the photos that were sent to us about the grease?

**Mayor Carpenter** I'll check in with him tomorrow, I'm writing it down right now.

**Trustee Colvin** what photos are you talking about?

**Mayor Carpenter** so he took photos of grease coming into the plant, not at a pump station, at the plant. Now, had it been in a pump station it would have made it a little bit easier for us to narrow down where that grease had been coming in, but it was a picture from the plant. So, now there's some questions that I need to follow up with Charlie about, I would say, a more frequent monitoring of at least one pump station and I would say two manholes.

**Trustee Colvin** OK, I didn't see the photos, that's why I was asking

**Mayor Carpenter** yeah he only sent him to me and to Tim, because we've definitely been discussing with Charlie about monitoring the amount of grease level coming in and he just sent us a picture about

two weeks ago. I wrote it down, Tim, I'll talk to him tomorrow and again, the pump station that we need to start looking at is the one that's right by Fort Hardy, and then there's two manholes on the back of the alley that we want to kind of look at to help narrow down where this may be coming from. Did that capture our conversation with the DPW, Tim?

**Trustee LeBaron** no you're absolutely right, I guess I was curious if Charlie had followed up

**Mayor Carpenter** no, it's my fault, 'cause I forgot to text him when we left, so I have a note to do it, Alright, any questions? Anything you wanna bring up?

**Trustee Baker** so we still have the public hearing next Wednesday?

**Mayor Carpenter** we still having the public hearing to do the repair beautification reserves, but then also for the sidewalk law, which we know we're not passing anything, but we're listening to the public while they raise more concerns

**Trustee Baker** just throwing the reminder out guys

**Mayor Carpenter** 6:45

**Trustee LeBaron** Dan, for the circus and stuff, are we gonna go by the state guidelines now and give him the OK?

**Mayor Carpenter** he wants to do a presentation to the board, and Helene talked to him and said you know look, 'cause remember we talked about this, this is a wait and see kind of thing, 'cause if we were to go by the guidance that was issued last month it was for 25% or 50% at 250 outside gathering, but Cuomo's talking about May 19th certain new regulations are going to be lifted, so I know Helene was going to reach back out to him today and say, hey maybe you want to wait till the June meeting to put in your request because May 19th is going to be that day where somethings change. It may be in your best interest to do that. Helene have I captured anything wrong there?

**Village Clerk Patterson** I'm sorry could you repeat the question again?

**Mayor Carpenter** we are back at the circus conversations. You related to him to wait and see. He reached back out to you wants to have a meeting in front of the board for a presentation to the board but today you were going to contact him regarding the change in the governeors regulations that will take place on May 19.

**Village Clerk Patterson** I already did call him about that, I did, I called him back, but then after the conversation we had, I told him to be prepared for June, but his only concern is the tickets you know and getting their prep work done ahead of time. Do I even give him a grain of hope that it's probably going to happen or just, Barry, it is what it is and we can't do anything until we know

**Mayor Carpenter** I would just say look, if we were to do it today you're stuck at these kind of regulations, so he's got hope, I'm trying to give him, and I hear what he's saying with his concerns about the tickets, but this is gonna be one of the first events that people can go to. I don't think he has to worry about selling tickets

**Village Clerk Patterson** no, I'm sorry, let me clarify. That's as far as getting them printed, all the prep work that goes into it, and that's why I said do I even give a glimmer of hope or just like no I'm sorry

**Mayor Carpenter** you know, I can't guarantee anything until after the 19<sup>th</sup>, well let me just put this here, right now we could approve this. The problem is, that it's at the regulations that are currently in place, so we could say go ahead have a Shriners, but you're going to have to have a bean counter sitting at the door clicking how many people come in, and then when you get to capacity nobody else comes in

**Village Clerk Patterson** Barry and I did discuss that they do have certain guidelines if you will, and regulations or policies in place just addressing that and many other issues, so I did suggest him to send it along to me as soon as he could, so the board could at least review that.

**Mayor Carpenter** and that would be helpful

Village of Schuylerville yeah, and then you could make a better decision

**Trustee LeBaron** and from there I may as well bring up the last one too, the coin drops, what are we gonna do with them?

**Mayor Carpenter** I thought we were revisit that after the construction was complete

**Trustee Baker** yeah, I thought we weren't allowing till done with construction?

**Trustee LeBaron** that's that's that's what I'm saying are we staying with this plan?

**Village Clerk Patterson** that doesn't really have anything to do with COVID,

**Trustee Baker** right COVID or not, we would not be doing it even if there was no COVID

**Village Clerk Patterson** right that's what I've been telling people

**Trustee Colvin** I have to follow the COVID guidelines whatever happens after May 19<sup>th</sup>

**Mayor Carpenter** yeah and whatever happens after the construction is done

**Trustee Baker** what Helene was saying Whit, was that she's been explaining to people even if COVID wasn't around you still couldn't have a coin drop right now right you know

**Trustee LeBaron** that was good answer, you did good!

**Village Clerk Patterson** Always said politely of course!

**Mayor Carpenter** alright, anybody else got any other items, hearing none..

**Trustee Colvin** Dan, we have to say where we're at!

**Mayor Carpenter** 104 Green Street, Schuylerville New York

**Trustee Colvin** 64 Pearl St schuylerville NY

**Trustee LeBaron** Brant Lake New York

**Trustee Baker** 50 green schuylerville NY

**Mayor Carpenter** absent, Bryan Drew, Alright, now I'll take a motion to adjourn

**Trustee Colvin** I'll make a motion to adjourn

**Trustee Baker** second

**Mayor Carpenter** all in favor?

(All ayes)

Adjourned