

Village of Schuylerville
Workshop minutes
June 2, 2021

Present;

Mayor Carpenter 105 Green Street
Trustee Baker 50 Green Street
Trustee LeBaron 6 Liberty Street
Supervisor Decker
Waste water treatment plant operator Sherman

Absent;

Trustee Colvin
Trustee Drew

Mayor Carpenter opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance

DPW report Supervisor Decker stated that the bids for the paving of the alleyways, which had been approved at the last meeting, had gone up. He stated that this was due to a dramatic increase in asphalt prices. He stated that Kubricky (the approved bid) was at \$46,703.05, and is now at \$50,528.80. Everything is the same except for the asphalt, type 3 binder went up. Trustee Baker asked if Kubricky came back to him with a price increase after we had accepted their bid. Supervisor Decker stated that no one had told him that the bid was accepted. Mayor Carpenter stated that he felt that it was Supervisor Decker's responsibility to inquire as to the status of the board's decision on the proposed bids. Supervisor Decker stated that the asphalt price was a fluctuating bid. The increase in price would be approximately \$3,8025.75. Trustee Baker stated that he did not see anywhere in the quote that the quote was a floating price. He also stated that he did not see a timeline on the quote. It was Mayor Carpenter's opinion that this was not an unreasonable amount of money for the amount of paving that would be done. He recommended that the board approve the additional amount so that the paving could be completed. Mayor Carpenter expressed concern that the cost of asphalt could increase again, and that he felt that the board should secure the bid immediately. After much discussion, it was decided to move forward with the bid from Kubricky. Supervisor Decker stated that he would call to schedule the paving tomorrow.

The garbage truck should be delivered on Friday, or the following week.

Supervisor Decker stated that the DPW is still on a four-man crew, or three and a half. He stated that he did not believe that an ad had been posted for help wanted. The only person who called has stated that he will not be on call, which makes him an unattractive prospect. Mayor Carpenter thought that maybe this person could be seasonal.

Waste water treatment plant report

Waste water treatment plant operator Sherman was present via Zoom. He spoke briefly regarding the visit from Hill electric to prepare a quote to replace the lighting at the plant with new LED fixtures. Other than that, Sherman stated, the plant was running well and there were no issues.

Canal and Saratoga Street intersection complaint

A complaint was lodged by Darcy Filipovich. She feels that the opening of the trail has caused there to be a lot more foot traffic and that she felt that there were an inordinate amount of drivers that were not stopping at the stop sign. Trustee Baker asked Supervisor Decker if the sign was obstructed from view at that location. Supervisor Decker stated that that was a, "big negative." Trustee LeBaron stated that he felt that if there was anything that the village could do to influence the state DOT to change the timing of the signal light at that corner, that he feels that could relieve the situation. He felt that numerous drivers were cutting through that area to avoid the wait at the light. Supervisor Decker stated that he feels that the issue is a people problem, not a signage issue. Mayor Carpenter asked Trustee LeBaron if he felt that DOT would be receptive to a request for a study on the timing of that signal. Trustee LeBaron felt that it would be a good idea to ask. Mayor Carpenter asked Supervisor Decker if we can install a pedestrian crossing sign at this location. Supervisor Decker did not have an issue with this idea, but he did state that he felt that the village then might need to paint the road. There was a discussion as to the fact that the crossing would be from a trail to a road, and what was the legality was of such a crossing. Supervisor Decker stated that he could research the Cornell book of road signage laws to find out. Trustee Baker asked if the sheriff's department could do some traffic enforcement at that intersection. Mayor Carpenter stated that he had already reached out to the sheriff's, but that they only came down a few times and not for long. Mayor Carpenter asked Treasurer Heyman if she could look into the legality of what kind of signage they could use

Sewer plant LED update

Treasurer Heyman gave a review of the meeting at the sewer plant between Waste water treatment plant operator Sherman, Jessica Murphy, the representative from Hill electric and Gary Wilder, the contractor who would be installing the fixtures. The product cost came in at \$6,242, the labor quote was at \$3,500 to a final project cost of \$9,742. The National Grid incentive is for \$5,220.03, additional incentive was \$2,030, leaving a final cost of \$2,491.97. The estimated annual savings was for \$2,610.12. Mayor Carpenter stated that to his knowledge, this was something that fell below the bid threshold. Treasurer Heyman agreed. Mayor Carpenter stated that he would like to move forward, particularly as there was a strict timeline on this offer. Treasurer Heyman confirmed that she had sent out this information to the board members that were not present at this meeting.

Runoff issue at the firehouse

Treasurer Heyman stated that she did not have an update on the runoff situation, and that she expected that she would get more input from Mr. Neils within the next week. Mayor Carpenter stated that the village was happy for any free advice that we might get from Mr. Neils. Trustee LeBaron stated that he had spoken to the engineer that was recommended by Mr. Neils. The engineer told Trustee LeBaron that if we go onto any property owned by DOT, that we will need

to, “jump through a lot of hoops.” If we can find a way to tie into our storm system on our own property, it would be much less expensive and would not require any permitting or studies. The engineer felt that if we can wrap the current storm drain that we have in front of the office, to the side on the radio room, that this would alleviate much of the problem.

Discussion of water plant operator contract

Mayor Carpenter stated that Trustee Drew had reached out to him regarding the renewal of the contract with the water plant operator. The current water operator bid at the same price for the first year but a \$5,000 increase for the second year. Mayor Carpenter stated that there have been numerous concerns raised regarding the current operator with a lack of communication between the water operator as well as a lack of preventative maintenance being performed at the plant. They had also received bids from Jake Fort. The bid from Fort was for \$10,000 more than DCK’s bid for the first year and \$5,000 more than the bid from DCK for the second. At first the increase seemed to be too much, but after a couple of rounds of communication with Mayor Dewey, it was determined that the problems with the current operator regarding communication and preventative maintenance would be unlikely to be improved with stronger communication from the water board, and that if the water board continues with DCK, there are just going to be more problems at the plant. Originally, Mr. Fort was only offering a one-year contract, but Trustee Drew was able to negotiate a commitment to a second year. Mr. Fort was previously an employee at the plant and was the person who trained the current operator. Mr. Fort operates two other plants at this time, one with 1,100 homes on it, so if selected, he would bring considerable experience to the job. Mayor Carpenter asked Trustee Drew to keep the board updated on the situation.

Sidewalk law discussion re 4’ cutout and public hearing

Mayor Carpenter stated that the law that was presented by the sidewalk committee needed to be vetted by the village attorney. Mayor Carpenter wants to be sure that the residents of the village have ample time to review the proposed law before the next public hearing, therefore he asked that the public hearing be postponed until the board had a solid draft to post on the website.

Discussion re audit

Treasurer Heyman stated that as per the conversation that the board had regarding the audit that they would like to see performed this year, she had reached out to Marvin and Company (the firm contracted last year to audit and assist with the AUD) The representative from the company stated that the board should select which services they would like to have included for the \$3,500 that was budgeted. Trustee Baker asked what the timeline was for the audit. Treasurer Heyman stated that the only restriction was the deadline of July 31st for the completion of the audit for OSC. Trustee Baker suggested that he could work with Treasurer Heyman, when he came in to do the bank account reconciliations, to determine which in scope items the company performed the previous year, and then produce a new scope item list for the upcoming year. Treasurer Heyman stated that her only concern was that the board get a contract in place by the July

meeting so that she would be able to get any assistance she might need on the AUD. The board agreed that this would be a good idea.

Schuyler hose coin drop Friday before labor-day

The board determined that providing the construction at the intersection is completed at that time, there should be no issues. Schuyler Hose will need to follow all COVID protocols in effect during that time period.

Shriner's Circus

There was a brief discussion regarding the Shriner's Circus. The administrator of the Circus had provided an e-mail with a detailed description of their COVID protocols. The members of the board were all satisfied with the policies that Shriner's Circus had agreed to have in place.

Peddlers

The board agreed that as long as all peddlers who applied to be licensed in the village demonstrated proper COVID protocol and named the village additionally insured, that they did not have any issues with peddlers working within the village limits.

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