

Village of Schuylerville
Workshop Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2021

Present;

Mayor Carpenter

Trustee Colvin (arrived at 7:15)

Trustee Drew

Trustee LeBaron

Trustee Baker

Waste water treatment plant operator Sherman gave his report. The board discussed at length the issues with the I and I at the location that was discussed at the last meeting bottom of Burgoyne, south end of Broad.) Sherman stated that he would be working with Rural Water for \$300 per day, to get video of the lines to try to find out where the I and I was coming from that was bubbling up out of the manhole by the Erie Power Plant next to Byron's Grocery store. Sherman asked if he could get the most updated maps of the sewer and storm drain systems. He said that he thinks that they are currently being stored in the archives closet at the municipal building. Trustee Baker suggested that Sherman should narrow the suspected pipes down as much as possible using dye testing so that the village could get the maximum benefit from the cameras. Sherman stated that he had observed the flow coming down Burgoyne, expecting that he would see the water coming down those storm drains to the manhole directly below, but there was very little water coming down these lines. However, further north on Green street there was a lot of water in the storm drains. Sherman thought that the water in the storm drains to the north could be infiltrating the sewer lines and heading south to the manhole in question.

Mayor Carpenter stated that it was his understanding that during the rebuilding of the storm drain system, AECOM funneled everything toward the canals, so that instead of coming down towards Byron's, those lines should be funneling storm water north towards the canal system. Mayor Carpenter stated that if you look down towards the DPW building, there is a large pipe coming in that points northeast and a pipe coming in that faces southeast. Technically, to his understanding, half of the village should be coming towards one of those pipes and the other half should be funneling towards the other one by Curtis. In theory, those corners by Burgoyne Street should be somewhat dry, because the rest of the water coming down the hill should have been diverted north and then east. The only portions not diverted to these culverts would be Pearl Street and Burgoyne. Church has its own drain. Any water not caught there would go to Burgoyne. Sherman stated that the source of the I and I was somewhere between Burgoyne and Ferry.

Earlier this week, Sherman received a call from Chet from Action Septic. Yhe contractor was working with the owners of the candle store on Broad to determine what was causing their line to back up. The problem with the line at the candle store is a recurring issue from tree roots coming into the lines. While he was investigating the issues that the candle store was having, Chet

informed Sherman that he had discovered a crushed sewer line located in the alley behind the candle store. It was determined that the heavy truck traffic delivering to the stores back entrances could be the cause of the crushed pipe.

Sherman stated that there is a new unloading dock in that area that was just built within the last 6 months. There was heavy equipment there at the site. Sherman feels that this could also have caused the pipe to be crushed. The pipe is not that far under the ground in the alley. Trustee LeBaron stated that he felt that these culverts were all newly installed when AECOM rebuilt those parts of the storm drain system that had failed. After much discussion, the board determined that Sherman would ask Rural Water to see if they could estimate how many feet of pipe would need to be replaced. The board felt that replacing this section of pipe could be tabled until the spring.

Sherman stated that he had experienced some serious influx of solids at the plant comparable to when he used to get septage receiving. Normally there is good consistency in the flows that he sees at the plant on a day to day basis. Trustee Baker asked if Sherman tracks these flows. Sherman confirmed. Sherman stated that he had also witnessed a large amount of unidentified black liquid coming into the plant on Halloween. Sherman stated that he went around the village to see if he could find out where this was coming from. He has never seen anything like this. He also asked if he could be notified when the brewery dumps their waste so that he can monitor the changes in the waste water.

Mayor Carpenter noted to the board that Mr. Johanson of Chestnut Street had made a connection to the sewer line. As a potential outside user, he had approached the board last year and it had been decided that he could connect, but that there would have to be a signed agreement that he understood that failure to pay his sewer bill would result in termination of his sewer service. Mayor Carpenter stated that he would ask Attorney Klingebiel to draw up the agreement and that Mr. Johanson would need to sign this in order to continue to receive sewer service.

The need to repair the foundation on the municipal building was discussed. Treasurer Heyman has called numerous contractors (she sent out a list to the board) resulting in four contractors coming on site to look at the job and only two contractors who agreed to bid on the job. Heyman has not received any bids yet but will forward these on to the board when she receives them. Mayor Carpenter stated that he would look into getting some contractors out to look at the job. Trustee Baker said that he would try some of the contractors that the company he works for uses.

The board also briefly discussed the project that had been suggested by Blue Neils from Saratoga County, to install terracing to help to mitigate some of the stormwater runoff that caused the damage to the building. Trustee LeBaron stated that when he spoke with the representative from DOT, that he had been cautioned that it would be best if the village stayed within their property and did not build or change anything on DOT owned land. Mayor Carpenter asked Heyman to call DOT to get specifics on where the right of way was for this portion of Route 29.

The proposed changes to the alternate street parking laws were discussed. Mayor Carpenter informed the board that he had received some less than positive feedback from the business owners on Broad Street concerning the hours that would be allowed for parking. Mayor Carpenter stated that he felt that 8pm to 8am would give the patrons of the businesses adequate time to park in the street. A suggestion was made that the hours could be 9 to 8, which led to

extensive discussion regarding the difficulty in enforcing the alternate parking if the time limit was later. Trustee LeBaron cautioned that the village needed a solution, as the state plow trucks, if the streets were not clear of vehicles when they plow, will not come back for a second sweep. This means snow buildup and difficulties for everyone. The issue of handicap spot exemptions from the alternate street parking was brought up. There are at least two handicap spots on Broad, and these would be exempt. Trustee Colvin felt that the board would need to listen to the public that would attend the public hearing at the November regular meeting to make a decision. Mayor Carpenter asked that the board be prepared to compromise.

The proposed fund balance policy had been presented to the board at a previous meeting. Trustee Baker asked the board to do some research on their own to determine what they would like to see as a lower control limit and an upper control limit on the amount of unreserved fund balance that the village should hold.

Trustee Colvin asked that the residents be informed in the future when the water will be shut off. Treasurer Heyman stated that she had forgotten to let the water clerk know to put the insert in the March billing to let people know when the hydrant flushing would be occurring. Trustee Baker suggested that if the dates were not confirmed at the time of the March water billing that there could be a flyer letting people know to look out for the signs that would be put out to inform people of the hydrant flushing.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he had attended the last water board meeting and that the reduction to the number of units for the flower shop had been reversed, and that the bill was back up to 2 units. Trustee Le Baron asked Treasurer Heyman if she had increased the number of units for the Basin, she stated that she had. Mayor Carpenter informed the board that the water commissioners were going to be reviewing the number of units that were assigned to all properties in the village. He also noted that he felt that the level of communication between the water operator and the water board was tremendously improved with the new water operator, Jake Fort.

Trustee Baker made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Drew seconded the motion, meeting adjourned