

**Village of Schuylerville
Public Hearing on Amendments to
Alternate Street Parking Law and
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday November 10, 2021**

Present:

Deputy Mayor Baker
Trustee Drew
Trustee Colvin
Trustee LeBaron
Attorney Klingebiel

Absent:

Mayor Carpenter

PUBLIC HEARING ON ALTERNATE STREET PARKING

Deputy Mayor Baker opened the public hearing with the pledge of allegiance. He gave a brief description of the amendments that were proposed. He stated that the alternate parking law amendment would address the current law as it pertains to Broad Street. Over the years there have been numerous complaints regarding the struggles encountered by both the state and local DPW in keeping Broad Street clear due to the current situation where cars are not being moved after or during snow events. The board had proposed an 8pm to 8am alternate street parking restriction. Pat Smola of 5 Schuyler Island Drive presented a petition that was signed by over 150 signatures of local business owners and residents. The people who signed this were against the 8am to 8pm alternate parking that was originally proposed as they felt that there was already a problem with parking on Broad Street and that if it was restricted to one side of the street, people would not be able to find parking. Trustee Colvin pointed out that the diners that open at 6am might also find this to be a hardship. He also pointed out that there are businesses that are open after 9pm.

Wendy Lukas 77 Green Street. Lukas thought that the time frame would create challenges, as it would be difficult to enforce. Deputy Mayor Baker stated that he felt that once the parking law started to be enforced, people will get on board and follow the law. Baker stated that this could be a trial and that if it doesn't work out we can always try something different. After some discussion, the board agreed on a time frame of 10pm to 6am. Baker felt that the 10 to 6 should allow time for the streets to be cleaned.

Leona Colvin 64 Pearl Street. She asked if this would mean that the DPW would be working overtime. Baker stated that Broad Street is a state road. Ms. Colvin asked if the state was going to be willing to come out and plow in the middle of the night. Baker stated that he would

communicate with DOT to apprise them of the situation. She stated that, for example, if the state were to come through at 2pm, she did not feel that they would be willing to come back out in the middle of the night to clean Schuylerville's streets. She stated that if the DPW were cleaning sidewalks in the middle of the night that people would be disturbed.

Deputy Mayor Baker asked if anyone else had any questions. There were no further questions at this point. Baker confirmed with the board that the current consensus was that the board would like to try 10 pm to 6 am alternate parking. Trustee Colvin made the motion to adjourn the public hearing, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, all in favor, public hearing adjourned.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING BEGINS

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management regular board meeting will be held on Monday November 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Victory Meeting Hall
- Schuylerville Village Board Workshop Meeting Monday November 29th at 6:30 pm at the Schuylerville Meeting Hall.
- Schuylerville Village Board Meeting on Wednesday December 8th at 7:00pm at the Schuylerville Meeting Hall.
- Planning Board Meeting TBA
- Zoning Commission Public Hearing December 1st 6:00pm

MINUTES: Trustee Colvin made the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, Trustee Drew seconded the minutes, all in favor, minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund Statement balance	\$302,894.79
Sewer Now Statement Balance	\$229,497.54
Trust and Agency	\$34,822.21
General Fund Money Market	\$1,013,313.21
Sewer Fund Money Market	\$252,451.47
Memorial Day	\$2,863.39

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Deputy Mayor Baker announced that any yard debris that is put out at the curb after November 15th must be bagged or put into a container. He also noted that brush should be put out separately. The new skid steer was delivered.

- CODE ENFORCEMENT

Gilman Albert gave his report and also gave his resignation. He stated that he would finish the year out and that he would be willing to work with the village on a plan. Trustee Baker expressed regret and asked Albert to submit an official letter of resignation.

- FIRE DEPARTMENT

No report

- WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The LED upgrade that was previously approved is currently being performed at the plant. The manhole overflow that was discussed at the previous meeting was determined by Steve Grim from Rural Water, to be a partial blockage of the line, which has been cleared up. Some I and I issues were identified in the investigation and can be addressed further in the spring with smoke testing and camera work.

- HISTORIAN/VISITORS CENTER

Kristina Saddlemire gave her report. She stated that the visitor's center closed on October 15th. There were 22 visitors in the month of October. She received numerous great reviews on the staff. She also gave her report on the inquiries she had responded to over the past month. She mentioned that she has restored the surrender sword to the safe at the village hall.

- PLANNING BOARD

Leona Colvin stated that there was no meeting last month and that there was no meeting scheduled for this coming Monday.

- SCHUYLERVILLE/VICTORY BOARD OF WATER MANAGEMENT

Trustee Drew (water board chairman) gave the report for water. He noted some maintenance and repairs that were performed by Jake Fort at the Victory plant. He also stated that the reduction in units for Filipovitch was revoked and that all units assessed to business accounts were going to be reviewed by the water board. Baker asked Drew to keep the village board informed on any changes to units so that sewer could be accordingly adjusted.

- ZONING COMMISSION

Public Hearing will be on December 1, at 6pm

PUBLIC COMMENT;

Leona Colvin asked if Drew could bring a resolution to the water board that at all times if at all possible, that residents be informed in the event of a water shut off. She stated that she was without water for several hours with no notification on a planned water job. They had no idea what time it would be turned aback on. She also stated that her water pressure was very low after the incident.

Pat Smola 5 Schuyler Island Drive stated that the water operator had come to test her water, as she had reported a bleach smell, she asked if Drew had received any report on the result. Drew stated that he would look into the matter.

Wendy Lukas stated that she was confused as to what the outcome of the amendments to the alternate parking law. After some discussion, the board concluded that they needed to go back to the drawing board, as it was pointed out by Attorney Klingebiel that this would still not solve their issues with snow removal during the day. If a snow storm starts at 5 am and ends at 10 am there is no way that we will get a plow truck to come back at night to clean the streets. His suggestion was to find out if they will be able to coordinate with NYS DOT before instituting the amendments. The board tabled the matter until further notice.

Pat Smola asked if there was any way that the parking lot at the state building that was on the west side of Broad could be used on the days that they are not open, as they are only open on Wednesday Thursday and Friday. Trustee Baker stated that although that was a good idea, it was actually private property and not owned by the state and he was concerned that the public would not be responsible in moving their vehicles in the event that there was a snowstorm.

Wendy Lukas also inquired as to when there would be a meeting of the sidewalk committee. Trustee Drew stated that there would be a meeting some time in the upcoming month.

OLD BUSINESS;

Sidewalk law amendments were discussed. Attorney Klingebiel stated that the felt that there needed to be more sidewalk committee meetings, as he felt that the changes originally proposed had become more like a complete overhaul of the law.

NEW BUSINESS;

Treasurer Heyman spoke regarding the development of a capital plan. Trustee Baker encouraged the trustees to think about how they would like to see funds set aside over the next five years such as potential repairs, maintenance and reserves. He also reminded the board that the fund balance policy will need an upper and a lower number for allowable unreserved fund balance. Treasurer Heyman also reminded the board that there was an asset inventory sheet that had been sent out to them. Trustee Baker stated that he would like to see the department heads come to the

next workshop with written plans as to any projected equipment replacement or building improvements that they project a need for over the next five years.

DPW staff member Sheryl Norton submitted a letter of resignation to Village Clerk Patterson, effective November 30th. Trustee Colvin made the motion to accept the resignation, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, all in favor resignation accepted. Trustee Colvin stated that he would like to thank her for her services in the DPW department.

A resolution was presented for a balance transfer as follows; from A7140.100 Playground Rec Centers Personnel \$700.00 to A.7140.400 Playground Rec Contractual \$700.00. Trustee Drew made the motion, Trustee Colvin seconded, all in favor 4-0, motion passed.

There was some discussion regarding the SAM grant that the village received for new sidewalks on the west side of Broad. Treasurer Heyman was concerned that with the scarcity of contractors, that the board should send out an RFP sooner than later. It was determined, after much discussion, that the board would have to wait until mid-February to send out the bid with a 30-day response time, which would bring us to mid-March with the understanding that the bid would be good for 30 days and the work would be commenced when the ground thaws.

A Quote for the repair to the foundation of the building was reviewed. Treasurer Heyman stated that she had called numerous contractors (she had sent out a spreadsheet to the board earlier in the week with company names numbers and responses) but was only able to obtain one quote. Trustee Baker asked if the rest of the board had had a chance to review the quote. They confirmed that they had. There was some discussion as to the funding for the project. The board decided that as this was an imminent issue and that they should use fund balance to pay for this. Trustee Colvin made the motion to use fund balance to pay for the repairs to the building in the amount of \$9200 for the repairs to the front of the spring street building work to be done by New England Structural.

There was a request for funds from the Old Saratoga Seniors that was presented for approval. Trustee Colvin made the motion to approve the donation of funds in the amount of \$2,700 to the seniors, on the contingency that the seniors provided that a signed contract, motion seconded by Trustee Drew, all in favor, donation approved.

There was a presentation of a resolution for the Village of Schuylerville to become a Purple Heart Community, Deputy Mayor Baker read from the resolution as follows; Whereas; the people of the Village of Schuylerville have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and Whereas; Veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving the families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and Whereas; The contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the Village of Schuylerville who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and Whereas; Many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and Whereas: Many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of The Village of Schuylerville does proclaim that the Village of Schuylerville is a Purple Heart Village,

honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform who were wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans. Trustee Drew made the motion to approve The Village of Schuylerville becoming a purple heart community, Trustee Colvin seconded the motion, all in favor motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wendy Lukas expressed concern that the request from the seniors is for funding that they will use to take trips and that she did not believe that this was a legal purpose for funds to be donated by the village. She asked that the board make sure that the funds are being used for an appropriate reason. She also asked that the code enforcement officer that the village hires could be someone that is from the village. Baker stated that the village would be working to ensure that the most appropriate person would be hired for this position.

Leona Colvin requested that when they interviewed the person for the position of code enforcement that the board makes sure to inform the person that they will be responsible for zoning enforcement as well. Trustee Baker stated that the board will be sure to address this.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Drew made the motion to approve the A fund vouchers in the amount of \$62,908.58 for the A fund and \$32,016.94 for the G fund, Trustee Colvin seconded the motion, all in favor, vouchers approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Recording Secretary,

Cory Heyman