

**Village of Schuylerville
Workshop Minutes
December 5, 2022**

Present;

Mayor Carpenter	Supervisor Decker	WWTP operator Sherman
Trustee Baker	Village Clerk Patterson	
Trustee LeBaron	Treasurer Heyman	

Supervisor Decker gave the DPW report as follows;

The leaf pickup is done, most residents bagged the leaves. There are 2 trucks ready for snow and one that is 50% ready. There were two trees down in the park from the last storm on Wednesday. Saturday December 3rd there was a water call for a broken line on Pearl Street. It was a break on the resident's side, but Supervisor Decker did not turn off the water, as the house has a hot water heating system. There was a discussion regarding the protocol for water problem calls after office hours. Mayor Carpenter stated that the first call should be to the water board chairman, who should coordinate with the DPW. If he is not available, there should be a second water board member contacted. The matter of how the public can be notified in the event of an emergency was discussed. Treasurer Heyman stated that she had received some training in Code Red through the county and has access to the Code Red software. She stated that she would work on instituting the program with a push to get people signed up. Supervisor Decker asked if Sherry Doubleday is still the person in charge of the program, Heyman stated that she is not. All agreed that this would be good for all of the village in the event of emergencies such as boil waters or shut offs. Heyman explained that the software enabled you to use a map to only send out a message to those persons within the area selected. The main sticking point is that people with cell phones need to sign up to receive these messages.

Wastewater treatment plant operator Charles Sherman reported on the plant operations. Sherman has ordered parts for a repair to a valve that is controlled by the computer system. He had to use his personal credit card as there is only one company that carries this part. He worked with Village Clerk Patterson to provide a tax exempt certificate to the vendor. Trustee LeBaron asked if Sherman had made any progress in finding out what the cause is of the fluctuations in the water levels at the pumping station. Sherman is working to determine the source of excess water coming into the system. He suspects that it might be related to the rising of the river, as it seems to be at its worst when the river is high. Sherman asked what the procedure will be for purchasing the replacement for the truck that is now being used by the DPW. He was told that he will need to get three quotes for vehicles and that the vehicles must be similar to be able to compare prices.

Village Clerk Patterson presented the new plans for health coverage for calendar year 2023. She met with the health insurance rep twice and organized a meeting with all interested parties last week to determine which plan would be best for all. Blue Cross/ Blue Shield is the current plan which is going up a little over 10%. This plan is more appealing as it does not have heavy co-pays or deductibles for out of network services. The final decision was to stay with the current plan with Blue Cross/ Blue Shield for this year, but to consider allowing employees to choose different plans, as was done in the past.

Treasurer Heyman presented the board with an offer from TD Bank to bring funds to their bank in the form of a CD which would bring higher interest rates than Glens Falls National is currently offering. The board would like to find out if Glens Falls National will meet the rates that are offered by TD Bank North as they feel that Glens Falls National has been a good financial partner of the village.

Village of Victory Mayor Pat Dewey tasked Victory DPW supervisor Campbell with relaying a contract for shared services with Schuylerville following the most recent exchange where Supervisor Campbell assisted our DPW with leaf pickup in exchange for our help with their leaf pickup. The board did not elect at this time to sign the contract, as there was some extensive discussion regarding the charge by Victory to the joint water department of over \$3,900 for the use of their backhoe for a water repair. The board felt that they would prefer to share services with other municipalities like the Town of Saratoga or Greenwich who do not charge for their shared services or equipment, but rather trade instead.

Trustee LeBaron brought up the subject of the request by the water board for the village board to meet with them regarding funding for water projects. CT Male has told the water board that they need to obtain funding through the village to improve some of the infrastructure that was identified in the master plan in order to be able to go out for grants. They feel that this will demonstrate that the water district has invested in the infrastructure and will help the water board to get the grants they will need to upgrade the system. Mayor Carpenter stated that he feels that the water district has invested in upgrades in the last few years and that he would prefer to see the water board make an effort to get some CDBG grants for the next round of improvements. Trustee Baker brought up the very costly replacement of the infrastructure on Pond and Cemetery Road and the recent upgrades to the Victory Plant.

Trustee LeBaron brought up the fact that we are the only village within a 30-mile radius that allows parking on the main street. Trustee Baker stated that Matt's Garage is willing to contract with us to remove vehicles that are not in compliance with the parking restrictions. The board agrees that we need to start a conversation on how we will address this situation.

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Mayor Carpenter brought up the upcoming election. He asked if we are up to date on the procedures for preparing for this. Village Clerk Patterson stated that she has received the proof of publication for the announcement of the election in March and is following the guidance by NYCOM as pertains to the procedure for running the election. There was some discussion regarding the seniors using the meeting hall room. The village has been advised by our insurance carrier that we would not be covered in the event that one of the seniors suffered an injury. They will need to purchase their own insurance policy in which we will be named additionally insured, just as any other group has been required to do in the past. Mayor Carpenter mentioned that he and Village Clerk Patterson have made many attempts to help the seniors. They have reached out to the town and the county to try to find a way to help them, to no avail.

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

Recording Secretary

Cory J Heyman