

Village of Schuylerville
Workshop Meeting Minutes
Monday March 6, 2023

Present;

Mayor Carpenter
Trustee Baker
Trustee Colvin
Clerk/Treasurer Heyman

Village Clerk Patterson
WWTP operator Sherman
DPW Supervisor Decker

Trustee Baker made the motion that he Village board file the tentative 2024 Fiscal Year budget with the Clerk/Treasurer. Trustee Colvin seconded the motion, all in favor budget filed.

Trustee Baker made the motion at 6:08 pm to close the filing and begin the workshop. Trustee Colvin seconded the motion all in favor workshop begins.

WWTP operator Sherman stated that he would be filing an annual flow report. This report has limits on the rolling average for each quarter that are based on the designed capacity for each municipalities plant. If you exceed these limits than you will be obligated to correct these issues. Sherman expressed concerns that the first two months of the year may be in excess of this. Mayor Carpenter stated that, on that subject, he has asked DEC to investigate the I and I that is generated from the Village of Victory as well. There was discussion that the original project, although it did mitigate much of the I and I issue, did not correct all of it. Sherman also informed the board that the pumps at the Victory station were getting a lot of material that was clogging up the system, namely strings. The pump weighs approximately 300 pounds and is 16 feet down in the ground. They have a hand crank that they use to pull this out. Currently we have a spare but there is a piece that needs to be transferred from one pump to the other when they are switched out. He has ordered the part and the pump is at Emericks right now having this part connected so that the spare is ready in the event that they need to replace one of the pumps at the station. There was discussion regarding the processing of septage. In the original plan for the improvement to the sewer plant in the mid to late 2000's the engineers estimated that the village would be able to take in \$90,000 in revenue per year to offset the capital costs incurred in the project. This amount was never realized, and operator Sherman stated that in fact the processing of septage from other sources was at best a break even and perhaps even a loss when it came to the wear and tear that we experienced on the plant. One of the issues that Sherman experienced with taking in septage is the amount of soil that comes in as well, as many septic tanks are not sound and sand gets in the tanks. This sand degrades the infrastructure of our processing digesting equipment. Trustee Baker suggested that the board consider selling the equipment as we are not using it and it will only deteriorate in value as time goes on.

DPW Supervisor Decker gave his report. The last storm presented multiple difficulties for the crew. During the storm, equipment breakdowns and downed trees and branches presented hardships for the crew. Mayor Carpenter and Trustee Baker used funds of their own to buy lunch for the DPW crew during the storm, but Supervisor Decker asked if there was some other way that the board could acknowledge their appreciation for the work that they do. The board agreed

that they would find a way to show this to the crew. Decker reported on a hydraulic spill that happened outside the office near the storm drain. He reported the spill to DEC and called in a contractor to pump out the drain to ensure that the chemicals did not reach the river. Supervisor Decker mentioned that during one storm there were 56 cars that were parked on the wrong side of the street. Mayor Carpenter expressed his disappointment that after only one year of lessened enforcement, the residents were back to square one with the flaunting of the parking regulations. Supervisor Decker reported that there was a vehicle towed on Ranger Road. The vehicle was unregistered and had no plates and 4 flat tires. Supervisor Decker stated that he attempted to contact the owner of the vehicle several times to no avail. He contacted Kurt Hoss at the sheriff's office who said he would attempt to contact the owner of the vehicle as well. This has been going on for over a month. The owner of the towing company said that the car owner threatens to press charges.

Catalfamo (sidewalk contractor) will be starting back up on the sidewalk project during the third week of April. Supervisor Decker stated that he has been looking into getting the equipment coordinated for this project.

There was extensive discussion regarding the RFP for the truck that the village plans to purchase. Decker will work with Treasurer Heyman to get the specs together in time to draft an RFP for review by the board at the Wednesday meeting.

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of the Village of Schuylerville becoming members of NY State Parks and Trails at a cost of fifty-dollars annually. Membership would be beneficial for several reasons, one of which is the fact that the Friends of the Fort Hardy group needs to form a 501-C, and this site will give them access to assistance with how they can achieve this.

A unified solar permit was presented for approval by the board. Building Inspector Adam Myers has contributed his recommendations as pertains to the types of inspections that will be required as well as the time frames for responses. There will be a resolution presented at the next meeting for the adoption of this permit.

Mayor Carpenter spoke regarding the notice of violation from DEC for the manhole overflow back in December. Mayor Carpenter has reached out to the Erie hydropower plant owner who was also affected by the overflow and will be in contact with DEC regarding this situation.

There was an application from the Shriner's circus for the usual annual circus in the park. No conflicts were noted on the date.

Several coin drops were reviewed with only one date conflict on September 1, which is the usual date that the Schuyler Hose Company does their coin drop.

Mark Wells has submitted an invoice for the \$200 deductible he paid on the insurance claim from the tree that fell on his truck while he was parked at the firehouse. No member of the board had an issue with this.

There was a complaint from the resident on Ranger Road who was mentioned earlier in the meeting by DPW Supervisor Decker. The complaint stated that he was seeking remuneration for the towing and storage costs. The board denied this on the basis that the car was illegally parked as per both village and New York state law.

Mayor Carpenter asked if the DPW crew would be willing to come to a meeting to receive recognition for their hard work. He stated that he would let Supervisor Decker know when this meeting would be scheduled.

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