

Village of Schuylerville
Workshop and Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2023

Present;

Mayor Carpenter
Trustee Baker

Trustee Colvin
DPW Supervisor Decker
WWTP Operator Sherman
Treasurer Heyman

Absent;

Trustee LeBaron

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A bid opening for request for quotes for a DPW truck chassis was scheduled for 5:45 but no bids were received.

At 6:00 PM Mayor Carpenter moved to open the public hearing on the 2024 general fund and sewer budgets. No public was in attendance.

Mayor Carpenter called the regularly scheduled workshop meeting to order.

Supervisor Decker gave his report on the Department of Public Works. He mentioned that we currently are not charging for the use of our equipment when the village DPW salts the parking lots at the school. Mayor Carpenter stated that he did not want to charge the school for the use of our equipment, just for the salt and labor related expenses.

Supervisor Decker expressed some concerns that we may not be able to use the lift that belongs to the Town of Saratoga as we did last time to mount the veteran's banners. Mayor Carpenter asked Decker to let him know if we will not be able to use the lift and he will reach out to Tom.

Cumberland Farms Alley and Beagle Lane are both in need of attention this year, Decker stated that his focus this year would be University and Clancy Streets. To do the full length of Cumberland's alley would consume the entire budget for streets. He cautioned the board that the price of blacktop fluctuates monthly.

Trustee Baker asked if Supervisor Decker could inspect the trees that are on the sides of the creek that handles the runoff from the retention ponds in Morgan's Run and Myers Lane. Ms. Cheney had attended a meeting earlier this year to inform the board that she felt that these trees were restricting the flow of the creek. Trustee Colvin stated that he felt we should ask Ms. Cheney to sign an agreement that allows us to do what needs to be done with the trees, as they are on her property. The board agreed.

Mayor Carpenter asked Rob to get quotes for the installation of curbing on Church Street in front of Jean Myers' house. Mrs. Myers had attended a meeting previously to ask if something could be done to mitigate the runoff that she was experiencing at her home.

WWTP operator Sherman gave his report. The decantor gear drive failed and fortunately we had a spare on hand. Sherman will be looking into getting the other one rebuilt. He will compare this to the cost of purchasing a new one.

He stated that the manhole that overflowed in December has not had an incident since.

Sherman reported that the pump station at Victory is often overwhelmed with feminine hygiene products. This causes the operator and his assistant to need to clean out the pump area often. Mayor Carpenter asked Sherman to investigate whether there is a better grinder pump that can handle the debris that is coming into the Victory pumping station.

Sherman stated that the headworks blower has gone bad. He thinks that they are under two thousand dollars to replace. The sewer fund is low, but there are funds in equipment reserve. Trustee Baker asked if the blower and the decanter could last until June. Sherman stated that he was not sure how long it will take to get these pieces of equipment once they are ordered. Mayor Carpenter asked him to include a request for a timeline for delivery of these products when he is getting quotes for these pieces of equipment.

The board discussed the fact that the proposal from Barton and Loguidice would give us step one and two of the scope of services for a lump sum of \$3,500.00. In communications with Michelle LaFay, these two steps would be enough to satisfy the requirements due May first according to the NOV from DEC.

The tests for asbestos came back negative which means the building repair will continue.

There was a presentation of a resolution to add account code A.3010.400 Public Safety Administration to the chart of accounts. This is the account that OSC states should be used for the expenditures of our ARPA funds.

A resolution was presented for review that will state that the village board will accept the ARPA funds for the firehouse repairs (public safety/emergency services) There were no questions.

Mayor Carpenter announced that the Village of Schuylerville has applied for Congressman Tonko's FY24 Agriculture & Rural Development Accounts Guidance/6.USDA Rural Water and Waste Grants portion of the Community Project Grant. This is a grant for financial assistance with water infrastructure projects. We hope to hear soon whether we will be awarded this grant.

The board reviewed the resolution to transfer funds that will be presented at the regular meeting on Wednesday. There were no questions.

The board reviewed the application by OSAA for the annual baseball parade on April 29 at 9 am and the application for the annual cardboard boat race on August 12 8am

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

Recording Secretary

Cory J Heyman