

**Village of Schuylerville**  
**Workshop Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday June 5, 2023**

**Present;**

Mayor Carpenter  
Trustee Baker  
Trustee Colvin  
Trustee LeBaron

Village Clerk Patterson  
Treasurer Heyman  
Supervisor Decker  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator  
Sherman

**Absent;**

Trustee Drew

Dave Meager Presents on Insurance Policy 2023-2024;

The insurance policy for Schuyler Hose is separate from the insurance for the rest of the village policy. Dave Meager stated that we received \$4,043.55 in dividends from the Schuyler Hose policy last year. There was only one year in the history of our business relationship with Amsure that we did not receive a dividend.

Village Clerk Patterson noted that the Ford Explorer seemed to be undervalued. There was some discussion regarding the values listed in the policy for the fire equipment. Supervisor Decker, who is also the Assistant Fire Chief, will ask Chief Myers to look into the prices listed to see if they should be increased.

Dave Meager informed the board that there is a rider that would cover all forms of cancer for the firemen and that there did not need to be proof that the cancer was a result of firefighting.

There was some discussion regarding the cost for the extra coverage. The total cost to cover all firefighters would be approximately \$1,044.00. The board will vote on adding this rider to the policy at the next regular village meeting.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Sherman was present to give the report.

The letter responding to the NOV from DEC was sent out by Barton and Loguidice on time.

There was some discussion regarding the causes of the issues with the manhole overflow.

Sherman asked if the board had considered the issue of the schedule for jetting out the sewer lines. He feels that the pump stations should be included in the schedule as well.

Sherman and Decker both feel that Chet from Action Septic, in his 47 years of experience with the village lines, is highly qualified to advise us as to the schedule that would be most appropriate. Mayor Carpenter would like to have Action Septic meet with Decker and Sherman sometime in early July. Sherman informed the board that there is a sewer plant worker in Greenwich who has asked Sherman if he can come into the plant at Schuylerville for the

observation under a licensed operator that he needs to become certified. The main operator at the Greenwich plant has been having health issues and is not able to do the oversight for him. The board had some reservations as to the liability side of the matter. Mayor Carpenter asked Sherman to email him the information so that he could consult Attorney Klingebiel on this issue. Supervisor Decker was present to give the DPW Report;

He stated that he had reached out to the Greenwich DPW to advise them of the rate from FEMA for a garbage truck. He has not heard back yet. Attorney Klingebiel will be providing us with a draft agreement that we can bring to Greenwich. The skate park ramps have been delivered to our park. Supervisor Decker expressed his hopes that when the time comes to reassemble the ramps, that the village will hire a professional company to install them in the park.

Supervisor Decker was able to locate a truck within the approved price range at a little over \$76,000. Decker was unable to find a truck and chassis so the truck we purchased has a dump box on it. Decker has reached out for quotes on the costs of lining the box as opposed to swapping out the boxes.

The sidewalk project should be finishing up by the end of the month.

There have been a few setbacks, such as the discovery of a manhole that was buried under the ground by the old gas station. It does not appear to be in use at this point. Decker feels that this is probably something that was needed when the gas station was in use.

The tree on the stream at the Cheney property was assessed by Adirondack Tree Surgeons. It was determined that there is nothing wrong with the tree and that it does not need to be removed. After lengthy discussion the board determined that there should be a professional assessment of the creek flow in that area by an engineer to make sure that we do not do anything to make the situation worse.

Supervisor Decker also stated that he has been investigating the curb situation on Church Street and that he has discovered that there is a method by which the curb can be poured in place. He hopes to have more detail for the board by the next meeting. Trustee Baker asked if anyone had addressed the Church Street issue that Cheney brought to the board. Village Clerk Patterson brought out the maps from the church street storm drain project to see if they could determine what had been done in that area back in 2010. There was extensive discussion regarding the work that was done at the time but no conclusion as to what was done at the Cheney home.

The Town of Saratoga has approached Decker regarding paving University Street. The town owns the upper portion of the street and we own the lower. This was a street that Decker had on his list to be paved this year. They would like to know if we would be willing to purchase the blacktop and they would provide the labor and equipment.

Liberty Street is also in need of repaving.

Treasurer Heyman spoke regarding two grants that she would like permission to go out for. One is a grant through the CFA to fund the engineering report that has been mandated by DEC for the area on South Broad in question in the recent NOV. Barton and Loguidice have stated that they would be willing to review the application before she submits it. The questions for the application are available online and she has already downloaded them and can fill in the answers well ahead of the actual application. The grant could be for as much as \$100,000. The state would reimburse 80%. The village could apply for the \$80,000 from the state with an obligation

on our part for the remaining \$20,000.00. It is entirely possible that we may not need to spend the whole \$20,000.00 but it is best to apply for more just to be safe. The board was in favor of this.

Heyman brought another grant opportunity to the board that she would like to apply for. It is a grant for an archaeological study. This is needed, as since the creation of the master plan, the location that Heyman had previously cleared for the splash pad with the Parks Service has been changed to an area that has been determined to almost certainly be sensitive and probably contains some valuable artifacts. The Parks Service will not sign off on any of the components of the plan in that area, including the community center and the pavilion, until at least a 1A archaeological study has been completed. Both the Town of Saratoga historian and Michael Paniche from the LA Group feel fairly certain that we will need to move on to a 1B study. Ed Curtin, a local archaeologist who is familiar with the park, has provided an estimate on a 1A study at \$2,880.00. If we need to move on to the 1B study, his cost estimate for that is a minimum of \$16,000 with a suggestion that we have a minimum of \$4,000 in contingency funds for this. Trustee Baker asked if the study will only be for that specific area. Heyman confirmed this and stated that this area is the one that will be the most disturbed as the construction will entail going deeper than just a ball field. Mayor Carpenter stated that the master plan will be useless if we do not get the study done. This will be presented to the board in a resolution at the regular meeting.

Both of these will require a public hearing which is scheduled for 6:45pm before the next regular village meeting.

Mayor Carpenter announced that Bob Foster has resigned from the planning board. He also noted that Ed Carr has applied for a position on the planning board. Mayor Carpenter asked the board to consider Mike Patterson for the chairman position. The village would then have a full planning board. Patterson has already taken the required annual courses for planning board members. Mayor Carpenter also announced that Anna Welfley, planning board secretary, has submitted her resignation. Mayor Carpenter stated that Village Clerk Patterson has expressed interest in the position of planning board secretary. These resignations and appointments will be brought to the regular village meeting for approval.

The representative from First Light Fiber has as of yet not retained a contractor to install the fence as promised. He claims that he is unable to get a contractor for the installation of the fence for any less than \$10,000.00. Village Clerk Patterson stated that she does not feel that this is true. The board discussed and decided that they will insist that the fence is installed and that they will reach out to try to find contractors for this project.

Village Clerk Patterson reported on the NY Planning Federation Membership. She stated that at this time there is no prorating for the membership. After some discussion, the board determined that at \$295 per year, it was still a good investment as there were many courses available for planning board members, free of charge, that would enable them to get the required annual training.

Mayor Carpenter spoke regarding the benchmarking resolution requested by Climate Smart. He feels that the work for benchmarking should be handled by someone from the Climate Smart Group, as he does not want to burden our office with extra work.

Saratoga Seniors requested funds. They provided receipts with the request, however, Trustee Colvin stated that he would like to see a spreadsheet linking the receipts with the actual expends. The board agreed that this should be required for next year's application for funding for both the seniors and the youth center.

The Turning Point Parade Committee Parade and festival application was discussed. Mayor Carpenter spoke regarding the sale of alcohol at the event last year. He said that there were no problems with the beer tent. However, the vendors were unhappy with the location that they were given. They felt that it was too far from the event and that they did not get a good turnout. Mayor Carpenter suggested that the beer tent could be located in the left field foul line as opposed to the far-right field that they were assigned to last year. He still feels that they should be limited to drinking inside the corralled area, but that a closer location would be fair.

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

Recording Secretary,

*Cory Heyman*