

**Village of Schuylerville  
Workshop Meeting Minutes  
Monday May 1, 2023**

Present;

Mayor Carpenter  
Trustee Baker  
Trustee Colvin  
Trustee LeBaron

Treasurer Heyman  
DPW Supervisor Decker  
WWTP operator Sherman

Absent;

Trustee Drew

Supervisor Decker reported on the sidewalk project. They are moving forward on pulling the sidewalks as Catalfamo (sidewalk contractor) is placing forms and pouring concrete. The weather has not been cooperative, but hopefully the rain will let up soon. Decker asked the board to let him know if they had any ideas for someone that installs curbing. All contractors that he knows of are booked up for the year. Mayor Carpenter asked if Fort Miller might have someone they could recommend. Greenwich is hoping to partner with us to share our garbage truck on Thursdays. They asked if we could research the FEMA rate per hour. Trustee Baker asked if Supervisor Decker was comfortable with the crew at Greenwich to feel that they are responsible enough to be entrusted with this piece of equipment. Supervisor Decker stated that he had full confidence in the Greenwich DPW. There was discussion regarding insurance implications and how the contract would be drafted. Decker also mentioned that there is a tree on Pearl Street that is in the area that is owned by the Village of Schuylerville that needs to be taken down. He is also calling in an arborist to look at the tree that is on Ms. Cheney's land that she feels has been compromised by the work that the Village of Schuylerville did about a decade ago on the stream that carries the water from the retention ponds installed during the last stormwater project.

Mayor Carpenter reported that he had power washed the bathhouse building and that Trustee LeBaron had followed up with the cleanup of the paint chips. We will be ready to paint as soon as the weather allows.

WWTP Operator Sherman reported on the footage from the camera work that Rural Water did on the lines that connected to the manhole that had an overflow during a major rain event on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 resulting in a NOV from DEC. Sherman explained that they were unable to get footage of the pipe all the way to the plant, as there is a point that is located under Byrons that is broken. They are unable to get in from the other direction, as the manhole at that end is what is known as a dropped manhole, where the inflow is higher than the outflow causing an elbow that cannot be entered with the camera.

There was some discussion regarding the line that runs under Byron's Supermarket. The fact that this line runs through private property was discussed. Trustee LeBaron stated that there must be an easement for this sewer line. Mayor Carpenter stated that regardless of the ownership of the line, it needed to be repaired. DPW Supervisor Decker stated that the line was probably in place before the addition to the supermarket was built. Mayor Carpenter suggested that the line under Byron,s be abandoned and the flow diverted so that the line under Byron's will not be needed.

There was some discussion also regarding the number of persons in the village suspected of illegally dumping water from flooded basements into the sewer system. Sherman also feels that it is likely that some of the buildings on Broad Street are expelling their gutters into the sewer system. The only way to know for sure would be to dye test the lines in question.

Sherman also stated that DEC would like to see a contract with the company that provides annual maintenance to our sewer lines.

Trustee LeBaron asked if there was any progress in the investigation of the influx of grease into the sewer plant.

Sherman stated that Supervisor Decker had been called out to address a large grease blockage in front of the Basin Grille. There is no other place that the grease could have originated, as the Basin is the only restaurant that is east of the plant.

Trustee Baker asked if we could find out if the building inspector has set up a schedule for inspections of grease traps.

The Town of Saratoga has made a request for assistance with funding for flags purchased by the Town of Saratoga for The American Legion for flags for veteran graves at the cemetery. The amount requested is \$200.00. The board will make a decision at the regular meeting.

A Quote was presented for replacement of the irreparably damaged bathhouse ladies room door. There was an additional quote with the option to install automatic locks on both the ladies and mens doors to avoid the vandalism that the village has experienced in the past. The board will vote on this expenditure at the regular meeting.

The Climate Smart Committee has requested a letter of support. The letter was made available to the board for review before presentation at the next regular meeting.

A resolution was presented to the board for review. This resolution states that the board of trustees of the Village of Schuylerville supports recycling and has some detail as to how they will follow through to the effect that all offices, public buildings and public spaces will have recycling bins in prominent palaces.

A resolution was presented for review regarding the hiring of Deborah LeBaron for the position of bathhouse cleaner. This included the rate of pay of \$150 per week for a minimum of two times per week cleaning and restocking of paper goods.

A resolution was presented for review to amend the general fund budget to add funds to the correct expenditure line for the use of ARPA funds for the repair to the radio room in the firehouse.

The 2023 to 2024 reorganizational resolution for meetings was presented for review by the board. The board had previously discussed changing the regular meeting days from Wednesdays to Mondays for the next fiscal year due to conflicts in schedules for some of the board members. This is the only reorganizational resolution that will be different from all prior years. These will all be presented at the regular meeting for the board to vote on.

Mayor Carpenter mentioned that he had a very good meeting with Town of Saratoga deputy supervisor Ian Murray this weekend.

Prior to this meeting he had attended a meeting with the Village of Victory, the Town of Saratoga, Congressman Tonko and representatives from the National Park Service to discuss the flooding at the National Cemetery at the Monument.

We need to be sure that this issue is addressed correctly, as ultimately the water that will be managed at the cemetery will make its way to us, being downhill from the site in question.

Several different solutions were discussed and the pros and cons of each.

The Town of Saratoga suggested a 10-inch directional drilling from Pecks (land to the north of the cemetery that will be designated for leach fields for water runoff from the cemetery) with two catch basins. One was proposed to be located at the island where the driveway splits and would be a 2 by 2 by 3 catch basin. The other would be 100 feet to the south of that location. National parks expressed concern that the pipe will not be large enough and that there will be issues with clogging. Saratoga County will be getting a new jet sprayer and have stated that they will commit to adding clearing the lines to their current maintenance schedule. Town of Saratoga feels that this can be done for between 20,000 to 30,000 dollars.

The National Parks Service, using some political clout, was able to procure \$110,000.00. There was some discussion regarding the size of pipe that would be needed to accommodate the flow and the difficulties that would need to be overcome with installation of a larger line. Town of Saratoga feels that it is possible that to move forward with the larger line would cause a need for archaeological studies and further engineering and that these costs could cause that amount to be completely absorbed.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he will keep the board informed as the project unfolds. Trustee Baker made the motion to adjourn the workshop meeting, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Recording Secretary,

*Cory Heyman*