

Village of Schuylerville
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 11, 2023

Present;

Mayor Carpenter

Trustee Colvin

Trustee Drew

Trustee LeBaron

Attorney Klingebiel

Village Clerk Patterson

Treasurer Heyman

Absent;

Trustee Baker

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Schuylerville Village Board Workshop Meeting Monday November 6, 2023, at 6:30
- Schuylerville Village Board Meeting on Monday November 13, at 7:00 pm at the Schuylerville Meeting Hall.
- The Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management will meet on Monday October 16, at 6 pm at the Village of Victory Meeting Hall
- The Village of Schuylerville Planning Board will be holding a public hearing on Monday October 16th at 6:30 pm at the Schuylerville Meeting Hall.

BOARD COORESPONDENCE

MINUTES: Trustee LeBaron made the motion to accept the September 11 minutes and the October workshop minutes. Trustee Colvin seconded the motion, all in favor minutes approved. The minutes from the August meeting were tabled again, as there were not enough members present who had attended the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund Statement balance	\$179,554.34
Sewer Now Statement Balance	\$167,095.35
Trust and Agency	\$7,439.42
General Fund Money Market	\$1,348,316.09
Sewer Fund Money Market	\$315,401.32
Memorial Day	\$2,363.39

***General Fund money market interest this month \$5,529.23 sewer fund money market \$1,293.40

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Supervisor Decker was unable to attend the meeting. The leaf vacuum has been down and may not be available for the season. The ongoing water jobs that the DPW has been working on are keeping them from their leaf and brush pickup duties, Mayor Carpenter asked that residents be patient, and that the leaves will be collected as soon as possible. He also noted that streets will be a priority and that alleys will be cleaned only when the streets are cleared.

- CODE ENFORCEMENT

Village Clerk Patterson read the report from Inspector Myers. No new permits or violations since the last meeting. Fire and safety inspections still ongoing, including the Basin, which was up to code. The Library is complete and just needs to request their CO to finish the job. Mayor Carpenter mentioned that there is a red fence that residents have expressed concern on Broad Street. This property belongs to Gary Robinson.

- FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Carpenter read from the report submitted by Chief Myers. Travis Holcomb and Lori Shueing competed in the Albany Tunnel to Tower Stair Climb in the Albany Corning Tower on September 15th. Lori finished first for female in gear. He read the statistics and training completions which are available on the website on the Schuyler Hose page.

- WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Wastewater treatment plant operator Sherman stated that he and building inspector Adams went to the Basin Grille to inspect the grease traps. Sherman did not feel that the system in place was very effective. The location of the grease trap was only filtering the water leaving the dishwasher. Attorney Klingebiel pointed out that the majority of grease does not come from the dishes. It comes from cleaning the fryolator and the pots and pans. Sherman stated that Myers may be making some recommendations to address the issue. Sherman mentioned that Roto Rooter has completed the first of the fall maintenance on the lines and that he would report to the board on which lines had been cleared. Other than some delays in getting parts needed at the plant, everything is going well.

- HISTORIAN/VISITORS CENTER

- PLANNING BOARD

Mayor Carpenter commended Village Clerk Patterson on the minutes from the planning board meeting. He stated that she should be compensated for the extra work and that she should invoice the village as an independent contractor. This is the way that it has been done in the past and Mayor Carpenter feels it is appropriate to continue this policy. Patterson noted that there were some forms that will need to be adopted by the board by way of an amendment to the current local law as well as some changes that will need to be made to the fee schedule. She also asked that the board consider how the planning board will be informed when there are new businesses in the village. She asked that we could work together to ensure that any new business meets the code and is compliant with the zoning. Linda Lloyd asked if the community council could be a resource in this matter. Mayor Carpenter stated that they do reach out to new people coming in when they are aware of it.

- SCHUYLERVILLE/VICTORY BOARD OF WATER MANAGEMENT

The letter that was sent from the water board to the village stating that they felt the DPW were not fulfilling their obligations was discussed. Mayor Carpenter pointed out that not only have the DPW not lessened the amount of water work but that upon investigating the matter the following was discovered;

First Quarter 2022, total regular hours worked: 121, overtime hours worked: 22

First Quarter 2023, total regular hours worked: 258.5 overtime hours worked: 67.5

These figures clearly illustrate a significant surge of 113% in regular hours worked and an alarming 206% increase in overtime within the comparative quarters. This quarter the DPW have spent over 15% of their time on water jobs. This is not sustainable.

Mayor Carpenter expressed his disappointment in the lack of communications and asked Chairman Drew to schedule an in person meeting between the SVBOWM and the village board.

Trustee Drew listed the line replacements completed by the DPW and Lussiers in the past several weeks. Attorney Klingebiel asked which water lines the water board had replaced and if they were just replacing from the main to the curb stop or were they also replacing the line from the curb stop to the private structure. He also asked Trustee Drew if the water board is requiring the property owner to inspect and determine whether they have lead lines. He informed Trustee Drew that one of the new EPA and DOH guidelines is that they do not want anyone just replacing one portion of a lead service line. Lead service line replacement guidelines now direct that if you touch it you replace the whole thing. There is no mandatory lead line replacement **yet**, the lead line inventory had to be done by 10/16/2023 and submitted to the EPA, but the schedule for the replacement is not out yet. Attorney Klingebiel wanted to bring it to everyone's attention that before we start replacing lead service lines, we must reach out to the homeowners, as the EPA mandates that you must replace both sides. Mayor Carpenter pointed out that there had been a notice sent out to residents to ask them to check their lines to see if they are lead. The only lines that we have replaced to date are ones that were broken.

Attorney Klingebiel informed the village board that there is a regional board that is meeting in Glens Falls to address the absence of financial assistance for homeowners who may need to replace their lead lines. They are brainstorming to find out if the law that prohibits municipalities from using public funds for private use can be changed to allow for the use of grants to assist in lead line replacement. Mayor Carpenter asked if he could get more information on this committee. Attorney Klingebiel stated that Don Coalts Senior was taking the lead on this and would be able to get him all of the information on the progress of the committee.

Some municipalities are collaborating to join in to piggy back RFP to an entity that has a piece of equipment that is basically a giant vacuum that sucks the dirt out as opposed to digging, this is much less invasive. Attorney Klingebiel suggested we might want to look into this.

PUBLIC COMMENT;

Village Clerk Patterson announced to the board that Mr, Corsetti came in and personally thanked us for the work that was done on his driveway. He had no other business and just came in specifically to thank us.

Linda Lloyd asked about the 43 Saratoga Street property and if there was any progress. Mayor Carpenter stated that he had addressed the homeowner and that the resident had no kind words for him. We will continue to move forward on this matter.

Pat Smola asked if the village could put the meetings on the new electronic sign. Mayor Carpenter stated that as per NYS DOT, we are not allowed to put anything on there besides emergency service announcements.

OLD BUSINESS;

NEW BUSINESS;

Village Clerk Patterson updated the board on the retiree insurance renewal. The cost has not gone up this year. Sexual Harassment and workplace violence training will be on November 1st at 9am. All employees must either attend or produce a certificate that shows they have completed the course this year. There is online training that is available for those who cannot make the training. Mayor Carpenter stated that he has access to online courses

for sexual harassment, bullying and cyber training if anyone needs these courses. She stated that as advised by the board, she had reached out to Amsure to ask for training. The training on November 1 was through our health insurance company. She has had no follow-up from Dave Meager at Amsure. Trustee Colvin had suggested that Rob review the equipment that was listed on our policy. These were taken off the policy.

An updated quote was presented from Stored Tech for two step authentication. Mayor Carpenter felt that this was an exorbitant price. He stated that he will discuss this with his coworkers to find out what the cost was for the two step authentication that they got through Microsoft.

The discussion of the dog park with the Friends of Fort Hardy Park was reviewed. Hopefully we can work with this group to move Phase 7 and 8 to phase one, as this portion of the plan is a more attainable goal than the other phases that will be more costly and require archaeological studies and permitting.

Mayor Carpenter has tasked Trustee Drew, also water board chairman, with the development of a chain of communication for water emergencies to ensure that all entities are kept informed and that proper procedures are followed. Trustee Drew stated that he will work on this.

Mayor Carpenter updated the board on the situation regarding the retaining wall and the concerns expressed by Blue Neils. Treasurer Heyman has reached out to the engineer for the Town of Saratoga, Ken Martin. He will be out to investigate the matter by the end of the month.

The next item up for discussion was the proposed changes to the Seasonal Alternate Parking Law. This is an attempt to mitigate the problems we have been having with the lack of cooperation on the part of residents as pertains to the cars parking on the main streets and preventing snow removal. This has been causing safety issues for people trying to navigate the walkways. Trustee LeBaron has been working closely with the business owners downtown to come to a solution.

Trustee LeBaron made a motion that there should be a public hearing on October 23rd at 6:30 to propose amendments to the local law regulating seasonal alternate parking. Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor. The notice for the hearing will go out in the Post Star on the 17th, at which point the proposed amendment will be posted on the website and is available in print at the village office.

Presentation of a resolution to transfer funds

Mayor Carpenter read from the presented resolution to adjust the budget as follows;

Increase A.9010.800 Retirement \$6,279.21, G.9010.800 Retirement \$1,719.79, G.8120.100 Sanitary Sewers Personnel \$1,000.00 and decrease A.1990.400 Contingent Contractual \$5,393.26, A.1620.400 Buildings Contractual \$885.95 and G.8130.400 WWTP Contractual \$2,719.79. Trustee Colvin made the motion to approve the transfer, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, all in favor, resolution approved.

Mayor Carpenter read from the presented resolution to amend the budget as follows;

Increase Revenues A.1710.000 Public Works Charges \$2,000.00, A.2378.000 Water Services \$8,000.00 and A.2390.000 Joint Activities Other Governments \$455.30 and Increase Expenditures: A.8120.100 Storm Sewers Personnel \$2,000.00, A.8350.100 Common Water Supply Personnel, \$8,000.00 and A.7140.100 Playground Rec Centers \$455.30 Trustee Colvin made the motion to approve the transfer, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, all in favor, resolution approved.

The sale of the Dodge truck was discussed. It was determined that Treasurer Heyman should look into the government auction sites.

The Schuylerville Garden Club submitted their request for funds. This included receipts for items purchased for the purpose of the beautification of our village streets with flowers and planters. All labor by the garden club

members is strictly volunteer. Trustee Colvin made the motion to approve the reimbursement to the garden club, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, all in favor, reimbursement approved.

Schuyler Hose submitted a recommendation for a new member for approval by the board, Kyle Raymond White of 89 Clancy Street. Trustee Drew made the motion to approve the appointment, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, all in favor, appointment approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Lloyd asked how many outside entities we support. Mayor Carpenter noted that the Youth Center, The Seniors and the Garden Club are the three entities that the village provides funds to. They must provide receipts to show how the funds are spent.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Colvin made the motion to approve the A fund voucher total of \$ 67,802.42 and the G fund voucher total of \$ 7,083.31. Trustee Drew seconded the motion, all in favor, vouchers approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Recording Secretary,

Cory Heyman