

Village of Schuylerville
December 4, 2023
Village Board Workshop Minutes

Present;

Deputy Mayor Baker
Trustee Colvin
Trustee LeBaron
DPW Supervisor Decker

WWTP Operator Sherman Village
Clerk Patterson
Treasurer Heyman

Absent

Mayor Carpenter
Trustee Drew

Supervisor Decker was present to give his report. He thanked the board for assisting with the notices delivered to the illegally parked cars in the village. Deputy Mayor Baker thanked Village Clerk Patterson for the laminated notices she produced in mass for distribution. Street signs have been ordered for the new parking restrictions. There was some discussion that there were some signs that were faded or missing and needed replacement. These have been ordered as well. Hopefully they will be here before the ground freezes.

The new truck body that was installed had the wrong plow frame. A hydraulic line was punctured during the installation of the correct frame. T and T will need to remedy this situation. Deputy Mayor Baker expressed concern that this may affect our warranty with Ford.

Decker noted that there were a couple of the items that were noted on the insurance inspection that had been corrected, including the repair of the concrete around the drain in the DPW garage. The wooden step going into the bathroom has been replaced with a concrete step and a large pothole at the water treatment plant parking lot has been filled. Gary Wilder will be submitting a quote for the installation of an exhaust fan in the DPW building for welding and Decker has reached out for estimates on the kill switches for the 05 and the new garbage truck. So far, they are coming in at about \$1,300 per vehicle. The mini excavator is the only one that we are not sure will require this.

Supervisor Decker mentioned that Victory allowed us to borrow their leaf vacuum. In return, Decker assigned staff to assist them in leaf removal in the Village of Victory.

Trustee LeBaron noted that there is a significant drop off on walnut lane where it meets Burgoyne. Le Baron suggested that this might be mitigated with a culvert.

The engineer for the Town of Saratoga, Ken Martin, came out to investigate the issue with the wall of the lower retention pond at Morgan's Run. Martin stated that the pond has not breached, and that this is just a matter of replacing the liner that ripped and putting the rip rap (boulders) back into place. There was some discussion on what equipment and materials would be needed to make this repair.

WWTP Operator Sherman asked Decker if he would be able to remove some of the equipment that he has stored in the WWTP shed. Decker stated that he would do what he could, but that he is running out of storage space.

There was some discussion regarding purchasing a storage shed for DPW equipment.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the issues we are experiencing with the grease in the sewer lines that run from the Basin Grille, in particular, the clogging of the pump station that services the marina and the homes on Schuyler Island Drive. There was some discussion on whether there was a need for a generator at this pump station in the event of a power outage.

The only item noted in the insurance walk through for the sewer treatment plant is the fact that there is no flammable liquids cabinet. Sherman has been tasked with determining the size he needs and getting quotes if procurement policy requires.

Barton And Loguidice will be at our January meeting to present the plan for the relocation of the sewer line that is related to the NOV we received from DEC.

The board discussed the meeting dates for the January meetings. It was decided that there should be no workshop for the January meeting due to the new year holiday.

There was a discussion regarding sick time payout to Deferred Compensation. The benefit to the village would be that they could "purchase" the sick days at the current rate of pay as opposed to a higher wage in the future. The benefit for the employee is that they can either invest the funds pretax or pay tax up front and not have to pay the taxes on any money that they make on the investment through deferred comp. Trustee Baker asked Heyman to send him the details on this benefit.

The quote from Ed Curtin for an archaeological study for Fort Hardy Park was discussed and will be voted on at the next meeting. The study includes the area that is planned for the splash pad. If we are able to get the study done this spring and can get the splash pad installed before November 2024, we have \$20,000 in SAM grant funds that we could use. The cost for a 1A is \$2,880.00. This study will determine if there is a need to move to a 1B.

A parade permit application by the Friends of Fort Hardy for a tree lighting ceremony was submitted for review. We are awaiting proof of insurance.

A hot work permit is the only item that was included in the insurance walk through regarding DPW safety issues that has not been addressed. Trustee Baker provided a copy of the permit that is used by Irving Tissue. This will need to be tailored to fit our village DPW.

Village Clerk Patterson has been working with Amsure to shop insurance carriers. VFIS, Selective and ESIP are among the carriers that we have completed applications for.

The renewal of health insurance for employees was discussed. The rates for the current insurance carrier, Highmark NENY, will go up this year by 14%. The staff met with a representative from our broker, the Reis Group, and unanimously decided to switch to CDPHP, which will be a slight reduction in rates of 1.9% while still offering good insurance (HMO verses POS)

The Parking Enforcement Schedule was discussed. Trustee LeBaron and Deputy Mayor Baker will work this weekend on posting notices on any cars that are parked illegally. Supervisor Decker will be posting notices with dates and plate numbers on illegally parked vehicles. Once the signs noticing the new parking laws for Broad and Ferry have been received and installed, these vehicles will receive warning notices, followed by towing of any illegally parked vehicles. Village Clerk Patterson noted that she had been informed by her contact at the school that there is no sign by the Joy Wok on Pearl. Deputy Mayor Baker suggested that Supervisor Decker should place a sign in that location. The schedule will be worked out between the board members over the weekend.

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

Recording Secretary,

Cory Heyman