

Village of Schuylerville
February 5, 2024
Village Board Workshop Minutes

Supervisor Decker was present to give the DPW report. He listed some equipment that will need to be repaired, a hydraulic cylinder on the loader that had sustained some damage due to salt buildup. This has been addressed and the crew will schedule regular cleaning of the cylinder area with a thorough cleaning at the end of the salt season. Supervisor Decker hit a sewer manhole with the plow. The crew has repaired the plow temporarily, but it may need to be replaced as the mill board has been seriously damaged. There was a discussion regarding a resident who is a repeat offender in violation of the alternate parking law. He has been threatening the DPW as well as the tow truck driver to the extent that the dispatcher for Matt's towing has asked that a sheriff be present if the residents vehicle needs to be towed again.

There was a brief discussion of the award of the NY Forward Grant. Mayor Carpenter stated that he and Treasurer Heyman had met with Matt Smith from NY state to discuss the next steps. There needs to be a steering committee to work with a consultant from the NY Forward group to determine which projects will be selected for award. Heyman has sent out a flyer to inform the public of the process for this grant award in the sewer billing that went out on February 1. There is also more detailed information on the village website on the NY Forward page, which was indicated in the flyer.

Trustee Baker mentioned that waterboard Chairman Drew has reached out to ask for assistance with the water board budget.

The board reviewed a resolution to hire the new DPW crew member and confirmed the starting rate of pay at \$18.

Treasurer Heyman asked the board if they would be interested in applying for the canal infrastructure grant. This will require a resolution by the board. Supervisor Decker mentioned that the portion of the towpath north of Red's Road needs substantial renovation. Over the years the surface has been worn away from plowing and needs to be built up and resurfaced. Treasurer Heyman stated that this would be an excellent project, as the village could use in kind services and equipment use as our portion of the grant.

Heyman informed the board that after the completion of the radio room repair there is a remaining balance of \$3,636 left in ARPA funds. Heyman suggested that these funds could be used for the sewer line relocation and that if the board approved, she would submit this as a new project on the reporting website. The board agreed.

Mayor Carpenter asked Treasurer Heyman to draft a resolution for review by the board at the next meeting to give free trash removal to any firefighter that resides in the village.

Planning board secretary Patterson announced that Ronnie Myers has resigned from the planning board. Several other members had expressed that they would like to resign as well, but fortunately they were convinced to stay on the board.

This was a direct result of a resident who had attended the last meeting. This resident had some opinions that she expressed at length to the board and was somewhat harsh in her delivery. Mayor Carpenter stated that he will give guidance to the planning board chairman on how to handle this type of situation. Planning board secretary Patterson also mentioned that Planning Board Chairman Patterson received guidance at the training on January 31 on how to structure the agenda to prevent random interjections by having specific times for public comment.

Recording Secretary,

Cory Heyman