

**Village of Schuylerville
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday February 12, 2024**

Present;

Mayor Carpenter

Trustee Baker

Trustee Colvin

Trustee Drew

Treasurer Heyman

Village Clerk Patterson

DPW Supervisor Decker

Present via Zoom:

Trustee LeBaron

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Schuylerville/Victory Board of Water Management meeting will be held on Monday February 26th at 6:00 pm in the Victory Meeting Hall.
- Bid opening for RFB for curbing at 5:45 pm.
- Schuylerville Village Board Workshop Meeting Monday March 4th at 6:30 pm at the Schuylerville Meeting Hall and the filing of the tentative budget with the clerk.
- Schuylerville Village Board Meeting on Monday March 11th at 7:00 pm at the Schuylerville Meeting Hall. The Village Clerk will present the tentative budget to the board.

BOARD COORESPONDENCE

MINUTES: Trustee Colvin made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular January 8 meeting, the first budget meeting and the previous workshop. Trustee Baker seconded the motion, all in favor, minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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| General Fund Statement balance | \$171,904.04 |
| Sewer Now Statement Balance | \$155,005.78 |
| Trust and Agency | \$7,523.53 |
| General Fund Money Market | \$1,068,926.98 |
| Sewer Fund Money Market | \$411,758.62 |
| Memorial Day | \$2,363.39 |

***Interest \$4,652.44 General Fund Money Market and \$1,744.72 Sewer Fund Money Market

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Supervisor Decker was present at the February workshop and gave his report which was summarized as follows;. A DPW member resigned. After interviewing several candidates, a new crew member has been selected. He will be starting on Tuesday the 20th. Supervisor Decker has put in a request for a new dump truck to replace the 2005 vehicle. Damage was sustained to one of the larger plows. To date it is working sufficiently but may need to be replaced. There were some issues with a resident threatening violence to the DPW as well as the driver of the tow truck that was towing his vehicle. Law enforcement will be summoned should this person's vehicle need to be removed again.

- CODE ENFORCEMENT

Inspector Myers submitted his report, which Mayor Carpenter read aloud. It included several inspections, 5 building permits, and states that Myers working on his final 2023 report, due April 1st.

- FIRE DEPARTMENT

- WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mayor Carpenter summarized the report given by Sherman at the workshop. All is running well at the plant, no issues.

- HISTORIAN/VISITORS CENTER

Historian Saddle mire submitted her report. She has created a Facebook page, Schuylerville History, where people can learn about the history of our village. She will be attending the upcoming meetings on the 250th anniversary of the revolution.

- PLANNING BOARD

At their meeting on January 22 at 6:30, the planning board approved the 13 Ferry Street application for the construction of a single-family home as well as the application for 78 Broad Street Smoke and Supply. Ronalie Myers has resigned from the planning board as of January 23, 2024.

- SCHUYLERVILLE/VICTORY BOARD OF WATER MANAGEMENT

Trustee Drew was present to read the report for SVBOWM. He reported that the new water clerk has been investigating some properties that may not be being charged appropriately. Tyler Wolf has offered to get his class D license to work on water repairs.

- ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Linda Lloyd, zoning board member, read from the minutes from a meeting that was held by the zoning board on January 16. The Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed minutes from previous planning board meetings and discussed a letter from the Saratoga County planning board regarding mandated referral to the county for local area variance requests. The Zoning Board of

Appeals discussed the possibility of the zoning board waiving the mandate for local issues not requiring the county's review. The board agreed unanimously to take no action at this time given the newness of the board and a lack of requests for zoning board action. Chair Colvin and member Ricketson attended a planning conference for required training.

PUBLIC COMMENT;

Linda Lloyd stated that at the last water board meeting, she was informed that the water board cannot move forward with applying for grants until they receive the correct verbiage from both the Village of Victory attorney and the Village of Schuylerville attorney. She stated that no one on the water board seemed to be able to articulate exactly what this verbiage should be. Meanwhile, Lloyd cautioned, the grants for water infrastructure are, "dying on the vine." Attorney Klingebiel stated that the last correspondence that he had received was that the village boards were waiting for detailed information from the water board for specific project identification and cost estimates. This is mandated in the intermunicipal agreement in order to move forward with grant and funding for water infrastructure projects.

Trustee Baker stated that this matter had been brought to the water board at a meeting last year, with CT Male presenting on what the water board needed to do to move forward. The water board voted no that they did not want to move forward. He stated that the water master plan was completed five years ago.

Attorney Klingebiel stated that the issue of stalemate in voting has always been a problem with the water board, as the water board consists of two persons from Victory and two from Schuylerville which often results in a tied vote with no action. The Village of Schuylerville has been advocating adding a fifth member, possibly an outside user for years. Pat Smola stated that she had suggested this and was told by a Victory water board member, "that will never happen."

OLD BUSINESS;

NEW BUSINESS

The filing of the tax roll with Village Clerk Patterson was completed.

Mayor Carpenter stated that he had met with a representative from New York State regarding the NY Forward grant. Mayor Carpenter will be reaching out to local businesses and organizations as well as qualified residents to form a local planning committee of twelve members to work with The Department of State to facilitate the application process for all project applicants. Mayor Carpenter noted that any projects that were included in the NY Forward application by the Village of Schuylerville will need to go through the same project application process as any other projects that may be presented during public outreach. Mayor Carpenter gave an update on the comprehensive plan progress. The committee met with the consultant, Tracey Clothier of Clothier Planning and Consulting. Members were assigned tasks to work on between meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for February 28th.

The board reviewed the renewal of the Northumberland fire protection contract. It has been reviewed by Attorney Klingebiel as well as Chief Myers. Trustee Baker made the motion to approve the contract, Trustee LeBaron seconded the motion, all in favor, contract approved. A resolution to apply for the NYS Canal System Tourism Infrastructure and Event Grant was presented to the board. This application is for funding assistance in the renovation of the tow path road north of Red's Road up to the Village of Schuylerville border. We would be using mostly in-kind labor to match this grant. Trustee Colvin made the motion to approve the resolution, Trustee Baker seconded the motion, all in favor, resolution passed.

A resolution was presented for board approval in the hiring of John Newton Jr for the position of permanent DPW laborer as of February 20th, 2024, at the rate of \$18.00 per hour. Trustee Baker made the motion to approve the hiring, Trustee Colvin seconded the motion, all in favor, hiring approved.

A resolution was presented to transfer funds to account A.8130.400 Common Water Supply in the amount of \$140 and to decrease A.1620.400, buildings contractual in the amount of \$140 to cover tax search water charges. Trustee Baker made the motion to approve the transfer, Trustee Colvin seconded the motion, all in favor transfer approved.

The board was presented with an invoice from SVBOWM for the water portion tax search for approval in the amount of \$140. Trustee Colvin made the motion to approve the payment, Trustee Baker seconded the motion, all in favor, invoice approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Lloyd asked if the canal grant was for the repair to the collapsed culvert. The board informed her that the culvert replacement will cost upwards of one million dollars and that this is only a small grant.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Baker made the motion to approve the A fund voucher total \$39,863.12 and the G fund voucher total \$6,598.56. Trustee Colvin seconded the motion, all in favor, vouchers approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Recording Secretary,

Cory Heyman