

**Village of Schuylerville
Village Workshop Minutes
June 3, 2024**

Present;

Mayor Carpenter

Trustee Baker

Trustee Colvin

Trustee LeBaron

Village Clerk Patterson

Treasurer Heyman

Supervisor Decker

WWTP Operator Sherman

Absent;

Trustee Drew

Supervisor Decker brought two quotes to the board for review for the paving of three of the alleys in the village. He hopes to have a third for review at the regular meeting on the 10th. There was a discrepancy in the amount of paving material estimated between the two contractors. Supervisor Decker will be reaching out to determine why there is a difference.

Supervisor Decker stated that he has not been successful in contacting Joe Miskewicz of Luizzi Brothers, regarding the curbing project. Trustee LeBaron stated that he does not want this to drag on any longer. The board agreed that this must be moved on immediately.

The grant for the renovation of the Canal Tow Path Road requires a scope of work to be completed by the village. Treasurer Heyman and Mayor Carpenter have drafted a document to outline the work and presented it to Supervisor Decker to edit or approve. Decker outlined some changes he would like to see made to the scope, and then stated that he felt the scope document accurately detailed the work that would be done on the project.

The board discussed a report of a sinkhole at the residence of John Woods at 93 Church Street. Mr. Woods was present at the workshop. Supervisor Decker had visited the site and noted that the sinkhole was located directly over a water line. However, he did not feel that this was a water line related issue, but rather more likely caused by the Aquifer that runs down the hill in this area. It was decided that they should leave the sinkhole open and see what happens during the predicted upcoming rain events over the weekend. Mr. Woods has secured the area,

WWTP Operator Sherman reported that the plant is running well. A discussion regarding the sewer line relocation determined that, as we have not had any overflows at Manhole #1, the site of the NOV by DEC, the village should apply to the DEC for an extension due to hardship. The estimate for the relocation came in at a little over \$205,000. With the sewer fund running at a deficit this year, this would reduce our fund balance by more than half. The board agreed that we should discuss applying for a grant to fund this project with Barton and Loguidice,

The Village of Schuylerville recently qualified to apply for a \$10,000 grant from NYSERDA for the following applications; solar, road EVs, non-road EVs, charging stations, LED streetlights, building energy studies/upgrades, building heat pumps, and landscaping equipment. Village Clerk Patterson suggested that we should apply for an air conditioning system to replace the window units we are

currently using. She has begun to reach out for estimates on the purchase and installation of a system to cool both the meeting hall and the village office.

Treasurer Heyman announced that there will be an Empire State Trail Town outreach at the Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitor's Center on Tuesday June 11th at 6pm. This is an opportunity for residents and stakeholders in the community to voice their concerns or opinions regarding the trails in the village and surrounding area. The following day there will be a "bike around" with two representatives from NYS Parks and Trails to assess the accessibility and amenities around the trails in the village.

Tracey Clothier has completed the survey results for the comprehensive plan update and sent them to us for review. The survey results will be posted on the village website.

Mayor Carpenter gave a review of the progress with the NY Forward Grant. The Local Planning Committee workshop #1 was held at the Town of Saratoga meeting hall. A schedule of meetings for the local planning group was worked out through the end of November. Most of the meetings will be held during the workday, but at the suggestion of one of the LPC members, two meetings were scheduled for later in the afternoon for those who cannot attend during workday hours. The open call meetings will be scheduled at the next weekly meeting with the state representatives.

Ed Cuerdon of 5 Washington Street has submitted a request for reimbursement for replacing his sidewalk. Trustee Baker noted that this was not the correct order of procedure for these types of requests. Mr. Cuerdon should have submitted quotes for the replacement first. The board agreed, however, they felt it was a misunderstanding on Mr. Cuerdon's part. This will be voted on at the regular meeting.

Shawn Corsetti submitted a complaint regarding the excessive speed of the drivers for the commercial garbage service Twin Bridges, as well as the fact that they have been using the alleys, which he feels are not built for this type of traffic. The board agrees and will ask Attorney Klingebiel to draft some restrictions, including times and specific days that they can be in the village, as well as fees to service the village.

Treasurer Heyman noted that there will need to be a resolution to amend the budget to increase public works and sanitary sewers personnel for DPW sewer work reimbursement.

There was a discussion regarding the increase, by the water board, in the number of units assessed the Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitor's Center. The water board increased the units to be charged to two. Mayor Carpenter stated that the visitor's center is not a business but is a service. This property is listed on the Saratoga County Tax Assessment Database as government property. The board agreed that we will not be following water in this assessment. None of the board members had anything to add to the agenda. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Recording Secretary,

Cory Heyman

