

**Village of Schuylerville
Village Workshop Minutes
December 2, 2024**

Present;

Mayor Carpenter

Trustee Baker

Trustee Colvin

Trustee LeBaron

Treasurer Heyman

Village Clerk Porter

Absent

Trustee Drew

Mayor Carpenter stated that he spoke to WWTP Operator Sherman and that all is running well at the plant

Supervisor Decker was present to give his report. Mayor Carpenter stated that he would like to discuss the subject of holiday pay for the DPW. He stated that he thought that this was something that was discussed during the reorganizational meeting but was not resolved. He feels that working on a holiday should warrant double time pay. He asked the board to consider this for presentation at the next regular board meeting. After much discussion, Mayor Carpenter asked Village Clerk Porter to reach out to the attorney to determine the legality of this proposal and to ask if we could make this retroactive to the Thanksgiving holiday so that the crew will get fair compensation for the work that they did on Thanksgiving. The board discussed the subject of the purchasing of a new vehicle. The 2005 international is in dire need of replacement. According to the vehicle purchase rotational schedule that the board had previously agreed on, this should be the one that will be replaced next. However, there is a serious issue with transmission availability in the larger trucks and we would not be able to get a truck of this caliber for a minimum of two years. Mayor Carpenter asked Supervisor Decker to order more signs to replace those that are faded and to fill in areas where signage is lacking. Particularly signs that say no parking here to corner. Supervisor Decker asked if the village is responsible for making any handicapped spots accessible. Mayor Carpenter asked Treasurer Heyman to reach out to Attorney Klingebiel for clarification. Trustee LeBaron asked how we could get the word out to the people who rent on Broad. Supervisor Decker said that we could put the flyers on the vehicles that are parking on the street. The matter of the North Broad water line issue was discussed. Supervisor Decker stated that he is meeting with B and B

drilling at the job site to discuss the replacement of the line. It was discussed that NYS DOH insists that the line must be either 6 inch or 8, and that a 2-inch line was not acceptable.

The board reviewed the Fulton County contract increase in price from \$72 to \$75 per ton. As there is no alternative location at this point that will take our sludge, the board agreed that they should approve at the next meeting.

Village Clerk Porter arranged a meeting with Amsure representatives and any interested employees to review choices for health insurance coverages for the 2025 renewal. The price for health insurance was the same from Amsure as from the Reis group, our current carrier, but the dental was more expensive, so the employees voted to stay with the Reis Group. She also noted that she was able to change the renewal date for the dental to coincide with the regular health insurance to simplify renewal of dental and that the rate would remain the same until January 2026. She also noted that the rate of our current plan went up 12.7 percent. Mayor Carpenter asked Treasurer Heyman to determine if we will need to increase the Hospital and Medical line to account for this increase. Trustee Baker noted that all health insurance carriers were increasing premiums again this year.

Chief Myers has requested that the village go out to bond for an air tank to replace the one that has failed. Trustee Baker suggested that the village purchase the equipment, and the fire department could pay it back through their budgeted funds. The board agreed that as we have a healthy fund balance we could do this to help the fire department. Mayor Carpenter asked Treasurer Heyman to confirm with Attorney Klingebiel that this is something we can legally do.

A resolution to transfer funds both A and G for retirement was presented to the board. No questions regarding this transfer of funds.

Trustee Colvin asked if we could look into restrictions on the outside trash haulers that do business in the village, as they are ruining our roads. Mayor Carpenter stated that he will look into the legality of limiting the days that the refuse companies can pick up to Tuesdays only.

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

Recording Secretary,

Cory Heyman