

Village of Schuylerville  
March 3, 2025  
Village Board Workshop Minutes

Present:

Mayor Carpenter  
Trustee Baker  
Trustee Colvin

Present via Phone

Trustee LeBaron

Absent

Trustee Drew

Fire Chief Brian Myers gave the board of trustees a presentation on the fire equipment owned by the village. He noted which engines were due for replacement and the estimated costs of these engines. The cost of fire engines has increased dramatically, and there is little in the way of grants to fund these purchases. Engine 573, a 2002 is the most crucially in need of replacement. This engine was purchased for \$230,000. A replacement for this engine is estimated to cost a minimum of \$800,000.00 for a new engine. This needs to be done within the next couple of years. The portable radio system needs to be replaced. There are twenty radios, and they will cost approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000 per unit.

Richard St.Armand presented on options for conducting forestry business. He stated that the area of the property that is ready for harvesting is not a very biddable portion due to the extreme terrain (many steep ravines.) He suggested, alternatively, that the village could hire the company he represents, Saratoga Land Management Corporation. This company would work with logging companies to piece out the work. He stated that there is certainly some valuable timber that is ready to be harvested, but that it will be difficult to access. His company has equipment that will assist them in accessing the timber such as bridge panels that will allow them to cross the stream. They have connections to loggers that specialize in difficult to reach areas. They would be responsible for ensuring that the land is only harvested when the conditions are appropriate for working in the forest without causing damage to the terrain. They would carry all necessary insurance and have their own Workman's Comp policy as well. Several factors will impact how much we will be able to get for the timber, including market prices and ground conditions. The foresting company would work to get the maximum for each tree. They would receive a portion of the proceeds after the loggers have received their payment for the work they perform, and the village has received their agreed upon amount per tree. Treasurer Heyman asked for a copy of a current contract for comparison to send to the village attorney. The board will schedule with St.Armand to identify access points to the property.

Supervisor Decker spoke regarding the quotes he received on recycling trailers. He will have more for the regular meeting.

There was an extensive discussion regarding the Upper Broad water line replacement. The water users on this upper portion of Broad are still getting their water from the temporary service line installed several months ago which is seriously deficient in water pressure. The contractor, Lussier, communicated with Supervisor Decker that there might be a delay in obtaining the permits for this project from NYS DOT,

The board discussed the remaining steps to adopt the comprehensive plan. A public hearing on the draft is scheduled for the regular meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> and has been noticed in the local paper and on the website.

The Clerk Presented the tentative budget to the board.

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