

VILLAGE OF SCHOHARIE  
**Employees Meeting/Workshop – January 20, 2021**

Meeting called to order @ 6:32PM in the Village Hall at 300 Main Street.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Caza, Trustees: Johnson, Palmer, Medak and Price, OIC Rossi, DPW Ken Bernhardt, Code Enforcement Officer Lloyd Stannard, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk Debby Byrne. Excused Fire Chief Marty Pierce

**1) OIC – Brian Rossi**

- a) Mentioned the flooding on Christmas Day and feels we were lucky we had no issues.
- b) Brian is working on getting ID badges for all Village Employees, all he needs is a photo and he will take care of it. Mayor Caza and Board felt that every Village employee should get an ID Badge.
- c) Brian received a \$1,200 grant from Walmart which can be used for anything.
- d) Current issue is the house at 173 Hilgert Parkway which has a large sign in the garage window with profanities on it. Brian and Code Enforcer Lloyd Stannard are working on this issue and Lloyd has talked to the owner of the home. Although this is not technically illegal, Lloyd and Brian feel they can talk to the tenant and work out a solution.
- e) Brian asked the Mayor about the Citizen Advisory Committee needed for Executive Order 203. Mayor Caza said that DA Susan Mallory and Pastor Colleen Quirion will participate in the open forum on February 9, 2021. Mayor is still working on the citizen advisory Board but needs suggestions for more names, preferably people who are stakeholders in the Village.
- f) Trustee Price asked the Board about replacing both Police Vehicles and DPW Vehicles. Mayor Caza thought this was a good idea for a capital expenditure for next year's budget and asked Trustee Price if he would be willing to work on exploratory budget project to replace vehicles.

**2) DPW – Ken Bernhardt**

- a) Mayor Caza would like Ken to start getting estimates for a new truck. Ken will research and report back.
- b) Ken asked for approval to buy in bulk which he feels could save the Village 10-50% in expenses. Mayor and Board approved and agreed this was a good idea. Ken will create an inventory and put together a list to cover supplies for the next year.
- c) Everything has been running smoothly, the crew has been busy plowing streets and clearing sidewalks.
- d) Ken and crew have been working with Mike Harrington to clear land for the water project. Ken expressed concerns with putting a cement water tank so close to the Stone Quarry and is concerned with the damages caused by blasting. Mayor and Board all agreed that this was something which needed more information. Ken mentioned that he spoke to Mayor Borst to see if he was willing to sell a piece of land to the Village so the water tank can be moved further from the stone quarry. Mayor Borst has not given a definitive answer as of yet.
- e) Ken mentioned Joseph and Susanne Parisi asked if the Village would sell back a piece of land that was originally part of their property. The Village bought this parcel in 1966 but has never used it as it is mostly swamp land and has a sour well. This parcel divides the land currently owned by Robinson-Parisi. Ken's suggestion is that the Village sell back the land for \$1 and have the parcel put back on the tax roll. Mayor and Board are interested in pursuing this and will proceed with Village Attorney Breen to see what the next steps should be.
- f) Ken asked the Board about the status of purchasing a street sweeper and asked if he should start getting quotes or just contract it out. Mayor has no problem with looking at quotes and feels positive that other communities would be interested in shared cost and use.

g) Ken also mentioned Mix Lane and that he is trying to get Cobleskill Stone to put a top layer of gravel on this road. Ken and his crew would then agree to keep this road clean and swept. Cobleskill Stone was not interested.

**3) Code Enforcement Officer Lloyd Stannard**

- a) Lloyd also mentioned the house at 173 Hilgert and said he has spoken to the owner.
- b) Wrote up Enos Clark at 117 Shannon Ave. Trustee Palmer mentioned that there may be some grant money available to him. Contact Dolores Jackson at USDA 504 Grant.
- c) The Parrott House has a new roof. Lloyd is meeting with the owners on Saturday to go over new plans. They have also purchased The Hive at 321 Main Street and hope to be a residential apartment as well as some business space. Lloyd will be inspecting this building soon.
- d) Lloyd has received preliminary plans from the Main Street Dentist Office. The owner is currently meeting with the Zoning Board.
- e) Mayor Caza has mentioned that the Board has now seen four candidates for Code Enforcement Officer position and asked if Lloyd would still be available to work with a new person on a temporary position.

**Motion made** by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve payment to Tooher & Barone LLP, Invoice # 360 in the amount of \$2,310.00.

**Motion made** by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to review and sign the South End Drainage Project Operations and Maintenance Plan.

**Board to review WSIP** update from Mike Harrington of Lamont Engineers. The Board has reviewed and discussed this update.

**Mayor Caza appointed** Trustee Medak and Trustee Palmer to audit the Justice books from June 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

**4) Other:**

- a) Clerk/Treasurer Price would like to add the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer as an additional signatory for the Village to be able to sign in the Clerks absence.

**Motion made** by Trustee Price second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve adding the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer as an additional signatory.

- b) Mayor Caza read out loud a letter he received from Arlene Vrooman at Quilt Lane regarding her poor water and the minimum Water bill she gets. The Board has agreed that even though the water was shut off at her additional house, there is still a hook up and therefore she should continue getting a minimum Water Bill. Clerk/Treasurer Price will respond to Arlene.
- c) Fire Chief Marty Pierce sent a message regarding the lettering of the Chief's car. Chief Pierce received two quotes and can have it lettered for under \$900.00.

**Motion made** by Trustee Medak second by Mayor Caza unanimously carried to approve the lettering on the Fire Chief's car at the cost of \$900.00.

**MOTION** by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Price unanimously carried to enter Executive Session at 8:15PM.

**MOTION** by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 8:55PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie J. Price