

VILLAGE OF SCHOHARIE
Employees Meeting/Workshop – January 17, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor Henry Trustees: Johnson, Palmer, and Robinson-Bullock. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, OIC Jason Temple, DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhardt, Mike Harrington from Lamont Engineers, Jamie Herman, and Nate Whizenback from NYS Rural Water Association.

Excused: Trustee Sal Medak, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, and Codes Enforcement Officer Doug Stinson

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Jamie Herman is the CEO of NYS Rural Water Association and provides technical support and training and comes to the meeting tonight to inform the Board of the Federal Drinking Water Regulation which will be effective October 16, 2024. The first step in this initiative is for Ken to submit an inventory to the Department of Health. The inventory will be for every water service in the Village and will include the water main to the curb box and the curb box to the inside of the home/building. Mr. Herman strongly suggests that the Village let the public know this project is starting, and to secure an engineering firm to begin looking into grant money for this project. He also suggests that the Code Enforcer require Permits for any water replacement work being done. Mike Harrington suggests the Village look into shared services with the County for VAC Trucks and will continue to look into the new DOH project.

- 1) OIC Jason Temple
 - a) See attached Report.
- 2) Fire Chief, Doug Stinson
 - a) See Attached Report.
- 3) Code Enforcer, Doug Stinson
 - a) See Attached Report.
- 4) DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhardt
 - a) DPW worked on snow removal and street maintenance.
 - b) Continued work on water meters.
 - c) Began work preparing for the summer and new water regulations.
 - d) Trustee Johnson asked about the water Mains and pipes for the Parrott House for future funding on the restoration project.
- 5) Other:

Motion made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve the January 9, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes with correction to Trustee Peter Johnson's name.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson Second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve paying Invoice # 26708 from Evening Star Bookkeeping in the amount of \$2,155.00 for services performed.

Motion made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve payment of Invoice #7 from DN Tanks in the amount of \$67,647.67.

- a) Mayor Henry requested that she get an Active Roster for the Fire Department and the definition of "active Volunteers." She received this information from Trustee Johnson.
- b) Trustee Robinson-Bullock submitted his letter of resignation as a Village Board Trustee effective January 31, 2024. Mayor Henry and the Board of Trustees accepted Mr. Robinson-Bullocks letter of resignation.

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 7:44 PM.

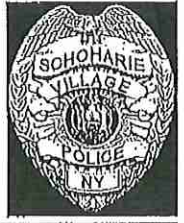
Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Price
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Approved



SCHOHARIE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Lieutenant Jason A. Temple
Officer in Charge

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January 17th, 2024
Employee Session

2023 Stats

98 Traffic Tickets
302 Calls for Service
6 Arrests (4 VTL & 2 PL)
9 Auto Accidents (8 Property Damage, 0 Personal Injury, 1 Fatal)
0 Domestic Incident Reports

Department Operations:

The Schoharie Village Police Department operates on a part-time basis covering approximately 1.70 square miles assisting nine hundred and fifty residents. We presently have four active Police Officers and an Officer in Charge. The officers collectively work seventy-two hours monthly and special events at an hourly rate. The Officer in Charge; sixty hours monthly including special events and is salary. The Police Department also provides Security and Bailiff duties for the Village and Town Courts on a weekly basis. One of the main goals is the quality of life of our residents. Traffic and pedestrian safety through education and enforcement, deterrence, and enforcement of crime. Our relationship with Schoharie Fire Department, Schoharie Schools, Sheriff's Office, State Police, and other local Agencies remains positive, fostering a better training relationship to increase professionalism while keeping costs at a minimum.

Police Reform:

As part of the police reform, we met with The Citizens Advisory Board for police review on three occasions in 2023. NYS Police Reform Audit: Mandatory Certification (EXC §846-h): Professional Policing Act of 2021, Critical Standards completed with full compliance. We continue to partner with Lexipol on Policies, best practices, and training opportunities. Policies and Procedures reviewed and updated 10/27/23. In 2023 PoliceOne Training Academy online platform was added.

There have been no official personnel complaints during this calendar year.

Grants:

In 2023 received a Walmart community service grant in the amount of \$2,000.00. Received \$10,000.00 for the purchase of new Body Worn Cameras through a NY State funded grant. We received \$951.00 funding for the 2023 Police Traffic Services and Seat Belt Mobilization through The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for extra enforcement patrols. We conducted a seatbelt enforcement detail at the corner of Main and Grand Streets. We also conducted three speed enforcement details averaging 1.5 tickets per hour. And as always seeking out other grant opportunities for 2024; we have applied for a total of \$28,000.00 through the New York Power Authority and Department of Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement Technologies Grants for the purchase of new portable radios and a Records Management & Computer Aided Dispatch Systems. (Connection with Sheriff's Office).

Transition/Cloudpermit:

- Leslie is working on electronic payment capability with Cloudpermit.

Complaints and Enforcement:

1. Nothing new to report.

Permits:

Parrot House: No new progress to report. Requested and site visit but have not spoken to property owner.

Schoharie Dental 229 Main St.: Inspection complete. Final CO issued. Expecting new application for waiting room addition.

353 Main Street: Awaiting final inspection to issue CO. In progress.

110 Sunset: New inspection planned for next Monday.

164 Grand Street: Working with property owner for failure to obtain permit. Follow up in progress.

117 Shannon Ave: Working with property owner for failure to obtain permit. Follow up in progress.

161 Prospect Street: Working with property owner for failure to obtain permit. Follow up in progress.

146 Prospect Street: Final CO in progress.



Village of Schoharie

Schoharie Fire Department

Situational Report Dec 23- Jan 24

1.) Calls

- 18 EMS
- 9 Fire

2.) Drills & Training

- Held 4 NFPA best practice drills.

3.) Education

- 2 Firefighters enrolled in EMT program through SUNY Cobleskill.

4.) Fundraisers/Events

5.) Near Misses/Major Incidents-

- No near misses
- On 12/28 at 16:18 at the County Courthouse in the State Court Division, there was a suspicion powder found in package shipped from NYS courts to the Courthouse. The package appeared tampered with, upon opening, 2 court employees and one deputy were dusted with a white powder from the package. They activated 911. SFD responded and requested County Hazmat and NYS Hazmat. Schoharie PD and Schoharie County Sheriffs office were on scene. NYS police and FBI were consulted. Initial finding was possible methamphetamine. NYS police lab has since confirmed. The three people who were exposed had no symptoms and no effects. The substance was cleaned by a licensed subcontractor the next day. Nothing further to report on that incident.

6.) Apparatus/Equipment

- Nothing to report.

7.) Building and Grounds

- Still waiting on AC parts to arrive so the repair can be completed.

8.) Grants

- We have several grant requests in progress.