

VILLAGE OF SCHOHARIE
Employees Meeting/Workshop – March 17, 2021

Meeting called to order @ 6:30PM in the Village Hall at 300 Main Street.

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

1) OIC – Brian Rossi

- a) Lexipol sent two updates and Brian asked the Board if they needed to be informed of every update he gets. Mayor Caza is fine leaving it up to Brian to know if something is relevant and the Board should know about it. A copy of all updates should be kept in the office. Trustee Medak would like all updates to the Advisory Committee be shared with the Board. Brian mentioned that Colleen would like the Advisory Committee to meet three times a year.
- b) There is a new de-escalation training seminar being offered online. Brian will get his staff together and attend this training.
- c) School crosswalks need to be repainted, not sure who is responsible for this. Brian would also like to have “School Zone” painted on the road.
- d) 5k Run is still on for May 8th. There are approximately 125 runners. The path will go from the covered bridge to Mix Lane, down Waterbury and back the same way. There was some concern over parking. Right now, they will be parking at Fox Creek Park.
- e) Resolution 2-2021 New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan needs to be voted on and a certification needs to be emailed to the New York State Division of the Budget by April 1, 2021

Motion made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2-2021 adopting the New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan.

2) Code Enforcement Officer Lloyd Stannard and Doug Stinson

- a) Lloyd has new issues with Da-Lai Wu at 333 Main Street over a light claimed to be shining on his neighbor’s homes. Lloyd and Doug are meeting with Da-Lai Wu tonight to go over these issues. According to Lloyd the light has been there for 40 years, it does not shine on anyone’s house and is in the same place it was when the church owned the building. Lloyd will see if the light can be shifted down.
- b) Lloyd has a meeting with the owners of the Parrot House this weekend to meet with the Engineers. They are most likely going to hire Lamont Engineers.
- c) Lloyd started training Doug, they will be concentrating on Fire Inspections to start. Doug has looked into online courses he needs for certification.
- d) Property on Grand Street, site of the old fire department, is designated as green space. There needs to be an audit by FEMA before the Fire Dept can sign over the land to the Village Marty believes the audit was already done. Peter Johnson is going to check with Mike Breen on what restrictions are on that property.
- e) Len Berdan reached out to Doug on behalf of the Zoning Board. Trustee Johnson thinks Doug should meet with the Planning/Zoning Board when Dusty Putnam gets back to town.
- f) Lloyd mentioned updates impacting all food trucks/wagons. New inspections are now required in order to operate. Lloyd is working with the County to allow these inspections to carry over through all municipalities in the County. All Food Trucks/Wagons need Operating Permit and Fire Inspections.

3) Fire Chief – Marty Pierce

a) Marty asked permission to purchase 2 chainsaws not to exceed \$500.00 and to be purchased locally.

Motion made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Price unanimously carried to approve the purchase of two chainsaws not to exceed \$500.00.

b) Marty feels it will be a highly active fire brush season. The Brush truck would not start and had to be sent out for service and NYS Inspection. The 2019 Dodge truck also needs a NYS Inspection. Marty wants the Board to be aware of the Inspections in case there is any work that needs to be done in order to pass the Inspection.

c) As of April 2021, Marty will no longer be the Fire Chief as he is stepping down. Marty will become Deputy Chief during the transition period to the new Chief.

d) Marty had met with Central Bridge regarding the First Responders. Marty will not sign the Agreement and would rather deal with phone calls for mutual aid.

4) DPW – Ken Bernhardt

a) DPW is under the gun to get the lot cleared for the new water tank. This must be done by the end of March. They are about halfway done. There has been less snow this month which has given them more time for this project. Also means less salt being used this month.

b) DPW has been down one man due to quarantine. He should be coming back within the next week.

c) Ken met with Arlene Vrooman in person to discuss her water. Ken drank her water in front of her and took a sample to be tested, it tested satisfactory. Her pipes may be old and rusted which may be causing some of her problems however that is not the responsibility of the Village.

d) Trustee Palmer requested that Ken look at the street sign at the end of Brookside. Ken will put together a list of signs needed with the cost and present to the Board at the next meeting.

e) DPW had a PESH Inspection, there are some issues of things that need to be addressed but mostly with paperwork.

f) Wednesday March 24th is Ken's first day of class for Water/Sewer license.

g) Ken has looked into a street sweeper and found a good quality used one for \$40,000-\$50,000. Ken was invited out to look at it. The Board is fine with Ken exploring options.

h) Dan Crandell may need to have a conversation with the Village regarding the new cost for salt. The Board also suggested looking into having our own salt shed.

5) Other:

a) The Village received a letter from Jake Young, a wildlife management B.T. student at SUNY Cobleskill. They are developing a project monitoring the American Mink habitat use in altered versus unaltered streams throughout Schoharie County and would like to place a trail project camera near the stream by Fox Creek. Trustee Johnson will contact him and ask how long the camera will be up and how high they plan on placing it. Once Trustee Johnson gets this information and is assured that the Village will not be responsible for any damage to equipment, the Board has no problem with this study.

MOTION by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 8:11PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra A Byrne