

**VILLAGE OF SCHOHARIE**  
**Employees Meeting/Workshop – January 16, 2019**

Meeting called to order @ 6:34 in the Village quarters at 300 Main Street.

**PRESENT:** Mayor John J. Borst, Trustees: Caza, Balliett, Wood and Palmer. Village Superintendent Bill Shroh, CEO Lloyd Stannard, Fire Chief Marty Pierce, Fire Dept. EMS Lt. Jake Higginson.

A. Public Works Supt. Shroh's Report.

1. Routine Report in Village Office
  - a) Bags and Brush and Christmas Trees
  - b) Cleared leaves at Fox Creek Park for skating rink surface
  - c) Routine equipment maintenance
  - d) Cleaned/salted for several small snow storms
  - e) Installed new water meter at Taco Shack – froze and broke
  - f) All village-owned street lights were converted to LEDs
2. Need new backhoe tires - \$1,645
3. Injector pump bad in backhoe – needs repair
4. **Ask Bill to install safety fence around Krajewski house on Knower Ave. (See CEO Report).**
5. Schoharie Promotional (SPA) asked the village to look into electric power at the Lily Park. Contact National Grid. Also get/develop estimate for us to bury. Ask SPA for their desired layout.
6. Can the village plow skating rink after other plowing is done – Mr. Shroh responded that the truck would need to be cleaned really well as salt from road maintenance dropping on the ice surface will melt holes.

B. Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) – Lloyd Stannard

1. 130 Fair Street was in court again. Judge ordered the property be cleaned up by Feb. 11, 2019 or there may be a fine of \$250 per day for non-compliance. Adjudication came under Section 132 of the Village Code.
2. Former Ken Coons property – Order to Remedy issued for garbage not picked up. Owner failed to appear in court. Judge reset 2/11 as next court date. If owner is a no show, a bench warrant will be issued.
3. Prospect Street Krajewski rental property again. – Another court date was set for owner.
4. Lloyd did a few more F&S Inspections on commercial properties.
5. Lloyd requested installation of safety barricade at Krajewski property on Knower Ave.

C. Fire Chief Pierce

1. **MOTION by Wood and second by Palmer and carried to authorize Schoharie Fire Department personnel to participate on Schoharie County special teams (FIVES, FAST, etc.) to be covered under village's liability and worker's comp. Insurance.**
2. **MOTION by Balliett and second by Caza and carried to authorize SFD to purchase an AED compatible with Scho-Wright's equipment as part of the departments rollout of new EMS service in support of Scho-Wright. Approx. Cost = \$2,000. SFD will apply for grant funding and, if awarded, will reimburse the village for AED costs.**

3. Apparatus Maintenance
    - a) SFD is doing some maintenance in-house, like oil changes and other checks. Should reduce maintenance costs significantly. Hose and pump testing will still be outsourced.
    - b) Chief Pierce was approved to purchase oil in bulk (55 gals.). Will confer with Bill Shroh. Will set up separate billing for fire department only.
    - c) SFD wants to purchase an oil drainage container
    - d) Oil pan on 1422 needs to be replaced. Marty will contact Alton Palmer and have him service the truck while it is there.
  4. Fire Company voted to not bill village for heat in temporary building housing police car.
  5. Status of replacement title for 1990 Ford?
  6. Conesville F.D. may be interested in 1422 and will inspect it on Saturday.
  7. Marty will fill out the Cancer Benefit forms (Proof of Benefit and Certificate of Eligibility) and forward to Mang Insurance and OFPC.
  8. Marty thought it was appropriate for the Village to recognize and thank the fire department members for their continued service to the community (and at 10/6 accident) at the annual banquet in April.
  9. Marty requested a Resolution for fire department member Jody Meese who has a 100% attendance record for all fire department functions and activities since he joined. Would like it for Department's February Meeting.
- D. **MOTION by Palmer and second by Caza and carried to set the polling place for the March 19, 2019 village election at the Village Office meeting room at 300 Main Street from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 p.m.**
- E. **MOTION by Palmer and second by Wood and carried to Appoint Pamela Foland Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Village of Schoharie upon Susan Kennedy's resignation.**
- F. **MOTION by Caza and second by Balliett and carried to approve the draft minutes of the December 11, Meeting, as amended.**
- G. **MOTION by Caza and second by Palmer and carried to approve extension of the contract with Simmons Consulting (expired October 2018) for to December 31, 2019 for limited representation before FEMA on P-4 completion Reports and HMGP projects.** Mike Harrington said Simmons is a knowledgeable and important interface with DHSES and FEMA. Motion will be contingent on Simmons providing satisfactory estimates of time and cost that may be incurred under the contract.
- H. **MOTION by Balliett and second by Palmer and carried to grant a MFU permit to ARC and if the location is in the Main Street CBD (e.g. Courthouse plaza) the fee will be \$250.**
- I. Discussed Sybil Linstead letter opposing the snowmobile trail near her home. Since the trail is wholly on private property and does not require Village Board approval no action was taken by the Board. We will monitor the situation and will try to handle problems if they arise.
- J. Cable T.V. and SCHOPEG –
1. Schopeg requested the Board adopt a resolution naming Schopeg as the public access provider for the Village of Schoharie.
  2. Then request Midtel to adopt the same language and \$\$ amounts as Spectrum toward Schopeg capital costs.
  3. Mike Vandow said this only affects the Towns and Villages of Schoharie and Middleburgh.
  4. Board discussed and tabled Mr. Vandow's request. First, there is more than just Schoharie and Middleburgh involved as Midtel serves a wider area. It was suggested to convene a

meeting among affected municipalities, Schopeg and our CATV consultants to understand the law and what actions we might take. Based on that outcome, a dialogue with Midtel may begin.

- K. **MOTION by Caza and second by Palmer and carried to authorize the purchase of a laptop computer for the Planning Board Secretary.** Estimated cost is \$500 - \$600 and the VPB has about \$1,500 remaining in their contractual line for the year.
  - L. Governor Cuomo's proposed budget eliminated AIM funding to villages. That amounts to about \$7,500 for the village. Absent any other increases, it would require a 3.25% property tax increase just to recover those funds. We need to express our concerns with Senator Seward and Assemblyman Tague.
  - M. SCVOA meeting will be held on January 23, 2019 at Justine's with Cobleskill hosting. Program will be Eric Stein and/or Peter Johnson on economic development.
  - N. Village's belated Holiday party/luncheon will be held this Friday at Noon at the Glass Bar.
  - O. Personnel – Some personnel issues, brought up by Clerk Leslie, relating to the upcoming resignation of Deputy Clerk Nancy Cooke on March 29, 2019 and the position of Clerk Typist were discussed. No action was taken, but it was suggested that Clerk Leslie meet with the Board to discuss her concerns directly.
- P. Motion to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. by Mr. Caza and 2nd by Mr. Palmer and carried.**

Minutes by Borst