

Village of Schoharie  
Regular Meeting  
January 13, 2015

**Presiding:** Mayor, John Borst

**Present:** Trustees John Balliett, Larry Caza, Jeremy Rosenthal, Ed August and Clerk/Treasurer, Leslie Price

**Residents:** Richard Snyder, Mike Verrastro, Terry Wilber and Diana Bell Jackson

**Meeting brought to order by Mayor Borst @ 7:31 PM**

**Privilege of the Floor: (POF)**

1. Richard Snyder – Owner of 163 Grand Street asked to have the water/sewer penalties that were assessed to his bill be removed because he never received the bills.

**Motion** made by Trustee August second by Trustee Rosenthal and carried to have the Clerk refund penalties assessed when Richard Snyder did not receive bills.

2. Michael Verrastro – Mobile Food Unit Permit for 2015

**Motion** made by Trustee August second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to approve his Mobil food Unit Permit for 2015 at the same cost as 2014, \$250.00 with a caveat that Mike must keep the grease off the sidewalk on a daily bases.

3. Diana Bell Jackson – Asked if the Minutes on the webpage were up-to-date and will the minutes be posted on the new web site too. Clerk said the minutes were posted through May 2014 and plans to get them updated. Trustee Caza said the two pages will be linked.

**Minutes:**

December 17, 2014 – Tabled until Next week's Employee Meeting

**Bills:**

**Motion** made by Trustee Rosenthal second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to approve payment of bills through January 13, 2015.

**Incoming Correspondence:** N/A

**Outgoing Correspondence:** Reviewed and Discussed

1. Harold Orelup – notifying him of a monthly MVP premium increase.
2. University of California, Davis – FOIL response that the Village of Schoharie has not taken any formal action on a variety of issues relating to natural gas or oil mining or transport.

**Old Business:** Reviewed and Discussed

1. Website status? See POF #2 new one coming shortly.
2. Community Reconstruction Program (CRP) :  
Steve Hoerz of SCSWCD set up a tentative meeting with the Village and NYS CRP for Friday January 23, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.to discuss contractual and participation issues regarding the South End Drainage Project.
3. LTCR -
  1. The Marketing, web site and infrastructure sub-groups continue to meet to formulate and implement an initial marketing and promotion strategy. Next meeting tentatively set for February 2 or 3 on Doodle.
  2. Nan and Kurt Pelton forwarded proposed prototypes for letterhead, envelopes, business cards and decals for the **Board's review and approval**. Also provided cost estimates.

**Motion** made by Trustee Rosenthal second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to approve the Letterhead and envelope with PO Box 219 added to the return address on the envelope and a copy write symbol needs to be added to the decal along with a bar code that can be scanned by a smart phone that when scans will link directly to the Village's webpage.

3. At last night's (Monday) Community Informational Meeting sponsored by Schoharie Promotional Association, Nan distributed a summary sheet for LTCR projects.
4. Grant Funding –
  1. Status with Victor Cornelius?
  2. Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Information: 2013 CFA Waterfront grant contract to be signed and sent.

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee August unanimously carried reconfirming that the CFA Waterfront grant contract will be signed and sent

5. FEMA Buyouts:
  1. The Village closed on the Larsen property. Geertgens and Standhart pending.
  2. Salvage concerns?
6. Water/Sewer Billing:
  1. BAS bill of \$2,300 is pending. Clerk feels they did not provide the initial setup technical support for which they are billing, and that they caused office staff a lot of extra work troubleshooting problems and correcting their errors.
    - \* The Board agreed to have Clerk pay Vellano's \$8,350.00 after the Village attorney Mike Breen looks over the agreement (see motion from October 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes)
    - The Board will discuss paying the BAS \$2,300 bill at next week's Employee meeting
  2. Simmons Recovery thought FEMA might reimburse that bill.
7. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program -
  1. Victor is "negotiating". Trustee Rosenthal will contact Victor to see if he can come to next week's Employee meeting at 6:30PM
8. Birchez escrow account status? Not funded
9. "Chicken Law" – CEO Whipple circulated a proposed animal control law. We need to review and discuss what our objective really is.
10. Other

**New Business:** Reviewed and Discussed

1. **Resolution #1-2015** –
  4. Whereas, the Town of Schoharie Justice acts as a backup for the Village of Schoharie Court in the absence of the Village Justice; and  
Whereas, Town Justice Kenneth Knutsen has capably served as Interim Village Justice in the past;  
Therefore Be It Resolved, for the year 2015, the Schoharie Village Board of Trustees does hereby appoint Town Justice Kenneth Knutsen Acting Village Justice in the absence of Judge Kennedy at a rate of pay of \$25 per occurrence.

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee August unanimously carried to appoint Town Justice Kenneth Knutsen as Acting Village Justice in the absence of Judge Kennedy at a rate of pay of \$25 per occurrence.

2. Propose Local Law #1-2015 and present to Trustees – Authority to exceed the 2% Tax Cap:

Motion to reschedule the hearing for Local Law #1-2015 from January 13, 2015 to 7:00 P.M. February 18, 2015 and to be published in the February 4 and 11 issues of the Times Journal

**Motion** made by Trustee Rosenthal second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to reschedule the hearing for Local Law #1-2015 from January 13, 2015 to 7:00 P.M. February 18, 2015 so that it is after our meeting with NYCOM regarding property tax cap guidelines. Also, publish it in the Times Journal on February 4 and 11, 2015.

3. Trinity Construction –

1. Approval of payment request certified by Lamont Engineers totaling \$22,282.25. (payment was approved in bills motion)
2. Change Order #1 for the Fox Creek Pump Station (VSF-2) in the amount of \$5,300 for Hazard Mitigation to raise the finished floor elevation.

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee August unanimously carried to approve change order #1 for the Fox Creek Pump Station (VSF2) in the amount of \$5,300.00.

4. Adopt-A-Park –

1. Motion to approve the agreement between the Village of Schoharie and Schoharie Kiwanis Club for the “adoption of Lasell Park” for a three year period, through December 2017.

**Motion** made by Trustee Balliett second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to approve the agreement between the Village of Schoharie and Schoharie Kiwanis Club for the “adoption of Lasell Park” for a three year period, through December 2017.

2. Motion to approve a Kiwanis recommendation to require a \$50 deposit for use of the park which would be returnable if the premises remain in good. The Board would like to see the Kiwanis guidelines
3. LTCR – Nan Stolzenburg and Karen Olewnick recommended that the Village purchase an “ad” in the Stone Fort’s seasonal brochure using the new logos.

**Motion** made by Trustee Balliett second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to purchase an “ad” in the Stone Fort’s seasonal brochure using the new logo

5. Schoharie is hosting the SCVOA meeting to be held on Tuesday February 3, 2015 at the Apple Barrel with the program being Barbara Van Epps discussing the new tax cap proposal.
6. USDA meeting to be held at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday January 22, 2015 at County Office Building to provide an overview of grant and loan funding opportunities for local government.
7. March 2015 Village Elections –

1. **Resolution #2-2015** - Whereas, Village elections will be held on March 18, 2015 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm at the Schoharie Central School, and, whereas, One (1) Mayor and Two (2) trustee seats are expiring, Be it Therefore Resolved that the Board sets the above date for the General Election.

2. Motion to authorize the Clerk to appoint two (2) election inspectors for the March 18, 2015 village-wide election.

**Motion** made by Trustee Rosenthal second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to adopt Resolution #2-2015 Whereas, Village elections will be held on March 18, 2015 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm at the Schoharie Central School, and, whereas, One (1) Mayor and Two (2) trustee seats are expiring, Be it Therefore Resolved that the Board sets the above date for the General Election and for the Clerk to appoint two (2) election inspectors for the March 18, 2015 village-wide election.

8. Natural Gas proposal.
9. Other – Sewer plant needs internet. Nothing decided

Schoharie County Village Officers Association meets on February 3, 2015 at the Apple Barrel.

The January Employees Meeting is Wednesday January 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Next regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Adjourn.

**Motion** made by Trustee August second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to adjourn at 9:33PM

Respectfully Submitted

Leslie J. Price