

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

Meeting called to order @ 6:30PM 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, Doug Stinson, Fire Chief Marty Pierce, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, and Mike Harrington from Lamont Engineers. Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price was present via phone.

Motion made to go into executive Session at 6:30PM by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Medak

Motion made to come out of Executive Session at 6:59PM by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Johnson

Motion made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve the hiring of Doug Stinson as Code Enforcement Officer for the Village of Schoharie.

1) Fire Chief – Marty Pierce

- a) Marty presented the Board with Resolution 1-2021 extending volunteer firemen's benefit law insurance to members of the Schoharie Fire Department. Marty explained that this insurance is for any certified member of his team to work in specialized teams and still be covered under our Insurance Policy. Certified members include Thomas Bielawski, Jackson Goodman, Mike Griffin Jr., Matthew Brisley and Marty Pierce.

Motion made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve Resolution 1-2021 which extends insurance to members of the Schoharie Fire Department working with specialized teams.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Caza – Aye
Deputy Mayor Johnson – Aye
Trustee Palmer – Aye
Trustee Medak – Aye
Trustee Price – Aye

- b) The Fire Department has a 1990 Ford Truck which was used during the flood. The pump is burnt out and there is no title which was lost in the flood. Marty has someone interested in purchasing the truck for \$3,500 as is. This truck is currently not on the Insurance policy.

Motion made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Price unanimously carried to approve the sale of this truck for \$3,500.

- c) The Fire Department has applied for Grant # EMW-2020-FG-18615 to be used to purchase new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) known as air packs. The cost of these air-packs is \$1100 per bottle. The Fire Department will need to replace 18 this year and 18 next year. If the Grant money is not received, the Village will have to replace these air-packs by May of 2022. The Grant does require the Village match \$30,000.
- d) Marty will give Leslie the names of the 8 members that do qualify for the Cancer Insurance. This policy has been paid and renewed January 2021. The Board asked that Marty try to estimate the number of members which will qualify next year so this money can be put in next year's budget.
- e) Central Bridge would like to negotiate using Schoharie EMS. If this can be negotiated, Central Bridge will pay for each call to cover the wear and tear on Schoharie's equipment. Marty will put some numbers together and present to the Board.

2) DPW – Ken Bernhardt

- a) DPW has been busy with routine tasks including a lot of snow removal and maintenance of equipment. The department has used a large quantity of salt so far this winter.
- b) The Village meters were read, and Ken and Leslie are working on the first quarter Water/Sewer Bills which will be going out soon.
- c) Ken presented a price for a 2021 Ford 350 equipped with a plow and lettering for \$38,900.00. The truck is being held for Schoharie DPW until Ken has approval from the Board.

Motion made by Trustee Price second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve the purchase of a 2021 Ford 350 with plow for the DPW department in the amount of \$38,900.00.

- d) Mayor Caza inquired the status of training/classes for both Mike and Ken. Ken has signed up for classes beginning in August, September, and November. If he passes the classes, he will have all the license requirements for both Water and Sewer. Ken will follow up with Mike's classes.
- e)

3) OIC – Brian Rossi

- a) The School Crossing Guard will be back at work next week (February 22). Brian had a conversation with the School, and they did find a substitute Crossing Guard and the School has paid them.
- b) Brian attended a Police Reform meeting today at Christ The Shepherd Lutheran Church. The meeting went well, and Pastor Colleen Quirion has done a lot of research and is organizing the meetings. DA Susan Mallory did attend this meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for March 4th.
- c) Trustee Johnson mentioned there was a nice story written in the Times Journal regarding the Schoharie Village Police Department.

4) Code Enforcement Officer Lloyd Stannard

- a) The Village hired Doug Stinson as new Code Enforcement Officer. Doug will have to get started on classes ASAP. Lloyd will stay on to help transition Doug in this position. Leslie and Lloyd will keep an eye on the budget to make sure does not go over.
- b) Elbialy is working on plans for garage now. The Planning Board has met and given a list of steps for him to take. First thing being done is the parking lot.
- c) Problem property at 161 Prospect Street is being cleaned up. The tenants have left, and the new owners are being very cooperative.
- d) Lloyd had to write up the property on Shannon and is trying to work with the Judge to see when he can appear in court.
- e) Steve Meyers has volunteered to build a gazebo at the old Fire House property to make that site a park. The Village does not own that property it is still owned by the Fire Department. Peter Johnson will follow-up with the transfer of this property and find out what the Village will be able to do with the property once they own it.
- f) Parrott House owner was ill, and work was temporarily stopped. He is feeling much better now and will start back up on the project. Lloyd will be meeting with them soon to discuss their plans for The Hive on Main Street which they recently purchased.

5) Mike Harrington Lamont Engineers

- a) Mike handed out the Monthly Meeting Report on the Water System Improvement Project.

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.

6) 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 Mayor Caza second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to exit Executive Session at 8:50PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra A Byrne