

Village of Schoharie  
Regular Meeting  
February 10, 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 @ 7:35 PM**

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

Richard Snyder – Owner of 163 Grand Street questioned the Village’s water/sewer billing as his property is not currently occupied. Board discussed with Mr. Snyder and will refer to village Attorney Breen.

**Motion** made by Trustee August second by Trustee Rosenthal and unanimously carried to refer Mr. Snyder’s concerns to the Village attorney, Michael Breen.

Yea  
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Nay  
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**Minutes:**

**Motion** made by Trustee Rosenthal second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to accept the December 17, 2014 minutes as written.

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Rosenthal unanimously carried to accept the January 13, 2015 minutes as written

**Bills:**

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee August unanimously carried to approve payment of bills through February 10, 2015.

**Incoming Correspondence:** Reviewed and Discussed

- A. McGiver Design Services – Offering architectural and engineering services for projects associated with NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program (CRP).
- B. Schoharie County Hysterical Society- Thank you for donation to the Annual Appeal.

**Outgoing Correspondence:** Reviewed and Discussed

1. Schoharie Kiwanis, Eugene Amedio – Approval for Adopt-A-Park at Lasell Park for three years through December 31, 2017.
2. John J. Borst, Lawrence Caza and Frederick W. Kennedy – Notice of receipt of independent nominating petition.
3. Nancy Wolfe – Notification of appointment as election inspector.
4. Maribeth\_Cutting - Notification of appointment as election inspector.

**Old Business:** Reviewed and Discussed

- A. Website status? Up-to-date and the Clerk added Vital Statistics to the website there is a new one coming shortly.
- B. NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program (CRP) :

1. Mayor met with Steve Hoerz of SCSWCD and Sarah Crowell of NYSDOS on Friday January 23, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. to discuss contractual and participation issues regarding the South End Drainage Project.
  - a. Intermunicipal MOU – Mayor will have Village Attorney Breen review MOU.
  - b. Have Exhibit “A”, Program/Project Description, revised to include a drainage pipe and also clarify that most of the project will be on private property and will require construction easements and permanent maintenance easements.
  - c. Incorporate some Village Office Administrative functions in Exhibit “B”, Village of Schoharie Program/Project Responsibilities
2. Resolution for appointment of a Selection Committee to determine the professional engineering firm most qualified to perform the duties for the South End Drainage Project. Committee to include Steven Hoerz and Peter Nichols of SCSWCD, village Trustee Larry Caza and residents Richard Kenyon and Reed Sholtes.

**Resolution #3 2015**

**Motion** made by Trustee August second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to appoint Steve Hoerz, Peter Nichols, Village Trustee Larry Caza and residents Richard Kenyon and Reed Sholtes to determine the professional engineering firm most qualified to perform the duties for the South End Drainage Project. Requests for qualifications in March and interviews in April.

C. LTCR :

1. The Marketing, web site and infrastructure sub-groups will meet next on Monday February 16, 2015 at 7:00 PM to preview Village website, hear progress on Historic Home Walking Tours and Fountain Projects and discuss fundraising

D. FEMA Buyouts:

1. The Village closed on the Larsen property. Geertjzen and Standhart pending. Fero has issues.

E. Victor Cornelius Grant Programs:

1. Victor is “negotiating” with GOSR on potential project lineup.
2. Victor is soliciting donations from various non-profit organizations for the 50% match to the Waterfront Grant, including Putnam foundation, American Express, NBT, Bank of America, Schoharie CDC, Middleburgh Telephone Co., and National Grid to name a few.
3. Victor also suggested village officials should meet with Senator Seward to see if dormitory Authority funding might be possible. Trustee Rosenthal will follow-up with Victor.

F. Birchez escrow account status: Mayor and CEO Whipple met with Steve Aaron on Monday February 2, 2015 to discuss issues. Mr. Aaron will be reimbursing for currently outstanding bills associated with project review and asked that we keep such professional costs at a minimum.

G. Reminder – Tax Cap Override Hearing to be held next Wednesday February 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM

H. Adopt-A-Park :

1. Discuss Kiwanis’s concern about the \$50 deposit and just who will monitor the condition of the park after its use. They do not want to do it. DPW will have to monitor the parks.

**New Business:** Reviewed and Discussed

- A. Mayor attended a USDA presentation that was held on Thursday January 22, 2015 at County Office Building to provide an overview of grant and loan funding opportunities for local government.
- B. Approval of a consulting Agreement between the village of Schoharie and FSI Municipal Consultants for negotiation of the Time Warner CATV franchise renewal

**Motion** made by Trustee Rosenthal second by Trustee Caza and carried to approve the consulting Agreement between the village of Schoharie and FSI Municipal Consultants for negotiation of the Time Warner CATV franchise renewal

Yea  
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Nay  
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- C. Illustration of the impacts of Tax Cap proposal and residential rebates for residents whose villages comply.
- D. Mayor attended a 4 hour training class sponsored by Schoharie County Emergency Services and NYSEMO regarding the responsibility of public officials in the declaration of a state of emergency and responsibilities in that time.
- E. NY Rising CRP meeting to be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday February 12, 2015 in the Village offices to update on the plan progress and distribution of funds. At that time we should ask how some Economic Development projects might be initiated. (Who, what, where, when, how)
- F. Standard Workday Resolution of Village of Schoharie employees required by NYS ERS. Maintain activity records for 3 consecutive months. Not a member of ERS, no activity log.

Board thought there was an existing Resolution, if not, one will be done at the next monthly meeting.

- G. Safety Committee – NYMIR suggests the Village form a safety committee that meets at least quarterly to review safety issues and concerns. Not only does this refresh safety skills and recognition in employees it also reduces insurance premiums through an incentive for participating employers through NYMIR.
- H. Other

Schoharie County Village Officers Association meets on February 25, 2015, Richmondville hosting.

The February Employees Meeting is Wednesday February 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

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

Adjourn.

**Motion** made by Trustee August second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to adjourn at 9:35PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie J. Price