

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting
February 15, 2023

Presiding: Mayor Caza

Present: Trustees Johnson, Medak, Palmer, Robinson-Bullock, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, and James McFee

Meeting brought to order: By Mayor Caza at 6:35 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Public Meeting at 6:35PM

Public Hearing regarding Local Law #1-2023 amending the speed limit on all village roads to 25MPH. The Board discussed keeping Bridge Street at 30MPH but after some discussion it was agreed that all Village roads should be 25MPH. Trustee Medak feels we should continue to communicate with the State DOT in regard to lowering Main Street speed limit to 25MPH.

Motion made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve Local Law # 1-2023 amending the speed limit on all village roads to 25MPH.

1. Privilege of the Floor:

- a. The Chamber of Commerce contacted the Village office to ask about subletting the back of their building to the Reformed church. No one showed up at the meeting and there was no written request, so this matter was tabled until we hear back from the Chamber.
- b. John Wilsey asked to discuss honoring Veterans in the Village however Mr. Wilsey did not attend the meeting or submit written communication on this matter.

2. Minutes: Review and Motion to approve

- a. January 10, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes
- b. January 18, 2022, Employee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve the January 10, 2023, Monthly Meeting Minutes and the January 18, 2023, Employee Meeting Minutes as written.

3. Abstracts and Bank Statements:

- a. General \$ 211,847.03 (January 11, 2023-February 15, 2023)
- b. Water \$ 13,136.12 (January 11, 2023-February 15, 2023)
- c. Sewer \$ 16,349.44 (January 11, 2023-February 15, 2023)
- d. Pool \$ 79.87 (January 11, 2023-February 15, 2023)

Trustee Medak requested that the check for Niagara Engine in the amount of \$71,530.00 be removed from the Abstract and held until April 1, 2023, when the Fire Department's Fiscal Year begins. The Board agreed. Trustee Medak also asked if the Village Clerk could add a line to the abstract reports showing the memo line on checks written so the Board can have a better understanding of the allocation of funds. Clerk Price will look into this.

Motion made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve paying the invoices and the approval of the Abstract Amounts with amendments to the Niagara Engine check which will be deferred until April 1, 2023.

4. Incoming Correspondence:

- a. Ben Griffin has submitted a resignation from the Zoning Board via email which leaves another vacant seat on the Zoning Board. Joseph Mann has previously submitted his qualifications and is willing to sit

on this Board. Mayor Caza would like Clerk Price to reach out to all the ZBA members and suggest they have a meeting soon to introduce all the new members and to suggest a new Chairperson. Mayor would also like the members to be reminded of the training that is required for this role and suggested that end dates for each seat may have to be shuffled as needed with the new members. Also remind members that Oaths need to be done at the Village Office. Mayor would like Clerk Price to reach out to Ben Griffin to ask for any training materials he may have.

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve Joseph Mann to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

5. Outgoing Correspondence:

- a. N/A

6. New Business:

- a. Discussion on continuing the deferred water payment plan into Fiscal Year 2023. Clerk Price would like the deferred water plan to be terminated before 2023 relevy is created. The Board has agreed to continue the deferred water payment plan until the year anniversary date which would be July of 2023. Any deferred payments should be paid in full before the November 2023 Relevy.

7. Old Business:

- a. A motion needs to be made to hire surveyor Susan M. Anacker for the Trail Project. Mayor would like the Village Office to make Nan Stolzenburg aware of this Motion.

Motion made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve the hiring of Susan M. Anacker as Surveyor for the Village Trail Project.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to close the Public Meeting for Local Law # 1-2023 at 7:36PM.

8. Other:

- a. Deputy Mayor Peter Johnson attended the Joint Meeting with the Town of Schoharie and the Village of Schoharie to discuss the Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor Alan Tavenner had asked for some names of people who may be interested in attending these meetings. Trustee Palmer and Trustee Robinson-Bullock have agreed to join this venture and will contact others who may be interested. Mayor suggested Ian Kirby and Jennie Flagler. Cody will reach out to them both. Also, Mayor would like Dusty Putnam to give some input for members. Clerk Price will reach out to her.
- b. Trustee Medak would like to have the word "Village" removed from street signs coming into the Village that refer to the speed limit being 30MPH now that the Village speed limit is 25MPH. Clerk Price will check with the State DOT and Ken about this.
- c. Clerk Price has informed the Board that the Town of Schoharie's additional cost for the purchase of the Tahoe for the Fire Department is \$13,736.74. Trustee Johnson has sent an email to Alan Tavenner and Ben Oevering from the Town of Schoharie.
- d. Clerk Price informed the Board that we have begun planning the 2023 SCVOA Christmas party that Schoharie is hosting. The date will be December 15, 2023, and will be held at the DAR building. Trustee Robinson-Bullock has volunteered to handle the music for this event.
- e. Trustee Robinson-Bullock met with Clerk Edward Watt from the Village of Nelliston, NY and was introduced to Amanda Kaier and team from MVEDD. Trustee Robinson-Bullock was very impressed with this group and hopes to work with them on future endeavors. Mayor Caza attended the Annual Membership Meeting and was invited to become a member. Mayor offered that Trustee Robinson-Bullock feel free to take the Mayor's place at any meeting he cannot attend.
- f. Trustee Palmer wanted to verify that a Resolution has been made to purchase new streetlights, Clerk Price verified that it was.

- g. Trustee Palmer also mentioned that Bassett will be moving its operations to Cobleskill so there will be a vacant building on Main Street as of March 1, 2023.

9. MOTION to Adjourn.

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Price
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Approved