

Village of Schoharie – Employee Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2025

Presiding: Deputy Mayor Johnson

Present: Trustees Palmer, DeGroff, Medak, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhardt, Assistant Superintendent Michael Kennedy, OIC, Jason Temple, Fire Chief Doug Stinson

Excused : Mayor Colleen Henry, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price

Employee Meeting:

Meeting brought to order: By Deputy Mayor Johnson at 6:29 PM

- 1) OIC Jason Temple
 - a) See Attached Reports.
 - b) Jason commented on the Felony Drug arrest at LaSalle Park. Jason said on his rounds he noticed a truck parked at the Park with music playing, when he approached the truck, he noticed drug paraphernalia on the passenger seat. Jason made the arrest, the suspect was released and did not show up for court. Jason did talk to him about the L.E.A.D. program.
 - c) Jason wanted the Board to approve two new hires, Justin Manchester and Eric Poggoli as training coordinator and Patrol Rifle Instructor. New York State requires this training. Trustee Medak said the 2025 Budget did have this money set aside and the Board agreed to the hires to meet State regulations.
- 2) DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhardt
 - a) See Attached Report.
 - b) DPW continues shoveling and plowing.
 - c) Ken presented the Board with a quote for a new zero turn lawnmower. The quote is for \$11,750.00 with a credit of \$1,500.00 for the old lawn mower. Trustee Medak said this money is in the 2025 Budget. Michael Kennedy asked the Board if he could purchase the old lawn mower for \$1,500.00. The Board approved.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee DeGroff, unanimously carried to approve the purchase of the new zero turn lawnmower for \$11,750.00 and to let Michael Kennedy purchase the old lawn mower for the amount of \$1,500.00.

- d) Ken told the Board we received information from the state police regarding the automobile accident with a Village fire hydrant. Ken would like the office to mail out an invoice for the parts and labor to repair the fire hydrant hit. The office will create an invoice as soon as Ken hands in the labor hours for the repair.

- e) Ken also informed the Board that Doug Stinson III is due insurance buyout money for 8 months of 2024.

Motion made by Trustee Medak, second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve the health insurance buyout to Doug Stinson III for 8 months of 2024 in the amount of \$2,000.00.

- 3) Code Enforcer Officer N/A
- 4) Doug Stinson, Chief; Fire Department
 - a) See Attached Report.
 - b) Doug explained to the Board that going forward, the Fire Department reporting will be done monthly, and the same report will be given to both the Town and the Village. The Report submitted at this meeting is for the month of January.
 - c) The Fire Department has been having some difficulties getting the Beer and Wine permits from the State. Doug is not sure why as it is the same request every year, but he does feel confident that we should be getting them soon.
 - d) The Fire Department is working on the Memorial Day event which is getting bigger and bigger every year. There will be free food and a lot more vendors this year.
 - e) The Fire Department also started meeting for the planning of Christmastime in Schoharie.
 - f) Doug informed the Board that the new truck should be delivered this week.
 - g) As stated in his report, Doug said that CO calls have increased and would like to inform residents to check their smoke and CO detectors and make sure they have fresh batteries. Trustee Johnson asked if we could use Text.gov to send out an alert to residents.
 - h) Doug presented an Invoice to the Board from Zoll Data Systems for payment. After a credit of \$855.80 the amount due is \$959.80.

Motion made by Trustee Palmer seconded by Trustee DeGroff unanimously carried to approve payment of the Zoll Data Systems invoice in the amount of \$959.80.

- 5) Other:
 - a) Clerk Treasurer Leslie Price had submitted to the Board, prior to the meeting, a request for a motion to pay the EFC short-term interest payment of \$16,621.09.

Motion made by Trustee Medak seconded by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve paying the EFC short term interest payment of \$16,621.09.

6) Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Trustee Palmer, second by Trustee DeGroff unanimously carried to adjourn Meeting at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Byrne
Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer



Schoharie Police Department



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Employee Session

January 1st, 2025 – February 19th, 2025 Stats

19 Traffic Tickets
60 Calls for Service
3 Arrests
1 Auto Accidents
0 Domestic Incident Reports

No Major Incidents

Notable Incidents:

Fugitive From Justice Arrest at The Birches
Felony Drug arrest at Lasell Park

Citizen Advisory Board:

Next meeting scheduled for May 21st, 2025 @ 0930 Christ the Shepard Lutheran Church. Advertised on Village Website.

Motorola Flex:

Several meetings with Motorola Solutions & Sheriff's Office. In the process of installation. The Schoharie County IT Department is setting up VPNs.

New Hire(s): Training Coordinator Justin Manchester.
Patrol Rifle Instructor Eric Poggoli.

Village of Schoharie
Department of Public Works
February 19, 2025

- Auto versus fire hydrant at 199 Main Street 02/02/2025. The hydrant was repaired and back in service on 02/03/2025. Have access to the police report.
- The new turbidity meters at the water plant are scheduled to start up on March 18, 2025. Hach Co. and Smith Control will be the technicians
- NYSDEC yearly inspection of the wastewater treatment plant 02/11/2025. Report to follow.
- The new benchtop Ph meter sewer plant is up and running. A big time saver.
- Price quote for new Ferris zero turn lawn mower \$10,250.00, see attached
- Douglas Stinson III is due the health insurance buy out for 8 months of 2024: \$2000.00

Specifications

- 5902090
- 5902088
- 5902080
- 5902078
- 5902157
- 5902159
- 5902180

Model Number	5902078	
US MSRP [^]	\$15,399.00	<i>Jack Miller Price to VCS \$ 11750.⁰⁰</i>
CAN MSRP [^]	\$20,789.00	<i>trade in → 1500.⁰⁰</i>
Engine Brand	Vanguard™ 810cc EFI with Oil Guard	<i>woods PRD9200 \$ 10250.⁰⁰</i>
Engine Power Rating *	28	
Displacement (cc)	810	
PTO	Electric	
Cylinders	2	
Starter	Electric	
Fuel Type	Gasoline	
Fuel Tank Capacity (gal)	11	
Hour Meter/Instrumentation	Dual-function hour meter, fuel level gauge in each tank	
Deck Size (in)	60	
Cutting Height (in)	1.5 - 5	
Spindles	Cast-iron greaseable	
Suspension	ForeFront™ Suspension System	
Transmission	Dual commercial Hydro-Gear® ZT-4400™ Transaxles with 8.3" cooling fans	
Deck Construction	ICD™ + Cutting System, 2-Belt	
Drive Axles (in)	1.375	
Drive Tires (in)	24 x 12-12	
Ground Speed-Fwd (mph)	0-10	
Ground Speed-Rev (mph)	0-5	
Overall Length (in)	82.5	
Overall Width (in) Deflector Down/Deflector Up	74 / 65	

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Village of Schoharie

Schoharie Fire Department

Situational Report January 2025

02/19/2025

1.) Calls

- 23 EMS
8 Fire

2.) Drills & Training

- Held 4 NFPA best practice drills.

3.) Education

- 1 Paramedic student is about 75% complete.
- 1 Current EMT is currently enrolled and attending Paramedic School.
- 3 Current EMT's are recertified for another 4 years. Making a total of 15 EMT/Firefighters in our station.
- 2 Firefighters enrolled to go to the National Fire Academy for CE.
- 4 Firefighters took a NYS HazMat Operations Refresher Class at a neighboring department this month. We will be hosting one at our station on the 20th for the remaining firefighters.
- Conducting our Annual OSHA department of Labor training on the 22nd from 10am-2pm at the station. Village employees in need of any of this training are welcome to attend. Contact Amanda at 518-573-1596 if you plan to attend.
- Hosting a Response to Terrorism DHS class on the 27th.

4.) Fundraisers/Events

- Upcoming Las Vegas Night and Rueban Sandwich Dinner for March 8th.
- Planning going on currently for the Memorial Day Parade and Open House Event as well as Christmas in Schoharie 2025.

5.) Near Misses/Major Incidents-

- Nothing to report

6.) Apparatus/Equipment

- All material arrived at the Dealership for the New Chief's Truck. Received a phone call today with an update and they are saying the truck will be ready by the end of the week.

7.) Building and Grounds

- The compressor replacement project is underway and should be repaired/up and running in under two weeks.

8.) Misc.

- With the weather and wind there have been a lot of CO calls as well as structure fires. Please check your smoke and CO detectors, make sure they have fresh batteries if applicable or replace them with new 10-year versions.
- Schoharie Fire Department reports will now be by month and not the period of time between board meetings. Reports will be forwarded early each next month to both Village and Town Boards.