

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting  
March 09, 2021

**Presiding:** Deputy Mayor Peter Johnson

**Present:** Trustee Medak, Trustee Palmer, Trustee Price, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, Patsy Nicosia from The Times Journal, Brian Rossi, Jason Temple, Colleen Quirion, Susan Mallery, Schoharie County DA, Investigator Bruce Baker with the LEADS program, and ZBA Chairperson Len Berdan. Mayor Caza called in. Excused Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price.

**Meeting brought to order:** By Deputy Mayor Johnson at 6:32PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment Section for Executive Order #203**

- A. Pastor Colleen Quirion gave a summary of progress made by the Citizen Advisory Committee in response to the Governor’s Executive Order 203, New York State Police reform and Reinvention Collaboration. Pastor Colleen and OIC Brian Rossi handed out the proposed Plan for the Village of Schoharie. After two meetings and reaching out to various groups the committee came up with five recommendations as resources allow. They are :
- a. Putting together an updated Police Policy Manual
  - b. Ongoing training
  - c. Diversion
  - d. Community Engagement
  - e. Citizen Advisory Committee
- B. Investigator Bruce Baker summarized the goals of the LEAD program (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion), a national effort that matches low-level offenders with services to help turn their lives around. This program helps officers to divert someone who has committed a non-violent misdemeanor to a case manager. OIC Brian Rossi said he is extremely interested in the Village Police becoming involved with this program. Trustee Palmer has expressed interest in Bassett Healthcare Navigation becoming an added resource to this program. Investigator Bruce Baker will send information to OIC Brian Rossi.

**MOTION** made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve the Schoharie Village Police to become part of the LEADS program.

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

- A. ZBA Chairman Len Berdan addressed the Board stating that the Zoning Board is down to 4 members right now and he is recommending Jessica Loden-Kirby to fill the position vacated by the passing of Gene Amedio. Len asked for the Board’s approval in filling this vacant position with Jessica Loden-Kirby.

**MOTION** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak approved to fill the vacant position on the Zoning Board with Jessica Loden-Kirby at a vote of 4 to 1.

Mayor Caza	Yea
Trustee Johnson	Yea
Trustee Medak	Yea
Trustee Palmer	Yea
Trustee Price	Abstain

**MOTION** to approve Minutes.

February 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2021 Employee Meeting Minutes

**MOTION** made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve with changes the February 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and February 17, 2021 Employee Meeting Minutes.

**Bills & Bank Statements Reviewed and signed:**

A. **MOTION** to approve Abstract Amounts & Bank Statements

General \$ 21,960.01 (Feb 10, 2021-Mar 9, 2021)

Water \$ 35,333.15 (Feb 10, 2021-Mar 9, 2021)

Sewer \$ 20,046.34 (Feb 10, 2021-Mar 9, 2021)

Pool \$ 8.16 (Feb 10, 2021-Mar 9, 2021)

**MOTION** made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Price unanimously carried to approve abstracts and February 2021 bank statements.

**Old Business:**

A. John Lyons received the letter of engagement signed by Mayor Caza for legal services regarding the Trail Advisory Committee on February 22, 2021

B. SLR (formerly known as Milone & MacBroom) Contract received and needs to be signed for landscape architect and land surveying. Deputy Mayor Johnson signed the contract.

**MOTION** made by Trustee Medak second by Mayor Caza unanimously carried to approve Deputy Mayor Peter Johnson to sign the SLR Contract.

**New Business: N/A**

**Outgoing Correspondence: N/A**

**Incoming Correspondence:**

A. The Village received a request from BBQ Delights for a one-day mobile food permit for March 27, 2021.

**MOTION** made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve a one day mobile food Permit for March 27, 2021.

B. Arlene Vrooman wrote a letter to the Mayor asking for DPW to come down and check her water. She feels her water is dirty and may be making her sick. Mayor requested Ken have himself or one of his crew to go down and check out Ms. Vroomans water. Ken was sent a text message.

**Other:**

A. Deputy Mayor Johnson presented an update on the fundraising campaign for the Trail Project/ The overall goal is \$170,000 with a completion date of June 30, 2022. The Tail Advisory Committee feels confident they can get \$80,000 in private solicitations, \$70,000 from in-kind contributions and \$20,000 in a public fundraising campaign.

**Next Employees Workshop Meeting is Wednesday February 17, 2021 at 6:30 PM.**

**Next Regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday April 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM.**

**MOTION** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:21PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra A. Byrne