

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting
March 15, 2023

Presiding: Mayor Caza

Present: Trustees Johnson, Medak, Palmer, Robinson-Bullock, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, Bob Stevenot, Jennie Flagler, Josh Walter from the Mountain Eagle and Ken Bernhardt, DPW Superintendent.

Meeting brought to order: By Mayor Caza at 6:31 PM

Excused: Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Privilege of the Floor:

- a. Bob Stevenot and Jennie Flagler expressed concerns regarding the snow removal on Main Street for the parking spaces. Both expressed concern over losing business due to no parking availability during and after snow fall. Mayor Caza reminded them that Route 30 is a State Road and is plowed by the State. The Village DPW comes in after the State and cleans up Main Street. DPW can only do this between the hours of 3:00AM – 6:00AM when there is little traffic and no parking on Main Street. Cleaning Main Street does not specifically fall under the jurisdiction of the Village however the Village does this as a courtesy to Main Street businesses. Ken Bernhardt agreed with the Mayor and pointed out that technically, in order for DPW to clean Main Street they need to block off the road with cones and use Flag Men. Ken also stated that the Village and DPW is open to suggestions and changes in order to keep businesses happy and Main Street cleared. The Board stated that they will approve overtime for snow removal since this is what the public wants however limited manpower is still an issue. Mayor Caza suggested finding outside help for extreme snow days and asked for suggestions. Ken will look into this possibility.

2. Minutes: Review and Motion to approve

- a. February 15, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes
- b. February 22, 2022, Employee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve the February 15, 2023, Monthly Meeting Minutes with changes and the February 22, 2023, Employee Meeting Minutes as written.

3. Abstracts and Bank Statements:

- a. General \$ 57,850.05 (February 15, 2023 – March 14, 2023)
- b. Water \$ 33,669.31 (February 15, 2023 – March 14, 2023)
- c. Sewer \$ 5,529.57 (February 15, 2023 – March 14, 2023)
- d. Pool \$ 8.24 (February 15, 2023 – March 14, 2023)

Motion made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve paying the invoices and the approval of the Abstract Amounts as written.

4. Incoming Correspondence:

- a. The Village Office received a letter from residents Flora and Richard Kenyon at 117 Knower Ave praising DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhardt's professionalism and being so helpful with the operation of the Water/Sewer Department. The Mayor would like this filed in Ken's personnel file as well as being part of this public record. This letter is attached.

5. Outgoing Correspondence:

- a. N/A

6. New Business:

- a. The Board would like to appoint Jessica Loden-Kirby for Chair of the Zoning Board. A letter will be sent to Jessica asking her to accept this position. As Chair, the Board would like her to organize a Meeting with the new members. The Mayor would also like to ask Jessica if she would like to be part of the Comprehensive Plan Team.

The Zoning Board members are as follows:

Ben Griffin being replaced by Jessica Loden-Kirby end of Term 2026
Ken Kio end of Term 2025
Jessica Loden-Kirby being replaced by Joe Mann end of Term 2024
Amy Foland end of Term 2028
Tracy Booth end of Term 2027

The Planning Board members are as follows:

Dusty Putnam Chair end of Term 2026
Colleen Henry end of Term 2027
Steven Babbitt end of Term 2023
Thomas Hitter end of Term 2024
Tim Repicky end of Term 2025

7. Old Business:

- a. The Board has been working on members to join the Comprehensive Plan Team for the Village. Mayor Caza has asked Ian Kirby and Jen Flagler to join this committee, and both accepted. Trustee Robinson-Bullock has asked Mark Roberts and Jennifer Barnett, and both have accepted. Mayor would like the Clerk's office to reach out to Dusty Putnam and ask for two names from the Planning Board to join the Comprehensive Team. Trustee Johnson mentioned that the Town has asked Joe Bozicevich to join this Team representing the Town.

8. Other:

- a. Trustee Johnson mentioned the Right Of Way Project that needs to be signed by the Village of Schoharie and Colonial Heritage. This project is to install water pipes as part of the WISIP program in order to improved connectivity and water flow. Since the location of these pipes is on private property, the Village will need a signed agreement to have the right of way and in turn the Village will agree to maintain the roads in this area. Ken wanted clarification as to snow removal on this property and Trustee Johnson said snow removal is not part of the deal.

Motion made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve presenting a proposal to Colonial Heritage regarding the Right of Way to the Village of Schoharie.

- b. Trustee Johnson had a meeting with Dave Henry and learned an important breakthrough has been made with National Grid and the right of way for the Trail Project.
- c. Trustee Johnson suggested that the Village move forward with purchase plans of the property at 201 Bridge Street. Trustee Johnson feels the progress on the Trail Project is a lot closer than the Bridge Street bridge project.
- d. Trustee Johnson mentioned there may be someone interested in joining forces with the owners of the Parrott House as an investor.
- e. Trustee Robinson-Bullock mentioned that the Court Hearing for the young man involved in the auto accident over the weekend may increase the activity at 300 Main Street. He also mentioned that there is a fundraiser scheduled for Sunday, March 19th in front of the Parrott House.

9. MOTION to Adjourn.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Price, Village Clerk/Treasurer