

Village of Schoharie
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2016

Presiding: Mayor, John Borst

Present: Trustees, John Balliett, Lawrence Caza, Jeffrey Palmer, Mark Wood and Clerk/Treasurer Leslie J. Price.

Attendees: Heidi and Kurt Lawton, Scott Danner, Jin Kim, Tyler James, Pat Brady, Terry Wilber, Richard Price, Diana Bell, Mike Jackson, Mike Kennedy, Michelle Parks and Jay Diamond.

Excused: None

Meeting brought to order by Mayor, John Borst @ 7:30 PM

Swearing-In of new trustees Mark Wood and Jeffrey Palmer: Clerk Price gave the oath of office

Privilege of the Floor:

Kurt Lawton: Requested the Village to rezone 445 Main St. (fmr. Picture Perfect Landscaping) from residential to commercial. It was in commercial use before the flood and, because it was empty for over 1 year, it reverted back to the underlying residential zoning. Kurt and his wife Heidi purchased the building with plans to relocate their sports store "Creekside Sports, LLC" to the new location and want to move as soon as possible.

Mayor: The properties at 445 Main St., 404 Main St. and 107 Prospect St. were considered non-conforming commercial use and should be rezoned to Commercial use. A meeting will be scheduled in early May with the Planning Board to start the process.

Motion made by Trustee Balliett second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to refer the rezoning to the Schoharie County Planning Board and Village Planning Board to move with rezoning.

Scott Danner handed out a Lasell Park Concept Redesign power point and gave a brief talk on the initiative for long term improvement for the Park.

Tyler James handed out a brochure on AmeriCorps "NCCC" (National Civilian Community Corps) and a project outline for the work NCCC will be doing at the Lutheran Cemetery and Lasell Park and the supplies necessary to complete the job this is a short term work effort
Supplies needed:

Brown (Adirondack Brown? The color you see in every park.)

Paint brushes, rollers, paint tray.

Ladders

Mulch (Needs to be dropped off by May 13, 2016)

Haul away at the end of the week (branches, weeds, logs, etc.)

Topsoil (if you have it, and it's readily available.)

Wildflower seed

Tyler also asked the board if the Village had any projects that need to be done because the NCCC crew may be able to help, Mayor referred Tyler to DPW, Bill Shroh

Michelle Parks requested to go into executive session with the Board. Mayor Borst explained that the Village Attorney handling the NOC advised not to have any direct conversations with Ms. Parks. All communications should go through the attorney(s).

Jin Kim: SALT is facilitating a Trail Feasibility Study that will analyze the legal

and economic feasibility of a 38-mile trail connecting communities from Esperance to Blenheim. SALT will be working closely with Scott Danner, member of the Waterfront and Recreation Assets Project Advisory Committee, in order to incorporate Village plans into the Study.

Terry Wilber commented on the appalling conditions of 326 Main St, 116 Eastern Ave. and the grass clippings, leaves, pumpkins and sticks that are dumped across the street from 169 Fair St.

Richard Price: Asked if there was a legal fund for the Stone Quarry. Mayor nothing particular was earmarked for the quarry legal fees.

Diana Bell: Asked when the budget will be adopted. Mayor – hearing is on April 20, 2016 and by the end of the week a draft will be available

Minutes:

Motion: made by Trustee Balliett second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to accept March 8, 2016 Minutes.

Employee Minutes March 16, 2016: Tabled until next week's April 20, 2016 Employee meeting

Special Meeting Minutes March 28, 2016: Tabled until next week's April 20, 2016 Employee meeting

Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Balliett second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to pay bills through April 12, 2016

Incoming Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

- A. Schoharie Arts Grants – Invite to Community Arts Grants Awards Reception on Saturday April 30, 2016 in Jefferson.
- B. Cornell Cooperative Extension – 4th Annual Family Farm Day on Saturday August 13, 2016.
- C. Benefit Specialists of NY – Overview of health plan services.
- D. Schoharie County Dept. of Health – Approval of plans for food service area at new fire station.
- E. SEFCU Insurance – Providing a copy of the Governmental Insurance Disclosure Statement as required by NYS Dept. of Financial Services.
- F. NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO) – Notice that the Johannes Lawyer House (now Jason & Sam Ballard) was listed on the National Register

Outgoing Correspondence: N/A

Old Business: Reviewed and Discussed

- A. Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – 2015:
 1. At Village/CDC meeting on 4/11/2016 consensus was to instruct Harrison Studio to pursue purchase and renovation of Parrot House project through NY Rising CRP (CDBG) and to work with owners on the plans going forward.
 2. Facilitation would be accomplished by engaging a planning consultant to steer the process. Village government and CDC would provide the general guidance and direction but not day-to-day oversight.
- B. Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – 2016:
 1. Also at the April 11 meeting, it was discussed with Nan Stolzenburg that the village should develop and submit an application for new CFA round in June 2016.
- C. Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP)
 1. Place Alliance is progressing with developing specific plans and cost estimates.
- D. Birches Services Agreement – The Birches senior housing project requested to enter into a services agreement with the Village of Schoharie which, in lieu of a PILOT, would result in a benefit payment to the Village. Mayor met with Steve Aaron of Birches on April 7, 2016 to finalize the mathematical calculation of Benefit Payment. Birches is having its counsel draw of the formal agreement documents Town of Schoharie has to approve exemption contingent

on approval of Benefit Payment agreement.

E. Birches renewal building Permit Fee Waiver:

1. Mr. Aaron requested some time ago a waiver of the renewal fee for a building permit. Citing unnecessary delays caused, in part, by the Village, costs of voluntary enhancements to the project and that the company is having its attorneys draw up a Benefit Agreement document, Mr. Aaron thought some consideration was warranted.

Motion made by Trustee Balliett second by Trustee Caza so carried to waive the renewal building permit fee

Yea

Trustee Balliett
Trustee Palmer
Trustee Caza
Mayor Borst

Nay

Trustee Mark Wood

New Business: Reviewed and Discussed

A. Zoning Issues:

1. Zoning change for Commercial Areas – Prior to the flood, three sites in the village located in residential zones (404 Main, 445 Main and 102 Prospect) were grandfathered long-term commercial properties located in a residential zone. Because of commercial inactivity for more than a year after the flood, the zoning reverted back to the underlying residential status. All three properties are or will be repaired for commercial use and the zoning needs to be officially changed accordingly. **See privilege of the floor, Kurt Lawton**
2. New campground and waterfront recreational zone regulations need to be finalized and moved forward. Lamont Engineers is looking in to what excess water the Village may have and how much a campground might use. Mayor will get campground zoning regulations to Jeffrey and Mark.

B. Additional Flood Insurance Coverage – We are required by FEMA to insure Village property at least in the amount of damages paid by FEMA as a result of the 2011 flood. We did this last year, but a reconciliation of claims paid showed we needed more coverage for repairs.

C. Approve ESIP fire department insurance coverage's and premiums for next fiscal year.

Motion made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to sign the Fire Dept. insurance coverage's

D. Notice of Claim (NOC) filed by Michelle Parks – Mayor referred the NOC to our insurance agent (SEFCU) and the underlying carrier, NYMIR, will be handling the claim. Mayor has discussed with NYMIR's attorney and the response to the NOC is underway. **See privilege of the floor Michelle Parks**

E. Speed Limit Reduction on S. Main Street – Mr. Aaron requested that the Village request NYSDOT to reduce the speed limit on Route 30 approaching the Birches Senior Project. Mayor Borst will follow-up.

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to request NYSDOT to reduce the speed on South Main St. to 30mph

F. Street light request – Mr. Aaron also requested that the Village ask National Grid to install two new street lights immediately in front of the Birches Development. Mayor Borst will follow-up.

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to request two street lights by the Birches Senior Housing Project and to discuss LED lighting

G. LaSalle Park Conceptual Plans – SALT, in conjunction with Schoharie Kiwanis, is developing conceptual plans to make LaSalle Park more user friendly and to encourage more use although it is not part of the LWRP planning process. **See privilege of the floor Scott Danner**

H. Proposed Budget for 2016-2017 – Review and meet to discuss later in the week, say Thursday

at 5:15 in village office.

- I. Leslie – Vacation/Wedding plans and office coverage. April 20- May 3rd and Nancy Cooke will be covering the office

J. Other –

- 1. Charles Herman Bill (HRA)

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to hold Charles Herman bill until further notice

- 2. Time Warner – Meeting set with Mike Vandow for April 26, 2016 for negotiation meeting

Schoharie County Village Officers Association meets on Wednesday May 25, 2016.

The April Employees Meeting is April 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Next regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Adjourn.

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to adjourn at 9:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie J. Price
Clerk/Treasurer