

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting
April 13, 2021

Presiding: Mayor Caza

Present: Deputy Mayor Johnson, Trustee Medak, Trustee Palmer, Trustee Price, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, Julie Pacatte, Executive Director of SEEK and Terry Wilbur.

Meeting brought to order: By Mayor Caza at 6:32PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor (POF):

- A. Julie Pacatte presented the Board with the Schoharie Valley Gateway Infrastructure Initiative, 2021 which would extend the water and wastewater service from the Village of Schoharie to the I88 Corridor at the intersection of Route 7 and Route 30. Julie asked for a letter of support from the Village for the water/sewer infrastructure project.

MOTION made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Price unanimously carried to approved for Mayor Caza to sign a letter of support for the Schoharie Valley Gateway Infrastructure Initiative.

- B. Peter Johnson, representing the Kiwanis Club, informed the Board that the purchase of a gazebo was made by Kiwanis to be placed in LaSalle Park in memory of Gene Amedio with the Board's approval.

MOTION made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Price unanimously carried to approved Kiwanis placing a gazebo at LaSalle Park in memory of Gene Amedio.

Old Business:

- A. Assessor Dave Jones has re-evaluated property SBL#72.13-2-4 at \$200.00. The Assessor claimed this property is unbuildable and has only 16.69 square feet of road frontage. Joseph and Suzanne Parisi has requested purchase of this land for the assessed value.

MOTION made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve the sale of vacant land SBL# 72.13-2-4 to Joseph and Suzanne Parisi for the amount of \$200.00.

MOTION to approve Minutes.

March 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2021 Employee Meeting Minutes

MOTION made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Price unanimously carried to approve with spelling changes the March 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and March 17, 2021 Employee Meeting Minutes.

Bills & Bank Statements Reviewed and signed:

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

General \$ 85,864.92 (March 10, 2021-April 13, 2021)

Water \$ 23,834.27 (March 10, 2021-April 13, 2021)

Sewer \$ 10,238.03 (March 10, 2021-April 13, 2021)

Pool \$ 141.71 (March 10, 2021-April 13, 2021)

MOTION made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve Abstracts and March 2021 bank statements.

Outgoing Correspondence: N/A

Incoming Correspondence:

- A. Uniform Tax Exemption Policy Amendments regarding Solar projects –
 - a. Peter Johnson, a Director at IDA, addressed the Board regarding the New York State changes in regulation of Solar Farms and how it effects Schoharie County. Schoharie County currently has 10 proposals for Solar Farms equaling 120 Mega watts in energy. New York State has removed the home rule and will now be the deciding factor regarding these proposals. Schoharie County is concerned with the number of proposals and lack of ability to approve or deny preliminary proposals and wishes to institute a uniform policy within the county to charge a minimum of \$20,000 per megawatt with a 3% escalation for the first 10 years similar to a PILOT program. This money would be divided with 50% going to the school district, 40% going to the County and 10% going to the Town/Village where Solar Farm is located.

MOTION made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Palmer with Trustee Johnson recusing himself, carried to approve supporting the amendment adopted by the Board of the Schoharie County Industrial Development Agency in Resolution Number 0221 in regard to commercial solar facilities.

- B. The Clerk’s Office received a FEMA notice for 123 Bridge Street stating the structure is within a Special Flood Hazard area. The Village was put on notice that this property is under review.
- C. The Clerk’s Office received a FEMA letter acknowledging the Village’s letter in support of Niagara Engine’s application for the F/Y 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). Plan to review determination of who is eligible for the Grant will be held virtual later this spring.
- D. Clerk’s Office received a letter from a resident in Cambridge, NY who is looking to move and inquired if the Village of Schoharie has or will have LED lighting in the Village. Mayor Caza along with Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price will construct a letter in response to her inquiry.
- E. Clerk’s Office received an E-mail from Bobbi Wayman, Event Chair for Marathon for a Better Life asking the Village to purchase luminaries for this event. While the Village can not purchase these luminaries, Clerk/Treasurer Price will post on the Village Website and contact the Chamber of Commerce regarding this event. She will also try to contact local businesses.

New Business:

- A. DPW Superintendent Kenneth Bernhardt has completed his one-year employment and should receive an increase in salary in accordance with his employment contract. Clerk/Treasurer needs a motion to adjust the budget line items for a salary increase of \$3,000.00 as follows: Move \$840.00 from A12104 to A51101, move \$1,020.00 from F83104 to F83301 and move \$1,140.00 from G81104 to G81301.

MOTION made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approved adjusting the budget line items for a salary increase of \$3,000.00 for DPW Superintendent Kenneth Bernhardt.

OTHER:

- A. Deputy Mayor Johnson informed the Board that he has talked to Jim Becker regarding updating/improving Broadband and wireless in the Village with the NYS stimulus money.
- B. Deputy Mayor Johnson spoke to Bob Vedder from Kiwanis about a drive through chicken BBQ at Fox Creek. A Permit will need to be issued.

Next Employees Workshop Meeting is Wednesday April 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Next Regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday May 11, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Next SCVOA meeting is hosted by Schoharie for May. Need to pick a date, place, and speaker. Mayor Caza suggested Comptroller DiNapoli

MOTION made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie J. Price