

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting
May 11, 2021

Presiding: Mayor Caza

Present: Deputy Mayor Trustee Johnson, Trustee Medak, Trustee Palmer, Trustee Price, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, OIC Brian Rossi, Ben and Will Griffin, Joe & Linda Bozicevich, Patsy Nicosia from The Times Journal and Terry Wilbur.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor (POF):

- A. OIC Brian Rossi informed the Board that he found a 2014 Ford Explorer for sale through the Fulton Fire Department which was used as a Fire Chief vehicle. The sale price is \$10,500 plus a cost of \$2,500.00 for striping and radio. Brian believes he can get a better deal but would like approval from the Board to purchase this vehicle and replace the 2004 Crown Victoria. Brian believes he can auction/sell the Crown Victoria for approximately \$1,500.00 to go towards this expense. Mayor Caza said the Board will need a few days to crunch numbers and find the best solution for this purchase.
- B. OIC Rossi also wanted to inform the Board of complaints received regarding speeding on Bridge Street and in front of the school at the crosswalk. Brian wanted to let the Board know that this is being addressed and he will address this issue further at the Employee meeting.
- C. Joe & Linda Bozicevich addressed the Board to express his concerns over the zombie house at 235 Main Street which is part of the Elbially project being reviewed by the Planning Board. Joe & Linda feel if left vacant, this house would cause house values to decrease.

Old Business:

- A. The Village Clerk's Office has sent out three Notices/Invoices to SMC Services for the water installation at 138 Bridge Street. This invoice remains unpaid. Mayor Caza will send a letter to Steve Myers explaining that this invoice needs to be paid within ten days. After that time period, the Village Clerk's office will hand this over to our attorney for collections.
- B. Trustee Johnson and Trustee Palmer attended a Zoom meeting with Kevin Luteran at New York Power Authority regarding the LED Street Lighting project. The cost for this project has increased by \$32,000.00. To add the "smart" poles would cost between \$15,000-\$20,000 per pole. Trustee Johnson also spoke with Midtel regarding the fiber optics being installed in the Village. This should be done within the year. Mayor Caza and the Board agreed to move forward with the LED project without the smart poles and would like to arrange for Kevin to make a presentation at the June Board Meeting.

Bills & Bank Statements Reviewed and signed:

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

General	\$	6,085.10	(April 14, 2021-May 11. 2021)
Water	\$	9,617.06	(April 14, 2021-May 11. 2021)
Sewer	\$	14,113.21	(April 14, 2021-May 11. 2021)
Pool	\$	496.61	(April 14, 2021-May 11. 2021)

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

Meeting Minutes Reviewed and signed:

- April 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
- April 21, 2021 Employee Meeting Minutes

MOTION made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Price unanimously carried to approve the April 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes and the April 21, 2021 Employee Meeting Minutes

Outgoing Correspondence: N/A

Incoming Correspondence:

- A. A notice from the Public Service Commission regarding a Zoom Meeting to discuss two proposals filed by the Department of Public Service in the Gas Planning Proceedings was received. The Department is inviting Municipalities to participate and is seeking public comments.
- B. A Thank You letter was received from MarieAnn Cherry for the Village's quick response to her first letter regarding LED lighting in the Village. Mayor Caza read this letter out loud.
- C. A Thank You letter was received from a resident of Esperance New York complimenting the Village on the Lily Park. Mayor Caza read this letter out loud and asked the Village clerk to forward the card to Schoharie Promotional along with our appreciation for the work they do on our Parks.

New Business:

- A. Resolution 3-2021 was presented by Trustee Johnson authorizing the creation of a Charitable Gift Reserve Fund as well as identifying an Agent for this fund. (See attached Resolution)

MOTION made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approved Resolution 3-2021 creating a Charitable Gifts Reserve Fund for the Village of Schoharie and designating Village Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price as the Agent for this fund.

OTHER:

- A. Mayor Caza reiterated Brian Rossi's comment regarding LEAD Training scheduled for May 19th at 6:00PM. Mayor Caza would like to move the Employee meeting to 7:00PM in order to give appropriate time for training.
- B. Leslie Price has mentioned that Ken Bernhardt has found a Sweeper in Waterville, New York for \$40,000-\$50,000 and would like Board approval to go see vehicle. Ken does feel he may be able to get a better price. The Board has agreed that Ken should look at the vehicle as well as obtaining a fact sheet for the vehicle.
- C. Next SCVOA meeting hosted by the Village of Schoharie is May 18th, 2021. Clerk Leslie Price needs to know who is attending and what your menu choices are.

Next Employees Workshop Meeting is Wednesday May 19th, 2021 at 7:00PM.

Next Regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday June 8th, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

MOTION made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie J. Price

RESOLUTION 3-2021

3-2021 Resolution creating a Charitable Gifts Reserve Fund for the Village of Schoharie.

Whereas the lives and well-being of residents of the Village of Schoharie would be enhanced by the completion of projects that cannot be undertaken or completed due to financial constraints; and

Whereas New York State Municipal Law grants municipalities authority to establish a charitable gifts reserve fund to receive unrestricted charitable monetary contributions (NYS General Municipal Law Section 244a); and

Whereas the Internal Revenue Service has determined that such contributions are fully tax-deductible if made for a public purpose under Section 170 (c) (1) of the IRS Code.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Schoharie Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the establishment of a Charitable Gifts Reserve Fund; designates the Schoharie Village Clerk/Treasurer as the agent for this fund; authorizes the Schoharie Village Clerk/Treasurer to establish an interest-bearing account at the NBT Bank in the Village to hold these contributions; and to prepare a form that acknowledges the receipt of these monetary contributions to each contributor.

Furthermore, the Village Board resolves that disbursements from the Charitable Gifts Reserve Fund will be made only for charitable purposes that the Village Board deems appropriate, and by majority vote.