

Village of Schoharie – Regular Board Meeting
May 14, 2024

Presiding: Mayor Colleen Henry

Present: Trustees Johnson, Medak, DeGroff, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, Patsy Nicosia From Times Journal and Chris English from The Mountain Eagle.

Excused: Trustee Palmer

Residents Present: Yajaira Lopez, Regina Munoz, Sue Bradshaw, James Esposito, Bob Tines, Elisabeth Vedder, Mary E. Manchester, Diana Bell Jackson, Michael Jackson, Caryn Lediuzet, John Wolfe, Terry Wilbur, and David Ornoski.

Meeting brought to order: By Mayor Henry at 6:30PM

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Privilege of the Floor:

- a. Diana Bell Jackson handed out a sheet for the residents and the Board. Mayor Henry went through the list. A discussion followed after each item. Handout is attached.
- b. Summary of highlights:
 - i. Mayor Henry suggested appointments be made with Leslie and Board Member(s) for review of Water/Sewer Invoice.
 - ii. The Board agreed that we will put a handout in the next Water/Sewer Invoice to explain the water and sewer rates.
 - iii. The Board once again explained that anyone wanting a payment plan should contact the Village Office to set this up. There will be no penalty for that invoice, and nothing will be re-levied as long as the resident is making payments on a payment plan that has been set up by the Village Clerk. This is regarding the questioned invoice, not any upcoming invoices. If residents do not call to make an appointment, their invoice will be re-levied if not paid by November 1, 2024.

2. Minutes: Review and Motion to approve

- a. Approve the Minutes for the combined Board/Employee Meeting on March 20, 2024, The Regular Board Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2024, and the Employee Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2024.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee DeGroff unanimously carried to approve the Minutes from the March 20, 2024, meeting, the April 9, 2024, meeting and the April 17, 2024, meeting.

3. Abstracts and Bank Statements:

- a. General \$ 104,630.47 (April 10, 2024 – May 14, 2024)
- b. Water \$ 14,078.09 (April 10, 2024 – May 14, 2024)
- c. Sewer \$ 22,404.97 (April 10, 2024 – May 14, 2024)
- d. Pool \$ 78.57 (April 10, 2024 – May 14, 2024)

Motion made by Trustee Medak, second by Trustee DeGroff 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 Diana Bell-Jackson asking for an adjustment to her water/sewer invoice. It is Diana's belief that there may have been a leak or an inaccurate meter reading. Diana believes there is 56,000 gallons over and above her average usage and would like the Board to make an adjustment. She will be calling the Village Office to make an appointment to go over her invoice.

5. Outgoing Correspondence:

- a. N/A

6. New Business:

- a. The Old Stone Fort/Planning Board will hold a public hearing on an application for annexation on May 29, 2024, at 7:00PM Village Hall, 300 Main Street.

7. Old Business:

- a. Reminder, June's Regular Monthly Meeting and Employee Monthly Meeting will be a combined meeting on June 11, 2024. All future meetings will be combined and follow the same format. The Employee Meeting will begin at 6:00PM and the Regular Board Meeting will follow. Just a note, there is no Privilege of Floor at the Employee Meetings.
- b. Mayor Henry has requested Mr. Morton to attend the June meeting regarding the scenic byway proposal.
- c. Schoharie Promotional Association (SPA) gave an update on the plans for the trees on Main Street, the new sign is up at Fox Creek.
- d. There is a Ribbon Cutting ceremony scheduled for Friday May 17th at 11:00AM for three new businesses on Main Street, Dry AF , Savage Scoops Ice-Cream and The Mercantile.

8. Other:

- a. Mayor Henry and Doug Stinson to be excused from the Employee Meeting on May 15, 2024. Mayor Henry will be at a conference and Doug will be involved in a National Grid Gas project.
- b. Mayor Henry has a Zoom meeting on lead line survey with NYS EFC on 5/16/2024.
- c. The Schoharie Memorial Day parade is scheduled for Thursday 5/23/2024 hosted by the Schoharie Fire Department.
- d. Comprehensive Planning Board Open House from 3PM-8PM Thursday May 23, 2024, at the Town/Village Hall, 300 Main Street in Schoharie.
- e. Comprehensive Planning Board Central Bridge Open House from 3PM-6PM on Thursday May 30, 2024, at the Methodist Hall, 196 Main Street in Central Bridge.

9. MOTION to Adjourn.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Mayor Henry unanimously carried to adjourn Meeting at 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Price
Clerk/Treasurer Village of Schoharie