

Village of Schoharie - Regular Meeting
June 12, 2012

Presiding: Mayor John Borst

Present: Trustees Jay Balliett, Larry Caza, Ed August, Jeremy Rosenthal and Clerk/Treasurer Leslie J. Price. Residents: Terry Wilber, Colleen and Michael Murphy, Michael and Diana Jackson, Dawn Johnson, David Avitable
Schoharie Promotional Association (SPA), Darlene Patterson
SEFCU Insurance Agency, Diane Becker
Times Journal, David Avitabile and Fern Weber.

Meeting brought to order by Mayor Borst @ 7:32 pm

Fire Department Early Business: Mayor gave the following report:

Mayor met with Mang Insurance Agency, agent for ESIP Fire Department Insurance regarding renewal premium. Coverage remained the same except for a 1992 Jeep added for \$30,000 coverage and an annual premium of \$750. Total premium is about \$700 higher than last year and well within budget for FY 2012-2013.

Privilege of the Floor: Colleen Murphy regarding proposed Constitution Pipeline:

Colleen told the Board there was a lack of information from the pipeline and asked where she would go to get information. Trustee Rosenthal offered to send them shade files he had just received and referred them to the DEC's website and click on environmental resource mapper.

Midtel Cable TV Franchise Renewal:

Mayor brought hearing to order 8:00 pm

Don Snoops informed the Board that the new agreement mirrors the previous agreement; the Village will receive 5% Franchise fee which is the maximum allowed by law also that the agreement can be amended if needed.

Motion made by Trustee August seconded by Trustee Rosenthal and carried to adjourn Hearing at 8:24 pm

Motion made by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee August and carried to have Mayor sign the Cable TV Franchise Renewal Agreement

Minutes: May 8, 2102 Regular Meeting:

Tabled until next week's Employee Meeting

Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee Rosenthal and carried to pay bills through June 12, 2012 excluding the Fire Department bills, they will be tabled until next week's Employee Meeting

Incoming Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

- a. NYS DOS – Announcing the “Safe Routes to School” program for creating safer routes for kids to go to school. Costs incurred by the Village are 100% reimbursable. Village can access information from enclosed website. Trustees Caza and Rosenthal will cooperate in the investigation of this program (NOFA).
- b. Schoharie County Planning and Development – Providing property owner liability waiver forms to have NEG workers remove “floatable” debris from private property in the Village. Village costs, whatever they might be for force account labor or equipment, are reimbursable. Clerk to put the Schoharie Recovery application on the Village website and copy the Board.

Outgoing Correspondence – N/A

Old Business

- A. National Grid Emergency funding initiatives:
 - a. National Grid finally delivered the \$200K Bridge Loan to Schoharie CDC and 4 applications from businesses that have received Main Street Grant Award letters from National Grid are being processed.
 - b. Several more Main Street Revitalization grants up to \$25,000 per business are being processed through Schoharie County Planning and Development (SCPD).
- B. Debris Removal – Dumpsters were delivered for flood debris removal in the Village. Arrangements were made through Schoharie Recovery and are eligible for reimbursement from FEMA. Mayor asked Simmons Consulting to ask FEMA if whole house removals are also reimbursable.
- C. Document Reprocessors – Status from Clerk Leslie. Clerk will follow-up and have report for the July 10, 2012 Board Meeting
- D. Zoning - Fire Department will be applying to the Planning Board to rezone the former Jack Miller Tractor property from residential/historical to commercial for use as a fire station.
- E. Proposed Natural Gas Line - A meeting among the Town and Village of Schoharie and the Constitution Pipeline Contractor to clearly delineate the primary route, and hear any concerns regarding routing. Village concerns were impact on the Barton Hill Watershed Supervisors regarding blasting and use of herbicides. The company is contacting potentially affected property owners and requesting permission to survey.
- F. Chief Orelup’s retirement party was postponed due to emergency illness. We should reschedule when feasible.
- G. Village Office - Upon receiving a letter from Schoharie Central School asking if we plan to depart from the “village office” in June or July, the Mayor asked Town Supervisor Milone if space might be available, if needed, in the Town office for temporary quarters until the village office is repaired. The Town Board approved our request at its last monthly meeting on May 23, 2012. Now need to make arrangements for the move. At this time, there will be no rent, there will be utilities.

Motion made by Trustee Caza, seconded by Trustee Rosenthal to move the Village office to the Town Hall.

H. Other

Motion made by Trustee Balliett, seconded by Trustee Caza and carried to hire Rudy Snyder to reshoot grade on the sewer plant facility building.

New Business: Reviewed and Discussed

1. FEMA Project Approvals –

- a. Authorization to solicit bids for Fair Street sewer pump station repairs.
- b. Authorization to purchase three (3) pre-constructed sheds for the Community Pool, contingent upon approval of Recreation Commission.
- c. Authorization for Lee Colby to replace the kiddy pool pump and the chemical feeders for both kiddy and main pools, subject to concurrence of Recreation Commission and Tim Baker of SRC.

Motion made by Trustee August, seconded by Trustee Caza and carried to solicit bids for the Fair Street sewer pump station repairs

Motion made by Trustee Caza, seconded by Trustee Balliett and carried to purchase 3 preconstructed sheds for the community pool, contingent upon approval of the Schoharie Recreation Commission

Motion made by Trustee Caza, seconded by Trustee Rosenthal and carried to hire Lee Colby to replace the kiddy pool pump and the chemical feeders for both the kiddy and the main pool, subject to concurrence of the Schoharie Recreation Commission and Tim Baker from FEMA

2. Assessment Update – The office received numerous questions regarding why Village Tax bills sent June 1, 2012 were not computed using revised assessed values that were recently mailed to property owners. The answer is that, revised assessments become effective on July 1, 2012 and Village taxes were levied prior to that. The revised assessments will be reflected in June 2013 Village tax bills.
3. Youth Tennis Program – Stan France will be conducting the Youth Tennis Program as part of the Recreation commission activities. Board to formally approve sponsorship of the Youth Tennis Program to be covered by the Village liability insurance policy.

Motion made by Trustee August, seconded by Trustee Caza and carried to cover the insurance for the Youth Tennis Program. Clerk will send a copy of the Certificate of Insurance to Schoharie Central School business office

4. Constitution Pipeline – Requested permission to survey Village-owned property.
5. Schoneida (former SSA) water bill – The building had no usage but a leak developed over the winter because the water was not shut off. Will the Board consider adjusting the bill similar to what we have done in other similar circumstances? Tabled until next week's Employee Meeting
6. COE Enforcement Officer Nelson should attend next week's Employees Workshop to provide an update on Code status in the Village. Clerk to inform Code Enforcement Officer to attend next week's Employee Meeting

7. Clerk/Treasurer Leslie – Request for Telecommuting? Clerk to advertise the Village Office will be open from 9-12 July 16 – July 20
8. General Overview and Discussion of infrastructure repair status
9. Other
 - a. 300 Year Celebration

Motion made by Trustee Caza, seconded by Trustee Rosenthal and carried to advertise in the 300 Year Celebration brochure with a full page ad and the Board will cover cost

- b. Spring brook cleaning will be submitted to FEMA

Executive Session – Personnel Issues on Police Department Administration

The June Employees' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Next regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

Schoharie County Village Officers' Assn. Meeting is Wednesday June 27, 2012 at

Middleburgh. Schoharie County Treasurer Bill Cherry is the program

Respectfully Submitted

Leslie J. Price