

VILLAGE OF SCHOHARIE  
**Employees Meeting/Workshop – July 22, 2020**

Meeting called to order @ 6:28PM in the Village Hall at 300 Main Street.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Caza, Trustees: Palmer, Johnson, Medak, Wood, OIC Rossi, DPW Ken Bernhardt, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk Debby Byrne, Fire Chief Marty Pierce, Niagara Engine #6 Board Member Jackson Goodman, and Code Enforcement Officer, Lloyd Stannard

1) DPW – Ken Bernhardt

- a) DPW performing regular routines. Youngs Spring is closed during construction. The levels of chlorine have been raised because of temperatures and using the pond water reserve.
- b) Grand Street has been paved by Cobleskill Stone Products. DPW will have to come back to paint lines.
- c) Ken also inquired about the Employee Handbook. Mayor Caza would like to focus attention on this topic and finish by August. The goal is to present a final draft for approval at the August Employee Meeting.
- d) An update on the Water/Sewer License that Ken is working on, open book testing is now available. He will have to find a place holding the Lab part of the class and there will also be closed book testing for final licensing.
- e) Lasalle Park trusses have been ordered. Once DPW gets them, they will contact Kiwanis to arrange repair work.
- f) Mayor Caza asked that DPW take down the Promotional sign for Graduation and replace it with the Thank you sign to health care workers. Mayor suggested that Ken ask the School if they would want the sign to hang up there.

2) OIC – Brian Rossi

- a) Placed two signs up regarding video surveillance at the Old Lutheran Parsonage. Village Police has written 16 Traffic Tickets and responded to 12 Service Calls.
- b) Sergeant Rossi has begun an Ice-Cream Program for any child seen riding a bike with a helmet on. Stewarts has donated Ice Cream Coupons and Brian is going to ask the new Ice Cream Shop Frost Bites on Main Street for Coupons also.
- c) On August 15<sup>th</sup> Karl Remmer is organizing a World War II Convoy through the Village of Schoharie to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the war. There will be 12-15 vehicles in the convoy starting at 9:30am for about one hour. They did ask if Mayor Caza would like to speak at this event.
- d) Brian has received Executive Order 203 regarding Police Department Compliance from Governor Cuomo which includes training on dealing with different ethnic groups. Brian will contact Sheriff Stevens and try to piggyback on the County's response. One of the requirements in Order 203 is to establish a civilian board and again Brian is hoping to piggyback on the County's. Brian also mentioned that now would be a good time to update the Village Police Policies and Procedures. Brian will need to have a meeting with Mayor Caza and will need to do a Resolution and send to the Governor saying the Village of Schoharie is in compliance with Executive Order 203.
- e) Brian received a letter dated July 2, 2020 from a self-appointed Citizen's group asking for information and to be a part of Order 203. Brian did respond to the letter but did mention this group to his knowledge, are not residents of the Village.

3) Fire Department – Marty Pierce

- a) Elections were held in June, Marty read the list of new officers voted in and will email the list to Leslie Price.
  - Fire Chief – Marty Pierce
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief – John Borst III
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief – Doug Stintson

- Captain – Jackson Goodman
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant – Dan Smith
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant – Nancy Nally
- Safety Officer – Tom Bielawski
- Chief Engineer – Andy Laux
- Fire Police Captain – Jamie Pierce
- Fire Police Lieutenant – Sue Rolfe
- EMS Captain – Amanda Stintson
- EMS Lieutenant – Zebulan Schmidt

**MOTION** By Mayor Caza second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve the newly elected leaders in the Fire Department. (FD)

- b) The Fire Chiefs vehicle is starting to show rust problems. Marty got two quotes, one from A&S Garage for \$1,350.00 and one from Maco in Schenectady for \$2,875.00. The car is a 2008 and has 82,000 miles but runs well. Maco will give a five-year warranty on painting the body of the car excluding the roof plus remove old decals and lettering. The Fire Department will pay for the new lettering after the car is repaired and painted. Trustee Medak would like to review the budget before approving this expenditure.
  - c) FD received a FEMA AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) grant. Found out in October that the FD is receiving \$11.8K to replace hose and to buy some new hydrant valves and intake valves for the new mini pumper. Today, we have received the hose. The hydrant valves and intake valves are on back order due to the Covid virus. John Borst III amended this Grant to include replacing the external valves on the new mini pumper and this amendment was approved.
  - d) EMS Program – During the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic they were only taking Delta and Echo calls but are now back to taking all calls and are following the NYS Covid Rules with these calls.
  - e) Controlled Burn season has started, and Dave Lawyers property was the first on the list. While at this property Cobleskill Fire Department received a call to a structure fire on Route 145, since Schoharie Fire Department was in the area they responded, and Schoharie was able to put out the fire before Cobleskill arrived.
  - f) Chief Pierce feels that first responders will eventually be mandated by the State like Executive Order 203 for the Police Department.
  - g) Captain Jackson Goodman shared that \$11,000.00 has been raised via fundraising so far. Their finances are ok right now and they are waiting for the Bank to inform them of the Mortgage payments.
- 4) Code Enforcement Officer Lloyd Stannard
- a) Met with the new Parrott House owners and received a Floor Plan but no construction detail. They are probably ready to start renovations in a few weeks. They do have an Architect from New York City. Since their other businesses are closed because of the pandemic, they would like to start working up here.
  - b) Mayor Caza asked about a lean- to being built at 425 Main Street. They are adding an extension to the roof off their garage. Also, Trustee Johnson asked if the owner at 425 Main Street had an at home business there as he often has a number of cars on his lot. Lloyd said he hauls cars for a living and Lloyd will speak to him.
  - c) Lloyd has not heard anything from the Taylor Block building.
  - d) Steve Myer has the foundation in on Bridge Street and the waterline has been put in.
  - e) A person has approached Steve Myer about the 378 Main Street, they would like him to tear down the existing house and rebuild. Steve is also looking at five other lots on Bridge Street.
  - f) Trustee Johnson asked about the land next to the Birches owned by Spenser Motschmann and asked if he was building a house near the culvert. Lloyd said he is having the two existing sheds engineered into a house.
  - g) Mayor Caza asked about the homes at 320 and 326 Main Street. Lloyd said the owners at 326 Main are keeping the lawn mowed and he has talked to the owners about keeping up the maintenance of the

property. Lloyd gave the tenants at 320 Main Street to the end of the month to move items on lawn and porch. He will give out citations as of August 1, 2020 if nothing is done.

- h) 130 Fair Street owned by James Cook, has no updates and no work has been done.
- i) Mayor Caza requested a list of projects from Lloyd that he is currently working on for the Board to review. Lloyd said most of his time is being spend on Covid issues. He also mentioned that the Mayor needed to get the ICC Coupon Code for the new Code Enforcement Officer's computer.

**OTHER:** N/A

**MOTION** by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 8:35PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie J. Price

Approved