

Village of Schoharie
Regular Meeting
July 9, 2019

Presiding: Mayor Caza

Present: Trustee Palmer, Trustee Woods, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Medak, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie J. Price

Attendees: Ben Griffin, Willy Griffin, James Cook, Tammy Cook, Mary Manchester, Terry Wilbur and Patsy Nicosia from The Times Journal

Meeting brought to order by Mayor Caza @ 6:30PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor: (POF):

1. James Cook purchased the home at 130 Fair Street and is requesting an adjustment to his June 1, 2019 Tax Bill. When he made a final payment on June 26th to the County for this property, he was handed a Tax Bill with delinquent Water/Sewer bills. His intention is to return this property to a Two-Family Home.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to remove the delinquent Water/Sewer on this property and allow payment and late fee on the Village Tax Bill of \$495.96.

1. Ben Griffin had concerns about the sidewalk crossing by Great American, questioned if there are plans for a sidewalk from 459 Main Street to Fox Creek Park. Mayor Caza did mention that it is listed in the application of the Trail Project. Mr. Griffin asked for a list of residents that do not mow their lawns and or shovel sidewalks also asked if it would be financially beneficial to the Village if bids were sent out for the mowing and snow removal of properties of residents that do not comply with Village Codes, rather than put this responsibility on DPW. Clerk/Treasurer will get a list of these properties when she receives the information. Board will discuss the possibility of getting bids for mow/snow. Ben also asked if the mound of grass around near the sidewalk by the Gym parking lot if this was a code violation. Trustee Palmer will look into this when Board members walk the Village site.
2. Terry Wilbur asked who takes care of the grass in the grates that are around the trees on Main Street. Mayor Caza responded, DPW
3. Mary Manchester asked about the drainage project. Mayor Caza responded that this project is not yet completed. He asked Clerk/Treasurer to contact Mike Harrington and Simmons Recovery to see what is left on this project and ask if the road will be repaved. She also mentioned that her new assessment lists her property at 110 Knower Ave as Residential Vacant Land and Southeast Drainage told her it is wetlands. Mayor Caza said he would talk to the Assessor. Ms. Manchester was also concerned about the poor drainage on the Spencer Motschmann property located at 184 Main St. The Board's understanding is that Spenser is supposed to put in more drainage to fix this problem.

Minutes: May 29, 2019 Employee Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2019 Employee Meeting Minutes were approved.

Motion made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve meeting minutes for June 11, 2019, June 19, 2019 and May 29, 2019

Employee Meeting Minutes need revision by Board missing minutes regarding the Executive Session.

Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve the invoices on the July Abstract. The Abstract reads as follows:

General \$ 97,539.97

Water \$ 5,439.66

Sewer \$ 14,530.49
Pool \$ 1,702.88

Bank Statements for June were reviewed and signed by the Board

Incoming Correspondence:

- A. Susan Palmer delivered her application for Deputy or Clerk/Treasurer position. Mayor Caza will draft a response to Ms. Palmer.

Outgoing Correspondence:

- A. Thank You letter to A&M Towing and Recovery, LLC – they had towed Fire Truck 1422 from an accident that occurred on Sunnyside Road and did not charge for the tow. The letter was signed by the Board.
- B. Thank You letter to Middleburgh Telephone Company for donation of the 2008 Ford Bucket Van. Letter was signed by Bill Shroh, DPW Superintendent

Old Business

- A. National Grid – The Village has three On-Demand meters with National Grid, Pool Acct 55188-95134, WTP Acct 07681-63006 and WWTP Acct 76700-60006.
- B. Birches Benefit Agreement – Village Attorney Mike Breen is working on an agreement between the Village and the Town for a 75/25 split on payments related to the Birches Benefit Agreement. Once the Agreement is finalized, payments will be made to the Town for the 2018-2019 F/Y. \$3,900.00 is owed to the Town of Schoharie, Payment for 8 months was \$15,600.00.
- C. Justice Audit – This Audit Report is still being written and will be forwarded to the Unified Court with a resolution from the Board.

New Business:

- A. Motion Request for the appointment of the Schoharie Multi-Use Trail Citizen Advisory Committee Members:
 - David Henry – Chairman
 - Mike Ullman
 - Jan Herrick
 - John Seebold
 - Russ Sossei
 - Marilyn Henry
 - Cody Robinson Bullock
 - Debby Byrne

Motion made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to accept the appointment of the Schoharie Multi-Use Trail Citizen Advisory Committee Members.

- B. Sidewalks- The Board will walk around the Village on August 6 and August 13 to review and inspect any problems or areas of concern in the Village...(blighted properties, broken sidewalks, unkept yards etc.). Also they would like to contact the owner of the Great American parking lot, Mark VanWoert, to see about cleaning it up.
- C. Fireworks – Due to concerns of fireworks going off to close to houses in the Village, Mayor Caza will contact Lloyd Stannard Cod.
- D. Poison Ivy – Miriam McGiver noticed poison ivy at Lasalle Park. Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price will inform Bill Shroh.
- E. NYPA – Trustee Palmer has contacted NYPA for presentation at Employee Meeting. Amy Wyant will be at the Employee Meeting with presentation at 6:30PM

Other:

- **Schoharie County Village Officers Association meeting is on Wednesday September 25, 2019 hosted by the Village of Sharon Springs**
- **The next Employees Meeting is scheduled for 6:30PM Wednesday July 17, 2019**
- **Next Village Board Meeting is Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:30PM.**

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 7:53PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie J. Price

APPROVED