

VILLAGE OF SCHOHARIE
Employees Meeting/Workshop – August 21, 2019

Meeting called to order @ 6:30 in the Village quarters at 300 Main Street.

PRESENT: Mayor Caza, Trustees: Palmer, Wood, Johnson and Medak, OIC Coons, Fire Chief Pierce, and Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price in attendance.

A. Ben Griffin – Tree Trimming Project

1. Trees along Main Street seem to be blocking some of the signs in front of local businesses. Trustee Johnson mentioned that when the Village Board did their walk-about they also noticed some trees blocking street/parking signs. Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price will talk to Billy Shroh about trimming trees.

B. Fee Waived for Schoharie First Responders

1. Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price asked that fees for the rental of all Village Parks be waived for any Schoharie First Responders regardless of where they live. The Board unanimously agreed to waive this fee to all Schoharie First Responders.

C. Floyd Guernsey – Water Pitt#4

1. Floyd Guernsey has previously asked the Board to turn off the Water/Sewer on Pitt #4 and to not send any future Invoices out on this property. The Board agreed and no new bill was generated in the August billing. Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price received an email from Floyd asking that any outstanding invoices also be waived since there has been no water/sewer usage for a while.

Motion made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to deny request to refund or credit previous invoices.

D. CEO Stannard: (Absent)

1. Mayor Caza requested that the Board receive a Month by Month or quarterly listing of any new permits, the location for the permit, amount of the permit and use of permit. He would also like to see any permits that were denied, and any fire inspections being done.

E. OIC Coons:

1. OIC Coons stated his computer is too slow and outdated to file reports. He is requesting an update or a new computer that can use the E-justice tracking system and Word documents. Mayor Caza agreed and would like to have 2-3 quotes and comparisons.
2. There have been recent calls to several rentals in the Village, 252 Main Street and 117 Shannon Ave and several calls to the RSS Facility. Schoharie responds about once a week to RSS and OIC Coons feels we should have communication regarding Village services being misused.

F. Fire Department – Marty Pierce

1. Fire Department receiving 10-12 calls per week. Fire Department and EMS are close to 600 calls for the year of which Schoharie responded to 500. Schoharie Fire Department has the quickest response time in the County.
2. 5 members are going to EMT Class, Fire department pays for the books which are \$150.00/person, the class is free as long as they pass, if they do not pass the charge is \$700.00/person. There is currently no EMS line item in the budget, Marty is requesting that a new line item be created for EMS. Should all 5 members pass this course, Schoharie will have the highest number of certified EMT members.
3. There is a new Bill in legislation right now to allow first responders money for soft billing. Right now, only the ambulance can charge this soft money. Marty is requesting that the Village Board write a letter of support for this Bill to get it passed. The Fire Department

does do the grant writing themselves and have also reached out to Assemblyman Chris Tague. Marty will continue to supply more information on this Bill.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Mayor Caza, unanimously carried to provide letter of support for first responders soft billing.

4. 2001 Freightliner sold to department in Tennessee. Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price did the bill of sale and Mayor Caza has signed, letter has been mailed.
5. Broker company will email an invoice for \$7,200.00 for their commission on sale. This needs to be paid upon receipt.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak, unanimously carried to approve payment of \$7,200.00 when invoiced is received.

6. New high band radios from the County given to each Fire Chief. Each radio cost \$2,300.00. Once the County goes to high band, Marty requested 10 of these radios which will be free from the County. If the County does not give him all 10, the Village will have to buy the rest.
 7. Marty has talked to five different companies regarding a 1250 or higher mini pumper to keep ISO rating up. What he is looking at is close to \$250,000.00. This will be a new truck to first responders and have a 5-person cab. Interest rates are between 2.1-3.9% with \$75,000-\$100,000 down, one payment per year for ten years. Payment would be approximately \$15,000-\$19,000. Trustee Medak will meet with Mayor John Borst to go over financing ideas.
 8. Trustee Medak asked for clarification on Niagara #6 and Village Fire Department. Marty explained that Niagara # 6 is responsible for membership, building, electric and heating bills whereas the Village Fire Department owns the land and equipment. Marty works for the Village whereas Martin Shrederis works for Niagara #6. Marty will ask that the President and Vice President of Niagara #6 be at the next Board Meeting.
 9. Marty, Leslie Price and Mark Wood will meet and go over the budget on September 3rd at 2:00PM at the Village Clerk's office.
- G. Public Works Supt. Shroh's (Absent)
1. Report
- H. **Other** - Mayor signed Resolution #8-2019 Justice Audit FY June 1, 2018 - May 31, 2018.
- I. **MOTION** by Mayor Caza, second by Trustee Johnson, unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 8:45PM.
- J.

Minutes by Leslie Price