

Village of Schoharie - Regular Meeting
August 14, 2012

Presiding: Mayor John Borst

Present: Trustees Jay Balliett, Larry Caza, Ed August and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Parks.

Residents: Terry Wilber, Duke Mann and Diana and Mike Jackson, Dawn Johnson, Schoharie

Promotional Association (SPA): Darlene Patterson

Absent: Trustee, Jeremy Rosenthal

Fire Dept. Chief, Marty Pierce

Meeting brought to order by Mayor Borst @ 7:30 pm

Fire Department Early Business: No representation therefore no new business

Privilege of the Floor:

Darlene Patterson – Gave her report on the upcoming events scheduled for Tuesday August 28, 2012 which is the 1 year anniversary of Hurricane Irene and the flood. At 6:00pm there will be an observance with speakers, singers and pastor to say a few words. At 7:00pm the ribbon cutting ceremony for J. Lacy Hair Salon, 7:15 the \$10,000.00 fund raiser hair cut, Josh DeBartolo Director of Schoharie Recovery will have his hair cut by Leslie J. Price, owner of J. Lacy Hair Salon.

The Board of SPA is finalizing the details for the celebration.

Dawn Johnson – Schoharie Recovery update –In their original visit the Green Shirt Volunteer group missed about 100 properties and they plan to visit the missed properties in the upcoming weeks and report their findings to Code Enforcement Officer Joe Nelson. Also Dawn volunteered to create a list of properties that has debris that needs to be cleared, she will give the list to DPW Superintendant, William Shroh. Dawn mentioned that at 205 Main St. there is construction debris, no fence around pool and their dogs keep getting loose

Minutes:

July 10, 2012 Regular Meeting – Clerk to make amendment to page 3 change Motion to pay Justin Electric to Resolution - 2012 proposed by Trustee Caza.

Motion made by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee Balliett and carried to accept amended minutes.

Bills

Motion made by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee Balliett and carried to pay bills through August 14, 2012

Incoming Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

1. Joan Marciniak – Expressed concerns regarding the deteriorated appearance of 102 Brookside Place, former Catholic Church and the former Great American lot. Brookside Place was sent a letter (see Outgoing Correspondence #1), Great American parking lot hopefully to be cleaned in time for the 300 year Celebration and the former Catholic Church now owned by Hans Schoenecker was also sent a letter (see Outgoing Correspondence #2)

2. Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, Inc. – 2012 MVEDD Community Survey – Survey to be completed

3. Update from constitution Pipeline Company – Informational newsletter – Overview on where meetings will be held

4. Schwaab, Inc. – Price quote for business cards was \$31 (250), \$35 (500), \$43 (1000) and \$73 (2000)
No business cards to be ordered

5. NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation – Code Enforcement Office, Joe Nelson to send a Notice of Intent to issue a permit for storm water discharges during remediation of the debris transfer
6. Congressman Paul Tonko – Invitation for all Village officials to “Your community by the Numbers” Census training workshop on August 16, 2012 at Hudson Valley community college.
7. Senator Jim Seward – “NYS Needs to respond to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Mess.: Prior to 2011 interest payments on UI loans were waived by the Federal Government . Since 2012 interest charges have resumed and NYS is now passing those on to NY businesses.

Outgoing Correspondence : Reviewed and Discussed

1. Letter to Horace Stanton regarding property maintenance at 102 Brookside Place
2. Letter to Hans Schoenecker regarding property maintenance at the former Catholic Church on Main Street
3. Letter to SEMO for extension of Categories A & B (see New Business #2)

Old Business: Reviewed and Discussed

1. Debris Removal – Dumpsters are still in use for flood debris removal in the village. Extension to 2/28/2013 was requested from NYS EMO.
2. Document Reprocessors – Status from Clerk Leslie.
Document Reprocessors is paid to date, there will be a storage charge for each month the records remain there. One set of the microfilm has been cleaned and will be digitized the rest of the records will be brought back to the Village in the state they are in(sanitized but still very smelly) they will be gone over again and if any need reproducing they will be sent out. Most of those records should be on the microfilm and can be reproduced by the Village. Document Reprocessors believe the film should be digitized by the end of September 2012. They will contact the Clerk as soon as they are ready, at that time the Village can plan to go pick up all the records and the film in one trip.
3. Proposed Natural Gas Line – An open house was hosted by Constitution Pipeline on July 26, 2012 at the Cobleskill Best Western to share information and answer questions from the public on the proposed project. Mayor attended but little actual discussion was held. Constitution Project Manager Matt Swift said he would be glad to meet with Village and Town officials again to review routes and discuss concerns.
4. Chief Orelup’s retirement party was postponed due to emergency illness. We should reschedule when feasible.
5. NYS DOT – “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 website. No updates since last meeting.
6. Time Warner tax bill. Status? It was turned over to the Village Attorney, Michael Breen in June 2012
7. Other – Welcome to Schoharie sign, discussion about style and verbiage (settled in 1712)

New Business: Reviewed and Discussed

1. Price quote from Repeat Business Systems for \$2,984 for a RICOH MP 2352 SP Copier/Scanner/Printer. Trustee Caza will get 2 more quotes.
2. FEMA – A letter was sent to NYSEMO requesting an extension to continue Category A & B projects until February 28, 2013. Category A is for debris removal and Category B is for emergency protective measures, Spring Brook cleaning. Mayor will ask for an extension until February 2013
3. NYSDOS awarded an Economic Development grant to the Village amounting to almost \$50K. The grant was for downtown business improvement and housing needs. Tabled until next week
4. COE Enforcement Officer Nelson will be asked to attend next week’s Employees Workshop to provide an update on Code status in the village.
5. SEFCU insurance settlements – SEFCU’s adjuster, Scott Draiss, forwarded proposed settlement for WWTP fence, Village Office building, Village office contents and water plant pump house. We need to

review and discuss next week. Board would like a spread sheet of the losses and replaced items from the Village Office and the equipment loss from DPW.

Motion made by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee August and carried to approve the recommendation of Insurance contents of the Village Hall and the waste water treatment plant fence.

6. Meeting with Village of Northville – Mayor Borst met with Mayor Groff of Northville to discuss their police department operations. They run their department almost as exactly as Schoharie with part-time officers, no Chief and a Board member as Commissioner.

7. WWTP Elevation Certificates – Jim Snyder surveyed the three buildings at the sewer plant for flood elevations. Although the NFIP flood map shows the buildings lie in the 100 year flood plain, the survey indicated some may not be in the flood plain. Simmons Consulting, Lamont Engineers, CEO Nelson and the Village are reviewing the data.

8. The Small Cities Grant application discussed at last month's meeting was not submitted. According to Mr. Poorman the scope of the grant was very narrow and really would not have worked well in Schoharie. The Village will not be applying for this grant

9. Former American Legion Building – Village Attorney Breen reported that, after a court appearance, Robert VanDerVeen was ordered to take the building down. CEO Nelson is requesting a meeting among all parties to make sure all permits are in place, insurance coverage is in effect and that there is an agreed upon scope of work. Jim Bent looking into purchasing and taking the building down.

10. Support for Schoharie Promotional on 300th Anniversary celebration? Trustee August noted he was not in favor of spending tax payer dollars on this event.

11. Liquor Liability Insurance – Request a letter from Mang Insurance and/or Niagara 6 verifying that Niagara 6 does have liquor liability coverage under the current fire department insurance policy for a Kiwanis event to be held on September 22, 2012. Also, what monitoring and area controls are required? Waiting for answer from Mang Insurance

12. August 28, 2012 Events:

1. One year commemorative of Hurricane Irene
2. Ribbon Cutting @ J. Lacy

13. Bank of America Ribbon Cutting on Friday September 7, 2012 @ 2:00 PM.

14. 300th Anniversary Celebration set for September 7, 8 & 9, 2012.

15. Other : Pipeline – Mayor and Supervisor, Gene Milone attended first draft Community Village Meeting for understanding of the new pipeline

The August Employees Meeting will be held on Wednesday August 22, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Next regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

Schoharie County Village Officers Assn. Meeting will resume in September.

Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

Michelle Parks
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer