

Village of Schoharie – Employee Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2024

**Presiding:** Deputy Mayor Peter Johnson

**Present:** Trustees Palmer, Medak and DeGroff, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, OIC Jason Temple, DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhardt, Julie Pacatte from SEEC, Bob Tines, David Ornoski, Liz Vedder, Diana Bell, Patsy Nicosia From Times Journal and Josh Walther from The Mountain Eagle.

**Excused:** Mayor Colleen Henry and Code Enforcement/Fire Department Doug Stinson

**Meeting brought to order:** By Deputy Mayor Johnson at 6:02 PM

**Employee Meeting:**

- 1) Code Enforcer Officer, Doug Stinson
  - a) See attached Report.
- 2) OIC Jason Temple
  - a) See Attached Report.
  - b) OIC Temple mentioned that school will be back open soon and has decided to go back to one bus run twice a day. They have been doing two runs a day since Covid. Jason spoke to our Village Crossing Guard, Bob Klingbiel, to let him know that he will only be working two hours a day for the 2025 school year. Mr. Klingbiel said he does not want to do the job for less than 3 hours a day. Jason also mentioned that Mr. Klingbiel is a salaried employee and paid based on working 4.0 per day. Trustee Johnson would like Mr. Klingbiel to come in and talk to the Board in person. Mr. Johnson thanked OIC Temple for bringing this to their attention.
  - c) OIC Temple questioned the scheduled meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup> with the Board. Trustee Medak explained that he wanted to meet with the Department Heads regarding the 2025 Budget and also discuss a five-year budget plan. He requested that employees have a list of wants and needs for the meeting.
- 3) DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhardt
  - a) See Attached Report.
  - b) Ken informed the Board that Dawn Walker from Schowright Ambulance asked him to discuss with the Board regarding a handicap walkway at LaSalle Park from the pavilion to the restrooms to help those using Walkers or Wheelchairs. The Board agrees with this project and Ken said he would get some dimensions and a material list together to get an idea on the cost. Trustee DeGroff mentioned that there are tree roots that will also need to come out. Trustee Medak asked if Kiwanis would be willing to help with the project. Trustee Johnson will contact Kiwanis and see if they are interested.
- 4) Mike Harrington Lamont Engineers
  - a) See Attached Report.
  - b) Mike asked the Board to approve the DN Tanks Invoice #8 in the amount of \$61,298.75.
  - c) Mike asked the Board to approve the R.B. Robinson Contracting Inc. Invoice #1298-02R1 in the amount of \$146,090.05.

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee DeGross unanimously carried to approved paying Invoice #8 from DN Tanks in the amount of \$61,298.75 and to pay Invoice #1298-02R1 in the amount of \$146,090.05.

5) Other:

- a) The Board agreed to change the time of the Monthly Board Meetings to read “immediately following the Employee Meeting” Clerk’s Office to make public announcements and post where appropriate.
- b) DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhard will be meeting with the Mayor and Board on August 28, 2024, at 10:00Am. OIC Jason Temple will be meeting with the Mayor and Board on August 27, 2024, at 11:00AM to discuss the 2025 Budget and a five-year plan.
- c) Trustee Johnson asked Dave Ornoski if he was happy with the results of the work R.B. Robinson Contracting did on his property. Mr. Ornoski replied that he was happy with the work done and let the Board know that “Everything is Good.”

6) Adjourn

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve adjournment of the Employee Meeting at 6:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Leslie Price  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Approved

## Codes Enforcement Report

Date: 08/13/2024

### **Complaints and Enforcement:**

Property dispute at 245 Main St. Over neighbors fence installation. Owner had survey completed showing fence was on the wrong side. Fence installation discontinued until further.

Mortgage company for 199 Bridge St. Will be looking into having building professionally cleaned and stabilized. They will be reaching out.

**Permits:** New building permits issued for a Shed/garage at 456 Main St.

New building permit for renovations and addition at 164 Grand St.

New building permit for entrance repair at 126 Grand St.

Dental project is moving along well. No issues

NYSDEC Floodplain audit went well, no issues.

NYSDEC reviewing multi-use trail plans for final approval.



# Schoharie Police Department



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## August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Employees Work Session

### January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Stats

79 Traffic Tickets  
193 Calls for Service  
6 Arrests  
1 Auto Accidents  
0 Domestic Incident Reports

### *No Major Incidents*

#### Notable Incident Reports:

- Forcible Touching/Petty Larceny/Harassment complaint @ The Birches. Arrest Warrant Executed.
- Criminal Mischief & Disorderly conduct arrest at DSS.
- (6) Mutual Aid/Fire/Medical assists.

#### Community Events:

Lily Fest July 13<sup>th</sup>. *Walking beat detail 10-3 No issues.*  
Schoharie Community Summer Camp July 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. No issues  
Summer concert August 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Walking beat detail 1900-2100 No issue.*  
Summer concert August 16<sup>th</sup>. *Walking beat detail.*  
Summer concert September 6<sup>th</sup>. *Walking beat detail.*

#### Citizen Advisory Board:

Next meeting September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 0930 Christ the Shepard Lutheran Church. Posted on Village website.

#### Schoharie County 2024 NYPA Funding:

Application for funding for the purchase of a UTV/Side by Side for Schoharie Trail Safety Project.

Summer Safety: 50 bike helmets donated by Harding & Mazzotti and 200 ice cream cone gift certificates from Stewart's Shops.

DPW Superintendent's Report  
For  
July 2024

1. Routine monthly duties –

- Water samples
- Water operations
- Sewer operation
- Mowing
- Etc

2. Replace Water Meters – about 20 active accounts left to change out. Some residents have not responded to the door tag I leave and do not answer when I knock

3. Need to put a disabled path to the bathroom at LaSalle Park. Currently there is only a dirt path with tree roots and ruts. Would like to put concrete or crushed stone on the path.

4. Meeting with Contractors (look at Lamont Engineer's report)

- Orchard St
- Depot Lane
- Hilgert Parkway
- Brookside Place
- Walnut Place
- Water Tank

Respectfully,  
Ken Bernhardt

**Village of Schoharie  
Water System Improvements Project**

## Meeting Report – August 13, 2024

### I. Project Update

- A. Ct. 4 - R.B. Robinson has now billed to catch-up with their progress. Their current pay application of \$146,090.05 has been submitted for your consideration.
- B. As additional work, Robinson made a temporary piping connection at Waterbury Rd. to avoid the need for an entire system shutdown during Tweedie's tank disconnection work. This proved to be absolutely necessary as Tweedie's work took quite a bit longer than expected due to the presence of mass concrete that was extremely difficult to remove.
- C. Despite some struggles, Tweedie successfully completed the piping and valving needed prior to the demolition of the old steel tank. Thereafter, the tank subsoil was tested by our consultant and found to be non-hazardous.
- D. Tweedie then demolished the old tank and performed final site grading.
- E. Ct. 1 - DN Tanks has submitted a pay application in the amount of \$61,298.75 for your consideration for the recent work at the tank site.

### II. Next Steps

- A. Upon Board approval of the two contractor invoices, I will prepare the next drawdown request to EFC.
- B. Final restoration of all disturbed areas is ongoing on all contracts.
- C. Contaminated soil removal (from Depot Lane) is waiting on a timeline from our consultant. Should be soon.
- D. With the project work largely complete, we can now move toward the long-term loan closing; discussions will start soon with EFC.

### III. Other Projects

- A. The Hilgert/Brookside/Walnut paving bids have been received. Peter Luizzi is the low bidder, and I have already sent a Notice of Award for your consideration. I can assist with execution of the contract once the Notice of Award is issued.
- B. Depot Lane has been regraded in collaboration with the Town. It seems to have held up reasonably well so far. As an alternative to an oil and stone wearing surface, we can request a quote from Peter Luizzi for blacktop; if this turns out to be reasonable, the work could be done as a Change Order to the Hilgert/Brookside/Walnut contract. Note that it appears that oil and stone might have to be done next year in order to get the Town's pricing that was quoted last fall.