

Village of Schoharie - Regular Meeting
September 11, 2012

Presiding: Mayor John Borst

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

S.A.L.T Recovery: Peter Bruyn and Paul Locasio

Residents: Terry Wilber, Duke Mann and Diana and Mike Jackson

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

Moment of remembrance for 9/11/01 Victims and their families and friends

Fire Department Early Business:

It is the Fire Departments responsibility for security and control over their functions at the Music Fest on September 21, 2012.

Process forward to rezone John and Karen Miller's property. Planning Board needs a signed release from Miller's to talk with the Fire Department for the closing. (See New Business #4)

Privilege of the Floor:

Peter Bruyn and Paul Locasio – Informed the Board they were set for the upcoming Music Fest including security, porta potties and removal of equipment. FAM Funds are matching donations \$ for \$. S.A.L.T., LaSalle Hall and the County need to be an additional insured on liability COI.

Minutes:

August 14, 2012 Regular Meeting

Motion made by Trustee Balliett seconded by Trustee and carried to accept the August 14, 2012 Regular Meeting as written

Bills

Motion made by Trustee August seconded by Trustee Rosenthal and carried to pay bills through September 11, 2012

Incoming Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

- a. Lester Hendrix – Draft article for the 300th Anniversary booklet.
- b. Constitution Pipeline – Update periodic newsletter
- c. Schoharie County Real Property Services – Miller water/sewer corrections.
- d. NYCOM – Main Street Economic Development Conference to be held on September 30 – October 2, 2012
- e. NBT Insurance – Certificate of Insurance for liquor liability coverage under the fire department policy.
- f. Stop the Constitution Pipeline – Invitation and information regarding coalition to stop pipeline construction.
- g. Legislative Update from the NYS Assembly Commission on Government Administration – Newsletter
- h. Gov. Andrew Cuomo – Thank you for joining him at the press conference announcing funding to cover the local share of disaster response and recovery costs from Hurricane Irene.

Outgoing Correspondence – N/A

Old Business: Reviewed and Discussed

1. Debris Removal – Dumpsters are discontinued for flood debris removal until extension to 2/28/2013 is granted by NYS EMO.
2. Document Reprocessors – Status from Clerk Leslie.
3. Proposed Natural Gas Line – Mayor Borst, Supervisor Milone and Councilman Sherman heard from Constitution Pipeline at a meeting on August 27, 2012 that they have 2 new proposed pipeline routes. Alternate “L” diverts from the primary route near Schoharie Hill and Wetsel Hollow Road and follows the top of Terrace Mountain toward Central Bridge. It then crosses the flats east of Karker Road, under Schoharie Creek and between BOCES and Schoharie Business Park to the Tennessee Pipeline on Oak Hill. Alternate “M” generally follows I-88 from Cobleskill and picks up Tennessee Line at Oak Hill. Mayor reported there are two different routes offered and it was only an informational meeting.
4. Chief Orelup’s retirement party was rescheduled for 7:00 pm Friday September 21, 2012 at the Parrot House.
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 enclosed website. Status. Trustee Caza meet with Schoharie Central School Superintendent, Brian Sherman and Lamont Engineers. Following are a few areas discussed; safety lights at crosswalks, additional sidewalks past John and Bobbi Poormans home so people can get to Fort Road safely, 300 Main St. to be lighted, County Building to be lighted and lighting on the path to the Driftwood Senior Citizens housing. This will be covered 100% by the grant.
6. Time Warner tax bill. Status? Mike Breen, Village Attorney sent TW a letter requesting payment.
7. Document Reprocessors. Status? Film should be digitized by the end of September 2012. D
8. Price quote from Repeat Business Systems for \$2,984 for a RICOH MP 2352 SP Copier/Scanner/Printer. Other quotes? Board is now looking in to quotes for color copiers.
9. Discuss signs for the North and South entrances to the village. Trustee August to finalize design and price.
10. NYS DOS awarded an Economic Development grant to the Village amounting to almost \$50K. The grant was for downtown business improvement and housing needs. We need to appoint a steering committee or turn it over to the Planning Board. Mayor to arrange a joint meeting with to be held with the Planning and Zoning Boards the DEC and the Village Board
11. Other

New Business: Reviewed and Discussed

1. Former Great American SEQRA resolutions.
Resolution 4-2012
Motion by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee August and carried to accept the Former Great American SEQRA as written
2. Discuss Ineffectiveness of the village’s lawn maintenance law. Review at next week’s Employee Meeting

3. Need to conduct a survey, in conjunction with Schoharie Recovery, to determine the status of “vacant” homes. Dormant homes can end up with mold or rodent problems that should be addressed early. We need to see if we can accelerate action by the lien holders on foreclosed or abandoned properties. Mayor will follow-up with Schoharie Recovery
4. Schoharie County Real Property Services – Former Miller Tractor building was erroneously charged for water and sewer and that was relieved onto property taxes. No water or sewer is charged to the fire department. Village Board approval is required to have RPS adjust the tax bill to remove W/S charges.

Motion by Trustee Rosenthal seconded by Trustee August and carried to approve the corrected tax roll for the 2012 Village Tax for parcel 72.6-2-19 where water and sewer was added in error

5. Sidewalk repairs – Approval for soliciting RFQ’s for replacement of approximately 140 lineal feet of concrete sidewalk.

Motion made by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee Rosenthal and carried to approve the soliciting of RFQ’s for 140 lineal feet of concrete sidewalk

6. Other

Motion made by Trustee Balliett seconded by Trustee Rosenthal and carried to suspend the open container law for the night of the Music Festival September 22, 2012 only

Motion made by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee Rosenthal and carried to approve a credit card in Trustee Balliett name in the amount of \$10,000.00 for online purchases for replacement of Village flood losses.

Motion made by Trustee Rosenthal seconded by Trustee Caza and carried to go into Executive Session at 9:40 pm to discuss Personnel issues

Closed Executive Session at 10:30pm

Board intends to seek applicants for Code Enforcement Officer; develop a job description for this and post advertisements. Board will also begin developing job description for all village employees and will strongly consider development of an employee performance review/appraisal system

The September Employees Meeting will be held on Wednesday September 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Next regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

Schoharie County Village Officers Assn. Meeting will resume on September 26, 2012.

Motion made by Trustee Rosenthal seconded by Trustee Caza and carried to adjourn at 10:34

Respectfully Submitted

Michelle Parks
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

