

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting
September 12, 2023

Presiding: Mayor Caza

Present: Trustees Johnson, Palmer, Medak, Robinson-Bullock, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, Mike Harrington from Lamont Engineers, Ed Manchester, Colleen Henry, Josh Walther, Mountain Eagle and Patsy Nicosia, Times Journal

Meeting brought to order: By Mayor Caza at 6:32 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Reflection for the Events of September 11

1. Privilege of the Floor:

- a. Mike Harrington from Lamont Engineers submitted the Water System Improvement project, Depot Lane paving and Notice of Award for the Brookside Distribution System. (Reports Attached).
 - i. There were eight Bids for the Brookside Distribution System Contract. The lowest bidder sent a letter requesting dismissal of bid. The second lowest bidder was a more balanced bid. Mike felt it was an appropriate award. The award went to Tech Industries LLC with a deductive alternate for PVC pipes. Mike discussed this with Ken Bernhardt, and both agree to using PVC pipes. The company said they may be able to begin the project in early October.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve Mayor signing Construction Contracts and Notice to Proceed as well as Notice of Award.

- ii. Depot Lane paving options – developed options for paving after the pipe installation.
- iii. The sidewalk project at Bridge and Main is waiting for approval of material. Hans is waiting for approval of products by the DOT.

2. Minutes: Review and Motion to approve

- a. August 08, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes
- b. August 16, 2023, Employee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve the August 08, 2023, Monthly Meeting Minutes with corrections and the August 16, 2023, Employee Meeting Minutes with corrections.

3. Abstracts and Bank Statements:

- a. General \$ 36,747.49 August 09, 2023 – September 12, 2023
- b. Water \$ 417,241.97 August 09, 2023 – September 12, 2023
- c. Sewer \$ 5,934.17 August 09, 2023 – September 12, 2023
- d. Pool \$ 3,304.13 August 09, 2023 – September 12, 2023

Motion made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve paying the invoices and the approval of the Abstract Amounts as written.

4. Incoming Correspondence:

- a. The Board needs to set dates for Local Law #2-2023 and #3-2023 to implement real property tax law section 466-A tax exemption for volunteer Fire and Ambulance Workers. Local Law #3-2023 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law for the Budget year commencing January 1, 2023.

5. Outgoing Correspondence: N/A

6. New Business:

Motion made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve a Public Hearing for October 10, 2023, and for Clerk to publish in the local newspapers September 28th and October 5th for Local Law #2-2023.

Motion made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve a Public Hearing for October 10, 2023, for Local Law #3-2023.

7. Old Business: N/A

8. Other:

- a. Trustee Robinson-Bullock asked to be excused from next week's employee meeting as he will be attending the NY Forward event being held at The Taco Shack on September 20, 2023, from 6:00PM-8:00PM. They are having an open house to discuss DRI NY Forward grant application. The application is due September 28th, and the survey closes September 17th. Cody is going to see about extending the deadline for the survey.
- b. Trustee Robinson-Bullock sent out an email in regard to Codes. Cody will send out a PDF to the Board.
- c. Trustee Robinson-Bullock will be transitioning off the Town Zoning Board and if anyone knows of anyone who would be interested, please let him know. Mayor Caza mentioned that we should contact Zack Thompson at the County as the Village Zoning Board needs training. Clerk Price will contact Zack Thompson.
- d. Trustee Robinson-Bullock mentioned that he received a call from David Ornoski at 199 Orchard Street and wanted to make the Board aware of four wheelers being driven at night in the Village and lawn mowers being driven on the roads during the day. Mayor Caza asked Cody to email the Village Police Department with this issue.
- e. Trustee Robinson-Bullock mentioned that Schoharie County has a serious homeless situation.
- f. Ed Manchester, resident of the Village, mentioned that the house at 143 Grand Street is in serious ruin and he feels it should come down. Mayor Caza suggested that maybe the Village should send out a letter to the homeowner and make Codes aware.

9. MOTION to Adjourn.

Motion made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Price,
Clerk/Treasurer