

Village of Schoharie
Regular Meeting
October 10, 2017

Presiding: Mayor, John Borst

Present: Trustees John Balliett, Larry Caza, Mark Wood and Jeff Palmer and Clerk/Treasurer Leslie J. Price

Residents: Gary Dano, Sarah Livingston, Diana Jackson – President Schoharie Promotional Association (SPA) Darlene Patterson SPA, Glen Patterson, John Hausmann, Tom O’Leary, Willy Griffin, Paul Conroy, Ruey Schell, Tina Ottman, Ben Griffin, Dusty (Patricia) Putnam, Terry Wilber

Meeting brought to order by Mayor Borst @ 6:36PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor: (POF)

Diana Jackson update for SPA:

- Decoration Contest Fall and Christmas open to both Business and Residents
- Thanked the Board for the porta-potty
- November 24, 2017 Fox Creek holiday lights will be lite, no celebration
- November 6, 2017 @ 6:30PM Special meeting inviting the public for brain storming for new ideas for SPA
- November 13, 2017 @ 6:30PM Regular SPA meeting (2nd Monday of the Month) public is invited
- January community meeting

Darlene Patterson update for SPA:

- Lily Park Guidelines in draft form when approved will be put on website
- Lily Park – Kiosk and bat houses to be built
- Red and Green Lanterns will be hung on main St. this year the other Lanterns are being rehabbed by Terry Wilber and will not be ready for this holiday season

Dusty Putnam:

Lodged a formal complaint with the Schoharie County Health Department regarding the deplorable conditions at 130 Fair St. property owned by Jeremy Roe. Residents, Tom O’Leary, Ben Griffin and John Hausmann also spoke of the awful condition of the property. Tina Ottman, former owner of the property informed the Board the Ottman’s are not the owners of the property that it was sold to Jeremy Roe several years ago. Dusty asked the Mayor for his assurance that the Board will look into the situation further and Mayor Borst said “Certainly”

Gary Dano:

Asked for update on fixing the Village clock. Mayor informed him that Spencer Motschmann was delivering a scissor lift on Thursday October 12, 2017

Minutes:

September 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2017 Employee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to accept both September 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes and September 20, 2017 Employee Meeting Minutes as written

Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Balliett second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to pay bills through October 10, 2017 except for Lamont Engineer’s Invoice # 00019. Clerk to get explanation of the additional 10% added to the Lamont Engineer’s invoice #00019. Once explained the invoice will be presented at the Employee meeting October 18, 2017 for approval of payment

Incoming Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

- a. Schoharie County IT Office – Clarifying that James Darrah is the sole contact at IT for Village computer issues.
- b. Schoharie County ARC – Invitation to 6th Annual “Cooking With Love” culinary event on
- c. Niagara Engine Co. No. 6, Inc. – Invite to Grand ribbon cutting for new fire station on Saturday October 14, 2017 at 11:00 AM.
- d. Schoharie County Department of Health – Copy of reply to Dusty Putnam regarding 130 Fair Street stating photos were taken and investigation will be done.
- e. PERMA – Workers Compensation carrier is hold a training session in Schenectady on November 2 & 3, 2017. (See New Business).
- f. NYS Dept. of State – Megan Phillips is replacing Valeria Ivan as liaison for the Trail project Grant.

Outgoing Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

Letter to NYS Dept. of Transportation requesting parade permit for SCS Homecoming Parade.

7:00 PM - Public Hearing: Incorporating the Long-Term Community Recovery (LTCR) Plan and Local Waterfront Recreation Plan (LWRP) as addenda to the Comprehensive Plan.

7:30PM – Public Hearing

Motion made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing Mayor read out loud the Public Notice and explained to the public that the updates only relate to incorporating the Village’s Long-term Community Recovery (LTCR) Plan and the Local Waterfront Recreation Plan (LWRP) as addenda to the Comprehensive Plan. Some discussion followed

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Palmer and Unanimously carried to close the meeting

Old Business: Reviewed and Discussed

- a. NY Rising CRP – Parrot House Project: Mayor and Trustee Caza and CDC met with Dormitory Authority of State of New York (DASNY) and GOSR to discuss status and plans for the Parrot House feasibility study. DASNY expects its consultants, Trudeau Associates (structural) and Camoin Associates (marketing), to complete their final report by the end of January 2018. Meeting was positive, the thinking is that the Parrott House is repairable
- b. South-end Drainage – Easements have been sent to owners and payment process is in the works. When all signed and notarized easements forms are returned, Lamont Engineers will send bids out
- c. Other: Trustee Caza suggested there be a meeting between the Village Board, Nan Stolzenburg, and Megan Phillips because the grant/project #C1000967 for the design and construction of a trail along Schoharie Creek was transferred to a new OPD project manager, Megan Phillips. Ask Nan to send out an event noodle to see what day and time works for all to meet.

New Business:

- a. Water Infrastructure Improvement Project (WSIP) – Notice of Award. Governor Cuomo issued a press release showing that the Village of Schoharie’s \$2.75 million proposed project was approved with a \$1.65 million grant component.
- b. Retiree’s health insurance plan renewal.
Chris Goodness, Jim Meinsma’s replacement as health insurance agent, informed that the MVP coverage for retirees will renew on January 1, 2018. MVP provided new rates that increased about \$20.20 per retiree per quarter, from about \$263 to about \$284. Chris indicated this continues to be good coverage but especially closes the prescription drug “donut hole” that is vital to seniors. Recommends approval. Chris will meet with the Board to discuss coverage and his takeover from Jim, if we like.

Motion made by Trustee Balliett second by Trustee Wood and carried to approve the renewal MVP Health Plan.

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- c. Fort Road Paving – Mayor talked to Comm. Crandall last Tuesday. County is ahead of schedule and will be paving Fort Road.
- d. Advancing Tobacco-Free Communities (ATC) – Discussion between ATC and Trustee Palmer and does the village want to implement any further action(s). Tabled till next week’s Employee Meeting per Trustee Palmer
- e. Electronic Speed control devices. Any information yet or still investigating? Trustee Wood will look into this and advise the Board on his findings and Mayor will look in to the mobile units he also informed the Board this would have to be approved by the State because Main St. is a State Highway. (RT 30)
- f. PERMA training course – November 2&3, 2017 in Schenectady. Free. Permission for Leslie to attend Friday Nov. 3, 2017 for morning and afternoon sessions on Employee Handbook(s). Also, any village Trustees interested?

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Borst unanimously carried to have the Clerk, Leslie Price, attend the PERMA training course, Employee Handbook(s) on both Thursday and Friday

- g. Proclamation for Schoharie Fire Department on dedication of new station. Mayor will write the proclamation

Schoharie County Village Officers Association next meets on October 18, 2017.

The October Employees Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM Wednesday October 18, 2017.

Next regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn.

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Balliett and Unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:12PM