

Village of Schoharie - Regular Meeting  
October 9, 2012

Presiding: Mayor John Borst

Present: Trustees Jay Balliett, Larry Caza, Ed August, Jeremy Rosenthal and Clerk/Treasurer Leslie J. Price

Catskill Regional Invasive Species partnership (CRISP): Meredith Taylor

Lamont Engineers: Mike Harrington

Residents: Terry Wilber and Diana and Mike Jackson

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

Fire Department Early Business:

Roberts & Nichols Fire Apparatus inquired as to when engine 1423 would be picked-up. 1423 was there for assessment of damages and found the chassis and engine are good but the pump is shot. The Fire Dept. feels it is best to sell it.

Privilege of the Floor:

Meredith Taylor spokesperson for CRISP gave a presentation about the emerald ash borer (EAB) an insect that kills North American ash trees. Meredith also gave a report on the inventory CRISP conducted in Village of Schoharie. At this time they found one infested tree in the Fox Creek Park. CRISP's recommendation is to remove the infested tree and also recommended that the Village be proactive in planning for the arrival of the EAB.

Trustee Balliett suggested DPW take the tree down and to confer with Floyd Guernsey owner of Schoharie Nurseries regarding tree insecticide.

Minutes:

September 11, 2012 Regular Meeting

Motion made by Trustee Balliett seconded by Trustee Caza and carried to accept the September 11, 2012 Regular Meeting as written.

Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee Rosenthal and carried to pay bills through October 09, 2012

Mike Harrington:

Former Great American bids for reclamation. Nine (9) bids were received and ranged from a low of \$88,900 from CFI to \$161,215 from Cobleskill Stone Products. Lamont Engineers is recommending that the Village Board award the job to the low bidder, CFI contractors of Johnstown, NY.

Motion made by Trustee August and seconded by Trustee Caza and carried to award the bid to CFI Contractors of Johnstown, the contract includes a one (1) year warranty.

Motion made by Trustee Caza and seconded by Trustee August and carried for Mayor Borst to sign both the notice to proceed and the contract.

Mike also gave a report on SCVOA meeting held on 9/28/2012 relative to sludge composting feasibility study.

Incoming Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

- a. Mohawk Valley Economic Development District – Meeting on Wed. October 10, 2012 to get input from local officials on issues of community and economic development.
- b. NYSERDA – NYS Local Government Rebates paying 75% of the purchase price of eligible Energy Star products.
- c. NYCOM – Question from Barbara VanEpps regarding if village taxpayers are exempted from Items #3 and #4 in the Town budget. They are.

Outgoing Correspondence: N/A

Old Business: Reviewed and Discussed

- a. Document Reprocessors – Status from Clerk Leslie. Documents are being digitized, Document Reprocessors will notify the Village Office when they are finished and the Village can make arrangements to pick-up the digitized and all the other records
- b. Proposed Natural Gas Line – FERC held a public meeting to hear comments from the public. Most were opposed to pipeline construction.
- c. 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 the Village may know as soon as December 2012 if they won the award. Lamont Engineers did not charge for completing the application.
- d. Price quote from Repeat Business Systems for \$4,718 for a RICOH MPC 2551 SP Copier/Scanner/Printer. Village will apply to NYSERDA for 75% reimbursement for net of \$1,179.50. Also will be ordering a small copier for Mr. Shroh and one for the fire department when we are notified of make and model.
- e. Sidewalk repairs – Approval of sidewalk bids received on October 9, 2012 for replacement of approximately 140 lineal feet of concrete sidewalk.

Motion made by Trustee Balliett and seconded by Trustee Rosenthal and carried to allocate leftover funds in the amount of the bid award from CHIPS line in budget to sidewalks line.

- f. Discuss signs for the North and South entrances to the village. Trustee August to check with sign maker and will get back to the Board at next week’s, October 16, 2012 Employee Meeting.
- g. NYSDOS awarded an Economic Development grant to the Village amounting to almost \$50K. Nan Stolzenburg will help implement.
- h. Other

New Business: Reviewed and Discussed

- a. Fire Department’s proposed purchase of the former Miller Tractor property – It appears the ZBA and the Planning Board can authorize construction on the property via Special Use Permit without a change of the current land Use Law.

- b. Proposed Land Use Law modifications first proposed in August 2011. Village to propose changes, have reviewed by Village Attorney Breen and forward to Planning Board for review.

Motion made by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee Balliett and carried to advertize hearing of Local Law #2-2012 to consider the enactment of a local law suspending all other laws of the Village relating to the construction, staging, parking or placement of temporary dwelling units in the Village and to amend certain sections of the Village's LUL

- c. Former American Legion Building was demolished over Columbus Day weekend, apparently without incident. CEO Nelson issued a demolition permit for the structure following compliance by Rob VanDerVeen regarding permits, insurance and other issues.
- d. Handicapped Parking on Main Street – There was a request for the Village Board to consider handicap parking spot(s) on Main Street to facilitate better access to businesses. Clerk to get clarification from NYCOM on Disabled parking on Main Street.
- e. Other: Trustee Balliett spoke about the “Healthy Places Grant” and the projects he has been working on such as bike racks and benches located around the Village the benches would tell you how many calories you burned walking from bench to bench with local artist drawing on the benches. The application is due the end of March 2013.

Trustee Balliett also spoke about DPW loss inventory, he plans to work with Superintendent Bill Shroh on the procurement of losses.

The September Employees Meeting will be held on Wednesday October 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Next regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

Schoharie County Village Officers Assn. Meeting will meet on October 24, 2012.

Adjourn. 10:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie J. Price  
Clerk/Treasurer