

VILLAGE OF SCHOHARIE
Employees Meeting/Workshop – November 17, 2021

Meeting called to order @ 6:30PM in the Village Hall at 300 Main Street.

PRESENT: Mayor Caza, Trustees: Johnson, Palmer and Robinson-Bullock, OIC Brian Rossi, Jason Temple, Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Chief Doug Stinson, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, Patsy Nicosia, Times Journal and Mark Wood

EXCUSED: Trustee Medak

1) OIC – Brian Rossi

- a) Please see attached Report
- b) OIC Rossi asked the Board to make a Motion to approve changing the Status of Jason Temple and accepting OIC Rossi's resignation as OIC.

Motion: made by Mayor Caza seconded by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve Jason Temple moving into the position of Schoharie Lieutenant and OIC effective 12/31/2021 and accepting Brian Rossi's letter of resignation as OIC effective 12/31/2022.

2) Fire Chief – Doug Stinson

- a) Please see attached Report.
- b) Fire Department is looking into changing their Fiscal Year to reflect the same Fiscal Year as the Village.
- c) Christmas In Schoharie was an immense success in spite of the inclement weather. The Parade was cancelled and rescheduled.
- d) A smaller version of The Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, December 18th and will include Santa. Parade will start around 5:00PM.
- e) Fire Department will have to purchase personal protective gear for seven firefighters as well as 1 EMS gear.

3) Code Enforcement Officer Doug Stinson

- a) Please see attached Report.
- b) Doug did speak to Julie Langan regarding property at 326 and 320 Main Street. Mayor would like Doug to forward any and all copies of Notice of Violations on both properties to the Board. Doug feels very strongly that this case will go to Court. The Mayor would like to know when they have a Court Date and one of our Board Members will be present.

4) DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhardt

- a) Water/Sewer is in good shape, and everything is running smoothly.
- b) Water meters were read with much difficulty and problems.
- c) Repairs were made to some streetlights. All lights and Christmas lights are now working. Mayor Caza mentioned that Schoharie Promotional was incredibly grateful for this effort and that all holiday decorations are now working.
- d) DPW has worked on filling in potholes behind the Main Street businesses. They were able to use recycled materials that DPW already had so there was no cost associated with this task. Clerk/Treasurer mentioned that she received numerous compliments by the business owners who were very appreciative to these efforts.
- e) Ken feels confident that DPW is ready for winter weather.

f) Ken informed the Board that Clerk Leslie Price mailed his application and fee to be able to take the New York State Exam for Wastewater Treatment.

5) Lamont Engineers – Mike Harrington

a) Update of Water Improvement Project. Please see attached Report.

6) Other

a) Trustee Johnson, Trustee Palmer. DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhardt and Tim Rose from NYPA had a meeting regarding new lighting for the Village. They received an estimate for 110 lights however the final count is 130. Tim will put together new numbers for the Board. It will take approximately seven months for full conversion. Mayor wanted to inform the Board that the net result will show a significant savings with this conversion.

Motion: made by Trustee Johnson seconded by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to authorize Mayor Caza signing the authorization to proceed to create a contract with NYPA for new streetlights.

b) Mayor Caza asked the Board to approve premium pay for DPW staff and Clerk/Treasurer Office Staff

Motion: made by Mayor Caza seconded by Trustee Robinson-Bullock so carried by a vote of 3 to 1 to approve the Premium Pay to Employees. Supervisors will get \$2000.00, Employees \$1500.00, Officer in Charge (OIC) \$1000.00 and Police Offices \$500.00

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:36PM made by Trustee Palmer seconded by Trustee Johnson unanimously approved to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Price