

Village of Schoharie  
Regular Meeting  
December 11, 2018

**Presiding:** Mayor Borst

**Present:** Trustees Jay Balliett, Jeff Palmer, Larry Caza, Mark Wood, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price and Typist Debby Byrne.

**Attendees:** Mike Gaertner, Times Journal; Joy Heckman, Mountain Eagle, Terry Wilbur

**Meeting brought to order by Mayor Borst @ 6:30PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Privilege of the Floor: (POF):** N/A

**Minutes November 13, 2018:**

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 regular Meeting Minutes with changes.

**Bills:**

**Motion** made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to approve the invoices on the December Abstract. The Abstract reads as follows:

General	\$27,466.85
Water	\$14,873.78
Sewer	\$15,295.74
Pool	\$ 86.63

**Incoming Correspondence:**

- A. Marge Becker is requesting financial support for the Valley Recreation Center. Mayor Borst believes it is inappropriate since it is a private foundation is not related to local government.
- B. Old Stone Fort Museum has sent out their annual Appeal. Each year the Village of Schoharie purchases a page in the Fort's booklet to raise money (\$150.00). Mayor does not feel it is necessary to contribute more.

**Outgoing Correspondence:**

- A. Office of State Comptroller – Mayor sent response to draft audit findings. When OSC receives the letter they will then prepare and send to the Village officials a Report of Examination.
- B. National Grid sent proposal for conversion of street lights to LED lights at no cost to the village. The energy savings would lead to a cost reduction. Mayor submitted a letter of intent to convert since this is a first come first serve basis. Trustee Balliett wants to make sure we see a reduction in invoices.
- C. SALT Community Project Fund Application – Application was submitted for a chlorinator for the Schoharie kiddie pool. This was approved by SALT with a start date of Spring 2019.

**Old Business -**

- A. NY Rising CRP –
  1. South-End Drainage Project
    - a) Bids received – Kingsley Arms Construction has begun construction of the pipeline piece west of New York State Route 30, this will be completed before winter. Next plan of work will be from Holding Pond East across Route 30.
- B. National Historic District Application
  - a) SHPO has recommended and its Review Board has approved moving forward with the creation of a National Historic District in the Village of Schoharie.
- C. Reply to Comptroller's Audit Findings

- a) Mayor did respond to the initial audit within thirty days as required. We now have ninety days to draft a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). (see Outgoing Correspondence A)
- D. Water Project (WIIA) – The short term loan closing was completed on 11/29/18. The Village has submitted outstanding bills due for reimbursement. Second part of the project is a long way out.
- E. 130 Fair Street property is vacated a court date was set for clean-up however the owner did not show up. Another court date has been set. Currently owner has not cleaned-up.
- F. Senior Housing Update – Ballard water line easement was **not** completed. In reply to Bank of America’s petition to the court, New York State Supreme Court appointed Tax Credit Asset Management (TCAM) as receiver to manage all operations of the property.
- G. Jason Becker of Midtel offered to donate a Bucket Truck to the Village of Schoharie. The lift has been inspected and maintained and is in excellent shape.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to accept this donation from Midtel.
- H. General Code Publisher – Trustee Caza has been working with Nan Stolzenburg on general code publisher analysis. Trustee Caza will present a response to the Board for approval in the coming months.

**New Business:**

- A. Approve Fulton County landfill contract for sewer sludge disposal  
**Motion** made by Trustee Balliett second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to approve the Fulton County landfill contract for sewer sludge disposal
- B. Spectrum Cable Television Franchise Agreement (Time Warner LLC), no changes made to agreement.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Balliett second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to approve Resolution 12-11-2018 for Franchise Agreement.
- C. Fire Department Cancer Insurance Coverage – As of January 1, 2019 this is required by New York State for all eligible Fire Fighters. After extensive research by Mang Insurance Agency, Mayor’s recommendation is to go with The Hartford at a cost of \$200.00 per head per year. The Village has budgeted \$300 per head for this item.  
**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to approve going with The Hartford for this coverage.
- D. Schoharie Promotional Community Meeting – January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Other:** Correction to the November minutes, the Schoharie County Village Officers Association Christmas Party was held on December 7, 2018 not December 8, 2018 as stated in the November 2018 minutes.

**Schoharie County Village Officers Association meeting on January 23, 2019. There is some talk of this meeting being moved to quarterly in 2019.**

**The next Employees Meeting is scheduled for 6:30PM Wednesday December 19th, 2018. Mayor Borst is excused from this meeting.**

**Next Village Board Meeting is Tuesday, January 8th, 2019 at 6:30PM.**

**Motion** made to Adjourn by Trustee Palmer, seconded by Trustee Wood to adjourn meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leslie Price  
Village Clerk/Treasurer