

Village of Schoharie
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2020

Presiding: Mayor Caza

Present: Trustees Wood, Johnson and Medak, and Part Time Typist Debby Byrne.

Excused : Trustee Palmer and Clerk Treasurer Leslie Price

Attendees: Terry Wilbur, Nan Stolzenburg and Patsy Nicosia from The Times Journal

Meeting brought to order by Mayor Caza @ 6:33PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor: (POF):

Nan Stolzenburg:

- Nan updated the Board on progress being made on the Trail Project. Project is moving forward, and the Environmental review has been completed.
- An Archeological Survey needs to be completed ASAP. This will be completely refundable. Nan reached out to Lamont Engineers for a company doing this work. John Harkin was referenced, and Nan reached out to him and asked for a proposal. His proposal comes in between \$13,240.00 - \$15,440.00. Mayor Caza asked Nan to get 2-3 more proposals from other companies which would include their qualifications.
- We are still waiting for our contract with New York State. They are now questioning the “match plan” and asked for more details. After going back and forth through correspondence, NYS has initialized the Department of State Review Process. There are approximately five more steps to this process.
- Schoharie Land Trust may be interested in handing their portion of this land back to the Village. Mayor Caza would like to meet with the Land Trust and discuss this option. If this does happen, this would be considered an in-kind donation for the value of the land and would go towards the funding match required by NYS.
- Nan requested a copy of the Village Procurement Process.

Minutes: To be approved:

- A. December 10, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and December 18, 2019 Employee Meeting Minutes will be approved at the next Employees meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2019.

Bills & Bank Statements:

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

General	\$37,302.84
Water	\$13,502.76
Sewer	\$32,365.71
Pool	\$ 72.07

Incoming Correspondence:

- A. Letter from Virginia B. congratulating the Mayor on selling the Parrott House. Mayor Caza read the letter out loud and discussed the positive feedback he and the Trustees have been receiving regarding this news.

Outgoing Correspondence:

- A. N/A

Old Business -

- A. Fiber Optic internet and phone is scheduled to be installed on February 14, 2020.
- B. Employee meeting moved to Tuesday January 21, 2020 at 6:30PM.

New Business:

- A. SCVOA Meeting is January 22, 2020 hosted by the Village of Schoharie. Meeting will be at the Farmer's Beef & Brew. Guest speakers are Jessica Waldorf and Amy Wyant. They will discuss LED outdoor lighting.
- B. Meeting with School Superintendent David Blanchard is set for January 21, 2020 at 2:00PM.
- C. Promotional Meeting was held on Monday, January 13, 2020. Trustee Medak and Johnson attended meeting and said there was a lot of positive feedback about the Parrott House and other new businesses coming to the Village.
- D. Mayor Caza and Trustee Johnson have a meeting on Wednesday January 15th, 2020 with the new owners of the Parrott House and SEEC to follow up with the plans and finances of restoring the building.
- E. MOU Attachment was handed out by Trustee Johnson. Mayor Caza would like an agreement in general terms as to how SEEC and the Village will work together on other projects. Mayor read the MOU submitted (see attached).

Motion made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve the agreement between the Village of Schoharie and the Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation (SEEC) whereas the Board of Trustees designate SEEC as its official representative in all matters relating to New York State and other relevant grant funding for the Parrott House restoration and redevelopment and further authorizes Mayor Caza to negotiate a formal Memorandum Of Understanding with SEEC to provide such services for fees not to exceed administrative funding available through such programs. Trustee Johnson abstained from vote as he is directly associated with SEEC.

Executive Session

Motion: made at 7:25PM by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve going into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Motion: made at 7:59PM by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve leaving Executive Session for Public Meeting.

- F. 8:00PM Public Hearing Local Law 1-2020 to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" (see attached)

Motion: made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve opening the Public Hearing on Local Law No 1 of the year 2020.

Mayor Caza read the law out loud and the Board reviewed the law. No members of the public were present upon motion being made. Mayor Caza closed the Public Hearing at 8:10PM.

Motion: made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to pass Local Law 1-2020 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-C.

Executive Session

Motion: made at 8:20PM by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to approve going into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Motion: made at 9:15PM by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve leaving Executive Session.

Other:

- **The next Employees Meeting is scheduled for 6:30PM Tuesday January 21, 2020.**
- **Next Village Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:30PM.**

Motion made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve adjourning meeting at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Byrne

January 14, 2020

MOU between the Village of Schoharie and the Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation.

Resolved: The Board of Trustees of the Village of Schoharie designates the Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation (SEEC) as its official representative in all matters relating to New York State and other relevant grant funding for the Parrott House restoration and redevelopment in the Village of Schoharie. The Village Board of Trustees further authorizes the Mayor to negotiate a formal Memorandum of Understanding with SEEC to provide such services for fees not to exceed administrative funding available through such programs.

Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2020

Village of Schoharie, County of Schoharie

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Schoharie to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Schoharie, County of Schoharie, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Newspaper Notice

The Village of Schoharie will hold a public hearing on February 11, 2020 at 8:00 pm at Village Offices located at 300 Main Street to consider the enactment of a local law allow the Village to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c. The law will remain in effect for one year from the date of enactment and is intended as a precautionary measure as the Village Board develops a budget for 2020-2021 under the extraordinary circumstances and fiscal uncertainties continuing from the devastation caused by Hurricane Irene.

December 18, 2019 - Draft Law was handed to each Trustee at the Regular Meeting.

January 1 & January 8, 2020 - Publish in TJ

Hearing on January 14, 2020 and adopt at that meeting