

**Village of Schoharie  
Regular Meeting  
January 10, 2012**

**Presiding:** Mayor John Borst

**Present:**

Trustees Jay Balliett, Larry Caza, Ed August, Dick Young, and Clerk/Treasurer Leslie J. Price  
Residents Dick Price and Jeremy Rosenthal

**Meeting brought to order by Mayor Borst @ 7:32 pm**

**Fire Department:** N/A

**Privilege of the Floor:** N/A

**Minutes:**

**Motion** made by Trustee Balliett seconded by Trustee Caza and carried to approve the December 14, 2011 minutes as amended by the Board.

**Bills:**

**Motion** made by Trustee Balliett seconded by Trustee Caza and carried to pay the bills as presented

**Incoming Correspondence:** Reviewed and Discussed

1. Center for Disability Services – Invitation for Mayor Borst to attend the Telethon on January 29, 2012.
2. NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) – Response to Mayor’s letter requesting restoration of funding for Meals-On-Wheels preparation by Rehabilitation Support Services (RSS). OMH will not continue full funding.
3. Mohawk Valley Economic Development District – Grant Announcements for various projects. Trustee Balliett will look over the announcements and discuss the options with Trustee August and if they feel there is a grant the Village should apply for, they will present it to the Board.

**Outgoing Correspondence:** N/A

**Old Business:** Reviewed and Discussed

1. NYSERDA Energy Efficiency Project – Closing and payment release coming soon...

2. National Grid Emergency Funding initiatives:
  - a. \$200,000 Economic Development Bridge Loan to the Village of Schoharie was approved by National Grid and will be administered by the Community Development Corp. Program provides up to 10 year loans at 0% interest to eligible applicants.
  - b. Main Street Revitalization grants up to \$25,000.00 per building owner are being processed through Schoharie County Planning and Development. The Village held an informational meeting on December 19, 2011 on these and only a few businesses attended.
  - c. The Village needs to assemble an informational packet and set up another meeting for business owners. The packet should contain a cover letter and all applications that are available. Trustee Caza and Young to administer, Clerk to send blank application forms to Trustee Caza
  - d. Village may apply for repairs to Village Office and other infrastructure not covered by insurance or FEMA
3. docStar Records Management – docStar is preparing to install a complete document management system, similar to ImageTek, free of charge. There is no reseller, the Village gets direct technical assistance from the company in Schenectady and has an on-line server and web backup for all files. Fenimore Asset in Cobleskill is a long time/satisfied user. Annual Administration fees is about \$300.00 and we need a dedicated non-sophisticated computer
4. Environmental Facilities Corporation Loan Program – The NYSEFC is making a HELP loan available to municipalities in the form of a \$1 million zero interest ten year term loan to repair water, storm water and/or waste water municipal infrastructure. Bond must be adopted again and published within 10 days. The estoppels notices were not published within 10 days of adoption of Resolution #5-2011. Nick Green from Lamont Engineers will be publishing the estoppels notice
5. Debris Removal – County will pay for debris pick-up and tipping fee until 12-31-2011. Mosa will then bring in roll offs when available at no fee providing there is no asbestos materials in the debris
6. Document Reprocessors – This company took all of the Village’s (and those of Schoharie County) water logged records for processing and restoration under the assured understanding that all costs incurred will be fully reimbursable by FEMA. That appeared not to be the case. Mayor Borst e-mailed the company on October 20, 2011 and told them to halt all processing and provide an estimate of the costs incurred to date. The company did not respond. Another e-mail was sent on November 7, 2011, and still no reply. Simmons consulting met with document Reprocessors with nothing positive coming from the meeting.
7. Document Reprocessors sent a bill for about \$19,000.00 for costs to date. Our consultant suggested writing a letter requesting such information as: Why were costs incurred after our 10/20/2011 e-mail and phone call telling them to stop. What condition are the records in? Are they readable? Where can we inspect them? Etc.

Jim Snyder surveyed the Village Office and found it is not in the 100 year flood plain. It is now eligible for FEMA PA-funded repairs including contents and documents within. We need to investigate our options. Trustee Caza suggested to duplicate the letter the County sent to Document Reprocessors, Mayor to talk with Simmons Recovery Consulting for suggestions

8. Midtel Franchise Agreement Renewal – Current franchise expired on 10/21/2011 and the company proposes to renew for 15 years under the same terms. Board Discussed this at the December Employees meeting and is reviewing options. Tabled until next week’s Employee Meeting
9. Debris Transfer Station Remediation – Mayor Borst and Lamont Engineers met with NYSDEC on Monday to examine the area. DEC had no hazardous waste concerns, other than removal of the waste cans. Lamont drew up a remediation plan and which now needs to be discussed with the owner. A meeting needs to be set-up with the Board and Mr. Van Woert.
10. Economic Development/Long Range Planning Process – The Village needs to initiate a process. Nan Stolzenburg has offered to help implement as an independent planner, Nan has worked for Prattville. Long Range planning programs are available through FEMA and NYSDOS has offered technical assistance.

#### **New Business:**

1. Shane Nickel from Schoharie County Planning & Development Agency wants to discuss with the Village Board, FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, which could be buyouts or elevations. Mayor will invite Shane to next week’s Employee Meeting
2. Comments at last month’s meeting criticized the Board for not having minutes on the County’s website. Clerk Price reviewed the website and found up-to-date minutes through July 2011
3. Village Elections – 2 Trustee seats are up for election in March 2012. Clerk needs to publish the required notice, get the required timeline for filings and assemble ballot and other information available. Clerk filed publication in November 2011 and the Clerk has the timelines and filing dates
4. Governor Cuomo’s office met with Mayor Borst to inform that a program to clear flood debris from specific “hotspots” along Schoharie Creek will employ about 60 unemployed workers for about 2 months and will include machinery, debris pickup and disposal. The program is to begin in the spring
5. Other:

**Motion** made by Trustee August seconded by Trustee Young and carried to move the February monthly Meeting from Tuesday, February 14, 2012 to Tuesday, February 7, 2012 and to move the February Employee Meeting from Tuesday, February 21, 2012 to Wednesday February 15, 2012 both Meetings will be held in the Elementary Cafe and Clerk to advertize in the Times Journal.

Employees Meeting will be January 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM

Next regular Village Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7:30 PM

**Motion** made by Trustee August, seconded by Trustee Caza and carried to adjourn at  
10:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Leslie J. Price