

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting  
January 10, 2023

**Presiding:** Mayor Caza

**Present:** Trustees Johnson, Medak, Palmer, Robinson-Bullock, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, Josh Walter, from the Mountain Eagle, Bob Tines, Casey and James McFee and Diana Bell Jackson

**Meeting brought to order:** By Mayor Caza at 6:34 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Open Public Meeting at 6:35PM**

**See Attached**

**1. Privilege of the Floor:**

- a. James McFee met with Lamont Engineering and DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhardt regarding the South End Drainage and Trail projects. As James appreciated the meeting and mentioned that all though the design is not the best, NYS approved the design, and the money has been spent so there is nothing more that can be done.
- b. Diana Bell Jackson, representing Schoharie Promotional, gave a brief summary of the Annual committee meeting held 01/09/2023. SPA will be having a small pavilion built in Lily Park and are currently looking for contractors.

**2. Minutes:** Review and Motion to approve

- a. December 13, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes
- b. December 21, 2022, Employee Meeting Minutes

**Motion** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve the December 13, 2022, Monthly Meeting Minutes and the December 21, 2022, Employee Meeting Minutes as written.

**3. Abstracts and Bank Statements:**

- a. General \$ 71,960.12 (December 14, 2022 – January 10, 2023)
- b. Water \$ 23,543.89 (December 14, 2022 – January 10, 2023)
- c. Sewer \$ 33,657.13 (December 14, 2022 – January 10, 2023)
- d. Pool \$ 384.38 (December 14, 2022 – January 10, 2023)

**Motion** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve paying the invoices and the approval of the Abstract Amounts as written.

**4. Incoming Correspondence:**

- a. N/A

**5. Outgoing Correspondence:**

- a. N/A

**6. New Business:**

- a. Kenneth Bernhardt and Paul Liddle Insurance buyout for FY 2023

**Motion** made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve paying Kenneth Bernhardt and Paul Liddle the \$3,000.00 Insurance buyout for Fiscal Year 2023

- b. The 2022 payroll needs adjustments for the Mayor, Trustees and Justice Kennedy and Part Time Police. The total amount is \$1,315.10 as the 2022 raise was not included in every paycheck. The following adjustments need to be made:

Mayor	\$112.42
Trustees	\$ 73.26
Justice Kennedy	\$893.64
F. Kennedy	\$ 5.00
R Kennedy	\$ 5.00
B MacFadden	\$ 4.50
B Rossi	\$ 1.50

**Motion** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve paying the payroll adjustments for 2022.

**Motion** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to delete Item C from the agenda.

**7. Old Business:**

- a. ZBA new prospective members, Village residents J. Tracy Booth, Amy Foland and Joseph Mann are interested in becoming ZBA members. Mayor would like Clerk Price to forward to the Board and Ben Griffin letters giving a brief background and why they would be interested in becoming a ZBA member.

**8. Other:**

- a. Reminder for SCVOA meeting on Friday, January 13, 2023
- b. Trustee Palmer asked to be excused from the January 18, 2023 Employee Meeting as he will be attending the SCS meeting regarding the School Mascot.
- c. Motion for Local Law to Lower speed limit on all Village owned Streets. Local Law Filing handed to Mayor and each Trustee

**Motion** made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to hold a public meeting at the next Regular Monthly Meeting.

**9. MOTION to Adjourn.**

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Price  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF SCHOHAIRE**

**RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**January 10, 2023**

**PRESIDING:** Lawrence J. Caza, Mayor

**PRESENT:** Trustees Johnson, Medak, Palmer and Robinson-Bullock\_

**MEETINGS:** Regular Village Board meetings to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Village 300 Main St. Employee/Work Shop Meetings to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Any other meetings may be called by the Mayor or any three (3) members of the board, with the method of notification of public and any board members who may not be present, to be specified at the same time. The Annual Re-organizational meeting is to be held in conjunction with either the Regular January Board meeting or the January Employees Workshop.

**BANK:** National Bank and Trust (NBT) and Bank of Richmondville are hereby declared the official depositories.

**NEWSPAPER:** None designated. The policy of the Board is to use the Times Journal and the Mountain Eagle for all publications, if possible.

**PAYROLL** new payroll rates start the 1<sup>st</sup> full pay period in the new fiscal year.

**CLERK/TREASURER:** Leslie J. Price as Clerk/Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer, term starting 1/1/2023. Salary for fiscal 2023 to be \$40,119.00 @ 1/01/23. Clerk/Treasurer authorized to collect Village taxes, water/sewer rents, to buy and have printed necessary stationery, bills, receipts, postage, books and supplies for the operation of the Village office. Also, authorized to have printed all legal notices and hire office help when necessary. Authorized to accept unsigned vouchers/claims, instead of returning for signatures and is Records Management Officer.

**DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER:** Debra Byrne appointed part-time 1/1/2023 at the rate of \$18.09 per hour and to work at the discretion of the board upon the recommendation of Clerk/Treasurer

**MAYOR:** Salary for fiscal year 2023 to be \$4,207.53 paid monthly (\$350.63)

**DEPUTY MAYOR:** Peter J. Johnson

**TRUSTEES:** Salaries for fiscal year 2023 to be \$2,749.25 each. Paid monthly (\$229.11)

**ASSESSOR:** Town of Schoharie by Local Law #3, 1986.

**ATTORNEY:** Young/Sommer LLC @ \$225.00 per hour with an annual expense of \$10,000.00

**POLICE CHIEF (Officer in Charge):** Officer-In-Charge salary is \$2,100 per month for fiscal year 2023.

**SPECIAL POLICE:** Mayor empowered to hire special police at a rate of \$21.00 per hour for fiscal year 2023. . Total Budget 2023 \$26,208.00 1248 hrs. per year

**POLICE COMMISSIONER:** Mayor Caza assumes for 2023.

**VILLAGE JUSTICE:** Frederick W. Kennedy, Sr., salary of \$10,00 for fiscal year 2023. Paid Monthly (\$833.34)

**ASSOCIATE VILLAGE JUSTICE:** Michael Breen, salary of \$25.00 per week, when services are required.

**MILEAGE** to be paid at current IRS allowed reimbursement rate. The rate for 2023 is \$0.65.5 per mile.

**SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD:** Robert Klingbeil appointed to serve at a salary of \$11,360.00 for ten months of 2023. (\$1,136.00 per month)

**REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS:** Pamela Foland, Town Clerk appointed for fiscal year 2023. Fee basis. Deputy at discretion of Registrar.

**PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT:** Kenneth Bernhardt appointed for fiscal year 2023 at a salary of \$64,732.50.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Michael J. Kennedy appointed at a base pay of \$26.55/Hr. (\$55,211.14/Yr.) plus OT \$39.83 per hr. for fiscal year 2023.

DPW LABORER-EXPERIENCED: Paul Liddle - \$22.41 per hr. OT \$32.62 per hr. fiscal year 2023

WRITTEN INVESTMENT POLICY: reviewed by board and on the motion of Trustee Medak and seconded Trustee Johnson, unanimously carried to accept policy with noted changes recommended by Audit & Control. (On file)

CONFERENCES: Village to join the N.Y. Conference of Mayors, the Schoharie County Village Officers Association, the N.Y.S. Association of City & Village Clerks

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Appointed for the term ending as follows:

William Griffin -Chair	2026	Jessica Loden Kirby	2024
J. Tracy Booth	2027	Kenneth Kio	2025
Amy Foland	2028	Stipend \$25/meeting	

PLANNING BOARD: Appointed for the term ending as follows:

Patricia Putnam-Chair	2026	Thomas Hitter	2024
Colleen Henry	2027	Timothy Repicky	2025
Steven Babbit	2023	Stipend \$25/meeting	

The following Committees appointed by Mayor Caza to report at board meetings for fiscal year 2023.

CABLE T.V. LIAISON	Medak	PROMOTIONAL	Johnson
PARKS	Palmer	ROADS	Robinson-Bullock
SIDEWALKS	Robinson-Bullock	FLOOD	Palmer
FIRE DEPT.	Medak	SEWER/WATER	Medak
LIGHTS	Palmer	GRANTS/E.D.	Johnson
ZONING & PLANNING	Johnson	YOUTH/REC.	Robinson-Bullock
POLICE	Trustees	CENSUS	Palmer

Resolution 1-2023

RECREATION COMMISSION: Janice Herrick, Sal Medak and Cody Robinson-Bullock

The foregoing designations made by blanket Resolution by Trustee Palmer, seconded by Trustee Johnson, unanimously carried to approve.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH VILLAGE LAW, Village taxes remaining unpaid after diligent effort of the Clerk/Treasurer to collect them to be transferred to the County Treasurer as of November 15, 2023 Motion made by Trustee Medak, seconded by Trustee Cody Robinson-Bullock, unanimously carried to approve.

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Palmer, seconded by Trustee Medak, unanimously carried to adjourn, @ 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Leslie J. Price