# Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting January 12, 2021

**Presiding:** Mayor Caza

**Present:** Mayor Caza, Deputy Mayor Johnson, Trustee Medak, Trustee Palmer,

Trustee Price, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk Debby Byrne, Patsy Nicosia from The Times Journal, Ben Griffin, Will Griffin, Nan Stolzenburg and David Henry

Meeting brought to order: By Mayor Caza at 6:32PM

Pledge of Allegiance

**Moment of Silence for Gene Amedio** 

## **Privilege of the Floor (POF)**

A. Long Range Planning Committee member David Henry and Planning Consultant Nan Stolzenburg updated the Board on the Trail Project. First Nan announced that the Federal money has been approved and she has reconnected with the Southern Tier 8. Nan feels good about the lines of communication. Nan, Dave and Trustees Johnson and Medak interviewed candidates for both the Attorney and Design Engineer. After lengthy discussions and interviews they have chosen Grant & Lyons LLP for legal work associated with the Multi-Use Trail and Milone & Macbroom for Landscape Architecture. These companies had excellent presentations and experience with flood areas. Milone & Macbroom also have experienced working in Schoharie County. Trustee Johnson wanted to point out that without Nan Stolzenburg's assistance and leadership this project would not be moving forward.

<u>Motion</u> made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve to hire Grant & Lyons LLP for legal work associated with the Multi-Use Trail Project and Milone & Macbroom for Landscape Architecture for the Multi-use Trail Project.

## **Minutes:**

## A. **MOTION** to approve

December 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2020 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

<u>Motion</u> made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve December 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written and December 8, 2020 Reorganizational Meeting Minutes as written with the change to mileage reimbursement and noting that there are currently two vacant positions.

## Bills & Bank Statements Reviewed and signed:

A. **MOTION** to approve Abstract Amounts:

General \$ 54,373.18 (Dec 9, 2020 - Jan 12, 2021) Water \$ 33,672.98 (Dec 9, 2020 - Jan 12, 2021) Sewer \$ 38,781.62 (Dec 9, 2020 - Jan 12, 2021) Pool \$ 3,182.89 (Dec 9, 2020 - Jan 12, 2021)

<u>Motion</u> made by Trustee Price second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve abstracts and December 2020 bank statements.

Outgoing Correspondence: N/A

# **Incoming Correspondence:**

A. The Village received a response letter from the Department of Transportation regarding lowering the speed limit request on Route 30 and Crosswalks at Furman Drive and Furman to Bridge St crossing Rt 30 and the Mayor read the letter out loud. Lowering speed limit was denied. Crosswalks at Furman Drive is the Village of Schoharie's responsibility because the Village owns that road. In order for the State to paint a crosswalk on Main to Bridge, the Village would have to install ramps in compliance with ADA requirements. Mayor Caza would like to discuss with DPW at the next Employee Meeting.

Old Business: N/A

#### **New Business:**

- A. Supplemental archeology work at water tank site was approved via email (dated 12/30/2020) and phone call from Board Members authorizing the archeology work at tank site. The Village received the report from Lamont Engineers and approved spending of approximately \$1,500-\$2,000.
- B. Fire Department purchase approval via email (dated 01/11/2021) and phone call from Board Members for the purchase of a siren and speaker for POV not to exceed Chief Pierce's estimate of \$800 installed with existing radio. This was approved and ordered.

#### Other:

A. Clerk/Treasurer Price has established a new accounting system based on request from the Board. She has consolidated the number of bank accounts held by the Village and has created a consolidated company to use for payments. She has left the necessary accounts open to receive EFT deposits. All Board members commented that the new reports look great and thanked Ms. Price for her efforts.

# Public Hearing for Local Law #1-2021

**MOTION** made at 7:08 PM by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing. Mayor Caza read the local law out loud.

**MOTION** made by at 7:18 PM by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to close the Public Meeting.

<u>Motion</u> made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve Local Law #1-2021 superseding NYS Village Law §3-302

Next Employees Workshop Meeting is Wednesday January 20, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Next Regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday February 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM Mayor Caza would like Clerk/Treasurer Price to clarify the time, date, and place for the next SCVOA Meeting.

**MOTION** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:43PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Leslie J. Price