

Village of Schoharie
Regular Meeting
January 8, 2019

Presiding: Mayor Borst

Present: Trustees Jay Balliett, Larry Caza, Mark Wood, Deputy Clerk Nancy Cooke and Typist Debby Byrne. Trustee Palmer and Clerk/Treasurer Price excused.

Attendees: Joy Heckman and Mary Salvaski, Mountain Eagle, Terry Wilbur, Diana Jackson

Meeting brought to order by Mayor Borst @ 6:35PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor: (POF):

Diana Bell asked about Lanterns on telephone poles decorated with red and green lights for the holidays. Promotion wanted to know if the Lanterns should come down or should they stay up and be changed to all white lights. Mayor believes the Lanterns should come down for logistic reasons regarding National Grid involving maintenance and cost. Diana also wanted to mention that Monday January 14, 2019 is the organizational community meeting at 300 Main Street to introduce the new Board for Promotional and invite local business to discuss their plans for 2019 and share any concerns they have as a business in the Village of Schoharie.

Minutes November 13, 2018:

Changes need to be made to the December minutes. The Draft will be mailed out to the Board and they will approve at the next Employee Meeting on January 16, 2019.

Bills:

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

General	\$32,386.43
Water	\$10,253.33
Sewer	\$27,005.33
Pool	\$ 86.58

Incoming Correspondence:

- A. John R. Seebold, Esq. contacted the Mayor for informational purposes only; Mr. VanWoert wants no parking on former Great American property. There have been complaints from neighbors and also concerned over liability issues.
- B. Sybil Linstead sent a letter to the Village office voicing concerns regarding a newly established and clearly marked snowmobile trail on private property that passes close to their house. More information on this subject can be found under New Business, Letter F.

Outgoing Correspondence:

- A. Office of State Comptroller – Corrective Action Plan Email; further information can be found under Old Business, Letter C.

Old Business -

- A. NY Rising CRP – South End Drainage Project – Kingsley Arms Construction has begun construction of the pipeline piece west of NYS Route 30. The current Federal shutdown will affect this project and the time line.
- B. National Historic District Application – New York State has approved our application and we now have a State Historic District in the Village of Schoharie. The State received only one negative form letter back. The application now goes to the Federal Government for Nation District approval. This is more of a procedural and administrative process but with the Federal shutdown, Federal approval will be delayed. Trustee Balliett would like to see something in a public area that would show the benefits of this program to the tax payers.

- C. Corrective Action Plan (CAP) in response to the State Audit – The Comptroller’s Office called to say that the Village’s initial audit response included all the elements of a CAP and would qualify as such. Auditor had no reply comments on our initial response. Village merely had to acknowledge the CAP.
- D. Senior Housing Update – Receiver is working on drawing up an Easement for the Ballard’s water line. Mike Breen is helping with this but mentioned that they need a survey done. The Housing project is filling up.
- E. Fire Department Cancer Insurance Coverage – Mang Insurance and Schoharie Fire Department determined that only four (4) members are eligible for Cancer Insurance at this time. The Mayor signed the policy binder for coverage from The Hartford at a cost of \$796.12 for four (4) members (\$199.03 per member). Marty Pierce did mention to the Mayor that there may be more members becoming eligible in the new year.

New Business:

- A. **Local Law #1-2019 – Tax Cap Override, precautionary measure.** A Draft of this Law was presented to the Village Board
Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Woods unanimously carried to approve a Public Hearing for February 12, 2019 at 7:00PM and to publish a notice in the Times Journal on January 30 and February 6, 2019..
- B. 2018 CFA Award – In June 2018 the Village re-submitted a CFA grant application for the Multi-Use Trail Project. In December 2018 \$506,500 was awarded to the Village which is 75% of costs submitted to the State. The Appalachian Regional Commission \$150,000 grant for the project is also still available.
- C. **Resolution 1-8-2019** amending the residency requirements for the Village Election Inspectors from Village only to Schoharie County.
Motion made by Trustee Balliet second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to approve extending the requirements from Village to County.
- D. Village Elections are on March 19, 2019 with three seats coming up, The Mayor and two Trustee positions. Notice needs to be published in the Times Journal for the next three weeks and two Election Inspectors need to be appointed.
Motion made by Mayor Second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Maribeth Cutting and Nancy Wolfe.
- E. Schoharie Promotional Community Meeting is Monday January 14, 2019 at 7:00PM.
- F. Snowmobile access to the Village – Mayor was approached by the Snowmobile Club to see if there were any major objections to them trying to find access to some businesses, food and fuel in the Village. The Mayor had no problem with the Snowmobile Club reaching out to residents but made no commitments on the part of the Village Board. If anything arises, they will have to approach the Board.

Other:

- **Schoharie County Village Officers Association meeting is on January 23, 2019 at Justine’s in Cobleskill in the upstairs meeting room**
- **The next Employees Meeting is scheduled for 6:30PM Wednesday January 16, 2019.**
- **Next Village Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 12th, 2019 at 6:30PM**

Motion made to Adjourn by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debby Byrne