

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting
February 09, 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, Brian Rossi, Jason Temple, Colleen Quirion, Suzanne Graulich and Jenny Flagler

Meeting brought to order: By Mayor Caza at 6:49PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor (POF): N/A

Old Business: N/A

- A. Trustee Medak asked if the Village has received official notification from New York State regarding the Justice Audit. Clerk Treasurer Price will get in touch with Joan Casazza to get confirmation from the Court System for the Justice Audit.

New Business:

- A. Trustee Johnson has received the Letter of Engagement from Grant & Lyons, LLP for legal services for the Trail Project and would like this letter to be forwarded to Attorney Breen for review. Mayor Caza would like to see a response from Mr. Breen before the next Board Meeting in March. Trustee Johnson will contact Attorney Breen.

Minutes:

MOTION to approve.

January 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2021 Employee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve January 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written and January 20, 2021 Employee Meeting Minutes as written.

Bills & Bank Statements Reviewed and signed:

- A. **MOTION** to approve Abstract Amounts:
 - General \$ 37,157.58 (Jan 13, 2021-Feb 9, 2021)
 - Water \$ 24,957.76 (Jan 13, 2021-Feb 9, 2021)
 - Sewer \$ 7,341.94 (Jan 13, 2021-Feb 9, 2021)
 - Pool \$ 74.79 (Jan 13, 2021-Feb 9, 2021)

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve abstracts and January 2021 bank statements with verification/correction to the Firematic Supply Company Invoice.

Outgoing Correspondence: N/A

Incoming Correspondence:

- A. The Village received a letter from the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce requesting to change the annual lease to a six-month lease. Mayor Caza read the letter out loud, after a short discussion the Mayor and Board had no problem with a Month-To-Month or a six-month lease, whichever the Chamber would prefer.

Public Hearing for The Citizens Advisory Board and Executive Order 203

Mayor Caza opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 PM and introduced the members of the Citizens Advisory Board which included Pastor Colleen Quirion, Suzanne Graulich Administrator of Schoharie County Office of Legal Defense of Indigents and Jenny Flager local Business Owner and longtime resident. OIC Rossi and Jason Temple were also introduced.

Mayor Caza gave an outline of the New York State requirements of Executive Order 203 and explained the reasoning for both this order and the formation of this committee. Mayor Caza also explained who Lexipole is and its function.

Mayor Caza read the Police Reform and Reinvention Report submitted by OIC Rossi. Summarizing, the Department had a total of 155 calls for service and issued 89 Traffic tickets in 2020. Out of the 155 calls for service, 34 calls were criminal complaints resulting in 3 arrests. They also had 2 domestic calls and 11 calls for mental health issues. None of these calls resulted in a use of force and no civilian complaints against an officer or the department were made. Mayor Caza also mentioned that some members of the Board as well as the Police force all completed a class in Procedural Justice and Implicit Bias.

The next step will be for the Advisory Committee to meet to outline a plan moving forward which they will present to the Board at the March Board meeting. Mayor Caza would like to set up another Public Meeting on March 9th, 2021 for public input. At that meeting the Board will pass a resolution to accept the Citizen Advisory Board’s proposal and will forward this to New York State as required by Executive Order 203. Patsy Nicosia said she would put a notice in the paper informing the public of the next Board Meeting to discuss law enforcement policies for Executive Order 203.

Other: N/A

Next Employees Workshop Meeting is Wednesday February 17, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Next Regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday March 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM

MOTION made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:21PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie J. Price