

Village of Schoharie  
Regular Meeting  
February 13, 2018

**Presiding:** Mayor Borst

**Present:** Trustees John Balliett, Larry Caza, Mark Wood, Jeff Palmer and Clerk/Treasurer Leslie J. Price

**Times Journal:** Dick Danielsen

**Attendees:** Gerry Wright, Ben Griffin and Terry Wilber

**Meeting brought to order by Mayor Borst @ 6:33PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Privilege of the Floor: (POF):** Gerry Wright – Stone Fort Cemetery Association:

Gerry informed the Board that the Stone Fort Cemetery Association passed a resolution to enter into a lease agreement with the Village of Schoharie for purposes of sleigh riding down the hill in front of the Stone Fort. Mayor said he had been in touch with the Village's insurance company, NYMIR, and they did not foresee any problems insuring the hill. The annual meeting for the Cemetery is April 25, 2018, they would like the Village to attend to finalize the lease agreement for the 2018 – 2019 season.

**Minutes:**

**Motion** made by Trustee Balliett second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to approve the January 13, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended

**Bills:**

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve payment of bills through February 13, 2018. For next year's budget the board needs to clarify what will be paid to maintain the ice skating rink.

**Incoming Correspondence:**

A. Eastern Energy Solutions – Conversion of street lighting to village-owned and LED-based.

**Motion** made by Trustee Wood second by trustee Balliett unanimously carried to invite Eastern Energy Solutions to attend a Board meeting to learn more on how Eastern Energy Solutions can save the Village money on energy costs

**7:00 P.M. – Hearing on Local law 4-2018 – Tax Cap Override.**

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing at 7:16 PM on the Tax Cap Override

Mayor Borst read out loud the Public Hearing Notice for LL #3 2018, no public comment

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to close the Public Hearing at 7:19PM

**Motion** made by Trustee Balliett second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to adopt LL#3-2018 Tax Cap Override

**Outgoing Correspondence:** N/A

**Old Business:** Reviewed and Discussed

A. Stone Fort Cemetery sledding hill

1. Potential lease discussion with Association
2. NYMIR liability insurance determination.
3. Village's responsibilities
4. Time Frame
5. Agreement preparation – SEE Privilege of the Floor

B. Franchise renewal agreement with Spectrum Communications Cable T.V. – Public hearing was held at 7:00 P.M. January 18, 2018 at the Middleburgh Public Library. Hearing was held jointly with the Towns of Schoharie and Middleburgh and the Village of Middleburgh.

Minutes/Notes were provided by SCHOPEG's Mike Vandow. Spectrum asked to hold off on approval of new franchise while they try to resolve some issues that arose at the hearing.

**Motion** made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to table the Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications until more information is received

- C. Complaint about property maintenance at 326 Main Street –
  - 1. Appearance ticket for violations was issued for a court appearance on Monday December 18, 2017.
  - 2. Court ordered the property to be cleaned up by January 15, 2018 and that it must remain cleaned up.
  - 3. CEO Stannard reported he will be following up with owners for completion.

D. Birches Water Bill Calculation – Will discuss in executive session

E. NYRising CRP:

- 1. Parrot House Project
  - a. Meeting report among CDC, Village and GOSR on status and next steps. Mayor Borst updated the Board on the status of the Parrot House and the NYRising Funding.
  - b. DASNY feasibility reports due for completion soon

**2. South-End drainage Project**

- a. Shaul Easement and Property Deed only holdup before bid request.

**New Business:** Reviewed and Discussed

- A. NY Rising Community Recovery Program (NYRCRP) – Mayor, Larry and Jay met today with GOSR regarding Drainage Study results, Parrot House Study status and next projects. GOSR has imposed a deadline of January 22, 2018 to finalize all projects to be funded.
- B. RESOLUTION 2-13-2018 – To allow village Code Enforcement Officer Stannard to participate in the collection of data for the Schoharie County Blighted Properties Data Base and submission of proposed properties for potential Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank Corporation assistance. SEE Page 4

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to adopt RESOLUTION 2-13-2018 – To allow village Code Enforcement Officer Stannard to participate in the collection of data for the Schoharie County Blighted Properties Data Base and submission of proposed properties for potential Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank Corporation assistance.

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- C. Health Insurance Buy-Out – 2018-2019. Participant question? Clerk to calculate Village Health Insurance for family plan minus 10% (employee contribution) VS buyout
- D. Future Grant Application reminder from Nan Stolzenburg.
- E. Fire Department donation of a generator for Town/Village Office Building. Fire Dept. was provided a new generator by FEMA for emergency power to the temporary fire quarters. The old building was demolished and generator is no longer needed. Fire Dept. offered generator to the Village, Superintendent Shroh did not need it but suggested it might be used for the Town/Village Building. Fire Dept concurred with the office building use. Village needs to coordinate with the Town on installation.
- F. Mayor and Jay Balliett excused from February 21, 2018 Employees Meeting. Dep. Mayor Caza presiding.

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Mayor Borst unanimously carried to enter Executive Session to discuss water/sewer billing for the Birchez at 8:02pm

**Motion** made by Trustee Wood Second by Mayor Borst unanimously carried to close the Executive Session at 8:23 pm

**Schoharie County Village Officers Association meeting on February 28, 2018.**

**The February Employees Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM Wednesday February 21, 2018.**

**Next regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM.**

**Adjourn.**

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:24pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-13-2018**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF SCHOHARIE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COLLECTION OF DATA FOR THE SCHOHARIE COUNTY BLIGHTED PROPERTIES DATABASE AND SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED PROPERTIES FOR POTENTIAL GREATER MOHAWK VALLEY LAND BANK CORPORATION ASSISTANCE**

**WHERE AS**, municipalities throughout New York and the United States are working with Land Banks to redevelop vacant, abandoned, or tax delinquent properties that have a negative effect on their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2011 in recognition of the growing problem of distressed, vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties, New York State passed the Land Bank Act, as Article 16 of the New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, which authorizes any Foreclosing Governmental Unit (FGU) to create a land bank to strategically acquire, improve, assemble, and sell these properties; and

**WHERE AS**, the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank (GMVLB)'s mission is to strengthen communities across the Mohawk Valley by helping to return neglected and abandoned buildings to productive use; and

**WHEREAS, under this law**, Schoharie County participates in GMVLB Corporation per Resolution No. 81 of 2016; and

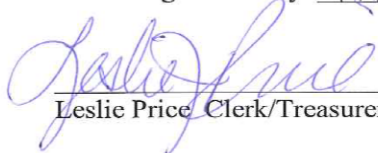
**WHEREAS**, SALT Development and Schoharie County have created a Blighted Property Selection Committee to receive and review potential projects from around the County for submission to the GMVLB for possible funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blighted Property Selection Committee will receive such properties from local Code Enforcement Officers, based on established criteria set by the Blighted Property Selection Committee, to enter into a database and undergo further project potential review; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Village of Schoharie authorizes their Code Enforcement Officer, or other designated responsible agent, to collect data on problem properties and to submit such data to the Schoharie County Blighted Properties Committee, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, if a property is selected as a project for possible GMVLB funding, the Village of Schoharie will carefully consider the local impacts of, and making local commitments to, such project, before authorizing a project to move forward.

Offering Motion by: Caza  
Seconding Motion by: PALMER

  
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Leslie Price, Clerk/Treasurer

<u>Name</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Borst	<u>X</u>	___
Caza	<u>X</u>	___
Balliett	<u>X</u>	___
Wood	<u>X</u>	___
Palmer	<u>X</u>	___