

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting
February 8, 2022

Presiding: Mayor Caza

Present: Trustees Johnson, Medak, Robinson-Bullock , Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, Patsy Nicosia, Times Journal, Lara Newell, Mountain Eagle, Julie Pacatte and Spenser Cocoa from SEEC, Bob Tines, Ben Griffin

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence in honor of Mayor Chuck Johnston, Village of Esperance, who passed away this week.

1. Privilege of the Floor:

- a. Julie Pacatte and Spenser Cocoa from SEEC wanted to give the Board an update on three current projects in the Village of Schoharie
 - i. SEEC has moved to 287 Main Street in Schoharie and have plans to renovate the building. They are currently looking for contractors and for plans to be approved.
 - ii. The Digital Marketing Project is moving forward. Grant money for Wi-Fi has been approved. Schoharie County’s Shane Nickol is leading this project and will forward information to the Mayor once the project is started. This will provide Wi-Fi to a portion of Village residents and Main Street businesses.
 - iii. The Parrott House project is beginning to move forward. The owners are committed to this project and have received building plans from Lamont Engineers. Their plans include twenty guest rooms, a meeting room, a banquet room, and coffee shop. The owners have applied to various grants including Restore New York Grant and GOSR Study Grant. All are reimbursement grants

2. Minutes: Review and Motion to approve

- a. January 11, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2022, Organizational Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2022, Employee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve the January 11, 2022, Regular Monthly Minutes, January 19, 2022, Organizational Meeting Minutes and the January 19, 2022, Employee Meeting Minutes all as written.

3. Abstracts and Bank Statements:

- a. General \$ 84,373.63 (January 12, 2021 – February 8, 2022)
- b. Water \$ 18,631.38 (January 12, 2021 – February 8, 2022)
- c. Sewer \$ 18,368.59 (January 12, 2021 – February 8, 2022)
- d. Pool \$ 2,813.23 (January 12, 2021 – February 8, 2022)

Motion made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve Abstract Amounts as written, The Board to sign Bank Statements and Mayor to sign Abstract Certification Form.

4. Incoming Correspondence: N/A

5. Outgoing Correspondence:

- a. Letter to William Shroh ending Services Agreement Contract per the January 19, 2022, Minutes was mailed out. Mayor read the letter to the Board.

6. New Business-

Resolution 1-2022 to adopt the Workers’ Compensation Self Insurance

- a. **Motion** made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to adopt the following:

WHEREAS there has been proposed a “New York State Municipal Workers’ Compensation Alliance Plan Document” pursuant to Section 50 3-a of the Workers’ Compensation Law (hereinafter “the Plan”); and

WHEREAS the Village of Schoharie is eligible for membership in the Plan: and

WHEREAS the Village of Schoharie has made an independent investigation of the Plan and reviewed the Plan document, and has concluded that it would be in the interest of the Village of Schoharie to participate therein; now,

RESOLVED that the Village of Schoharie enter into membership in the Plan pursuant to Section 50 Subdivision 3-a of the Workers’ Compensation Law, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Clerk/Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and instructed to execute the Plan’s charter document on behalf of the Village of Schoharie, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the custody of all joint Plan moneys by the Plan Administrator under the Plan be and the same hereby is approved

RESOLVED, that the Village of Schoharie hereby elects, pursuant to Subdivision 3-a of Section 50 of the Workers’ Compensation Law, to become a self-insurer as to Workers’ Compensation claims against this Municipality: and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 50 Subdivision 3-a of said Workers’ Compensation Law, notice of such election shall be filed forthwith with the Chairman of the Workers’

Compensation Board, Self-Insurance Section: and be it further

RESOLVED, that this election shall become effective on February 8, 2022

8. Old Business: N/A

7. Other:

- a. Trustee Johnson suggested that Clerk/Treasurer Price along with Trustee Medak and Trustee Johnson, meet to discuss the changing interest rates and more profitable investments. Mayor agreed and would like a report for the next Board Meeting to discuss information gathered.
- b. Trustee Johnson also gave an update on the Lighting Project. They are currently waiting for feedback from NYPA, but all paperwork has been signed and submitted.
- c. Mayor Caza mentioned that there are still open spots on the Zoning Board if anyone had any suggestions.
- d. Next Regular Village Board Meeting is Tuesday March 8, 2022, at 6:30PM
- e. Next Employees Workshop Meeting is Wednesday February 16, 2022, at 6:30PM
- f. Next SCOVA Meeting is Wednesday March 23, 2022 and is scheduled to be hosted by the Village of Esperance. If they cannot host due to the passing of Mayor Johnston, Patti Johnstone, President of SCOVA will host the meeting. They are currently looking for suggestions for a guest speaker.

8. MOTION to Adjourn.

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie J. Price
Clerk/Treasurer