

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting – March 21, 2017
MINUTES

Presiding: Mayor Borst

Present: Trustees; Trustee Larry Caza, Jay Balliett, Mark Wood, Jeff Palmer and Clerk/Treasurer Leslie J. Price

Attendees: Samantha Zanger, Ruth Anne and John Wilkinson

Meeting brought to order by Mayor Borst @ 6:32

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor: Ruth Anne Wilkinson discussed the potential sale of the Taylor Block, 295 Main St.

Minutes:

February 15, 2017 Regular Meeting

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Wood Unanimously carried to accept the February 15, 2017 minutes as written

February 21, 2017 Employees Workshop – Tabled until the April 11, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting

Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett and carried to pay the bills through March 21, 2017

7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING – Local Law #1-2017 to allow override of the NYS Tax Cap for fiscal year 2017-2018, if necessary.

Mayor Borst read out loud the Public Hearing Notice

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing

Motion made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to close the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Trustee Casa second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to approve LL#2017, a local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal law § 3-c

Incoming Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

- A. Schoharie County Tourism – Invitation to a Mixer on March 24, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Roseboro Hotel in Sharon Springs.
- B. NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO) – Announcing nomination of the Marshall Brice House (Main Bridge) at 229 Main Street for the National Historic Register
- C. GOSR – Public Notice on release of CDBG-DR funds for South-End drainage project.
- D. NYCOM – Announcing underpayment of GRT by Verizon and offer of audit.

Outgoing Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

- A. Bowmansville Fire Department – Thank you for donation of “new” Fire Chief’s car.
- B. NYSDOT – Response by Village P.D. in regard to May 27 Memorial Day Parade.

Old Business: Reviewed and Discussed

- A. Nan Stolzenburgh

1. Waterfront, campground and other zoning updates.

Nan Stolzenburgh has agreed to help set up the review process (SEQRA, County Planning, Local Law timing, publication dates, number of hearings etc.), outline the steps and proper sequence and timing and to field any final questions, comments or suggestions the Board may have on the content or format of the proposed zoning changes, and especially the format for a public hearing. Nan will review the Comp and zoning and get back to the Board if she feels there are changes that need to be addressed before the Board adopts it

2. LWRP Grant: NYSDOS wants to start drafting a work plan and budget details in accordance with the CFA application. Also, they want to confirm a designated local contact for the project and who will be the local administrator of the grant and coordinator of the project. Nan agreed to be the administrator of the grant

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Palmer unanimously agreed in concept to hire Community Planning, Nan Stolzenburg to be Local Administrator for the LWRP

3. Historic District Grant application. The Village Board agreed to fund the 20% match, but Jesse Ravage strongly urged that the match be raised through community events to raise public awareness. That is why she asked “historical” groups to attend so they might have an interest in helping raise public awareness. Nan has a few edits to make on the grant application and she will follow – up with Emilie Gould fro NYS Parks regarding the questions the board had with how long a review takes or whether it would delay the federal funds. There was no answer to whether a vote of the landowners is part of the process in getting the NRHD designation.

4. Status of potential donation of a parcel to the village. Nan will follow up with the donors on what the cap is they are willing to pay for the parcel. Once the cap is figured an offer will be made to the current owner.

Other

New Business: Reviewed and Discussed

A. Appoint Clerk Leslie as the Administrative Contact and Security Contact for the New York State Employees (ERS) and Police and Fire (PFS) Retirement Systems.

Motion made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to appoint Clerk, Leslie Price the Administrative Contact and Security Contact for the New York State Employees (ERS) and Police and Fire (PFS) Retirement Systems.

B. Re-advertise the position of Deputy Village Clerk. Depending on response, may consider broadening the residency requirement beyond the village corporation limits and may have to consider improving pay and benefits to attract more interest.

Motion made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to re-advertise for the Deputy Clerk position.

C. South-end drainage – GOSR published a Notice of Intent to release CDBG-DR funds for the project.

D. Master Meter annual maintenance contract bill for \$1,500 held over from the February meeting. Pay bill or do not renew maintenance agreement?

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Wood and carried to pay the Master Meter annual maintenance contract bill for \$1,500.00

E. Request (again) from Birches regarding their addressing system and denial by County to alter

911 addressing standard. This is out of the Village's control over
F. NYCOM USA – NYCOM, through a vendor, provides a no-risk “Utility Saving Audit” Program. It is a utility billing analysis that identifies, corrects and secures refunds on electric, natural gas and telecommunications bills and underpayments of gross receipts tax (GRT) revenues. Vendor charges a one-time fee but no savings-no pay.

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to approve NYCOM providing a “Utility Saving Audit”

G. SCVOA Meeting on Monday March 27 in Sharon Springs. Who's attending? Jay Balliett

H. Approve the waiver of water/sewer fees (\$161.17) and lawn mowing fees (\$300) for two separate customers that were missed at property closings.

Motion made by Trustee Wood second by Mayor Borst unanimously carried to waive the water/sewer and lawn mow fees from the two properties SBL 71.16-2-1 201 Bridge St and 72.13-2-24 127 Grand St.

I. Other:

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to approve Clerk Leslie Price to attend the PERMA annual conference May 25-26, 2017

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to pay the Hodgson Russ Attorney fees for services rendered in connection with the Clean Water Long-Term Direct Financing for both water and sewer. The water amount is \$5,035.34 and the sewer amount is \$5,036.34

Schoharie County Village Officers Association next meets on Monday March 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM. with Sharon Springs hosting.

The March Employees Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 22, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Next regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:58pm

Respectfully Submitted

Leslie J. Price
Clerk/Treasurer