

Village of Schoharie
Regular Meeting
March 8, 2016

Presiding: Mayor, John Borst

Present: Trustees Ed August, John Balliett, Lawrence Caza and Clerk/Treasurer Leslie J. Price.

Attendees: Terry Wilber, Richard Price and Diana Bell

Excused: None

Meeting brought to order by Mayor, John Borst @ 7:35 PM

Privilege of the Floor:

Diana Bell: Handed out fliers for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016

Richard Price: Spoke about the deplorable condition of some of the properties on Eastern Ave, Mayor Borst advised him to contact the Village Code Enforcement Officer, Lloyd Stannard.

Richard also spoke about the land posted by the water plant. Mayor Borst explained it is private property and the owner does not want people on his property. Mayor also said he would have the Village Attorney, Mike Breen, look at the deed for that property that has a right-of-way for the Village water plant and ask Mike for an interpretation of the deed

Minutes:

Motion: made by Trustee August second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to accept February 9, 2016 Minutes.

Employee Minutes: February 17, 2016 Employee Minutes deferred until next week's Employee Meeting

Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee August unanimously carried to pay bills through February 9, 2016

Incoming Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

- A. SUNY Cobleskill (To Borst &Caza) – Invitation to inauguration of Dr. Terenzio on April 8, 2016.
- B. Home Serve – Notification that they will be sending letters to residents offering water line service repair plans.
- C. The Standard Life Insurance Co. – Offering dental insurance to replace AIG.
- D. Reality Check – Smoke Free Newsletter
- E. Otsego 2000 – Accepting nominations for Historic Preservation Awards. – Mayor Borst will contact Nan Stolzenburg

Outgoing Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

- A. Jesse Ravage – Request for further breakdown of invoiced payment request.
- B. Martin Shrederis – Confirming receipt of independent nominating petition.
- C. Mark Wood – Confirming receipt of independent nominating petition.
- D. Jeffrey Palmer – Confirming receipt of independent nominating petition.
- E. Donald Fletcher – Landscape architect work awarded to another firm.
- F. Matthew Allen – Landscape architect work awarded to another firm.
- G. Cynthia Behan – Landscape architect work awarded to another firm.

8:00 HEARING – Local Law #1-2016 Authority to Override the Tax Cap

Motion made by Trustee August second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to open the 8:00PM Hearing for Local law #1-2016

Mayor Borst read out loud the Public Notice then explained the Local Law how it is a precautionary measure that the Village has done every year since Hurricane Irene and if the Village does not exceed the Tax Cap the Village will then rescind the Local Law.

Public Comment: none

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to approve Local Law #1-2016 and to close the Hearing

Old Business:

A. Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – **2015:**

1. Review the contract documents from ESD and set up next steps for implementation of 2015 \$300 K CFA award?
2. Facilitator? Trustee Caza will contact Harry Sicherman tomorrow to act as a facilitator for this project

B. Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – **2016:**

1. Need to schedule meeting to formulate approach for new CFA round in June 2016. Discuss who/what people and organizations involved including grant writer. Mayor will email Nan Stolzenburg, Harry Sicherman and the CDC Board to organize a meeting to discuss the 2016 CFA

C. Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP)

1. Discussion on review of proposed zoning regulations and the revised version(s) for waterfront areas and campground areas. Don should talk to Floyd Guernsey about changes to his campground plans such as W/S and pads for campers
 2. Per Nan's e-mail, should her company have another meeting to discuss some alternatives to some zoning proposals regarding campgrounds? A meeting needs to be set up with Nan once the water capacity is known
- D. Birches Services Agreement approval – The Birches senior housing project requests to enter into a services agreement with the Village of Schoharie which, in lieu of a PILOT, would result in a benefit payment to the Village. Town of Schoharie has to approve exemption contingent on approval of Benefit Payment agreement. \$325.00 * 72 for a total of \$23,400.00 units is the amount of the service agreement for the first year the service agreement will go up every year as detailed in the service agreement. Mayor will recommend to the Town to approve the exemption contingent to the service agreement approval and to do it immediately because the Town needs to find out if at the end of the 30 year agreement will the Birchez still be exempt or will the Town have to revoke the exemption in order for the Birchez back on the tax roll.

New Business:

- A. Contract with Ian Law of PLACE Alliance for architectural services in conjunction with the Local waterfront Revitalization Plan. Ask Village Attorney Breen to review and, at the suggestion of Nan S., insert language that the fee cited is a not-to-exceed amount.

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee August unanimously carried to approve the contract with Ian Law contingent to Village Attorney, Mike Breen, reviewing and, at the suggestion of Nan Stolzenburg, insert language that the fee cited is a not-to-exceed amount.

- B. Per Nan Stolzenburg: Update Comprehensive Plan with added Appendices reflecting adoption of LTCR and LWRP. Engage Nan Stolzenburg to help administer the procedural steps for review and adoption. This action should be done when the LWRP is completed and adopted which will allow the two new Village Board members to get up to speed on the entire planning initiatives. Target timeframe should be late April or early May when the LWRP should be finished.

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee August unanimously carried to include a directive to add LTCR and LWRP into the comprehensive Plan once they are completed and adopted.

- C. Neighbors concerns regarding work at Birches Senior Housing. Mayor Borst will make Code Enforcement Officer, Lloyd Stannard, aware that the water line easement, landscaping and the access road for the fire line is not finished
- D. Schoharie County Health and Substance Abuse
 - 1) Would like a location for a “sharps” drop box.
 - 2) Meeting 1:30 P.M. tomorrow (Wednesday March 9) at Mineral Springs Road in Cobleskill to discuss. Mayor Borst will attend the meeting
- E. Executive Session – Personnel issues.

Motion made by Trustee August second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to close the executive session

- F. Other – Discussion about the lag time Charles Herman takes to get reimbursement checks out to the Village Employees, Mayor will follow-up with Jim Meinsma the Village’s health insurance broker

Schoharie County Village Officers Association meets on Wednesday March 23, 2016 with Cobleskill hosting at Chieftain’s Restaurant. Mayor, Trustee Balliett and Trustee Caza will attend

The March Employees Meeting is March 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Next regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Adjourn

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to adjourn at 10:00PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie J. Price