

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting
March 8, 2022

Presiding: Mayor Caza

Present: Trustees Johnson, Medak, Palmer, Robinson-Bullock, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, Patsy Nicosia, Times Journal, Lara Newell, Mountain Eagle, Bob Tines, Ben Griffin

Meeting brought to order: By Mayor Caza at 6:33 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence in honor of the Ukraine Conflict

1. Privilege of the Floor:

- a. Ben Griffin had a few questions for the Board
 - i. Was curious about the Historic District designation and what it entails regarding any tax breaks. Mayor Caza answered that there are certain tax credits, but he should contact the State Historic Preservation Organization and Nan Stolzenburgh for more information.
 - ii. Mr. Griffin wanted to know if the Multi-Purpose Trail project was still active. Mayor replied that it is still active moving forward.
 - iii. Mr. Griffin asked if the Village has any say on the future of the old jail. Mayor Caza responded that the County is going to market the property with help from SEEC. The County has asked Mayor Caza to be on the Board to review ideas for that property. Mayor mentioned that the main focus is job creation.

2. Minutes: Review and Motion to approve

- a. February 8, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2022, Employee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve the February 8, 2022, Regular Monthly Minutes and February 16, 2022, Employee Meeting Minutes.

3. Abstracts and Bank Statements:

- a. General \$ 13,764.42 (February 9, 2022 – March 8, 2022)
- b. Water \$ 17,487.06 (February 9, 2022 – March 8, 2022)
- c. Sewer \$ 12,916.24 (February 9, 2022 – March 8, 2022)
- d. Pool \$ 75.16 (February 9, 2022 – March 8, 2022)

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

4. Incoming Correspondence:

- a. Request from Justice Kennedy for annual audit of the Justice Court Books

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Trustee Medak and Trustee Robinson-Bullock to audit the 2021 Justice Court books pursuant to Uniform Justice Court Act §2019-a

- b. A Request from Cub Scout Mike Foster is asking for permission to hold a Fundraiser on Main Street in front of the County Office building on Friday, April 29, 2022. He has asked Barbeque Delights to set up their food truck for the event.

Motion made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve Barbeque Delights to set up on Main Street in front of the County building on Friday, April 29, 2022, and to pay the regular one-day Permit Fee of \$25.00 and to have the Village of Schoharie listed as additional insured.

5. Outgoing Correspondence: N/A

6. New Business

- a. Clerk Price is applying for a grant from the NS Archives Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) for a back file scanning system valued at \$75,000.00. Mayor has worked on this Grant before and offered Leslie help with this project. Potential Vendors include Repeat Business. Application deadline is March 21, 2022.
- b. The Board has reviewed two candidates for the open positions on the ZBA. Ken Kio and Ben Griffin have both submitted resumes for these positions. The Board also appointed Ben Griffin as Chairperson for ZBA.

Motion made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Ken Kio and Ben Griffin to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Ben Griffin to Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

7. Old Business:

- a. Chief Fiscal Officer Price is working with Leanne Arnold and James Sullivan from NBT bank to invest moneys not required for immediate expenditure for a more profitable investment. All savings accounts will be moved to Government Money Markets. Trustee Medak and Johnson would like to look for investments outside of Banks. CFO Price reminded the Board that there are specific rules and regulations the Board must follow as far as investing Village money. Mayor Caza would like to have a proposal presented at next month's Board Meeting.

Motion made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve CFO Price to move monies that are in savings account to Government Money Market accounts and to close General account 7008303155 and put the balance of \$300.34 in General Operating Savings account # 1202520883.

8. Other:

- a. Trustee Johnson would like the Board to consider the unsafe building law. Mayor Caza would like to revisit the idea of a committee to revise the land use law and code book. Clerk Price will draft an Ad for the paper to ask for interested residents that would like to join a committee to review the land use laws.
- b. Next Regular Village Board Meeting is Tuesday April 12, 2022, at 6:30PM
- c. Next Employees Workshop Meeting is Wednesday March 16, 2022, at 6:30PM
- d. Next SCOVA Meeting is Wednesday May 25, 2022, and is hosted by the Village of Schoharie. Suggestions for a Program and/or guest speaker should be considered.

9. MOTION to Adjourn.

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie J. Price
Clerk/Treasurer