

**Village of Schoharie - Regular Meeting
April 10, 2012**

Presiding: Mayor John Borst

Present: Trustees Jay Balliett, Larry Caza, Ed August, Jeremy Rosenthal and Clerk/Treasurer Leslie J. Price. Residents: Terry Wilber, Paul Browarski, Michael and Diana Jackson. Times Journal: David Avitabile and Fern Weber.

Meeting brought to order by Mayor Borst @ 7:32 pm

Fire Department: Mayor would like to schedule a joint meeting to be held on Tuesday April 17, 2012 with the Town Board, Fire Department and the Village Board to discuss the status of repairs, replacement or relocation of the fire station located on Grand Street.

Oath of Office: Trustee August and Trustee Rosenthal took the oath of office for Village trustee for a 4 year term. 4/1/2012 – 3/31/2016

Privilege of the floor: Paul Browarski asked the Board to consider amending the water/sewer law and/or billing policies and procedures to exempt from billing homes that are not habitable due to some disaster. Mayor will contact other municipalities, and Village attorney Mike Breen, to see if this is at all feasible.

Minutes: Motion made by Trustee August seconded by Trustee Balliett and carried to accept the March 13, 2012 minutes as written.

Bills: Motion made by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee August and carried to pay bills through March 13, 2012. Have clerk review Water check # 3126 it seems high.

Incoming Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

1. Assemblyman Pete Lopez- Forwarding a letter to Gov. Cuomo requesting that the state speeds up payment of its 12.5% share of flood damages.
2. Congressman Paul Tonko-Notice that the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) announced funding for strategic planning, infrastructure development and capital for alternative financing. Applications accepted through March 27, 2015
3. Senator Jim Seward-Notice that Gov. Cuomo's office has been working and negotiating with the federal government to take an increased portion of flood damage costs-over their customary 75%. Senator Seward advocated to the Gov. for NYS paying the local share in addition to the state share.
4. NYCOM- Letter to Sen. Seward thanking him for supporting Tier VI legislation.
5. MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. - Offering professional engineering services for water and waste water infrastructure needs.
6. National Grid-announcing service charge reductions from 4% to 23% effective January 1, 2012.
7. Schoharie County Arts Council-Announcing the 2012 DECentralization/Community Arts Awards at Mrs. K's Kitchen on April 25, 2012 at 6:30pm.

Outgoing Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

1. Jim and Rhonda Sacket-Notifying them that the Village is reimbursing them for sewer repair costs they incurred while the blockage was in the Village's collection system.
2. Request for Quotes for roll-off dumpster service sent to 5 companies.
3. Letters to Ed August and Jeremy Rosenthal notifying them they were elected to the Board of Trustees and that they must take the oath of office at the April 10, 2012 Meeting.

Old Business:

1. National Grid Emergency funding initiatives:
 - a. National Grid notified Schoharie Community Development Corp. that the Award letter for the \$200,000.00 Economic Development Bridge Loan was mailed to Richard Young last week. The loan agreement and promissory note must be signed and returned to National Grid with a written request for payment of the \$200,000.00.
 - b. Several more Main Street Revitalization grants up to \$25,000.00 per business are being processed through Schoharie County Planning and Development.
2. docStar Records Management-docStar has installed and training for Village staff was held.
3. Debris Removal - Volunteers conducted some unannounced curb pick-ups to help clean the yards in the Village. Three Request for Quotes for dumpster delivery to the Village and transport of flood related debris to MOSA were received by the Village. Fred's Sanitation, Irving Skofoe and MOSA responded. MOSA offered the best price for a 40 yard container at \$100.00 per labor hour for delivery and pick-up. Coordination and scheduling of roll-offs will be done through Schoharie Recovery.

Motion made by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee August and carried to engage MOSA for Dumpster Service @ \$100.00 per labor hour for delivery and pick-up of 40 yard dumpsters. Schoharie Recovery can coordinate the requests for dumpsters to remove flood-related debris and the Village's DPW can periodically inspect dumpsters to ensure flood-related debris is being deposited, and not including hazardous materials, household garbage, large-scale building materials, tires etc.

4. Document Reprocessors-Proposed action:
 - a. Clerk Price and Mayor Borst reviewed the inventory of Village record recorded during the SARA grant process and those recorded through July 2011. Criteria focused on legal retention requirements, then historically significant and then those that are current and in file drawers in the office during the flood. It appears we may dispose of many of the marked boxes of records without further inspection.
 - b. We should request that Document Reprocessors dry and sanitize the remaining records to be physically inspected. According to Simmons Consulting that part of the process is eligible for reimbursement.
 - c. We do a general inventory of contents of each remaining box so that we may make an initial cut of what might be destroyed.
 - d. Determine from NYS Archives what flood-damaged records we absolutely must keep and/or restore and what can be destroyed.
 - e. Then decide what records are critical and need to be digitally reproduced for our current files.
 - f. We can bring the remaining "dirty" boxes home for future use.
 - g. The issue of eligibility for reimbursement still remains.

Monday April 16, 2012 Trustee Caza and Clerk Price will drive to Document Reprocessors and sort the boxes.

5. Midtel Franchise Agreement renewal-Current franchise expired on 10/21/2011 and the company proposes to renew for 15 years under the same terms.

Motion made by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee Rosenthal and carried to move forward with the Franchise Agreement and engage in the process of renewal and publish a Public Hearing in the Times Journal for Tuesday May 8, 2012 for the purpose of consideration of renewal of the Franchise Agreement with Midtel Cable TV.

6. Debris Transfer Station Remediation-APW (VSC5) was submitted to FEMA in the amount of \$126,100.00 to remediate the site with run-of-bank gravel to an average depth of about one foot. That would provide sufficient cover for the most damaged area of the lot.
7. Assessment Reduction Refund-Legislation was co-sponsored by Assemblyman Lopez to extend the timeframe for participation by local government and to have NYS make local municipalities whole for refunds of taxes recalculated on lower assessments. No new news on this.

New Business:

1. Zoning Issue:
 - a. Conversion of single-family or two-family residential homes into “boarding houses”. Does that fit with current LUL in residential zone?
 - b. What about homes damaged in the flood and abandoned to foreclosure. What remedies to mitigate potential health issues can we take under our LUL or NYS Building Code? Clerk to send memo to Planning Board Chair, Dusty Putnam and Code Enforcement Officer, Joe Nelson and Mayor Borst will get in touch with Nan Stolzenburgh.
2. Hazard Mitigation Plan-On Thursday March 29, 2012 Schoharie County Planning and Development (Shane Nickel) and its Consultant (Bill Clark) held a half-day seminar on the County’s Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The County’s HMP is a compilation of HMP’s for each Town and Village as well as the county and is due to be updated. Mr. Clark gave an overview of HMP options and their importance. HMPs are a blueprint for each community to address disaster-related services in time of need. The Village of Schoharie’s focus was and is on flood-related preparedness in addition to preventive measures such as clearing Spring Brook from the source to the Schoharie Creek.
3. TEA-21 Project-We need to reconcile finances on this project. Need to meet with Town of Schoharie to complete the trail portion. Need access from Shaul Farms to trail site.
4. A meeting among some Town Supervisors and representatives of Cabot Oil and Gas Corp. was held on Wednesday April 4, 2012 at the County Board room to hear a presentation by Cabot on their proposal for a line transporting through Schoharie. The Cabot route was developed from a desk-top model using Google Earth and is in the early stages of review. No boots have hit the ground yet. The Cabot line crosses Route 30 by Picture Perfect and goes behind the homes and Jack Miller’s tractor, across Route 443 and over Barton Hill, directly through the Village’s watershed. Mr. Buzon of Middleburgh and Mr. Milone of Schoharie are proposing alternate routes through less populated areas and not through the Village. One route Schoharie was interested in was going through the farm land along Schoharie Creek where it is easy digging, unlike the karsts on Barton Hill, and then up route 30A to pick up the existing Iroquois ROW. That circumvents much of the watershed and utilizes an existing easement. Schoharie County Planning is meeting to help redirect the proposed route.
5. Parade insurance-NYS DOT’s new requirement for \$5 million liability coverage for use of NYS highway for a parade is expensive. Are there any alternatives?
6. **Resolution 2-2012:**
Motion made by Trustee Balliett seconded by Trustee Rosenthal and carried for the Clerk to re-levy all unpaid water and sewer rents for the 2011-2012 fiscal year over to the County for insertion on the Village tax bills due out on June 1, 2012.
7. Budget Hearing:
Motion made by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee August and carried to set Budget Hearing on Tuesday April 24, 2012 at 8:00 pm at the Schoharie High School Lobby room and for Clerk to advertise the Hearing in the Times Journal.
8. Swearing in of Mr. August and Mr. Rosenthal. See “Oath of Office” first page of minutes.
9. Chief Orelup’s retirement party. Agreed to get Chief a gift card and to hold the party at the Parrott House on Friday, June 1, 2012 @ 7:00pm. Clerk will create and send out invitations.

10. Trustee Richard Young's recognition for service to the village – Mayor will let the board know where and when the gathering will be.
11. Executive Session – Personnel Issues
Motion made by Trustee Balliett seconded by Trustee Caza and carried to enter into Executive Session.
Motion made by Trustee August seconded by Trustee Rosenthal to close Executive Session.
The Board convened an Executive Session was to discuss concerns related to Police Department personnel.
12. Other: With the retirement of Chief Orelup March 30, 2012 the Board request Officer Ray Hoy to attend the Employee meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 to discuss arrangements for the continuation of police service in the Village.
13. The April Employees Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 17, 2012 at 7:00pm.
14. The next Regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 7:30pm.
15. Schoharie County Village Officers Association Meeting is Wednesday May 23, 2012 hosted by Sharon Springs.
16. Adjourn
Motion made by Trustee August seconded by Trustee Rosenthal and carried to adjourn at 10:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Leslie J. Price