

Village of Schoharie
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2020

Due to Covid-19 Pandemic this meeting was held by Conference Call

Presiding: Mayor Caza

Present: (By Phone) Trustees Wood, Palmer, Johnson, Medak, Clerk /Treasurer Leslie Price and Part Time Typist Debby Byrne.

Attendees: Patsy Nicosia from The Times Journal

Meeting brought to order by Mayor Caza @ 6:31PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor: (POF): N/A

Minutes: To be approved:

A. March 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

B. March 18, 2020 Employee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve the March Board Meeting minutes and the March Employee Meeting minutes.

Bills & Bank Statements:

Motion made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve the invoices on the April Abstract. The Abstract reads as follows:

General	\$87,222.15
Water	\$ 3,118.53
Sewer	\$38,667.90
Pool	\$ 71.86

❖ Trustee Medak questioned Invoices from the Fire Department and has suggested that the Fire Department go over their new Budget at the next Employee Meeting

Bank Statements for March Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Bank Statements were emailed to the Board of Trustees for signature. All Board members acknowledged receipt of the Bank Statements and approved via written consent through email. Mayor Caza reviewed Bank Statements in person and initialed.

Incoming Correspondence:

A. Letter from William Price at 125 Fort Road regarding his Water/Sewer Penalty fee. Mayor Caza read his letter out loud and the Board agreed to let the late charge of \$35.85 be levied to his Village tax bill.

B. Quote from Wastecorp Pumps for \$13,282.26 plus shipping was submitted to the Board. This invoice is for must have items for the return pump that pumps out the new Clarifier.

Motion made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to accept this quote and move forward on purchase after a satisfactory explanation from DPW regarding the life expectancy of these parts.

Outgoing Correspondence:

A. Filed two Declaration of State Emergency with NYS DOS, Secretary of State:

a. December 2, 2019 – Winter Storm

b. March 23, 2020 – Covid-19 Pandemic

Old Business -

A. N/A

New Business:

A. Chamber of Commerce requested to have their monthly rent of \$225.00 waived as the Office is closed due to Covid-19.

Motion made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve the May rent payment be deferred indefinitely. Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price will pull this Lease Agreement and inform the Board of the end date of this contract.

7:21PM Open to Public Meeting:

B. Public Hearing to approve Budget for Fiscal Year June 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. A letter was posted on the Village Website as well as being mailed to all residents in regard to the Budget and changing the Fiscal Year from January 1 through December 31. That letter was read out loud by Mayor Caza and is attached to these Minutes. Mayor Caza asked Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price if any correspondence was received in regard to the Budget/Fiscal Year to which the answer was No

Motion: made by Trustee Wood to rescind the Motion to change the Fiscal Year as he felt it would be a hardship to residents to change the Fiscal Year and burden them with a Tax Bill for seven months and then another Tax Bill in January. There was no second to this Motion, Motion Denied.

C. Mayor Caza read the letter of Thanks from Frank Meredith who approved and appreciated the Village changing the Fiscal Year.

Motion: made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve closing the Public Meeting at 7:38PM.

Motion: made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Johnson to approve the new Budget for the new Fiscal Year starting on June 1, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2020. Roll Call: Caza Yes, Medak Yes, Johnson YES Palmer Yes Wood Nay. Motion approved by a vote of 4 to 1.

Other:

- Next Employee Meeting will be on April 22, 2020 at 6:30PM and will be held via Conference Call.
- Trustee Palmer has created a Draft Letter concerning parking on Main Street but was concerned about the number of signs and feels the No Parking Sign and the Two-Hour Parking Sign should be posted together on the same pole. Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price will take a picture of the signs and we may have to order more signs.
- Trustee Palmer would like to expedite the ordering of a banner to hang across Main Street thanking the health care workers and essential workers during this Pandemic. Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price has been following up with Vendors on cost and availability. The Mayor and Board all agree this should be ordered and hung as soon as possible.
- The May Employees Meeting is scheduled for 6:30PM Wednesday May 20, 2020.
- Next Village Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:30PM.

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve adjourning meeting at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Price