

Village of Schoharie  
Regular Meeting  
April 9, 2019

**Presiding:** Mayor Caza

**Present:** Trustee Palmer, Trustee Woods, Trustee Medak, Trustee Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie J. Price and PT Typist Debby Byrne

**Attendees:** Diana Bell, Terry Wilbur, Joy Heckman (Mountain Eagle). Joan&Richard Marciniak, Bob Stevenot and Nan Stolzenburg

**Meeting brought to order by Mayor Caza @ 6:41PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Privilege of the Floor: (POF):**

1. Bob Stevenot bought up concerns as a business owner regarding 2-hour parking on Main St, Smoking on Main St by store fronts and use of the Village Garbage Boxes for personal/household garbage. Mayor Caza suggested the Village come up with a letter addressing these issues and mail along with next Water/Sewer Bill. Mayor asked the Village Clerk to check with the Code Enforcement Officer, Lloyd Stannard, for legal verbiage concerning the smoking.
2. Diana Bell mentioned that the Easter Egg Hunt is on April 13th, 2019 and that the Easter Egg Museum is now opened and that Promotional has lined up music for Friday night concerts in the summer.

**Minutes:**

March 12, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve the March 12, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes.

**Bills:**

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

General	\$11,314.79
Water	\$ 4,179.35
Sewer	\$ 5,221.93
Pool	\$ 90.21

**Incoming Correspondence:** N/A

- A. Letter from NYS OSC acknowledges receipt of Application for Exclusion of Indebtedness pursuant to Section 124.10 of the Local Finance Law and that it was filed in this Office on April 8, 2019.
- B. Shared Services Gregg Diefenbach, NYSRSBA Deputy Director for Administrative and Management Services Capital Region BOCES is interested in coming out to present all of the shared services that he is doing with Schools, Counties, Towns and Villages under the shared service initiative. Mayor Caza suggested he be a presenter at the May 22, 2019 SCVOA meeting which the Village of Schoharie is hosting. Clerk Leslie Price to contact Gregg and check is availability.

**Outgoing Correspondence:** N/A

**7:00PM Hearing on the 2019-2020 Budget** – Public hearing published in the April 3, 2019 Times Journal. Mayor Caza read out loud the Budget Public Hearing notice.

**Motion** to open Public Budget Hearing, Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to open the hearing.

Discussion followed including questions by Diana Bell concerning amount of funding for the Fire Department, most especially the insurance line. Mayor Caza explained the Budget including NYS mandates for new insurance obligations. A general discussion followed on other line items that were all explained in detail by the Mayor and Trustees.

**Motion** to close Public Budget Hearing. Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to close Public Budget Hearing.

**Old Business –**

- A. National Grid proposal for converting streetlights to LED's – Review cost with potential invoice from National Grid. Benefits include reducing energy consumption, less maintenance, produces less heat and has a ten-year life expectancy. Mayor would like to investigate any grant money available before making any decisions. Nan Stolzenburg will send us information on NYSERTA Clean Energy grant amount which may be used to cover some of this cost. The Board would also like to look into other outside energy source. Trustee Johnson suggested having Len Berdan come in and talk about other options. Trustee Johnson will reach out to Mr. Berdan.

**New Business:**

A. Birches Benefit Agreement –

- 1. First payment through March 2019 is due 1<sup>st</sup> week of April (June 2018 – March 2019). Payment has not been received as of today. The Village Clerk has reached out to Wingate Companies for payment status. The Village Clerk will follow up.

B. PERMA Annual Workmen's Comp Conference regarding health and safety information May 23-24, 2019

**Motion** made by Trustee Woods, second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve for the Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price to attend this conference.

C. 2018 CFA Multi-Use Trail Project.

- 1. Nan Stolzenburg from Community Planning & environmental Associates is working on preparing estimates of how the Village will fund out the matching share. Nan went to ARC meeting and talked to a staff person and showed our match. Federal grant has to work its way up the ARC administrative structure and needs to be approved. Nan will follow-up. On a state level, the state wants more information on what the Village match is. Mayor asked if land owners give the Village an Easement, will that count towards our match. Nan will follow-up with State.
- 2. Mayor Caza would like to arrange a sit-down with Senator Delgado to discuss this effort and advise on how to get project rolling. Nan will contact the right people and try to set this up.
- 3. Mayor also discussed setting up a local Citizens Advisory Board. This will be discussed at the Employee meeting on April 20, 2019. Discussion on a Go Fund Me Page, Social Media and solicitation for donations began, Nan will follow-up on all. The Board along with Nan will write up a draft for a donation letter.
- 4. Nan did point out the Grants are reimbursement programs and the Village needs to make sure we can pay these bills and will look into what the turn-around time for reimbursement would be.

D. Motion needed to approve the 2019 SEQR for Village Hazard Mitigation Programs for FEMA. Mayor Caza has met with Lamont Engineering and Simmons Recovery. There is conditional funding from FEMA for preliminary design and budget concept. We need to declare the Village as Seeker Lead Agency for 2019 SEQR for Village Hazard Mitigation Programs/Projects.

**Motion** to approve made by Trustee Palmer, second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve the 2019 SEQR for Village Hazard Mitigation Program.

**Other:**

- Schoharie County Village Officers Association meeting is on Wednesday May 22, 2019.

- **The next Employees Meeting is scheduled for 6:30PM Wednesday April 17, 2019. The annual re-organization meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 17, 2018 at 8:00PM. The opening for Deputy Mayor will be discussed at this meeting.**
- **Next Village Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:30PM.**

**Motion** made to Adjourn by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Johnson at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie J. Price

APPROVED