

Village of Schoharie
Regular Meeting
May 10, 2016

Presiding: Mayor, John Borst

Present: Trustees, John Balliett, Lawrence Caza, Jeffrey Palmer, Mark Wood and Clerk/Treasurer Leslie J. Price.

Attendees: Stephanie Thorne Cancer Services Bassett Healthcare, Nancy Cooke, Scott Danner, Terry Wilber, Diana Bell Schoharie Promotional Association, Mike Jackson

Excused: None

Meeting brought to order by Mayor, John Borst @ 7:31 PM

Privilege of the Floor:

Stephanie Thorne: Spoke about a paid leave for employees for certain cancer screenings, based on evidence this policy has proven to have healthier employees.

Diana Bell: Kick off for the Lily Park planting and the dedication and ribbon cutting for the 3 Church labyrinths will be Saturday May 28, 2016

Minutes:

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April 12, 2016 Regular Meeting.

April 20, 2016 Budget Hearing Minutes

April 20, 2016 Organizational Meeting Minutes

Motion: made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to accept the April 12, 2016 Regular Board Meeting minutes as amended by Mayor Borst

Motion: made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to accept the April 20, 2016 Budget Hearing and the Organizational Meeting minutes

Bills:

Motion: made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to pay bills through May 10, 2016 except the DocStar bill. Trustee Caza will contact DocStar for clarification

Incoming Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

- A. Schoharie American Legion Auxiliary 1261 – Memorial Day Parade on Thursday May 26, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M
- B. SALT – Thank you for recognition of volunteers at SALT ceremony.
- C. NY City Environmental Protection – Invitation to a full day dam safety presentation on June 21, 2016 at Quality Inn in Schoharie from 9:00 – 4:00.
- D. Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) – Notice of evaluation of potential impacts of South End Drainage Project on the environment.
- E. GOSR – Notice that GOSR will serve as Lead Agency under SEQRA for the South-End Drainage Project.
- F. NYS Department of Public Service – Informational sessions and public statement hearings will be held at various locations around the state to explain DPS’s Clean Energy Standard (CES) Program designed to require that half of the electricity used in the state will come from renewable resources by 2030.

Outgoing Correspondence: N/A

Old Business: Reviewed and Discussed

- A. Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – 2015:
 - 1. At Village/CDC meeting on 4/11/2016 consensus was to instruct Harrison Studio to pursue purchase and renovation of Parrot House project through NY Rising CRP (CDBG) and to work with owners on the plans going forward. Status: Trustee Caza is lead for this project. Mayor Borst would like to have the full board of the CDC and of the Village included in the email chains to receive all the status updates. Project is still in negotiation phase with the Coughtry's; GOSR, and the ESD funding.
- B. Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – 2016:
 - 1. Also at the April 11 meeting, it was discussed with Nan Stolzenburg that the village should develop and submit an application for new CFA round in June 2016.
- C. Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP):
 - 1. Place Alliance is scheduling a LWRP workshop tomorrow (Wed. May 11, 2016) at 6:00 PM in Village office to report on progress. This is an informational meeting
- D. Birches Services Agreement:
 - 1. The Birches senior housing project requested 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. Birchez has drafted an agreement which was reviewed and approved by Village Attorney Breen and the Mayor.
 - 2. Resolution 4-2016 – approval of Birches Benefit Payment Agreement

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to approve the Birches Benefit Payment Agreement

- 3. Attorney Breen is drafting a payment sharing agreement between the Village and Town of Schoharie

New Business:

- A. Zoning Issues:
 - 1. Zoning change for Commercial Areas – Prior to the flood, three sites (404 Main, 445 Main and 102 Prospect) were grand-fathered long-term non-conforming commercial properties located in a residential zone. Because of commercial inactivity for more than a year after the flood, the zoning reverted back to the underlying residential status. All three properties should be officially changed to commercial. Schoharie County Planning Commission and Schoharie Village Planning Board concurred with such change. The Board should now schedule a hearing for June 14, 2016 at 8:00 P.M. to take public comments.

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to hold a hearing to take public comments for rezoning properties 404 Main, 445 Main and 102 Prospect on June 14, 2016 at 8:00 pm

- 2. New campground and waterfront recreational zone regulations – Motion for Nan Stolzenburgh to set up the review and hearing process.

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried for Nan Stolzenburgh to set up the review and hearing process for the new campground

- B. Southern Tier East Appalachian Regional Commission (STEARC) – Grant opportunity that Nan thinks fits well with implementing some of our other planning recommendations. The Parrot House, Taylor Block fit as well as marketing and business development through the local CDC. Also some of the recreational components with a health benefit apply.
- C. Resolution 5-2016 – Appointing Kenneth Knutsen as acting village justice in the absence of Judge Kennedy at a stipend of \$25 per occurrence.

Motion made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to reappoint Kenneth Knutsen as acting village justice through December 31, 2016 in the absence of Judge Kennedy at a stipend of \$25 per occurrence

- D. Time Warner Cable – Request from the Time Warner cable franchise renewal consultants for a letter to Legislators requesting their support in securing grant funds for broadband expansion to underserved rural areas.

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to send a letter to Legislators requesting their support in securing grant funds for broadband expansion to underserved rural areas.

E. Community Pool- -Date for opening? Chlorination? If all goes right, the pool will open the last week of June. Mayor suggested putting chlorine under the cover until the pool is opened this will help control algae.

- F. Need to swear in Berdan and Putnam. Find a replacement for ZBA member Farineau. Clerk to put an ad in the Times Journal seeking a ZBA member
- G. Any questions/issues with CSP Settlement proceeding?
- H. Team projects
 - 1. Grants & Economic Development
 - 2. Employee Benefits & “Handbook” Trustee Wood will help Trustee Caza with the Handbook
- I. CEO Stannard reviewing Fire Department building plans before permit issued.
- J. Health Insurance in budget is understated by about \$6,000. Budget amount was the renewal quote but the coverage was far less than the current. We adopted a different policy with better coverage and higher premium too late to incorporate.
- K. Other

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to pay \$1,088.27 to the Schoharie County Treasurer for the lot on the corner of Main and Shannon Ave SBL#72.13-8-1

Schoharie County Village Officers Association meets on Wednesday May 25, 2016 at the Esperance Elks Lodge.

The May Employees Meeting is May 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Next regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Adjourn.

Motion: made by Trustee Balliett second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to adjourn at 9:40pm

Accepted