

Village of Schoharie  
Regular Meeting  
June 12, 2018

**Presiding:** Mayor Borst

**Present:** Trustees Jay Balliett, Larry Caza, Jeff Palmer, Deputy Clerk Nancy Cooke and Typist Debby Byrne.

**Attendees:** Gary Dano, Times Journal Dick Danielsen, Ben Griffin

**Meeting brought to order by Mayor Borst @ 6:40PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Mayor Borst** – Mr. Wood is excused from Meetings until further notice due to health condition. Mayor gave an update on Mr. Woods condition, said he was in good spirits, physically seems to be fine, language skills have been weakened.

**Gary Dano** - Hoping Village Clock is repaired by July 4, 2018. Mayor will contact S Motschmann and follow up with Gary. Asked Mayor for an update on Birchez, Mayor stated that a Fire Access Road needs to be put in. All Village Planning Board items have been completed and approved. NYS Housing and Community Renewal Agency needs to sign off on project. Birchez is taking applications and has-hired a Property manager. BOA has developer Steve Aaron in foreclosure, somewhere down the road the bank will be looking for new owner. Birchez will be opening shortly. New houses going up in Village replacing flood damaged homes, this is a positive thing.

**Jeff Palmer** -Suggested Bill Shroh ride around to see what lawns in the village need to be mowed. Jeff feels there are a lot of plots that need attention. Trustee Balliett suggested putting out a bid to private company for next year. More discussion needed on this topic. Jeff also suggested the Street Sweeper is not sweeping the entire street. Need discussion on this topic.

**Minutes:**

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to approve the May 8th, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as written

**Bills:**

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to approve bills through June 12th, 2018

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett the Village Clerk/Treasurer is to create an Abstract that is a full rendering of paid and unpaid invoices. Abstract will be run from date of last meeting to the date of the current meeting. Unanimously carried to approve.

**Incoming Correspondence:**

- A. HRP Associates – HRP is a Brownfield consulting firm offering engineering advice about remediation of environmentally contaminated properties. Example: Ottman & Enders property.
- B. NYS Auditor wants Village Bank Statements to be approved/reviewed by the Board. Trustee Caza offered to review April Bank Statements and has done so.
- C.

**Outgoing Correspondence: N/A**

**Old Business -**

- A. NY Rising CRP –

- a. Parrot House Project – Several individuals/companies are examining the structure. Dean Coughtry still owns the building. Carver is out right now but could possibly be interested in teaming up with others in regards to financing and grant money.
- b. South End Drainage Project – Lamont Engineer is working on design clarifications required by NYSDOT. Will be a while before construction bid packages can be sent out for fall start. NYSDOT is starting to review all environmental issues. NYDOT requesting new information, project requires DOT sign off.
- B. CFA – Trail Project Several emails going around. Mayor met with Nan Stolzenburg, she is more than happy to work on application. She recommended beefing up the 2016 and including some suggestions from NYSDOS to strengthen the application. Mayor also met with County, they are all in favor, he also met with Town, Town said there is a high probability the Town will help. Meg Phillips got back to the mayor, had some recommendations, moving along nicely. Property owners should be re-contacted for new signatures.
- C. Senior Housing – Update/Status – Applications being accepted. Hired new Maintenance Worker. Will be building a new Fire Access Road incorporating the Ballard’s driveway. Ballard’s water line will be re-buried on the south side of Birchez and BOA will grant an easement. Planning Board in agreement except small differences on tree removal. Floyd Guernsey will be getting involved.

**New Business –**

- A. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) –
  - 1. Proposal from Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to fill a vacant seat whose term expired in 2018. According to the ZBA, Imants Shrederis is interested in position and has sat in on some meetings. Mayor suggested to invite him to the next Employee Meeting.
- B. Justice Court Books and Records Review – State Auditor asked about auditing. Village received a letter from NYS Unified Court System requesting the village audit/review the finances and records of the Village Justice Court for the fiscal year ended May 21, 2018. Trustee Balliett and Trustee Palmer will be going over the records and have volunteered to work on this task.
- C. Generator from Fire Department – Niagara Engine Co #6 has offered to the Village and Town of Schoharie a 15kw generator (new in 2011) that was used for emergency power to the temporary fire station but is now surplus. Could be used for the Town/Village office building, the FD has no use for it. Generator will be bought down to Village office to be used for 300 Main Street.
- D. FPD#1 Budget Shortfall - Mayor met with Town Book keeper and worked out issues involving the \$3200 shortfall from Fire Protection District No. 1 Budget. All are now in agreement on reporting and the \$3200 shorted will be in next year’s budget. Mayor will suggest the Town Board appoint one of their members as liaison with Village for all items concerning the Fire Department.
- E. Shared Services Initiative – Meeting hosted by Schoharie County at Boardroom at 1:00PM on Friday June 15, 2018. Schoharie County is the facilitator of the plan. Earl VanWormer will be involved
- F. National register Historic District Application - Jesse Ravage, Historical Consultant, submitted a proposed boundary for the historic district. Map was handed out at Board Meeting as well as Timetable. Plan is to move ahead. Each home in the designated district to be advised by NYS and the Village. Mayor does not want letters to go out without Village approval. The Village

will most likely want to include their own documents. Positive side of National Historic District is the economic benefit for our municipality

- G. Fire Truck Sales, Surplus Declaration and Replacement Titles - Fire House has four trucks to go, 1990 Ford Pumper (totaled), 1984 Pierce Pumper, 2001 Freightliner Rescue and 2002 Freightliner Pumper. Last three trucks should be going up for sale. Replacement Titles are needed for all, Mayor Borst is looking into this. Process for the Village to sell, Declare Surplus, Determination of Fair Price, Confirm ownership. Leslie Price has contacted NYCOM on instructions for selling, there are not a lot of restrictions. Trustee Caza suggested a Manufactures Certificate of Origin in Lieu of Title and notarized statement explaining the situation for DMV to approve or not approve. If selling to another Fire Department, we may not need Title. Trustee Balliett suggested maybe offering two sale prices, one with Title and one without Title.
- H. Abandon Buildings in Village – Trustee Balliett feels the Village needs to identify abandoned properties. Look into any foreclosures. Village may need designated funds to demolish these buildings. This will eventually become a Village problem. This to be put on Agenda for next monthly meeting for discussion.

Schoharie County Village Officers Association meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 is at American Hotel in Sharon Springs. Mayor suggested spouses are welcomed but must pay their own way.

The June Employees Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM Wednesday June 20th, 2018.

Next regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, July 10th, 2018 at 6:30 PM

**Motion** made to Adjourn by Trustee Caza, seconded by Trustee Palmer to adjourn meeting at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Cooke  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer