

Village of Schoharie  
Regular Meeting  
June 14, 2016

**Presiding:** Mayor, John Borst

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

**Attendees:** Nancy Cooke, Terry Wilber, Dawn Johnson, Heidi and Kurt Lawton, Ben Cooper and Hans Schoenecker and James Buono from Potentia Management Group

**Excused:** None

**Meeting brought to order by Mayor, John Borst @ 7:36 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Privilege of the Floor:**

**James Buono:** Gave an overview of how the energy program works with National Grid. James will meet with the Village Clerk to review all National Grid bills so he can put together a spreadsheet to report findings at the next board meeting.

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to allow Potentia Management to inspect all Village properties to assess lighting for LED conversion.

**Minutes:**

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May 10, 2016 Regular Meeting.

May 18, 2016 Employee Workshop

**Motion:** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to accept the May 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting minutes as written and to table the Employee Workshop minutes until next week's Employee Workshop Meeting.

**Bills:**

**Motion:** made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to pay bills through June 14, 2016

**Incoming Correspondence:** Reviewed and Discussed

- A. Carl Calabrese – Offering Part-Time Police Officer or Supervisor services
- B. Turning Point 1777 – Informing the Village that they will be conducting guided walking tours, asking about regulations and offering a tour for our information

**Outgoing Correspondence:** Reviewed and Discussed

- A. Letter to Legislators soliciting support for CATV franchise renewal negotiations.
- B. Letter to Rehabilitation Support services (RSS) regarding PILOT amount due.
- C. Letter Stanley France, Jr. re. village providing insurance for tennis program.

**8:03 PM** Public Hearing was opened, Review and Discussion followed:

Mayor read out loud the Public Hearing notice that was posted in the June 8, 2016 issue of the Times Journal. Mayor briefed the audience on the proposed zoning change. Dawn Johnson who sits on the County Planning Board informed the Board that both the County Planning and the Village Planning Boards concurred that this is what should be done. Hans Schonecker asked if Commercial properties can have apartments (residential), Mayor explained that in Commercial zoning the first floor cannot be residential but the floors above could have residential

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**8:00 PUBLIC HEARING – Rezoning 3 properties back to commercial.**

- A. Zoning change for Commercial Areas – Prior to the flood, three sites (404 Main, 445 Main and 107 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.

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**Motion** made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to close the public hearing 8:34 PM

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to rezone properties located at 404 Main St., 445 Main St. and 107 Prospect from residential to commercial

**Old Business:** Reviewed and Discussed

A. Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – **2015:**

- 1. Empire State Development (ESD) \$300K piece? Status
  - a) Filing of the WMBE Utilization Plan was extended to August 31, 2016. WWWW?
  - b) NY Rising CRP piece – Status
  - c) CDC/Village meeting set for 5:30 p.m. on Friday June 17 at Village Offices. Discussing how the redevelopment of the P’House is to be structured.

B. Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – **2016:**

- 1. At the May 18, 2016 Employees Workshop, it was discussed with Nan Stolzenburg that the village should develop and submit an application for recreational projects in the new CFA round in June 2016. Nan is working on the narrative but we (the Board) have some pieces to do as well as choosing which of the 7 priority projects will go forward. Mayor will invite Nan to the June 22, 2016 Employee Meeting
- 2. Board Resolutions to reaffirm the Comprehensive Plan, LTCR Plan and NY Rising Plan as plans in the Village. Village Attorney, Michael Breen is detailing the verbiage for the resolution

C. Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP)

1. Place Alliance and the Village scheduled a LWRP public information meeting for 7:00 p.m. tomorrow (Wednesday June 15, 2016) to provide the updated concept plans for the trail project. Meeting to be held at Christ the Shepherd Church (former Degroff building).

D. Other Zoning

1. Waterfront Zoning Regulations and Campground Regulations.  
Further discussion/ Action? Mayor has asked Floyd to review the changes that have been made to the campground regulations, need to get this moving ahead

**New Business:** Reviewed and Discussed

A. Repeal Tax Cap Law?

**Motion** made by Trustee Balliett second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to repeal the Village tax levy assuming the Village tax levy is under the governor's tax cap.

- B. Fire Department Ground breaking for new station is on Friday June 17 at 7:00 p.m. Village Trustee needs to attend. Ben Cooper told the Village Board he spoke with the Project Manager for the Fire Dept. and was told that all the drainage would be removed so they could start phase 1 of the projects, Ben's concern was where would the runoff water go. Mayor will call the engineer, Mike Harrington, and find to discuss the drainage

- C. Benches by DAR for temporary public Transportation waiting area. Have one at sewer plant, needs repair.

- D. Confirm the intent to have General Code Publishers update Village Code of Laws and authorize Mayor to sign agreement. Originally approved at March 28, 2016 special meeting. Clerk will email the General Code proposal to the Board

E. Adopt a modified Employee Manual specific to Seasonal Pool Staff -

1. Board review (perfunctory) and Resolution by Trustee Caza, to accept a modified Employee Manual for immediate use with the Seasonal Employees who work at the Pool each summer. Larry to provide a copy for each Board member (it basically outlines the key policies of Non-Violence in the workplace, non-sexual harassment; Zero Tolerance for Drugs & Alcohol in the workplace; and Hazard Communication/Right to Know. (The Recreation Commission will have Jan Herrick, of SUNY Cobleskill, provide the Haz. Comm./Right to Know Training)

**Motion:** made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to adopt the modified Employee Manual for immediate use with the Seasonal Employees who work at the Pool each summer.

F. Other

**Motion:** made by Trustee Wood second Trustee Caza unanimously carried to move June 15, 2016

**Motion:** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to have Clerk purchase the portable wifi with air time and a printer for DPW at the sewer plant

Schoharie County Village Officers Association next meets June 22, 2016 in Sharon Springs.

The June Employees Meeting is June 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Next regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Adjourn

**Motion:** made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to adjourn at 9:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie J. Price

Accepted