

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting  
July 12, 2022

**Presiding:** Mayor Caza

**Present:** Trustees Johnson, Medak, Palmer, Robinson-Bullock, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, Patsy Nicosia, Times Journal, Bob Tines, Ben Griffin, Darlene Patterson, Diana Bell Jackson and James & Casey McFee

**Meeting brought to order:** By Mayor Caza at 6:34 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**1. Privilege of the Floor:**

- a. James McFee presented his suggested plan for the Trail Project and submitted a report and map to the Board. See attached.
- b. Greg Cromer presented an aerial photograph of the Village of Schoharie and left his contact information should the Board be interested in purchasing.
- c. Darlene Patterson and Diana Bell Jackson from Schoharie Promotional Association wished to discuss several topics:
  - i. The Lily Festival was a success and the largest one so far. They only issue they had was parking which they are going to look into for next year.
  - ii. There are two trees that need to come down at Lily Park. DPW looked at them and they were too large for them to handle. SPA will make calls and get quotes.
  - iii. SPA wants to build a gazebo in Lily Park. They had one quote from an Amish Company in Pennsylvania for \$36,000. The Board reminded them they will need to get a Building Permit as well as approval from The Planning Board. Mayor Caza suggested they hire an architect to create a design plan that they can show The Planning Board as well as any contractors they talk to.
  - iv. SPA wanted to thank DPW for their help getting ready for Lily Festival.
  - v. At Fox Creek Park, SPA would like to look into swings, playground equipment for kids. Ben Griffin suggested they contact the school to see what they are doing with their old equipment. SPA would also like to build a new firepit at Fox Creek. It will be built by Jason Saddlemire. Mayor would like SPA to involve Ken Bernhardt in their plans and any decisions they would be making.
  - vi. August 5<sup>th</sup> starts the summer concert series on Main Street.
- d. Robert Tines wanted to compliment DPW. He had spoken to a number of residents who all noticed and appreciated the maintenance and improvements they have made on Main Street.

**2. Minutes:** Review and Motion to approve

- a. June 14th, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes
- b. June 15th, 2022, Employee Meeting Minutes

**Motion** made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve the June 14th, 2022, Regular Monthly Minutes and the June 15th, 2022, Employee Meeting Minutes as written.

**3. Abstracts and Bank Statements:**

- a. General \$ 51,806.24 (June 15, 2022-July 12, 2022)
- b. Water \$ 18,415.47 (June 15, 2022-July 12, 2022)
- c. Sewer \$ 88,225.17 (June 15, 2022-July 12, 2022)
- d. Pool \$ 1,833.22 (June 15, 2022-July 12, 2022)

**Motion** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve Abstract Amounts as written, The Board to sign Bank Statements and Mayor to sign Abstract Certification Form.

**4. Incoming Correspondence:**

- a. We received updates from the Dam Safety Group at NYC Department of Environmental Protection for the Emergency Action Plan for Gilboa Dam. These sheets were inserted into the binder and the old ones discarded.

**5. Outgoing Correspondence: N/A**

**6. New Business: N/A**

**7. Old Business: N/A**

**8. Other:**

- a. Trustee Johnson has been collaborating with Trustee Medak in updating and implementing our investment policy. They have been doing research and will be sitting down with the Village Treasurer to go over our options. Trustee Johnson feels the best option right now is Treasury Bonds, but he will reach out to NYCLASS also. Trustee Johnson asked for a Motion to authorize Trustee Johnson, Trustee Medak and Treasurer Price to update and modify our existing investment plan.

**Motion** made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve Trustee Johnson, Trustee Medak and Treasurer Price to create an investment policy for Village Funds that insures legality, safety, liquidity and appropriate yield. They will recommend a formal investment policy to the Village Board for adoption and to outline a schedule or potential investments for Village Funds.

- b. Trustee Robinson-Bullock attended the Amsterdam Mohawks which is a collegiate summer league team. They highlight various little leagues and municipalities. Trustee Robins-Bullock threw out the first pitch of the game in which they honored Schoharie Little League, Schoharie Classroom MVP's and the Village of Schoharie. He was glad to see such a great representation from Schoharie.

**9. MOTION to Adjourn.**

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:31 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra A Byrne  
Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer

#### POTENTIAL WALKING PATH ROUTE:

- Leave from village owned lot located on Bridge street
- Follow Bridge Street approximately 1/10<sup>th</sup> mile to access road owned by FA Guernsey.
- Follow Guernsey access road approximately 1/5<sup>th</sup> mile.
- Turn right onto Guernsey access road (near RC airplane club).
- Follow to creek side.
- Turn left and follow creek approximately 3/10<sup>th</sup> mile.
- Turn left at boarder of Shaul Farm's corn field and Howard Cornwell's hayfield. While this isn't an access road for the first 4/10<sup>th</sup> mile, it is traveled with equipment and ATVs so the path is very visible.
- Turn left at RT 30, construct new trail within unplanted space between the corn and road embankment.
- At the next access road (old Rainbow Drive) follow Route 30 to Bridge Street.
- Turn left onto bridge street and continue straight back to the village owned lot starting point.

#### This proposed Route:

- Provides more than twice the distance along the creek compared to the current plan.
- Provides 1.34 miles of off-pavement path without increasing the on-pavement path (.77 miles).
- Does not travel in sensitive areas. Avoids the Kayak Rental business and associated traffic. Avoids close proximity to houses and yards both on Bridge Steet and Sunset Drive.
- Only involves 3 property owners (FA Guernsey, David Shaul, Howard Cornwell).

