

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting  
August 11, 2020

**Meeting brought to order:** By Mayor Caza at 6:35PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**1. Privilege of the Floor (POF)**

A. Lisa Billing – Birchez

1. Lisa could not attend so she sent a letter to the Board of Trustees with her concerns. Mayor Caza read the letter out loud, Clerk will let Lisa know the Board is aware of her concerns. See attached letter

B. Anthony Lorefice – U-haul permit 434 Main St. at Frostbites Ice Cream Store

1. After some discussion of how the U-Haul would be advantageous to not only Frostbites business but for local people wanting to rent U-Hauls, Mayor Caza said the application must go to the Codes Officer. Clerk to give application to Codes Officer.

**2. Minutes:**

A. **MOTION** to approve

July 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2020 Employee Meeting Minutes

**Motion** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to approve July 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written and July 22, 2020 Employee Meeting Minutes with changes to item 1e.

**3. Bills & Bank Statements Review and sign:**

A. **MOTION** to approve Abstract Amounts:

General \$ 29,259.97

Water \$ 16,301.95

Sewer \$ 12,490.46

Pool \$ 1,944.29

**Motion** made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve abstracts as listed and July 2020 bank statements

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

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

a. Notice from NYS DOT, Pamela Gendron, Traffic Operations Engineer, that they will review the Village's request for lower speed limit and to put more crosswalks on South Main St... Mayor Caza acknowledged the letter and will respond to Pam Gendron, he asked the clerk to forward him the correspondence she has had with NYS DOT regarding the speed limit and cross walk requests

b. Notice from Schoharie County Civil Service that Payroll has been certified through July 1, 2021

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

**7. New Business:**

a. Resolution 811-2020

Adopt the Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1)

**Motion** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 811/2020 See attached Resolution

**8. Other:**

1. Trustee Medak – In order to keep the budget aligned he suggested a freeze on expenditures as the financial future is uncertain, Mayor Caza asked him to put his concerns in writing and bring to the next meeting
2. Trustee Johnson- Will answer Nan Stoltenberg’s letter about design for the trail project
3. Trustee Palmer- Extended the “Olive Branch” to Jeremy May, 326 Main St. offering help to clean- up the property. Trustee Palmer has not heard from Jeremy since the offer.
4. Schoharie Promotional Association (SPA) on Sunday August 16, at 3:00PM is having a dedication at the Fox Creek Park for a dedication ceremony recognizing Bill Shroh’s 45 years as a Village Employee. Invitation for the Board to attend and Mayor Caza to speak

**Next Regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday September 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM.**

**Next Employees Workshop Meeting is Wednesday August 19, 2020 at 6:30 PM.**

**MOTION** to Adjourn

**Motion** made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:59PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie J. Price  
Clerk/Treasurer

August 11, 2020  
Village of Schoharie  
Board Members  
300 Main Street  
Schoharie NY 12157

RECEIVED  
AUG 11 2020  
Village of Schoharie

I am the Property manager of the Birches at Schoharie located at 114 Birchez lane, Schoharie NY 12157.

I want to address the Board Members of the ongoing complaints we are having from the neighbor, Mrs. Ballard, which I know you are aware of.

I just want to let you know that Mrs. Ballard was in contact with me several months ago expressing her concerns pertaining to the residents smoking, residents outside enjoying the patio, cars being parked off our property, dogs on leashes and too many emergency vehicles on premises.

Our residents go OFF our property to smoke and NOT on Mrs. Ballard's property. She told me of residents that are smoking on our property and on their balconies. Granted it is a violation to their lease but what business is it of Mrs. Ballard? She has no ties to this property. Why is she spending so much time looking to see who is smoking where?

She told me that she didn't like the look of a chair and a butt can near the tree, as she drove up the driveway to her house and it made her uncomfortable when people were standing there. I told her I agreed that it didn't look good and I would address this, but I cannot stop people from smoking OFF our property. I did go and remove the chair and I asked the resident to please hide the cigarette butt can around the tree, out of site.

There is no BBQ'ing allowed on our property. We had a tenant that would bring his BBQ grill off our property, BBQ a burger then bring it back to his patio to cool down. This too was a complaint for Mrs. Ballard, again NOT her property.

I have a few residents that park their cars in the back emergency lane on our property to drop off groceries or even pick up or drop off a tenant for easier access to their units. She informed me that no one should be there at all. Again, this is not Mrs. Ballard's property or concern.

She mentioned that last Fourth of July 2019, there was a party and the tenants had a band and she didn't appreciate the noise. I told her it was in the day time and they are allowed to have a gathering.

We have tenants that have service pets for many reasons. We have a policy that all dogs have to be on a leash. A few months ago, prior to this conversation with Mrs. Ballard, she had a confrontation with one of the residents OFF our property about her dog not on a leash. The tenant has a remote leash- she pushes the button and the dog comes to her. I did tell Mrs. Ballard that when I see dogs off a leash on our property I give them one verbal warning and after that a violation to the lease. I told her if she feels threaten by any way she should call the dog warden not me since I have nothing to do with what goes on OFF our property.

She complained about the ambulance being called to the property and people parking on the other side of the driveway, which is not her property or ours. Once again, I told her I have no control what people do off the property.

We were doing landscaping and had a load of dirt brought in to fill trip hazards and removed a dead tree from the property. Mrs. Ballard wanted to know what the dirt was for and why we removed the tree. After our phone conversation that day, she came down to take pictures of the tree and the back of the property from her lawn mower. Again, for what purpose? I did go to the same area and took pictures to document whatever she was taking pictures of.

I thought for the most part our telephone went very well, until two days later the dog warden was at my office looking for the owner of the dog that was off the leash three months prior. I told him what happened and he told me to hang a copy of the village leash law on the bulletin board. So I called the village and now have a copy for ALL to see.

There is a speed limit on the road and Mrs. Ballard speeds right down the road. She knows there are children that reside with their grandparents here and ride bikes there and plays ball. She pays little attention to that. I am concerned of the wellbeing of the children or our senior residents that walk.

I just wanted to voice my opinion of the situation here and perhaps you can do something to stop the constant harassment, and let her be aware that we are not going to tolerate this going forward.

Thank you  
Lisa Billings  
Property Manager

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JEFFERY PALMER, TRUSTEE  
MARK WOOD, TRUSTEE  
PETER JOHNSON, TRUSTEE  
SAL MEDAK, TRUSTEE

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LAWRENCE J. CAZA, MAYOR

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LESLIE J. PRICE  
CLERK AND TREASURER

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**RESOLUTION 811-2020  
LGS-1 RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE**

**RESOLVED**, By the Board of Trustees of the Village of Schoharie that Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum, retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

- (a) Only those records will be disposed of that are described in *Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1)*, after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;
- (b) Only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods

Certified Copy

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leslie J. Price".

Leslie J. Price  
Clerk/Treasurer