

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2023

Presiding: Mayor Caza

Present: Trustees Johnson, Palmer, Robinson-Bullock, Medak Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, Ed Manchester, Colleen Henry, Bob Tines, Julie Pacatte from SEEC and Josh Walther from the Mountain Eagle

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

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Privilege of the Floor:

a. Julie Pacatte gave an update on the Parrott House renovation and the New York Forward Application resubmittal.

1. Parrott House project is still holding on to grant money from Restore New York in the amount of \$500,000 and Empire State Development through GOSR. All plans have been approved by the Village Codes Officer and RFP's have gone out. SEEC hosted a walk through in June and the date for the RFP was extended. Seven proposals were received and reviewed by the owners. The owners agreed to go with a General Contractor. Project has a restoration estimate of 2.5 million. All information has been shared with New York State. Owners are now talking to investors. Work is projected to start at the end of 2023. Julie presented the Board with an Undertaking Agreement stating if the owner gets funding but ends up selling within the first year, they must repay 100% back.

Motion made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to go forward with the Undertaking Agreement.

2. New York Forward Application resubmittal has been updated from last year's application. The Village of Schoharie was a finalist in last year's application process and was strongly encouraged to submit it again. Julie encouraged doing a Downtown Revitalization Initiative with the Village and the Town for a municipal sponsored application.
3. Update on the Great American property – The current owner still has an extremely high asking price which is a very big challenge for SEEC to engage any future buyers.
4. Mayor Caza expressed to Julie that he and the Board are extremely grateful to SEEC.

2. Minutes: Review and Motion to approve

- a. July 11, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes
- b. July 19, 2023, Employee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve the July 11, 2023, Monthly Meeting Minutes as written and the July 19, 2023, Employee Meeting Minutes with change of the word decrepit to destressed.

3. Abstracts and Bank Statements:

- a. General \$ 13,772.43 July 12, 2023 – August 8, 2023
- b. Water \$ 13,810.90 July 12, 2023 – August 8, 2023
- c. Sewer \$ 5,503.46 July 12, 2023 – August 8, 2023
- d. Pool \$ 3,218.96 July 12, 2023 – August 8, 2023

Motion made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve paying the invoices and the approval of the Abstract Amounts as written.

4. Incoming Correspondence:

- a. Local Law implementing real property tax law section 466-A, tax exemption for volunteer Fire and Ambulance Workers. Mayor Caza requested more information from the Assessor, Erin Smith. Mayor would also like a copy of the existing law in the books for our next meeting as well as the number of firefighters and ambulance volunteers. This will also need to be reviewed by our Village Attorney.

5. Outgoing Correspondence: N/A

6. New Business:

- a. New York State DOT requires the Village of Schoharie to be signature for the sidewalk project.
- b. We have a new Rep at National Grid for the lighting project.

7. Old Business:

- a. Trustee Medak asked if the County DOT has contacted the State Dot regarding the change to the speed limit on Bridge Street. Trustee Medak asked that DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhardt review this situation and that Clerk Price contact Rob Pacatte for further explanation.
- b. Motion needed to approve WISIP Invoice #5 from DN Tanks and Invoice #2 from Brunswick Electric

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve paying Invoice #5 from DN Tanks in the amount of \$68,138.02 and Invoice #2 from Brunswick Electric in the amount of \$15,133.50 for Water System Improvement Project.

8. Other: N/A

9. MOTION to Adjourn.

Motion made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Price,
Clerk/Treasurer