

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting
October 10, 2023

Presiding: Mayor Caza

Present: Trustees Johnson, Palmer, Robinson-Bullock, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, Colleen Henry, Darlene and Glen Patterson, Diana Bell, Bob Tines, Bob Montione and Julianna Aimesworth.

Excused: Trustee Medak

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Reflection for the passing of resident Joe Bozicevich, Erin Shamansky and for the unrest in the Middle East.

1. Privilege of the Floor:

- a. Darlene Patterson gave the Board an update on Schoharie Promotional.
 - i. New banners will be placed on Main Street within the next week. These banners depict historical points of interest around the Village.
 - ii. Promotional is looking into running electric to the pavilion at Lily Park. They hope to accomplish this by next Fall.
 - iii. Promotional will be sponsoring a Fall Decorating Contest. They will be giving prizes to three homes and one business.
 - iv. The Corn Hole Tournament was very successful this year.
 - v. The Community sign will be changed on a monthly basis. Darlene did request that some repairs be made to the sign and to replace the glass cover with plexiglass for safety reasons. Mayor Caza reminded her that the sign technically belongs to the County and the County should be approached as far as maintaining the sign.
 - vi. Fox Creek Park sign is in bad shape. Darlene wanted to know if this could be replaced. The Board approved that Schoharie Promotional has permission to replace the sign.
 - vii. Darlene wanted to remind everyone that Christmas lights need to be hung at Fox Creek the Friday before Thanksgiving.

2. Minutes: Review and Motion to approve

- a. September 12, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes
- b. September 20, 2023, Employee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve the September 12, 2023, Monthly Meeting Minutes with corrections/rewrites and the September 20, 2023, Employee Meeting Minutes as written.

3. Abstracts and Bank Statements:

- a. General \$ 18,802.46 September 13, 2023 – October 10, 2023
- b. Water \$ 35,613.09 September 13, 2023 – October 10, 2023
- c. Sewer \$ 5,876.31 September 13, 2023 – October 10, 2023

d. Pool \$ 5,187.57 September 13, 2023 – October 10, 2023

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

4. Public Hearing Meeting:

- a. **Local Law 2-2023**, a local law amending Chapter 153 of the Codes of the Village of Schoharie Enacting a Real Property Tax Exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers pursuant to Section 466-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.
- b. **Local Law 3-2023**, a local law authorizing as property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Motion: made by Trustee Johnson seconded by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve opening the October 10, 2023 Public Hearing at 7:00PM.

- c. Mayor Caza read local law #2-2023 out loud. The Board will appeal to the old law and accept New York State verbiage for the new law which gives a 10% discount of assessed value to qualified firefighter and ambulance workers on their primary residence only. There were no questions/comments from the public.
- d. Mayor Caza read local law #3-2023 out loud. Mayor explained to the public the reasoning for this law. There were no questions/comments from the public.

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve closing the October 10, 2023 Public Hearing at 7:21PM.

Motion made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve Local Law # 2-2023 amending Chapter 153 of the Codes of the Village of Schoharie Enacting a Real Property Tax Exemption for volunteer firefighter and ambulance workers pursuant to Section 466-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve Local Law #3-2023 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

5. Incoming Correspondence:

- a. The Village Office received an email from Fulton County notifying the Village of the renewal rate for sludge disposal in their landfill with an increase of \$2.00 per ton for fiscal year 2024. Mayor would like Ken Bernhardt to provide the total tonnage used in 2023 for the October 18th, 2023, Employee Meeting. At that time the Board will make a resolution for signatures from the Mayor and the Village Attorney.
- b. The Village Office received a letter from NYS DOT informing the Village that funding is available for projects that create new and enhance existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Mayor Caza read the letter out loud and asked the Clerk to send a copy to SEEC and to Nan Stolzenburg for the Trail project. Applications are due November 28th, 2023.
- c. Mayor read a letter from the Schoharie Joint Recreation Commission for the 2024 Season asking for an increase from the Village of Schoharie of 3.5 percent.

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Johnson carried to approve an increase to the overall Pool Budget by 3.5% for the Budget Year of 2024.

Mayor Caza	Aye
Trustee Johnson	Aye
Trustee Palmer	Aye
Trustee Medak	Absent
Trustee Robinson-Bullock	Recuse

6. Outgoing Correspondence:

- a. The Village Office received a letter from Tooher and Barone informing the Village that Meave Tooher is leaving the Practice effective September 30, 2023. Mayor Caza has reached out to the office but as of today there has been no response.

7. New Business:

- a. A Public Hearing for the 2024 Budget needs to be set and advertised. Mayor Caza suggested the meeting be held on November 14th, 2023, at 7:00PM. The Clerk should advertise in the November 2nd and November 9th editions of the local papers. The Mayor would like a tentative budget by the end of October.

8. Old Business: N/A

9. Other:

- a. Mayor Caza announced that there are two Village Trustee seats open in the upcoming elections. One seat has no official nominations however Trustee Medak is seeking a write in campaign. There are two candidates running for the position of Village Mayor. Mayo Caza would like to remind everyone to vote.

10. Motion made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to enter into Executive Session at 7:47PM

11. Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to close the Executive Session at 9:15PM.

12. MOTION to Adjourn.

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 9:16 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Price,
Clerk/Treasurer