

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting  
November 9th, 2021

**Presiding:** Mayor Caza

**Present:** Trustees Johnson, Palmer, Medak, Robinson-Bullock, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie J Price, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhardt, Patsy Nicosia, Times Journal, William Griffin, Mark Stolzenburg, Floyd Guernsey III, Cindy Hower, Jennifer Barnett, Michael Thomas, and Katie Brisley

**Meeting brought to order:** By Mayor Caza at 6:37 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**1. Listening Session regarding the Village Opting In or Out for Cannabis Dispensaries & Onsite Consumption:**

- a. Mayor Caza explained the Rules and Regulations regarding the Village's option regarding the Village opting in or out for cannabis dispensary and on-site consumption in the Village. The Mayor explained the Board's position on why they may want to opt out as they can always opt back in however if they opt in, they can never opt back out. The Mayor and Board would like to hold a Public Hearing to see how the majority of the Village Residents feel regarding this subject. Village tax payers/ business owners and village residents in the audience were for the Village Opting In and felt it would be a disservice to the Village to miss on possible income and possible improvements to the downtown business district. Village Clerk/Treasurer will be setting up a Public Hearing.

**2. Privilege of the Floor:**

- a. Mark Stolzenburg approached the Board regarding access to the Village reservoir property in order to mow and maintain property owned by Jim Grant. Property owner would like access in order to get to their property once or twice a year with 24-hour notice to our DPW team.

**Motion** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve access to property in a business-like manner with proper notice to DPW Superintendent.

**3. Mayor Caza opened Public Hearing for Local Law #2- 2021 Tax Cap Override at 7:22PM**

- a. Mayor Caza read Local Law # 2-2021 regarding the Tax Cap override and explained the intent of this local law is to allow the Village to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2022, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the tax levy limit as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c. There were no public comments.

**Motion** made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to close Public Meeting Local Law #2 Tax Cap Override at 7:28PM

**Motion** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve Local Law #2 Tax Cap Override.

**4. Mayor Caza opened Public Hearing regarding the 2022 Village Budget at 7:31PM**

- a. Mayor Caza read aloud the Budget narrative. There were no public comments.

**Motion** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to close Public Hearing 2022 Village Budget at 8:00PM

**Motion** made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve the 2022 Village Budget

**5. Abstracts and Bank Statements:**

- a. General \$ 54,405.16 (October 13, 2021 – November 9, 2021)
- b. Water \$ 22,161.11 (October 13, 2021 – November 9, 2021)
- c. Sewer \$ 20,263.03 (October 13, 2021 – November 9, 2021)

- d. Pool \$ 1,777.36 (September 15, 2021 – October 12, 2021)

**Motion** made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve Abstract Amounts as written.

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

- a. Review of the October 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Minutes and October 20<sup>th</sup> Employee Meeting Minutes

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve the October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Monthly Minutes and the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Employee Meeting Minutes as written.

7. **Incoming Correspondence:**

- a. Letter from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance program introducing a new water assistance program (LIHWAP) from New York State asking if the Village of Schoharie would sign a Vendor Agreement effective December 1, 2021. Mayor Caza suggested that a letter introducing this program to the homeowners be included in the next Water/Sewer Bills.

**Motion** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve the Mayor signing a Vendor Agreement for LIHWAP after advice from Village Attorney David Brennen.

8. **New Business:**

- a. December meetings are back-to-back, December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> should we keep these dates or change the Employee meeting to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Since there is a Public Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> the Board would like to keep the meetings as originally scheduled.
- b. Resolution 5-2021 to relevel all unpaid water and sewer rents for the 2021 fiscal year to the County for insertion on the Village and Town tax bills due out on January 1, 2022.

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve Resolution 5-2021 for Clerk to relevel all unpaid water and sewer rents for the 2021 fiscal year.

9. **Old Business:**

- a. The Invoice to SMC for water hookup is still unpaid. Mayor Caza would like the Clerk to see if this can be sent over with the relevel. If not, the Clerk will contact the Village Attorney and seek legal action.

10. **Other**

**Next Regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 6:30 PM.**

**Next Employees Workshop Meeting is Wednesday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 6:30 PM.**

**MOTION** to Adjourn.

**Motion** made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 8:44PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie J. Price Clerk/Treasurer