

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting
November 10, 2020

Presiding: Mayor Caza

Present: Mayor Caza, Deputy Mayor Johnson, Trustee Medak, Trustee Palmer, Trustee Wood, Deputy Clerk Debby Byrne, Village Trustee Candidate Thomas Price, Patsy Nicosia from The Times Journal and Terry Wilbur

Excused Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor (POF) – See Other

Minutes:

- A. **MOTION** to approve :
October 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2020 Employee Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to approve October 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written, September 16, 2020 Employee Meeting Minutes as written and October 21, 2020 Employee Meeting Minutes as written.

Bills & Bank Statements Reviewed and signed:

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

General	\$	10,922.77
Water	\$	5,131.10
Sewer	\$	6,726.43
Pool	\$	198.06

Motion made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve abstracts as listed and September 2020 bank statements

Outgoing Correspondence: N/A

Incoming Correspondence: N/A

Old Business:

- A. 7:00PM Public Hearing for Local Law #2-2020
- B. 7:15PM Public Hearing to consider the 2021 Budget Motion to approve 2021 Budget

Motion made at 6:54PM by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to open Public Meeting to approve Local Law #2-2020.

- A. Mayor Caza read out loud Local Law #2-2020 and explained that this is being approved as a safety measure however the Budget does not request that any Village Tax be increased at this time. Approving the law now simply allows the Board to raise taxes if an unforeseen event should occur.

Motion made at 7:00PM by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to close Public Meeting to approve Local Law #2-2020.

Motion made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve Local Law #2-2020 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-C

Motion made at 7:15PM by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to open Public Meeting to approve the 2021 Village Budget.

- B. Mayor Caza read out loud the notice that appeared in the Times Journal Newspaper. Mayor introduced Trustee Medak as putting the Budget together. Mayor highlighted a few items in the Budget:
- a. No Tax Increase
 - b. Insurance costs were up 4% while Health Insurance was down 4%
 - c. Board froze employee salaries
 - d. All expenditures over the amount of \$200.00 will need prior approval by The Board
 - e. Fire Department operation costs have increased while fundraising money has decreased.
 - f. All Elections were moved to the County which saves Village costs
 - g. Trustee Palmer and Trustee Price have both won their nominations
 - h. The Mayor thanked Trustee Wood for his time and service to the Village of Schoharie.
- C. Trustee Medak explained that this was a difficult year to work on the Budget and it was hard to make projections and estimates. Trustee Medak reviewed the Budget mentioning the areas of lost income and added expenses.
- D. Trustee Elect Price had some concerns regarding the Fire Department Budget. Trustee Medak explained that confusion was caused because of the different Fiscal Year Dates between the Village, the Town, and the Fire Department. Mayor Caza mentioned there are new leaders in the Fire Department and the Village has been able to work with them regarding finances.
- E. Mayor Caza also mentioned that Village Tax Bills will be coming out in January and residents will have the option to pay half in January and half in June.
- F. Terry Wilbur had some concerns regarding the Village giving money to Schoharie Promotional and Colonial Heritage. Trustee Johnson and Mayor Caza explained that both of those organizations do a lot for the Village and they asked for help from the Village.

Motion made at 7:54PM by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to close Public Meeting to adopt Village Budget 2021.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to adopt the Village Budget 2021.

Other:

- A. Mayor Caza mentioned that Crossing Guard Klingbiel is very happy with the communication between the Village, Police and Crossing Guard as well as having Police presence at the School cross walk.
- B. Very soon the Village will be reaching out to create a committee for the Governor mandated Executive Order 203 to review policies, procedures and training for our Police Department.

**Next Regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday December 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM.
Next Employees Workshop Meeting is Wednesday November 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM.**

MOTION made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:57PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Byrne

Approved