

Village of Schoharie
Regular Meeting
November 14, 2017

Presiding: Mayor, John Borst

Present: Trustees John Balliett, Larry Caza, Mark Wood and Jeff Palmer, Village Attorney Michael Breen and Clerk/Treasurer Leslie J. Price

Birchez Senior Housing of Schoharie: Attorney Teresa Bakner and Manager Nick Woerner

Chamber of Commerce: Jamie Casterlin and Georgia Van Dyke

Residents: Diana Jackson – President Schoharie Promotional Association (SPA) and Jennifer Smith

Meeting brought to order by Mayor Borst @ 6:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor: (POF)

1. Birchez: Attorney Teresa Bakner asked the Village Board to consider reducing the past water and sewer bills and propose a change in the billing to reduce the cost in the future. The Board will review their request
2. Chamber of Commerce: Jamie Casterlin asked if the Board would consider leasing the old Village office, 256 Main St. to the Chamber (see New Business a.)
3. Jennifer Smith: Resident at 352 Main St. is looking to rehab the building at the end of her driveway to put an insurance office there. The cost of putting sewer in would be a minimum of \$5,000.00. Part of the cost is due to the location of the building and a grinder pump would have to be installed. Jennifer asked if the Village would consider sharing the cost. Board will discuss the idea.
4. Diana Jackson update for SPA:
 - November 24, 2017 Fox Creek holiday lights will be lite, no celebration
 - January community meeting
 - August 25, 2018 a Summer End party

Minutes:

October 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2017 Employee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to accept the October 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes as written

Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to pay bills through November 14, 2017

Incoming Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

- a. SEFCU Insurance – Effective November 1, 2017, SEFCU Insurance Agency will be withdrawing from the commercial insurance marketplace. Its business will be merging with Rose & Kiernan. Diane Becker continues to be our agent.
- b. NBT – Mang Insurance – Confirmation of change of coverage for fire department property.

Outgoing Correspondence: N/A

Old Business: Reviewed and Discussed

- a. Complaint from October 10, 2017 meeting about 130 Fair Street and what is the board going to do about it.
 1. Current Property Maintenance code prevails with cooperation among Code Enforcement Officer, Attorney and Village
 2. Additional measures – Mayor made several calls and we should look at City of Gloversville Property Maintenance Code for ideas

New Business:

- a. Chamber of Commerce – Request to occupy old Village Office.

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to rent 256 Main St., the old Village Office, to the Chamber of Commerce for \$225.00 a month plus utilities which include the water/sewer, electric and propane. The Village will mow, shovel, plow and will take care of repairs not caused by the tenants. Starting January 1, 2018

- b. Fire Department – Meeting with Mayor and Trustee Caza regarding future “Budget” or funding request for basement an equipment
- c. NYMIR recommendations on loss prevention – The Village should develop a Facilities Use Form for use of park pavilions and the pool by organizations and groups which outline rules of use, insurance requirement and a hold harmless clause. A Facilities Use Form is suggested to protect the village against claims for those risks which should be borne by the facilities user. The Clerk will Email the sample form to the Board so they can look it over and make changes if needed.
- d. Electric rates – John Hamor notified the Village that he County Board changed electric suppliers from USE&G to Constellation New Energy. The village used USE&G for the water, sewer and garage facilities. Current USE&G rates are 5.5 cents/kwh while Constellation’s will be 5.19 cents/kwh
- e. Preville Technology Services (Brett Morey) – Provided a quote of \$84/month for antivirus and computer backup services for the office. The Board will look into this.

Schoharie County Village Officers Association Christmas Party meeting is December 1, 2017

The November Employees Meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM Wednesday November, 2017.

Next regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

8:15 PM Board went to executive session

Motion made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Balliett unanimously carried to enter executive session at 8:15 PM

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Caza unanimously carried to close executive session at 8:28PM

Adjourn.

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Caza and Unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:28PM

Respectfully Submitted

Leslie J Price