

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting
December 11, 2012

Meeting brought to order by Deputy Mayor, Ed August @ 7:40 pm

Presiding: Mayor John Borst arrived 7:58

Present: Trustees Jay Balliett, Larry Caza, Ed August, Jeremy Rosenthal and Clerk/Treasurer, Leslie J. Price

Fire Department: Martin Shrederis

Residents: Terry Wilber, Diana and Mike Jackson

Fire Department: Contract agreement between the Fire Dept. and the Village/Town of Schoharie was discussed and tabled until next week's Village Employee Meeting, Wednesday, December 19, 2012.

A new coed auxiliary has been formed.

Chief Pierce will attend next week's Employee Meeting.

Privilege of the Floor: None

Minutes:

Motion made by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee Balliett and carried to accept the November 13, 2012 Regular Meeting minutes as written.

Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee Rosenthal and carried to pay bills through December 11, 2012 except the fuel bill from Schoharie Central School it needs to be reconciled among users for allocation to proper accounts and is tabled until next week's Employee Meeting.

Incoming Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

- A. Creating Healthy Places – Bulletin mentioning Schoharie
- B. Martin, Harding & Mazotti – FOIL request for building permit material for Stewart's Shop.

Outgoing Correspondence: Reviewed and Discussed

- A. Letter to FEMA transmitting project completion notifications (P-4's) for 23 projects.

Old Business:

- A. Document Reprocessors – Status
 - 1. Work is completed. Micro-fiche was digitized and remaining records were freeze dried and sanitized.
 - 2. Company shipped remaining 55 boxes of un-restored records to the village and they are stored temporarily on top of the storage room at the WWTP.

3. Total cost for restoration is \$43,129.89 which is expected to be reimbursed by NYMIR insurance.
- B. New Village sign status? Trustee August, reconfiguring the placement of the signs and at this time it is unknown when the signs will be finished.
 - C. Former Great American property remediation:
 1. Per Michael Harrington of Lamont Engineers, Mr. VanWoeart is satisfied that the project was completed according to the agreed-to scope of work.
 - D. Code Enforcement Applications – Applications were received from 5 applicants for the CEO position to be vacated by Joe Nelson. One applicant submitted a resume’ prior to the RFP for the position. On Monday December 10, 2012 the Board interviewed 4 applicants. References need to be checked and a couple of questions answered. We expect to make a decision at next week’s Employees Workshop.
 - E. Community Pool – FEMA determined the pool was in the 100 year flood plain and assessed a NFIP penalty of \$16,632 against \$24,615 in damages. Elevation certificates completed by Jim Snyder show that the pool deck is actually 2 feet above BFE. An appeal will be submitted to FEMA for full reimbursement of repair costs.
 - F The local SEFCU office originally indicated that NYMIR might cover some costs incurred by Schoharie Recovery for operation of a disaster center on behalf of the Village while village offices were out of operation. NYMIR replied that the village’s insurance covers structural damage to village buildings and not the Schoharie Recovery costs.
 - G. Schoharie County Sales Tax – Schoharie County Treasurer Bill Cherry submitted the 2013 draft County Budget which resulted in sales tax allocations for the village of Schoharie dropping from \$25,668 in 2012 to a projected \$20,183 in 2013. That is primarily due to reduced assessed valuation due to the flood. We need to contact the Schoharie County RPS to help analyze and add back the flood-only assessment impacts on affected villages and towns.
 - H. FEMA Reimbursements - To date the Village has submitted Project Worksheets to FEMA totaling \$2,340,253 while FEMA has obligated (agreed to pay) \$1,395,256 and we have actually received Federal and New York State reimbursements totaling about \$632,484.26. Most of that is for emergency measures, debris removal or small projects. Several large projects will be reimbursed after monies are spent, some have insurance offsets and some will not are not fully funded by FEMA because of the NFIP penalty. The Clerk is in the process of reconciling those reimbursements to the proper accounts so we can determine our financial situation in dealing with water and sewer plant repairs.
 - I. Debris Removal – As of the end of September 2012, there was a balance of \$1,068 left in PW VSA-2 for debris removal. October charges from MOSA totaled \$5,649.65 for MOSA dumpsters and tipping fees. Therefore, debris removal is done. Reviews of MOSA’s bill showed most of the charges were

for debris removal from the former Great American, which are reimbursable from FEMA.

- J. Other: Trustee Rosenthal to Contact Mr. Becker from NYSERDA regarding the grant awarded to the Village of Schoharie for funding to develop a Long Term community Recovery strategy that focuses on the recovery of Main Street businesses and economic development.

New Business: Reviewed and Discussed

- A. Clune Electric Final Payment – Lamont Engineers indicated repairs to the Fair Street lift station are completed and a final payment to Clune Electric for \$23,042 should be made to close out the project. Tabled until next week’s Employee Meeting so it can be discussed with Bill Shroh, DPW Superintendent
- B. CFI Final Payment Approval – According to Lamont Engineers, former Great American staging area work is complete and final payment of \$4,445 can be processed.

Motion made by Trustee August seconded by Trustee Caza and carried to process payment to CFI for their final payment of \$4,445 contingent to receiving a Lien waiver from CFI that must be notarized

- C. Fire Department fuel bills. Explanation from Niagara 6. Tabled until next week’s Employee Meeting to discuss with the Fire Chief Marty Pierce.
- D. Subpoena for Deposition from Cobleskill Stone Products – Mayor was subpoenaed on November 21, 2012 to be deposed by CSP in relation to the Article 78 against the Town of Schoharie. Tons of information and documents requested.
Clerk will go through the boxes of files that were returned by Document Reprocessors to find any information that might pertain to Cobleskill Stone Products
- E. Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Motion made by Trustee Caza seconded by Trustee Rosenthal and carried to go to Executive Session.

- F. Other: Pam Guest gave the Village a book of photos of every home and business in the Village. Circa – 1997

The December Employees Meeting will be held on Wednesday December 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Next regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7:30 PM.

Schoharie County Village Officers Assn. next meets on January 23, 2013.

Joint Town and Village holiday party is on December 28, 2012 from 6-9 PM in the Town Hall.

Adjourn 9:52

Respectfully Submitted
Leslie J. Price