

Village of Schoharie  
Regular Meeting  
December 12, 2017

**Presiding:** Deputy Mayor, Caza

**Present:** Trustees Mark Wood and Jeff Palmer and Clerk/Treasurer Leslie J. Price

**Excused:** Trustee John Balliett

**Residents:** Terry Wilber, Willy Griffin, Ben Griffin, Paul and Sue Conroy and Jackson Vanderwerken

**Times Journal:** Ericka Eklund

**Meeting brought to order by Deputy Mayor Caza @ 6:35PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Mayor Borst arrived at 7:27 pm**

**Privilege of the Floor: (POF)**

1. Ben Griffin – Told the Board of an odor he smells from time to time around Grand St. and Knowler Ave. Clerk Price informed him and the Board that both Bill Shroh, Superintendent DPW and Mayor Borst are aware of it and are looking into it. Ben also informed the Board that there are chickens at 127 Grand St. and he showed a picture of what he presumed to be chicken feces. Ben asked who he should contact when he has a complaint, the Board or code enforcement officer. Deputy Mayor Caza suggested he go to the Code Enforcement officer first.

**Minutes:**

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to approve the November 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes as written

**Bills:**

**Motion** made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve payment of bills through December 12, 2017.

**Incoming Correspondence:** N/A

**Outgoing Correspondence:** N/A

**Old Business:** Reviewed and Discussed

1. NYMIR recommendations on loss prevention  
Facilities Use Form for use of park pavilions by organizations and groups which outline rules of use, insurance requirement and a hold harmless clause. Action needed.

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to submit the form to the Village Attorney, Mike Breen for review of the entire form including the following:

- No smoking
- Recreation Commission would be the Village Board of Trustees
- Alcohol consumption, facility renter to provide Village with proof of One Day Special Event Insurance providing alcohol liability for renter

2. South-end Drainage – Easement problems between Shrederis and Gallo resolved.

**New Business:** Reviewed and Discussed

1. Complaint about property maintenance at 326 Main Street. Appearance ticket for violations was issued for a court appearance on Monday December 18, 2017.
2. **Chamber of Commerce:**  
Response from Chamber that they do want to rent old Village Office.  
Motion to draw up rental agreement and proceed.

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Wood unanimously agreed to have Village Attorney Mike Breen draw-up a rental agreement which will include but not limited to:

- Village will mow, shovel plow and take care of all repairs not related to the tenant
- Tenant will pay \$225.00 a month for rent plus all utilities (heat, electric, water/sewer)

- Agreement for 2 (two) years
- COI from the tenant naming the Village of Schoharie as additional insured

3. Young Sommer engagement letter for water/sewer representation.

**Motion** made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Palmer unanimously agreed to accept the engagement letter with Young Sommer to engagement letter for water/sewer representation

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee wood to rescind the motion to accept engagement letter with Young Sommer to engagement letter for water/sewer representation

**Motion** made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee palmer unanimously carried to table the Young Sommer engagement letter for water/sewer representation until next week's employee meeting and for the Clerk to send the Board a copy of the engagement letter

4. Request from Jennie Smith for financial help from the village to install water and sewer service to the small building on their property to be converted to small office use. This was discussed at the November Employees Meeting and it was decided that the Village's Sewer Code requires owners to connect to the village's collection system at their expense. This practice has been followed for many years. The Village DPW will provide technical assistance. Mayor spoke with Jennie and informed her of the Board's decision
5. Request from Schoharie County Real Property Services for amendment to Cold War Veterans Exemption.

Local Law #1-2018

Current exemption is for 10 years.

Real Property Tax Law was amended to remove the 10-year limitation.

Discussion. Schoharie Village adopted the 10-year version in 2008. Now?

Exemption = 15% but not more than \$9,000 or a percentage equal to one-half of a service-related disability not to exceed \$30,000.

Sample of local law was included. Motion needed.

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza and second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to hold a public hearing on Local Law 1-2018 for the Cold War Veterans Exemption on January 9, 2018 and for Clerk to advertise

6. Local Law #2-2018 – Implements amendments to NYS Real Property Tax Law §467 (8-a)

Allows late filing of real property exemptions by Senior Citizens for village tax purposes.

**Motion** made by Trustee Wood and second by Trustee Caza and unanimously carried to

Hold a public hearing on January 9, 2017 on amendments to NYS Real Property Tax Law §467 (8-a)

7. Village Justice Court financial records – Approval of Balliett/Palmer review that records appear to be complete and accurate.

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to approve the review of Justice Frederick Kennedy and Kenneth Knutsen's 2016 Court financial records as they appeared to be accurate

8. June Orelup – Request that the village share part of her health insurance premium (\$364.21/Mo.). Moved to Executive Session
9. Charter Communications Cable T.V. Franchise Renewal – Retains 5% franchise fee. Tabled until next week's Employee Meeting
10. PERMA – Requires appointment of "Safety Coordinator" with specific PERMA training. Trustee Caza will contact County Supervisor to find out if the Village can piggy-back off the County Safety Commission.
11. Trail Project pulled. Mayor will write letter to State confirming the Village not moving forward with the Trail Project
12. Sarah Livingston resigned  
Propose to appoint Nancy Cooke on an interim basis (for income tax purposes) and allows review for next budget cycle.

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to appoint Nancy Cooke as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer until March 31, 2018 which is the end of the Village's official year

13. Fulton County Landfill – Approve contract for sludge disposal. Same price as current.

**Motion** made by Trustee Wood second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve contract and have Mayor Borst and Village Attorney Michael Breen sign Fulton County Landfill for sludge disposal. Same price as current

14. Birches C.O issues and meeting with the company. Moved to Executive Session

15. Schoharie Promotional Community Meeting – January 8, 2017.

Mayor not able to attend. Who can? Trustee Palmer will attend

16. Other:

a. Fire Dept. should get a several Asbestos survey quotes

b. Discussion about no tobacco purchase in the Village under 21 years of age. No motion made

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to enter executive Session at 8:07 pm

**Motion** made by Trustee Caza second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to close Executive Session at 8:46 pm

**Schoharie County Village Officers Association meeting on January 24, 2018.**

**The December Employees Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM Wednesday December 20, 2017.**

**Next regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:30 PM.**

**Adjourn.**

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer Second by Trustee Wood unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie J Price