

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting
December 8, 2020

Presiding: Mayor Caza

Present: Mayor Caza, Deputy Mayor Johnson, Trustee Medak, Trustee Palmer, Trustee Price, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk Debby Byrne, Patsy Nicosia from The Times Journal, Ben Griffin and Will Griffin

Meeting brought to order: By Mayor Caza at 6:33PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor (POF)

- A. Ben Griffin wanted to mention that the house on Fair Street that was recently purchased by his daughter had a water leak in the pipes in the ground, not in the house. After addressing this problem, he questioned whether the Village DPW could regularly survey homes around the Village to see if there are any signs of water leakage which is costing the Village uncollected water/sewer money. Mr. Griffin feels this may be happening more frequently since the pipes are so old. Mayor Caza will ask Ken to do survey of homes along the same line to see if there are any signs of leakage. Trustee Price mentioned there are raised water pipes near his house and two people have been hurt.
- B. Mr. Griffin also mentioned that the Dental office on Main Street has also purchased the two surrounding houses and was wondering if he has been given permission to tear down and add additional parking. Mr. Griffin is concerned that the Village will lose tax money if these houses come down and parking lots are replacing them. Mr. Griffin also inquired about the relationship between the Village and the Zoning/Planning Board. Mayor Caza explained that the Planning Board addresses the legality of plans and makes sure that all the rules and regulations are being followed.
- C. Mr. Griffin also wanted to address the garbage pickup in the Village. He said there are approximately 5-6 different companies hauling garbage and driving trucks on the Village roads at different days and times and most are not recycling. Mr. Griffin feels it would be beneficial to the Village and its citizens to have one company picking up Village Trash and demand that this company recycle. Mr. Griffin has started researching this issue and feels he can get a better rate with a company out of Rotterdam, New York if he can guarantee at least 50 homes. This company definitely recycles which is particularly important to both Mr. Griffin and the Village Board. Mayor Caza commended Mr. Griffin on his concern as a citizen and suggested that perhaps Mr. Griffin take this project and pursue it. Mayor Caza mentioned that the Village has discussed this issue and has started gathering information.

Minutes:

- A. **MOTION** to approve
November 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2020 Employee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve November 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written and November 18, 2020 Employee Meeting Minutes as written.

Bills & Bank Statements Reviewed and signed:

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

General	\$ 23,272.17
Water	\$ 12,943.49
Sewer	\$ 15,094.28
Pool	\$ 2,442.19

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

Outgoing Correspondence: N/A

Incoming Correspondence: N/A

Old Business:

- A. Trustee Johnson updated the Board on the Trail Project and mentioned that he and Nan Stolzenburg will be interviewing law firms and Design & Engineer companies that have submitted proposals starting next week.

New Business:

1. **MOTION** made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve to reappoint Associate Village Justice, Kenneth Knutsen at a rate of pay of \$25.00 per week when services are required.
2. **MOTION** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Price unanimously carried to approve for the Clerk/Treasurer to advertise in the Times Journal December 30, 2020 ad January 06, 2021 the Proposed Local Law #3-2020 presented to the Trustees – A local law superseding NYS Village Law §3-302 changing Official year and Terms of Office.
A. See Article 1 attachment
3. **MOTION** made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Price unanimously carried to approve and have Mayor Caza and Village Attorney Michael Breen sign the Fulton County contract amendment for use of their landfill during 2021. The rate remains the same as 2020 at \$65.00 per ton.
4. **MOTION** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve the one-year (February 1, 2021-January 21, 2022) Lease Agreement with Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce to lease 256 Main Street for an amount of \$225.00 per month.
5. **MOTION** made by Trustee Price second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve payment to Lamont Engineers Invoice # 00007 in the amount of \$12,440.45 and Tooher & Barone, LLP Invoice in the amount of \$990.00 and for the Clerk/Treasurer to submit to EFC for reimbursement.
6. **MOTION** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Price unanimously carried to approve and have Mayor Caza and Clerk/Treasurer sign the 2021 Contract between the Village and William Shroh to provide Licensed Sewer Plant Operator Services effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Other:

- A. Mayor Caza had a phone call from Schoharie Promotional explaining the problem with the Christmas lights and the National Grid Poles. Promotional is trying to correct this situation but

right now the lights have been shut off and they are not sure it will be corrected in time for Christmas. Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price suggested reaching out to Main Street businesses and asking if they would each like to decorate the light poles in front of their business. Mayor Caza thought that was a good idea and Leslie will reach out to the businesses.

- B. Trustee Medak discussed the Fire Department Contract with Engine #6 for December 2020 through December 2021 needs to be signed by the Mayor and all Trustees.

MOTION made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to sign the Fire Department Contract and pass along to the Town of Schoharie for approval and signatures. Mayor Caza asked for a Roll Call for vote:

Trustee Palmer – Yea
Trustee Price – Yea
Trustee Medak – Yea
Trustee Johnson – Yea
Mayor Caza – Yea

- C. Mayor Caza made a proclamation to recognize Trustee Wood for outstanding public service for his 21 years serving on the Village Board as well as over 30 years with the Schoharie Fire Department and Niagara Engine Company #6. Mayor Caza will present Mr. Wood with a plaque in appreciation for outstanding public service signed by the Mayor and the Board of Trustees.

MOTION made at 7:56PM by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to open the Re-Organizational Meeting. See attached minutes.

MOTION made by at 8:35PM by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to close the Re-Organization Meeting.

Next Regular Village Board meeting is Tuesday January 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Next Employees Workshop Meeting is Wednesday December 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

MOTION made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to enter into Executive Session.

MOTION made by Mayor Caza second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to exit Executive Session.

MOTION made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Price unanimously carried to adjourn at 9:39PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie J. Price