

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting
December 12, 2023

Presiding: Mayor Caza

Present: Trustees Johnson, Medak, Palmer, Robinson-Bullock, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, Colleen Henry, Mike Harrington, Patsy Nicosia From Times Journal, Bob Tines, Terri Wilbur, Ed & Patty Manchester, Julie Pacatte from SEEC and Doctor Elbially

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

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Privilege of the Floor:

- a. Mike Harrington from Lamont Engineers
See attached Report.
 - i. Mike asked that the Board approve, and the Mayor sign the Engineering Contract Amendment Number 2 for Design and Construction Phase Services for the Water Improvement Project.
 - ii. Construction on the new Water Tank is completed. Mike had a conversation with Superintendent Ken Bernhardt regarding a new tank level transmitter unit for the new tank. The Village is still using the old water tank at this time. DN Tanks submitted a change order to drain ground water near the base of the new tank where there is a leak. The estimated cost of the change order which will include repairs to the leak will be \$5,000.00.
 - iii. All the houses on Brookside are now being served off of the new Main. Tech Industries will be back tomorrow to start clean-up.
 - iv. About half of the Easements for Orchard and Depot have been received. Depot Lane ROW has been executed and recorded. The County piece has been signed and notarized.
 - v. Tech Industries is asking for a Payment #2 of \$25,000.00.

Motion made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approved to have Mayor Caza sign the Engineering Contract Amendment Number 2 for Design and Construction Phase Services for Water System Improvement Project and authorize Payout #2 for Tech Industries in the amount of \$25,000.00.

- b. Julie Pacatte from SEEC
 - i. Julie was at the Board Meeting representing Harva Company Inc. and requested that the Village assist Harva on a CDBG \$100,000.00 Loan. Harva will be investing a half million dollars in equipment, payroll and job creation with training programs. While retaining 19 jobs they will also be creating 4 new positions. SEEC will assist the Board with this Grant. The first step is to hold a Public Hearing at the January 9, 2024, Board Meeting.

Motion made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve the Village to sponsor Harva Grant Application and for the Village Clerk to advertise a public hearing at the January 9, 2024, Board Meeting.

- c. Dr, Elbially.
 - i. Dr. Elbially gave the Board an update on his progress. At the last Planning Board meeting there was no change, and the Vote was still NO. Another meeting is scheduled for the 18th. Dr. Elbially’s attorney is attempting to modify his application in the areas that cause concern for the Planning Board. He was told by the Planning Board to reduce his schedule or have patients wait in their cars. If he does use the parking space across the street, he wants to ensure that the Crosswalk is improved with lines and lights. The Planning Board also suggested that Dr. Elbially do a traffic study which would cost approximately \$5,000.00. Dr. Elbially asked what kind of impression this gives to future investors in the Village. Mayor Caza appreciated Dr. Elbially bringing his concerns to the Village Board but noted that the Planning Board is a separate entity. Mayor Caza did inform the public that there will be some open positions in both the Planning and Zoning Boards and interested parties should send a letter of intent along with a brief bio to the Village Office. Mayor Caza also requested that the Village Clerk, when posting the Public Hearing for January, also mention the open positions on both Boards.
2. **Minutes:** Review and Motion to approve
 - a. November 14, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. November 15, 2023, Employee Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve the November 14th and 15th 2023, Monthly Meeting Minutes as written.

3. **Abstracts and Bank Statements:**
 - a. General \$ 55,209.12 November 15, 2023 – December 12, 2023
 - b. Water \$ 232,683.70 November 15, 2023 – December 12, 2023
 - c. Sewer \$ 5,559.21 November 15, 2023 – December 12, 2023
 - d. Pool \$ 79.36 November 15, 2023 – December 12, 2023

Motion made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve paying the invoices and the approval of the Abstract Amounts as written.

4. **Incoming Correspondence:** N/A
5. **Outgoing Correspondence:** N/A
6. **New Business:**

Motion made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve the Member Participation Agreement with Comp Alliance, NYS Municipal Workers Compensation Alliance for FY 2024.

Motion made by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve and have the Mayor sign the Fulton County landfill contract for FY 2024.

Motion made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve and have Mayor sign the NYMIR Insurance Contract for FY 2024.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to approve a modification to the 2024 General Budget to reflect the increased salary for the Crossing Guard to meet New York State 2024 minimum wage that is going up to \$15.00/hour effective January 1, 2024. Monthly rate of \$1,284.00 for ten months.

7. Old Business:

- a. Introduction of Proposed Local Law 1-2024 to the Board of Trustees enacting a local law authorizing the residency requirement change for the Village Clerk/Treasurer from Village residence to Schoharie County residence.

Motion made by Trustee Robinson-Bullock second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve a Public Hearing at the January Board Meeting for proposed Law 1-2024 and to have the Village Clerk to advertise in the paper the Public Hearing on January 9, 2024.

8. Other:

- a. Trustee Robinson-Bullock shared information from the Comprehensive Plan Committee , would like to use the Village LED billboard to bring attention to the Comprehensive Committee. Gretchen at the County will change the sign with the Mayor's approval. Trustee Robinson-Bullock will send a sample request to the Board.
- b. Mayor Caza, Trustee Medak, and Trust Palmer have reviewed some of the lighting contract terminology. Once National Grid has the final Draft, the actual sales transaction price should be agreed upon.

9. MOTION to Adjourn.

Motion made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Robinson-Bullock unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 7:41 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Price,
Clerk/Treasurer