

**VILLAGE OF VICTORY  
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

NOVEMBER 14, 2017 at 7:00pm

<b>MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES</b>
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Call Monthly Meeting to Order: Present: Mayor Pat Dewey, Trustee Tim Healy and Clerk/Treasurer Maureen Lewsey. Absent: Trustee George Sullivan.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Minutes – October 10, 2017 – Monthly Meeting
- Minutes – October 25, 2017 – Special Meeting

**A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2017 Monthly Regular Meeting and the minutes of the October 25, 2017 Special Meeting as submitted. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

**Village Board Correspondence or Announcements:**

- **ZBA Meeting:** November 20, 2017 Meeting at 6:30pm
- **Planning Meeting:** November 21, 2017 Meeting at 6:30pm
- **Schuylerville/Victory Water Board Meeting:** November 20, 2017 at 7:00pm in Victory
- **NYCOM:** A memo was received regarding recent legislation signed and approved by the Governor. This law expands the definition of real property in GML §22 *to include 1 & 2 family residential structures that are not owner occupied* in the event of a fire-damaged property. Municipalities may now impose a tax lien upon an owner's fire insurance policy.
- Village received notice of Public Hearing on Cemetery Rd resident as required by village Zoning Law.

**Monthly Reports:**

All reports are read as presented and are as follows;

**A. DPW REPORT**

- Working Supervisor Bill Lloyd provided a written report which was read.
- **TIRE QUOTE/1 TON (Tires Only)**
  - Warren Tire \$755.80
  - Whalen Chevrolet \$826.52
  - Tony's Tire \$660.00
    - Rick Coles Garage cost to install tires \$30./each = \$120.00

**A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy to approve the purchase of 4 tires from Tony's Tire in the amount of \$660.00, but to wait on the installation of the tires for a later date from Rick Coles Garage at the cost of \$30.00/each for a total of \$120.00. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

**B. SEWER DEPARTMENT:**

- Included with DPW report.

**C. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT**

- Larry Wolcott submitted a report which was read. There was a question on the progress of Building #8 at the Mill. Mayor Dewey stated he has not heard anything new from Attorney Catalfimo but will reach out to him regarding this issue.

**D. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- Fire Department report was provided by Chief Wolcott which was read.
  - Draft By-Laws for Explorer Post – Jr. Members age 14-16 for Village Board to review as these have not been approved by the Village Board. Clerk Lewsey stated that Self-Insurance has stated that Jr.
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Members need to be 16 years old to take Firefighter 1 course. Rules are very restrictive in that they are not allowed to go to the scene or participate in any way at fires and are even very limited in what they can do at the firehouse. Cost of additional insurance could be around \$1000.00. Mayor Dewey suggested having Dave Meager, Self-Insurance to review these By-Laws. Trustee Healy suggested the Board take a month to go over the By-Laws before sending over to Dave Meager for his review or we could reach out to Mr. Meager and get a template for us to start with.

- Dividend check received from Utica National \$1,230.90

E. WILTON EMERGENCY/GENERAL SCHUYLER EMS

- No report provided.

F. WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Draft minutes from October 16, 2017 meeting

G. VILLAGE TREASURER'S REPORT

- Monthly report ending October 31, 2017 was read.

H. PLANNING BOARD REPORT

- Chairman Corey Helwig, no report provided.

I. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

- Chairperson Jaime O'Neill-no meeting was held in September 2017/no report. A Public Hearing is scheduled for November 20, 2017 at 6:30pm with the regular meeting to follow.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **Litigation: Ongoing Sewer Manhole/Encroachment & Flow Meter Issues with Village of Schuylerville**

- Proposed Agreement ~ Pending

B. **Mill Redevelopment/Riverview Realty**

- Demolition/Building #8 status/PENDING

C. **Draft Local Law on Fee Schedules/PENDING**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Sewer Bi-Annual Billing.** Service period covers June 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017 (6 months).

The Bi Annual Sales Journal \$49,562.56. **A motion was made by Trustee Healy and seconded by Mayor Dewey to accept the Bi-annual Sewer billing for the period covering June 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017 in the amount of \$49,562.56. All in favor –aye. Motion passed.**

B. **RESOLUTION:** Designating the Office to be filled in the General Election to be held March 20, 2017. A

Trustee position for a period of a four year term is available. Legal Notice to be published 11/17/17. **A motion was made by Trustee Healy and seconded by Mayor Dewey to approve the November 14, 2017 Resolution Designating Office to be Filled in the General Election on March 20, 2018 for the position of 1 Trustee for a 4-year Term. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

C. **Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant** was approved in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the creation of a pocket park titled "General Schuyler Saw Mill Park". The location of the park is on the corner of Bridge Street and Evans Street. The grant request will reimburse the village \$5,000.00, \$2,500.00 from the village general fund and \$2,500.00 based on in kind services.

- a. A park committee will be created to discuss the historical aspects of the park and the potential improvements. The committee will meet 2-3 times and this phase is expected to assist with developing the plans and future funding resources.
- b. Any interested village residents should contact the village clerk's office. The appointments by the village board will be made December 12, 2017. It was noted this should be placed on the website for interested parties. Also, members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board may be interested as these individuals are already familiar with the Zoning Law. Also, a number of names were also noted as possible interested parties.

D. **NY Paid Family Leave Benefits** – Law effective 1/1/2018. The village board to clarify the decision not to participate at this time. Also to confirm that letters will be sent to all employees vs verbal notice. The DBL policy to renew in December, this coverage would be paid through that policy. Public entities are not required

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to offer this coverage and is considered optional. **A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy to not participate in the NY Paid Family Leave Benefits. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

- E. **Siege Trail:** Discussion of land acquisition connecting this trail into upper Evans Street creating a walkable trail way system to the proposed village park General Schuyler Saw Mill and Victory Woods. Mayor Dewey stated he had met with Julie Stokes, Saratoga Plan, in regard to them wanting to connect the Siege Trail and Evans Street, and the property owner said there is no problem giving an easement, but the National Park Service wants to buy the property which would end up taking that property off the village tax rolls. Mayor Dewey said the Village Board should send a letter to the National Park Service stating the Village would not support the sale of this property to them as this piece of property is the last development possibilities in the Village. Ms. Stokes noted that if this is the way the Village feels about this issue, a letter should be sent to the NPS voicing our concerns of this. Mayor Dewey said the property is now being appraised and a group having to do with “Daughters of the Civil War” is looking to buy this property from the owner after the appraisal comes through. Mayor Dewey feels and believes the Board (and Trustee Sullivan) feel strongly and agree this property should not be sold to the NPS. If this other group ends up buying it they would inevitably need to apply for tax exempt status so either way, the property would be taken off the tax rolls. The NPS needs to acquire two additional plots before this one because properties need to be contiguous to Park properties. Again, if all this property is all bought up, there will never be any future development there. **A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy to write a letter to NPS Superintendent, Amy Bracewell noting the Village’s concerns and objections to their acquiring this land as this is the last chance for any future development and growth in the Village. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**
- F. **RESOLUTION:** Budget Amendment. **A motion was made by Trustee Healy and seconded by Mayor Dewey to approve the resolution dated November 14, 2017 to amend the Village of Victory budget by \$250.00 from A1990.4, Contingency to A8560.4, Shade Tree Removal- Contractual, due to the tree removal proposal award was more than originally budgeted. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

**OPEN FLOOR:** None.

**Audit Claims:**

- Abstract # 6 – NOVEMBER 2017
  - General Fund \$ 7,668.58
  - Sewer Fund \$ 2,380.93

**A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy to approve Abstract #6 as submitted. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

**Executive Session:** None

**UPCOMING VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS:**

- Next Monthly Meeting:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, DECEMBER 12, 2017 ~ 7:00pm

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Mayor Dewey and seconded by Trustee Healy to adjourn the meeting. All in favor - aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

*JoAnn Bielkiewicz*

Recording Secretary

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