

Village of Schoharie – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026

**Presiding: Mayor Colleen M Henry**

**Present:** Trustees Johnson, Medak, DeGroff and Palmer, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, H.B. Steadham from the Times Journal, Josh Walther from the Mountain Eagle, Jim Presley, Bob Tones, Liz Vedder, Diana Bell and Councilman Guernsey.

**Excused:** N/A

**Board Meeting**

**Meeting brought to order** by Mayor Henry at 6:30 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**1. Minutes**

- a. December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Village Board Meeting Minutes and December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Employee Meeting Minutes, were previously distributed to the Board for their review. Motion needed to approve the Minutes.

**Motion** made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee DeGroff unanimously carried to approve the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Village Board Meeting Minutes and the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Employee Meeting Minutes as written.

**2. Bills and Bank Statements review and sign.**

**3. Abstracts and Bank Statements:**

- a. General       \$     87,657.93   (December 10, 2025-January 13, 2026)
- b. Water         \$     50,832.82   (December 10, 2025-January 13, 2026)
- c. Sewer         \$     34,393.64   (December 10, 2025-January 13, 2026)
- d. Pool          \$      2,903.60   (December 10, 2025-January 13, 2026)
- e.

**Motion** made by Trustee DeGroff, seconded by Trustee Johnson, unanimously carried to approve payment of the invoices presented and the submitted Abstract amounts.

**4. POF:**

- a. Councilman Guernsey volunteers' services to the Village to build and maintain an ice rink at the Fox Creek Park. Councilman Guernsey was concerned with communication between Mayor Henry informed Councilman Guernsey of his imprudent use of electricity and the many calls received with regard to his RV parked at Fox Creek by local citizens. Councilman Guernsey responded he is staying overnight to build and maintain the ice rink and requires to stay warm, thus using the RV at the park. The Board agreed to allow Floyd to have his camper at Fox Creek Park during the winter months when maintaining the ice rink.
- b. Diana Bell represented the Schoharie Promotional Association and wanted the Board to know that SPA supports the ice rink.
- c. Liz Vedder asked a question regarding the sewer rates and asked why the Village has not raised the sewer rates in the past. Mayor Henry responded that the sewer rates were recently increased to equal the water rates. Mayor Henry also stated that we have just recently completed the sewer study and that the Board needs to hold a Public Hearing regarding the sewer rates which is scheduled for February 2026.
- d. Diana Bell mentioned that Canajoharie received a grant for the water/sewer structure and asked if the Village of Schoharie could receive a grant also. Mayor Henry has found water/sewer grant funding, but the most recent funding is for the municipalities that share their water/sewer infrastructure and the village of Schoharie is not qualified under the grant funding requirement.

**5. Re-Organizational Meeting:**

- a. Meeting was opened by Mayor Henry. The Re-Organizational Chart is attached.

**6. Incoming Correspondence:**

- a. N/A

**7. Outgoing Correspondence:**

- a. N/A

**8. New Business:**

- a. N/A

**9. Old Business:**

- a. Trustee Johnson updated the Board on the Rebate for the Birches Agreement. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Schoharie recognizes that a rebate of \$8,240.33 is due to Birches of Schoharie, LP that was paid according to the Benefit Agreement between Birches and the Village of Schoharie for the period between November 21,

2025 and March 31, 2026, as a result of the sale of Birches on November 21, 2025 and the termination of the Benefit Agreement. The Village will transfer these funds in a timely fashion during 2026.

**Resolution 02-2026** made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Mayor Henry unanimously carried to approve rebating the amount of \$8,240.33 to the previous owners of the Birches.

- b. Trustee Medak wanted to discuss the repair bills for the public pool and to consider asking for more money from the other municipalities to cover these costs. Mayor Henry will contact Cody Robinson-Bullock and set up a meeting with Cody to go over the finances of the pool.

**10. Other:**

- a. Trustee Johnson and Mayor Henry wanted to inform the Public about the CSD Housing Development public forum. A public forum to discuss the proposed future housing development at Depot Lane will be held at the Schoharie Central High School on January 27<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 5PM – 6:30PM. An alternate snow date is January 29<sup>th</sup>, same location. The Mayor will send out a text to residents and post information on the Village website and at the Village office at 300 Main Street. The Mayor and Board encourages everyone to learn about this project, ask questions and share thoughts.

**11. Adjourn**

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer seconded by Trustee DeGroff unanimously carried to approve adjourning the Board Meeting at 7:28 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra Byrne  
Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer