

Village of Schoharie – Regular Meeting & Employee Meeting  
March 20, 2024

**Presiding:** Mayor Henry

**Present:** Trustees Johnson, Palmer, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, OIC Jason Temple, DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhardt, Codes Officer and Fire Chief Doug Stinson, DPW Mike Kennedy, Paul Liddle and Doug Stinson III, Tom Hitter from Village Planning, and Becky DeGroff

**Excused:** Sal Medak and Leslie Price

**Meeting brought to order:** By Mayor Henry at 6:28 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**1. OIC Jason Temple**

- a. See Attached Report.
- b. Jason has been working on the pedestrian safety project and has been going over the NYS requirements. Jason is working on getting 5 poles, with labor and installation the cost would be approximately \$1,000 per pole. After installation, NYS will maintain.

**2. Codes Enforcement Officer Doug Stinson**

- a. See attached Report.
- b. Doug asked the Board for an official renewal policy for price in regard to extension of Permits. Two properties that fall into this category at present are 117 Shannon and the house on the corner of Grand across from the Church.
- c. Peter Johnson gave an update on the Jeremy May issue. He spoke to the lawyer and continues to prepare for court. Peter will get an update from the lawyer and let Doug know.
- d. Doug may need help from Jason Temple in regard to the property at 161 Prospect Street. The owner is not responding to Doug.

**3. Fire Chief Doug Stinson**

- a. See Attached Reports.
- b. Doug has been contacted by Shane Nichol at Schoharie County Planning, New York State Department of State and DEC regarding the potential project at the old PSF on Depot Lane.
- c. Doug suggested to the Board regarding a ladder truck (they do not have one now) to serve potential new multi-story development projects. Right now, a new Ladder Truck is approximately 1.4 million dollars.
- d. Doug informed the Board that OSHA is about to send out 605 pages of updates for New York State Fire Departments which will be required by New York State. Doug submitted a copy of a letter and asked the Mayor and Board to review, sign and mail out. Mayor would like the letter to be put on Village letterhead and she will sign.
- e. Peter Johnson will contact Sue Rolfe, President of Niagara Engine Company #6, and their Attorney Mike West to expedite the transfer of the old fire house property on Grand Street to the Village.

Mayor Henry asked to go into Executive Session with the DPW employees at 7:25PM.  
Executive Session closed at 8:05PM

**4. DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhardt**

- a. See attached Report.

- b. Ken would like the Board to decide on hiring Badger Infrastructure Solution to provide a vac truck for leadline inventory project. The Village of Middleburgh has hired this company and Ken would like to schedule them in line with Middleburgh's visit. Ken figures he will need them for 1-2 days.

**Motion** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve hiring Badger Infrastructure Solutions to provide a vac truck for 1-2 days to start the leadline inventory at curb stop locations.

- c. Ken requested the Board approve the hiring of Doug Stinson III to a full-time position with the Village DPW.

**Motion** made by Mayor Henry second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve hiring Doug Stinson III to a full-time position with DPW effective April 1, 2024. Salary and compensation to be determined.

5. Mike Harrington from Lamont Engineering
  - a. See attached Report.

**Motion** made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve the payment of Invoice #4 from Brunswick Electric for the Water System Improvement Project in the amount of \$4,986.47.

6. **Minutes:** Review and Motion to approve February Minutes

**Motion** made by Mayor Henry second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve the February 13, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes and the February 21, 2024, Employee Meeting Minutes as written.

7. **Abstracts and Bank Statements:**

- a. General \$ 49,030.44 (February 14, 2024 – March 20, 2024)
- b. Water \$ 15,848.87 (February 14, 2024 – March 20, 2024)
- c. Sewer \$ 8,290.04 (February 14, 2024 – March 20, 2024)
- d. Pool \$ 79.29 (February 14, 2024 – March 20, 2024)

Total Invoices : \$73,248.64

**Motion** made by Mayor Henry second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve paying and authorize the Mayor to sign the invoices and the approval of the Abstract Amounts as written .

8. **Incoming Correspondence:**

- a. N/A

9. **Outgoing Correspondence:**

- a. N/A

10. **New Business:**

- a. N/A

11. **Old Business:**

- a. N/A

12. **Other:**

- a. The Village of Middleburgh will be hosting the SCVOA Meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, from 6:00PM – 8:00PM at the Middleburgh Winery (2636 NYS 145). Schoharie County Board of Supervisors

Chairman Bill Federice will be their guest speaker for the evening. They will be providing a sampler of local faire: pizza, salad from Pasta Grill and Chinese dishes from Peking Chinese Restaurant.

- b. NYS OSC Annual Financial Report (AFR) was filed for F/Y 2023.
- c. First quarter Water/Sewer Invoices were produced and mailed out.
- d. Trustee Johnson informed the Board that Cobleskill Stone Products has submitted a modification of its mining and reclamation plan to DEC that envisions quarrying much closer to the new water tank. Lamont Engineers and DEC have some concerns. Peter would like to follow up with this. Mayor Henry approved.
- e. Ken asked the Board if he should invest in putting in a new water meter at the old jail. Trustee Johnson suggested that Ken should not replace the existing water meter at the old PSF for the time being.

**13. MOTION to Adjourn.**

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debby Byrne

Approved



# SCHOHARIE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Officer in Charge

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March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Employees Work Session

## January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Stats

30 Traffic Tickets  
56 Calls for Service  
2 Arrests  
0 Auto Accidents  
0 Domestic Incident Reports

## *No Major Incidents*

### Incident Reports:

- Larceny of \$50.00 gasoline from Stewart's. Warrant issued were known subject.
- Assisted Schoharie Schools with an unruly parent. Letter of Trespass issued by Superintendent.
- Mental Health transport to St. Mary's for an emotionally disturbed subject in crisis.
- Report of two 60-volt batteries taken from a DeWalt electric snowblower from Zeke's Auto/Pit Stop. Unknown suspects. No signs of break in.
- Arrest for Harassment 2<sup>nd</sup>. Neighbor trouble at Driftwood Apartments

### Citizen Advisory Board:

Next meeting scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 0930 Christ the Shepard Lutheran Church. Posted on Village Website.

### Lexipol/Police One:

03/15/24-3 critical and state mandated updates to Policy and Procedure Manual.

### DCJS Law Enforcement Technology (LETech) Funding:

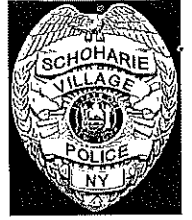
Awaiting funding approval.

### FY25 Appropriations Bills Community Projects:

Completed survey. Seeking funding for three RFFB systems. Should hear back from Congresswoman's by 04/19/24. See attached.



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The Schoharie Village Police Department is seeking funding for The Main Street Pedestrian Safety Project to assist our Officers in helping keep Schoharie Village walkers and bicyclers safe. There is a strong need for this funding due to the countless near misses, possible injuries or death of our Village's pedestrian foot traffic.

Unfortunately, pedestrian injuries and fatalities remain high nationwide. The Village of Schoharie is not immune. In September of 2023 the Village Police Department investigated a fatal pedestrian collision that occurred in the southbound lane of Main Street (State Route 30). The pedestrian, a client of the Lexington ARC on Shannon Avenue was attempting to cross Main Street travelling on the crosswalk on her way home, was struck and later passed away. The Village of Schoharie is the County Seat for the County of Schoharie. Within our tiny Village we have the County Offices and Courts. Including Town and Village Halls with their respective Courts. Main Street has seven pedestrian crosswalks in a little over a mile stretch. Two are primarily used by students walking to and from the Schoharie Schools. Within our Historical and Business District are the remaining five.

Schoharie County has started plans to build a 50 to 60 apartment complex on the old Public Safety Building site. This will be affordable housing and emergency and unhoused housing for Department of Social Services clients. The Village of Schoharie is in the process of providing a walking trail system throughout the village. This will greatly increase the foot traffic along Main Street. This project will benefit the residents, employees, students, and visitors of our historic village. State Route 30 (Main Street) is a thoroughfare for commuters, trucking, and logging companies with heavy volumes of traffic at times. Installation of this project will decrease the near misses, injuries and death of the pedestrians crossing Main Street.

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) are used to supplement warning signs at uncontrolled intersections or mid-block crosswalks. The RRFBs feature flashing, high-intensity LEDs that alert motorists that pedestrians are using the crosswalk. RRFBs are placed on both sides of a crosswalk below a pedestrian crossing sign and above an arrow sign that points at the crossing. Pedestrians can manually activate RRFBs with a push-button or passively with photo-sensor bollards. Studies have shown that RRFBs significantly increase driver yielding behavior. Research suggests RRFBs can result in motorist yielding rates as high as 98 percent at marked crosswalks, RRFBs can also accompany school or trail crossing warning signs. The installation of RFB's can reduce pedestrian crashes by 47% according to The National Cooperative Highway Research Program. Grant funding will be used for the purchase of three sets of RFFB systems. These will be placed at our three highly used crosswalks including the site of our last fatal pedestrian accident.

The cost of the New York State Department of Transportation recommended equipment, the Carmanah R920-E Solar-Powered Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon system and poles is \$14,048.00 per pedestrian crosswalk. The aforementioned does not include labor for installation of the New York State DOT mandated aluminum breakaway anchored poles. The total expenditures for equipment only for our three vital crosswalks is: \$42,144.00. The Village of Schoharie will secure the cost of installation.

# R920-E

## Solar-Powered Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Data Sheet



Rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) improve pedestrian safety by increasing yield rates to 72-96% at crosswalks\*:

- ✓ The benchmark for RRFBs, the R920-E meets MUTCD requirements, including IA-21, and is Buy America compliant
- ✓ Compact and lightweight solar engine
- ✓ Audible pushbutton activation with all ADA compliance features
- ✓ Solar Power Report™ (SPR) prepared for every location to ensure battery longevity

### Superior Design and Technology

The R920-E utilizes a self-contained solar engine integrating the Energy Management System (EMS) with an on-board user interface, housed in a compact enclosure together with the batteries and solar panel. MUTCD interim approval IA-21 flash pattern and multiple configurations enable the R920-E to handle all crosswalk applications.

### Easy Installation

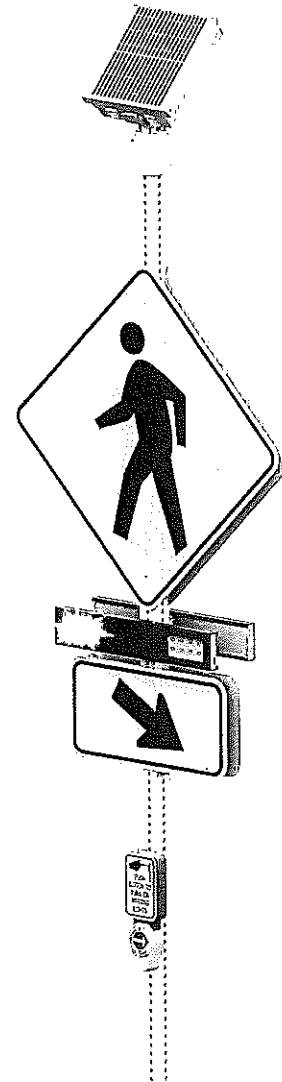
With its highly efficient and compact design, installation is quick and uncomplicated, dramatically reducing installation costs. Retrofitting can be done where existing sign bases are used to enhance existing marked crosswalks in minutes, and new installations can be completed without the cost of larger poles, new bases, and trenching.

### Advanced User Interface

The R920-E comes with an on-board user interface for quick configuration and status monitoring. It allows for simple in-the-field adjustment of flash pattern, duration, intensity, ambient auto adjust, night dimming, and many more. Settings are automatically sent wirelessly to all units in the system.

### Reliable

Every solar-powered model is solar-sized by location to ensure year-after-year operation. Carmanah includes a Solar Power Report to prove sustainability over a 12-month period.



MUTCD  
compliant



Buy America  
compliant



5-year limited  
warranty



Solar-sized for  
every location

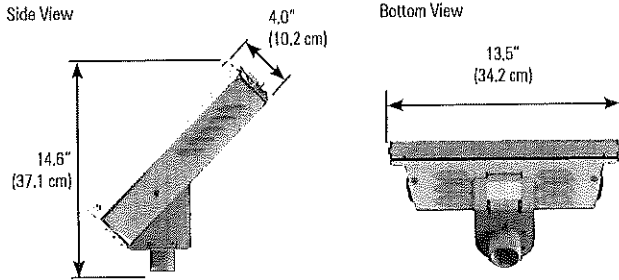
\* U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highways Administration, Publication No. FHWA-HRT-10-043 - "Effects of Yellow Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons on Yielding at Multilane Uncontrolled Crosswalks"

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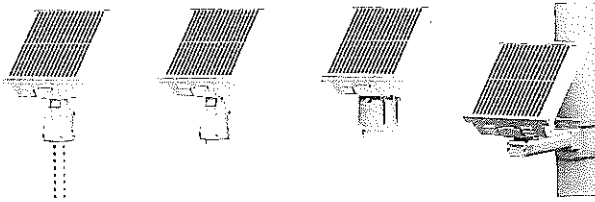


## SOLAR ENGINE DIMENSIONS

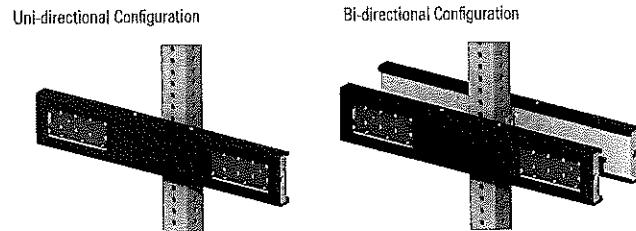


## CONTINUOUS FLASH

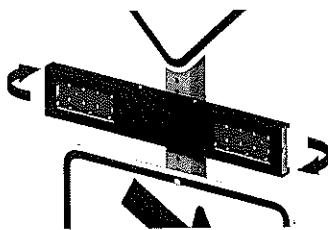
2.0" - 2.5" Perforated Square Pole Mount    2.38" - 2.88" Diameter Round Pole Mount    3.5" - 4.5" Diameter Round Pole Mount    Side Pole Mount



## LIGHT BAR CONFIGURATION



## INSTALLATION



Rotate the light bar towards the incoming vehicle lane, independent of the wire hole location.

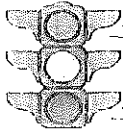
## BEACON SPECIFICATIONS

Optical	MUTCD interim approval IA-21 and MUTCDC compliant
	Purpose-built light bar optics = maximum efficiency and no stray light Exceeds SAE J595 class 1 intensity by 2.5 to 3x when used as recommended Meets SAE J578 chromaticity
	3 in (76 mm) x 7 in (178 mm) clear, UV-rated polycarbonate lens with yellow LEDs
	High-power LEDs: +90% lumen maintenance (L90) based on IES LM-80
	Side-emitting pedestrian confirmation LEDs
	Independent, stainless steel mounting brackets make back-to-back installation simple and enable in-field aiming for maximum effectiveness
Yellow, black, or green powder coated light bar covers	

## SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

On-Board User Interface (OBU)	Adjustable system settings with auto-scrolling LED display on our latest EMS
	System test, status, and fault detection: battery, solar, button, beacon, radio, day/night
	Flash patterns: RFB (WW+S), RFB1 (WW+S legacy), RFB2 (WSDOT), 0.5 sec. alternating (MUTCD), 0.5 sec. unison (MUTCD), 0.5 sec. x3 alternating (MUTCD), 0.1 sec. unison, 0.25 sec. unison, 0.1 sec. x3 quick flashes unison, 0.1 sec. x3 quick flashes alternating, steady on
	Input: momentary for pushbutton activation, normally open switch, normally closed switch, dusk-to-dawn operation
	Flash duration: 5 sec. to 1 hr.
	Intensity setting: 20 to 1400 mA for multiple RFBs, circular beacons, or LED enhanced signs
	Nighttime dimming: 10 to 100% of daytime intensity
	Ambient Auto Adjust: increases intensity during bright daytime
	Automatic Light Control: reduces intensity if the battery is extremely low
	Temperature correction: yellow beacons
Beacon Communication	Calendar: internal time clock function
	Radio settings: enable/disable, selectable channel from 1 to 14
	Output: enabled when beacons flashing daytime and nighttime, or nighttime only
	Activation counts and data reporting via OBU or optional USB connection
	Encrypted, wireless radio with 2.4 GHz mesh technology
	Wireless update of settings from any unit to all systems on the same radio channel
	User-selectable multiple channels to group different beacons and ensure a robust wireless signal
	Communicates with all other Gen III radio-enabled systems including our R820-E, -F, and -G circular beacons
	Instantaneous wireless activation: <150 ms
	Wireless range: 1000 ft (305 m)
Energy Collection	Integrated, vandal-resistant antenna
	15 W high-efficiency photovoltaic solar panel
	45 deg tilt for optimal energy collection
Energy Storage	Maximum Power Point Tracking with Temperature Compensation (MPPT-TC) battery charger for optimal energy collection in all solar and battery conditions
	12 V 14 Ahr, battery system
	Replaceable, recyclable, sealed, maintenance-free, best-in-class AGM batteries offer the widest temperature range and longest life
	Battery design life: +5 yrs.
Solar Engine Construction	Tool-less battery change with quick connect terminals and strapping for easy installation
	Weatherproof, gasketed enclosure with vents for ambient air transfer (NEMA 3R)
	Lockable, hinged lid for access to on-board user interface and batteries
	Corrosion-resistant aluminum with stainless steel hardware
	Raw aluminum finish or yellow, black, or green powder coated
Environmental	Prewired to minimize installation time
	High-efficiency optics and EMS = the most compact, lightweight system
	19 lb (8.6 kg) including batteries, excluding beacons and pushbutton
Activation	-35 to 165° F (-37 to 74° C) system operating temperature
	-40 to 140° F (-40 to 60° C) battery operating temperature
Warranty	150 mph (241 kph) wind speed as per AASHTO LTS-6
	Pushbutton: ADA-compliant, piezo-driven with visual LED and two-tone audible confirmation
Customize	Audible pushbutton station: ADA-compliant, piezo-driven with visual LED and customizable voice message confirmation
	<b>Warranty</b> 5-year limited warranty, 1-year limited on batteries
	Build an RFB outline

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Quote: Q24-100  
Date: 3/14/24  
To: Lt. Jason Temple - Schoharle County  
From: William Teese - TSI  
Re: RRFB Crosswalk

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
	Cermanah R920-E Solar-Powered RRFB Assy w/Sign Panels	EA.	2	\$ 4,859.00	\$ 9,718.00
	15' Aluminum Pole w/Base and Anchor Bolts	EA.	2	\$ 2,165.00	\$ 4,330.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 14,048.00</b>

All pricing is confidential  
All items are furnish only unless noted otherwise.  
If certifications are required, this must be specified at the time of order. If not, this will elongate the certification process and may carry an additional charge.  
Prices in effect for the original contract period. For any contract extension, TSI will re-evaluate pricing as necessary.  
Freight: UPS parcel or courier freight shipping included. Expedited shipping available at customer's expense.  
Terms: If new customer, order must be paid in full, Net 30 pending credit approval for subsequent orders.  
If order paid by credit card, final total will be: \$14609.92  
Should order be cancelled after receipt of PO, a 5% cancellation fee will apply.  
Lead Time after written release and approvals:  
Signals, Hardware, and LEDs: 12-14 weeks, larger quantities can be longer. Lead times may still be affected by global supply chain issues.  
Cabinets, Controllers, Detection Equipment: 16-20 weeks, larger quantities can be longer. Lead times may still be affected by global supply chain issues.  
Quote is valid for 30 days





**Transition/Cloudpermit:**

- Working on a fee schedule for refunds and renewals and adding the town Assessor to the viewer list for the Cloudpermit.

**Complaints and Enforcement:**

- Update on Jeremy May??

**Permits:**

**Schoharie Dental 229 Main St.:** Permit issued for the waiting room addition.

**117 Shannon Ave:** Owner is working towards bringing property into compliance.

**161 Prospect Street:** Still have not received any contact with the property owner.

**Misc.**

- Waiting on NYS, Department of State for CME certification to file annual report.
- Contacted by NYS, Department of State on inquiry about the old Public Safety Facility.
- NYS DEC inquiry on Public Safety Facility as well as other Floodplain Management Topics.
- Had a meeting with SLR, Micheal Doherty in reference to the Multiuse trail proposed route and elevations.



Village of Schoharie

Schoharie Fire Department

Situational Report Feb 24- March 24

**1.) Calls**

- 18 EMS
- 6 Fire

**2.) Drills & Training**

- Held 4 NFPA best practice drills.
- Held 3 AHA Basic Life Support Classes.
- Completed department wide OSHA/Hazmat annual refreshers.

**3.) Education**

- 2 Firefighters enrolled in EMT program through SUNY Cobleskill. Three additional firefighters plan on enrolling later in the season.

**4.) Fundraisers/Events**

- We held a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner for St. Patrick's Day. There was no net gain on this fundraiser due to low dinner sales/attendance.
- Our Annual Easter Event with Breakfast, Games and Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**5.) Near Misses/Major Incidents-**

- No near misses
- No major incidents

**6.) Apparatus/Equipment**

- The proposed truck committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1800 hours at the Schoharie Fire Department.

**7.) Building and Grounds**

- Still waiting on AC parts to arrive so the repair can be completed.
- Have an estimate put together for the flooding in the basement from the electrical conduit and for some other electrical work.

**8.) Grants**

- We received a \$10,000 grant for PPE.
- We are applying for a grant for our large diameter water supply hose.
- Currently working on the FEMA grant application for infrastructure.

**9.) Misc.**

The Fire Department is joining other Fire Department and jurisdictions around the country with a letter requesting to extend the period of public comment on 605 pages of proposed changes to the standards regarding firefighting. Copy of letter provided. If the proposed changes become the standards as written there will be significant changes in the time, cost, and liability to the fire department, its officers, and the AHJ. The fire service in general as a whole is attempting to continue the conversation and dissect the proposed changes. It is for this reason we are requesting 60-90 more days of public comment.