

Village of Schoharie – Regular Board Meeting Minutes - Draft

April 14, 2026

**Presiding: Mayor Colleen M Henry**

**Present:** Trustees Johnson, Medak and Palmer, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, Nola Storms from the Times Journal, Josh Walther from the Mountain Eagle, Jim Presley, Bob Tines, Liz Vedder, Diana Bell, David Ornoski, Darlene Patterson, Terry Wilbur and Assessor, Erin Smith

**Excused:** Trustee DeGroff

**Board Meeting**

**Meeting brought to order** by Mayor Henry at 6:29 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**POF:**

- Assessor Erin Smith presented a proposal to the Board requesting that the Village of Schoharie increase their maximum exemption percentage to 65%. Erin requested a Motion be made by the Board to hold a Public Hearing and establish a new Local Law. Erin is asking for an increase in the maximum income to \$26,500 which would match the increase the Town of Schoharie has made. A copy of Erin's report is attached.

**Motion** made by Mayor Henry, seconded by Trustee Johnson, unanimously approved to hold a Public Hearing and establish a new Local Law to increase the maximum income to \$25,600 and increase the maximum exemption percentage to 65%. The Public Hearing will be held sometime in August.

- Terry Wilbur mentioned there is a group of kids on e-bikes going fast and driving on private property. Dave Ornoski also mentioned the use of go-carts, utility vehicles and other motorized vehicles riding on the back streets and private property. Mr. Ornoski gave literature on this subject to the Mayor.
- Diana Bell asked for a better understanding of the Sewer increase. The Board gave her a run down on the increases and why they were necessary.

**1. Minutes**

- a. March 10, 2026, Village Board Meeting Minutes and March 18, 2026, Employee Meeting Minutes were previously distributed to the Board for their review. Motion needed to approve the Minutes.

**Motion** made by Mayor Henry, seconded by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve the March 10, 2026, Village Board Meeting Minutes and the March 18, 2026, Employee Meeting Minutes.

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

**3. Abstracts and Bank Statements:**

- a. General           \$       111,562.21   (March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 -April 14, 2026)
- b. Water            \$        12,183.25   (March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 -April 14, 2026)
- c. Sewer            \$       12,948.29   (March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 -April 14, 2026)
- d. Pool             \$         101.52   (March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 -April 14, 2026)
- e.

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

**4. Incoming Correspondence:**

- a. N/A

**5. Outgoing Correspondence:**

- a. N/A

**6. New Business:**

- a. Executive Order made by Mayor Henry regarding overtime hours due to Budgetary Controls. Effective April 15, 2026, at 12:01 AM there is a suspension of all overtime hours. Any overtime hours must be approved prior by the Mayor. Four (4) hour window for Saturday and Sunday will remain in effect for now. Weekly report of any Overtime should be submitted to the Board. A copy of this Executive Order is attached.
- b. Discussion of the possibility of a sewer install at Mainbridge Commons to include the Southend Village of Schoharie for future use pursued. Further discussion will take place at this week's Employee Meeting.
- c. April 22, 2026, we will be accepting bids for the Parrott House Fire Suppression at 2:30PM to be held at 300 Main Street.
- d. The Board continues to review the possibility of changing payroll for all employees to weekday.
- e. County Clerk Larry Caza wanted to mention Schoharie County Partners for Advancing Resilient Communities (SPARC) which is hosting its very first Economic Development Forum on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Touch-A-Truck event is being held on April 18, 2026. A family friendly community gathering which is both educational and entertaining.

**7. Old Business:**

- a. Trustee Palmer and Trustee Medak completed the Annual Checklist for Review of Justice Court Records for Fiscal Year 2024 for both Judge Fred Kennedy and Judge Michael Breen. Motion needs to be made to accept Resolution5-2026. Resolution is attached.

**Motion** made by Trustee Medak, seconded by Trustee DeGroff, unanimously carried to approve Resolution 5-2026 , approval of the final Justice Audit for Fiscal Year ending 12/31/2024.

- b. Mayor Henry sent an email to Darlene Patterson from Schoharie Promotional to continue the conversation regarding the electric poles at the south end of the Village. Darlene is looking up pole numbers and will send them to the Mayor.
- c. Mayor Henry spoke with Darren Palmatier at the County in regard to the property at 201 Bridge Street. The County will be sending a letter to the property owners requesting an appraisal be done.
- d. SCVOA meeting is to be held in May, hosted by the Village of Schoharie. Mayor needs suggestions for the presenter and the location.

**8. Other:**

- a. The automatic monthly mortgage payments for the fire house have been cancelled. As per the last meeting, the Village will give the Fire Department a check for \$30,000 for the yearly Mortgage payment. This has been previously approved by the Board.
- b. The Annual Water Quality Report for 2025 has been completed and submitted to both the County Health Department and the New York State Health Department. This report has been posted to the Village website as well as the County website. Copies are also available at the Village Office.
- c. Workshop meeting is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM.

**9. Adjourn**

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer seconded by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve adjourning the Board Meeting at 7:44 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra Byrne  
Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer

Village of Schoharie

Proposal – increase maximum income to \$26,500 to match the town. Increase maximum exemption percentage to 65%, Currently the maximum income allowed is \$15,669

1 parcel received RPTL 467 exemption in 2026.

*Impact Report based on 2026 exemptions and assessments and 2026 tax rates.*

If max income is changed to \$26,500, 5 parcels will receive the exemption.

One owner currently receives a 50% exemption and would increase to a 65% exemption under this proposal.

One owner who currently does not qualify for the senior exemption will receive a 60% exemption under this proposal.

Two owners who currently do not qualify for the senior exemption will receive a 20% exemption under this proposal.

One owner who currently does not qualify for the senior exemption will receive a 10% exemption under this proposal.

Total difference in taxable assessed values would be \$82,180

Total difference in taxes received from these parcels would be \$596.23.

The average savings per affected household would be approximately \$ 119.25, while each of the remaining taxpayers would see an increase based upon their assessments, averaging \$2 each.

**Executive Order No. 1 of 2026 Village of Schoharie  
Control and Authorization of Overtime**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor under the laws of the State of New York and with the obligation to comply with all applicable village laws, including the Fair Labor Standards Act, and in order to maintain fiscal responsibility and ensure compliance with the adopted budget:

This Order is for Suspension of Overtime

**1. Pre-Approval Required**

All overtime work must receive prior written approval from the Mayor except in cases of emergency.

**2. Emergency Exception**

Departments may authorize overtime without prior approval only when necessary to protect public health, safety, or critical infrastructure. Such use must be reported within 12 hours. *Weekend water sampling continues remains as is, but is under review.*

**3. Budget Compliance**

All departments shall manage operations within the adopted budget appropriations. Overtime shall be minimized to the greatest extent practicable.

**4. Reporting**

A weekly report of any overtime usage shall be submitted to the Mayor and Board of Trustees, detailing hours, costs, and justification. During this process all departments will assist in a remediation plan with alternative measures such as shift adjustments or task prioritization or other measures to reduce overtime. The village office will assist each department with any data needed to comply with the plan.

**5. Non-Compliance**

Failure to comply with this Order may result in disciplinary action, consistent with applicable laws and agreements.

**6. Effective Date**

This Order shall take effect **April 15, 2026 at 12:01 AM** and remain in force until amended or rescinded.

Mayor Colleen M Henry



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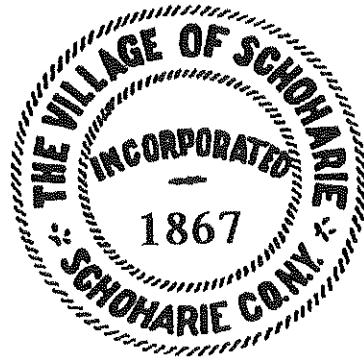
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COLLEEN M. HENRY, MAYOR

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CLERK/TREASURER

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### Resolution 5-2026

**Resolution 5-2026 to approve the final Justice Audit for Fiscal Year ending 12/31/2024 for Judge Fred Kennedy and for Judge Michael Breen.**

This Resolution was moved by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Palmer and passed unanimously by the Board at its April 14, 2026, Board Meeting.

Certified April 14, 2026  
300 Main Street, Village of Schoharie New York

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Debra A. Byrne", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Debra A Byrne, Schoharie Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer