

Village of Schoharie – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025

**Presiding: Mayor Colleen Henry**

**Present:** Trustees Johnson, Palmer and DeGroff, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Darlene & Glenn Patterson, Diana Bell Jackson, Richard Price, Mary Kruger, Patsy Nicosia from Times Journal and Josh Walther from the Mountain Eagle.

**Excused:** Trustee, Sal Medak, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debra Byrne

**Board Meeting**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**1. Privilege of the Floor:**

i. Richard Price

1. Mr. Price was concerned with parking on Eastern Parkway as per Village law Eastern Parkway is a no parking on either side of the road. Mr. Price feels we need more “no parking” signs and more patrolling by the Police Department. The parked cars are breaking the side of the road. Mayor Henry spoke with the Officer in Charge and offered to drive up Eastern Parkway and will add more signs if needed.

ii. Darlene Patterson

1. Darlene let the Board know that Schoharie Promotional replaced 14 banners and added 8 additional ones. There are 52 Hero Banners that will be hung soon and a Plaza sign at 434 Main Street near Your Way Café is being constructed.
2. Darlene will reach out to Cody Robinson-Bullock to see if the Youth Bureau can help with cleaning up Lilly Park.

iii. Mary Kruger

1. Asked for an update on property at 326 Main Street. The Mayor responded that the owners were served and have 20 days from May 4<sup>th</sup> to comply.
2. Ms. Kruger asked if the trees on Main Street could be changed as they stain cars. Mayor replied that this is being addressed.

iv. Diana Bell-Jackson

1. Diana Bell asked if a DPW Superintendent has been hired and if there are residency requirements for this position. As of tonight, there is no one hired and there are no residency requirements.

**2. Minutes**

- a. April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes were approved at the April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Employee Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Employee Meeting Minutes.

**Motion** made by Mayor Henry, second by Trustee Johnson carried to approve April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Employee Meeting Minutes. Trustee DeGroff abstained since she was absent.

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

**4. Abstracts and Bank Statements:**

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| a. General\$ | 84,265.63 | (April 09, 2025 - May 13, 2025) |
| b. Water \$  | 16,425.23 | (April 09, 2025 - May 13, 2025) |
| c. Sewer \$  | 35,763.93 | (April 09, 2025 - May 13, 2025) |
| d. Pool \$   | 81.36     | (April 09, 2025 - May 13, 2025) |

**Motion** made by Mayor Henry, seconded by Trustee Palmer, unanimously carried to approve paying the invoices and the approval of the Abstract Amounts.

**5. Incoming Correspondence:**

- a. N/A

**6. Outgoing Correspondence:**

- a. N/A

**7. New Business:**

- a. Mayor Henry would like to thank the Junior National Society for the clean-up at Fox Creek on May 6, 2025, as well as the Schoharie Promotional Association.
- b. Thank you to DPW and OIC Lt. Jason Temple for obtaining and installing the Flashing Pedestrian Crosswalk sign at Furman Drive and Main Street
- c. Trustee Becky DeGroff and mayor Henry visited DPW “equipment building”; the roof is leaking into the electrical box which needs to be addressed. When Trustee Medak gets back, the Board will have a work session to discuss repair/replacement of this building.
- d. Mayor Henry contacted SC DOH regarding grease traps, Paul Koopman informed the Mayor that inspection is typically done at the time of new/change of use. This issue needs to be addressed now, request for inspection at Beef-n-Brew and Paisano’s.

**8. Old Business:**

- a. DPW Superintendent position to be discussed.
- b. Middleburgh Mayor Timothy Knight’s request to review the sharing of Police Patrol at this time does not appear a reality. There would be a state process to manage through and Insurance needs for both municipalities as well as increase cost for Schoharie to obtain additional police officers and vehicles.
- c. The Trail project – we are continuing our efforts with building the trail as we move toward getting the ARC Grant compliance and possibly re-apply with NYS DOS. We will not know if we will get the extension until November.

**Motion** made by Mayor Henry, second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve filing an application on behalf of the Village to apply the Trail project on the DRI funding.

- d. Depot Lane Chip and Seal will be scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June with the assistance of the Town Road crew as per conversations with the Town Superintendent Les Foland. Mayor Henry would like to give a shout out to Les Foland for helping with the Depot Lane project on behalf of the Village while we are without a DPW Superintendent.
- e. Lamont Engineers Report – The Board is OK with the \$341 credit. Mayor will let Lamont Engineer’s know that the Village will do the work, put in invoices and salary, then take that amount from retainage due. If Tech Industry does not agree, they will then do the work themselves.
- f. Mayor Henry signed, forwarded the application and letter of support to GPI. The application was filed before the deadline to the Office of parks and Recreation Grant on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- g. The Draft for the Jeremy May complaint was received by Attorney Auletta with edits by Village Attorney Brennan and the complaint was amended and filed on 5/2/2025. The complaint was served on May 4, 2025.

RESOLUTION 9-2025 (attached)

**Motion** made by Trustee Johnson second by Mayor Henry unanimously carried to approve Resolution 9-2025

- h. Items for the pocket park at the corner of Prospect St and Main St
  - 1. Landscaping to be done – fencing to be purchased, a volunteer crew is needed to put up fence.
  - 2. Guernsey Nurseries will assist in landscaping in front of the fence.
- i. RCAP Solutions presented a summary to the Board and the DPW at the April Employee meeting. The Board will review the documents and pursue cost-effective changes. Jesse from RCAP Solutions will attend the June 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting to further discuss his Sewer Rate Report and Jesse will also be the guest speaker at our June 25, 2025 SCVOA meeting.
- j. Police SUV arrived and is getting equipped and lettered.
- k. DRI 1<sup>st</sup> LPC meeting held on May 6<sup>th</sup>. There was a recommendation to change the DRI boundary to include north to Fort Road. TBD – projects will have open applications until June 11<sup>th</sup>. The LPC members will review and choose private funded projects of over \$250,000 with a 25% match from the applicants. Not for profits are welcome to apply.

**9. Other**

- a. **Motion** made by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve entering into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:17PM.
- b. **Motion** made by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve exiting Executive Session at 7:48PM.
- c. **Motion** made by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Palmer unanimously approved to have Mayor Henry contact Anne Clouthier and finalize negotiations for the position of Superintendent of the Department of Public Works for the Village of Schoharie.

**10. Adjourn**

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer seconded by Trustee Johnson, unanimously carried to approve adjourning the Board Meeting at 7:49 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leslie Price  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Resolution 9-2025  
Village of Schoharie

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF SCHOHARIE SOLICITOR TO PREPARE AND FILE A SUMMARY ACTION WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT SEEKING INJUNCTIVE AND OTHER RELIEF FOR NUMEROUS AND CONTINUING VIOLATIONS OF THE VILLAGE'S ZONING ORDINANCES**

**WHEREAS**, the resident owns 326 Main St, in the Village of Schoharie, Schoharie County, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Schoharie local zoning code § 7-714 applies to the said property; and

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Schoharie adopted in 2017 Codes and Ordinances known as the Village Local Land Use Law, for the permitted and prohibited uses of properties within; and

**WHEREAS**, due to complaints since 2018 to the present regarding the owner's use of 326 Main Street, and subsequent zoning official investigations, The Village of Schoharie determined the owner's use of 326 Main Street was in violation of the local land use law Zoning and Ordinances referenced in the previous paragraph, and issued summonses in Municipal Court against the owner to present; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner continues to violate the local land use law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Schoharie filed a complaint in the Law Division as permitted by NY Court Rule CPLR Article 63, to compel the owner to cease and desist from violating the previously referenced Ordinances and Code, and to pay all outstanding fines and fees and remove debris, exterior items from 326 Main Street

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees and the Mayor of the Village of Schoharie, Schoharie County, State of New York as follows:

1. The Village Solicitor, along with members of his firm, is authorized to prepare and file a Summary Action in the Superior Court on behalf of the village seeking injunctive and other relief to enforce the resident to cease and desist from violating the Zoning Ordinances, to comply with those Ordinances, and to not only pay all outstanding fines and fees due to his violations but to clean up the exterior.

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Board Members:

Deputy Mayor Peter Johnson aye

Trustee Sal Medak excused

Trustee Rebecca DeGroff aye

Trustee Jeffrey Palmer aye

Mayor Colleen M Henry aye

Adopted 5/2025