

Village of Schoharie – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2025

Presiding: Mayor Colleen Henry

Present: Trustees Johnson, DeGroff and Palmer, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Hanna , Diana Bell Jackson, Mary Kruger, Darlene & Glen Patterson, Marcia Fletcher, Dave Ornoski, Bob Tines, Jim Prescott, Ruth Anne Wilkinson,

Excused: Trustee Sal Medak and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debra Byrne

Board Meeting

Meeting brought to order by Mayor Henry at 6:39 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Privilege of the Floor:

- a. Darlene Patterson gave an update for SPA; new banners are all up.
- b. Linda asked the Board if the POF could be opened at the end of the meeting after the public hears what the Board has to discuss. Mayor Henry agreed and asked the Clerk to change the formular of the next Agenda.

2. Bills and Bank Statements review and sign.

3. Abstracts and Bank Statements:

- a. General \$ 28,191.44 (July 18, 2025- August 12, 2025)
- b. Water \$ 6,813.68 (July 18, 2025- August 12, 2025)
- c. Sewer \$ 9,628.25 (July 18, 2025- August 12, 2025)
- d. Pool \$ 7,991.68 (July 18, 2025- August 12, 2025)

Motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee DeGroff, unanimously carried to approve payment of the invoices and the approval of the Abstract Amounts.

4. Incoming Correspondence:

- a. N/A

5. Outgoing Correspondence:

- a. N/A

6. New Business:

- a. Mayor introduced new employee Anne Clouthier as working DPW Superintendent who's start date is Monday July 28, 2025.
- b. The Board will be reviewing insurances after receiving the 2026 rates and reviewing new quotes.
- c. Board discussed changing the law to have an alternate added to the Village Planning Board. This will be discussed at the September Board Meeting.

- d. The Board discussed changing the law on mowing. Suggestions made to change the law from grass height to a timing rule. This will be discussed at the September meeting.
- e. The Board needs to make a Motion to accept the resignation letter of Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price.

Motion made by Mayor Henry, seconded by Trustee Palmer, unanimously carried to approve the Resignation letter of Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price

- f. Motion needed to make Budget amendments to transfer \$5,000.00 from A11101 Justice payroll to A6974T Trail project and to transfer \$798.95 from G81102 Administrative Equipment to G19104A Flood Insurance.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee DeGroff, unanimously carried to approve transferring \$5,000.00 from A11101 Justice payroll to A6974T Trail Project.

Motion made by Trustee DeGroff, seconded by Trustee Johnson, unanimously carried to approve transferring \$ 798.95 from G81102 Administrative Equipment to G19104A Flood Insurance.

7. Old Business:

- a. The Mayor would like to make a Motion to approve Resolution Number 12-2025 (attached) regarding the Climate Smart Initiative. Mayor Henry read Resolution 12-2025 to the Board.

Motion made by Mayor Henry, seconded by Trustee Johnson, unanimously carried to approve Resignation 12-2025 Climate Smart Initiative. The roll call of votes is as follows:

Mayor Henry	Aye
Trustee Johnson	Aye
Trustee Palmer	Aye
Trustee DeGroff	Aye
Trustee Medak	Absent

- b. The Public Hearing is still open on zoning for Mainbridge parcel. The Board has sent a letter to the Village Planning Board Chairperson to advise on zoning.
- c. DRI update; Open House was highly successful, projects were unveiled, and the next phase is for the LPC to review and forward on to the state by November/December. The survey has been extended to August 18th and Channel 13 News highlighted DRI Schoharie survey on August 6th at 5:30PM which was great public relations. Mayor Henry offered to have residents look at the survey and ask questions of the Board after the meeting.
- d. The Sewer study was placed on the Village website; copies are available at the Village office.
- e. The Parrott House project is moving along quickly; electricity was installed last week. New proposed opening is in October 2025.
- f. Joe Redmond was not hired, and we remain status quo with copper sulfate applicator.

8. Other

- a. Sewer Replacement EFC Grant deadline is September for \$325 million. Mayor Henry is completing the application.
- b. The Village must formally request that the Village Planning Board provide advice and recommendations on the Mainbridge responding request.
- c. The Empire State Infrastructure Program awarded Schoharie County \$350,000 that may be used by the Village for infrastructure related to the Mainbridge project.
- d. Mayor presented Resolution 13-2025, committing Village Funds to the downtown revitalization initiative. Mayor read this Resolution aloud to the Board.

Motion to vote and approve Resolution 13-2025 (attached) was made by Mayor Henry, seconded by Trustee Palmer, unanimously carried to approve Resolution 13-2025 committing Village funds to the downtown revitalization initiative. The roll call of votes is as follows:

Mayor Henry	Aye
Trustee Johnson	Aye
Trustee Palmer	Aye
Trustee DeGross	Aye
Trustee Medak	Absent

e. Update to the Ecode 360 project. Clerk Price will get an update from Cody Robinson-Bullock and Dave Knoop. This project will be handed over to Deputy Clerk and Code Enforcement Officer.

9. POF

- a. POF was opened back up to the public. First topic is question on the Jeremy May property. This is in the hands of the Attorney. The Village has a conference with the County Court Clerk. Whether a default judgement goes in front of a judge is up to the judge. Mayor Henry stressed that the Village Board is diligent to get the property cleaned up.
- b. Code Enforcer David Knoop sent a letter to the house on Shannon Ave.
- c. Diana Bell mentioned a house for sale on Grand Street.
- d. Mary Kruger asked if there is anything SPA can do to help with the trees on Main Street.

10. Adjourn

Motion made by Trustee Palmer seconded by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve adjourning the Board Meeting at 8:23 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Price
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Approved



Resolution

12-2025

WHEREAS, the Village of Schoharie (hereinafter "local government") believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the village of Schoharie, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

- 1) **Build a climate-smart community.**
- 2) **Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.**
- 3) **Decrease energy use.**
- 4) **Shift to clean, renewable energy.**
- 5) **Use climate-smart materials management.**
- 6) **Implement climate-smart land use.**
- 7) **Enhance community resilience to climate change.**
- 8) **Support a green innovation economy.**
- 9) **Inform and inspire the public.**
- 10) **Engage in an evolving process of climate action.**

Jeff - yes
Becky - yes
Peter - yes
Allen - yes

[date] 8/12/2025

RESOLUTION # 13-2025

Mayor Colleen Henry presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION COMMITTING VILLAGE FUNDS TO THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Village of Schoharie is applied for and was awarded a \$10,000,000 Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant from the State of New York; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Schoharie is fully committed to revitalizing its downtown and making the DRI highly successful; and,

WHEREAS, to demonstrate its level of commitment and to ensure the success of the projects undertaken through the DRI, the Village of Schoharie wishes to provide financial support for the public projects identified during DRI planning process,;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Schoharie hereby commits to borrowing temporary finds in the sum of \$1,500,000 to the DRI for support of public improvements and municipally sponsored projects in the downtown area contingent upon the award of such projects.

Aye:

Nay:

Dated: []

	Aye	Nay
Mayor Henry	✓	
[VB members]		
Becky	✓	
Peter	✓	
Jeff	✓	