

Village of Schoharie – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2024

Presiding: Mayor Henry

Present: Trustees Johnson, Palmer, Medak, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhardt, Trish Bergan from SEEC, Bob Tines, David Ornoski, Liz Vedder, Diana Bell, Darlene Patterson, Patsy Nicosia From Times Journal and Josh Walther from The Mountain Eagle. Planning Board Members Present: Tom Hitter, Tim Repicky, David Knoop and Russ Shaw
Dr. Elbially Team Present: Dr. Elbially, Engineer Chris Knox, Architect Brian Messana, and Attorney Rob Stout

Excused: Trustee Rebecca DeGross

Board Meeting

Meeting brought to order: By Mayor Henry at 6:10PM

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Privilege of the Floor:

- a. Trish Bergan from SEEC gave the Board an update on current projects.
 - i. The Harva Grant has been completed with paperwork submitted and New York State approved. The first payout has also been submitted. Four new jobs have been created.
 - ii. On a separate matter, Trish needs the Board to approve Resolution 16-2024 to authorize the Village to submit a round eight Downtown Revitalization Initiative/Round 3 NY Forward program with the assistance from Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation (SEEC).

Motion made by Mayor Henry, second by Trustee Medak approved by majority vote to authorize the Village of Schoharie to submit a round eight downtown revitalization initiative round 3 NY Forward program with the assistance from SEEC: Resolution 16-2024. Trustee Peter Johnson abstained.

Resolution 16-2024 Attached

- iii. DRI and NY Forward applications are being worked on and need to be submitted by October 18th. A survey has been distributed to the public which will close September 30th. These applications are being submitted for the Village of Schoharie only.
 - iv. Mayor Henry will host a meeting at SEEC tomorrow evening for Village business owners to explain the proposed projects and the two grants for which we are applying. The meeting will be held between 5-7.
 - b. Dr. Elbially and team made a presentation of proposed plans for the old Great American lot (4.43 acres). Dr. Elbially introduced his engineer Christopher Knox who presented the proposed plans to the Board. The project will be done in two phases. Phase One plans include a health care center and residential buildings with a total of forty-six units. The property would also include a playground, outdoor recreation, and green space. Phase two plans are for a two-story 8,200 square foot additional wing on the health care center which would include retail space. A visual rendering along with a video was presented to the Board by

architect Brian Messana. Dr. Elbially's team stressed the importance of blending the design into the feel of the neighborhood. The current site of Dr. Elbially's project will be addressed with plans for a day care/educational center.

- c. Darlene Patterson from Schoharie Promotional Association (SPA) gave an update on current events. The last concert will be held this Friday. The Corn Hole Tournament was successful despite the weather. SPA held their Board meeting last night and would like to start putting up lights with Ken Bernhardt's assistance. The pavilion at Lily Park will be getting stained next week so all reservations will be held until the project is complete. SPA meetings are held the second Monday of each month with the next meeting slated for October 14, 2024.

2. Minutes

- a. August 13, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes and the August 13, 2024, Employee Meeting Minutes need to be reviewed and a Motion to approve.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer approved by majority votes to approve the Minutes from August 13, 2024, for the Board Meeting Minutes and the Employee Meeting Minutes as written. Mayor Henry abstained.

3. Bills and Bank Statements review and sign.

4. Abstracts and Bank Statements:

- a. General \$ 18,664.74 (August 14, 2024 – September 10, 2024)
- b. Water \$ 227,895.01 (August 14, 2024 – September 10, 2024)
- c. Sewer \$ 5,876.97 (August 14, 2024 – September 10, 2024)
- d. Pool \$ 1,797.44 (August 14, 2024 – September 10, 2024)
 - i. Clerk Leslie Price asked the Board to include a last-minute Invoice from Adirondack Environmental Services in the amount of \$285.60 to be included in the Sewer Abstract changing the total for Sewer to \$6,162.57.

Motion made by Mayor Henry, second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve paying the invoices and the approval of the Abstract Amounts with the additional invoice from Adirondack Environmental Services changing the total for Sewer to \$ 6,162.57.

5. Incoming Correspondence:

- a. Presentation of the Proposed Development Acres (PDA) for Dr. Elbially's property for the following properties 218 / 229 / 235 Main Street, the former Great American property.

6. Outgoing Correspondence:

- a. The third quarter water/sewer invoices have been mailed out.

7. Old Business:

- a. The Board is completing the LED light package with NYPA and National Grid. Trustee DeGroff and Mayor sat in on a Zoom meeting and received the closing package documents. Everything needs to be in by October 20th, 2024.

8. New Business:

- a. Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price asked for a Motion to approve attending the Comp Alliance (Workers Comp) 30th Anniversary conference October 16 – October 18, 2024.

Motion made by Mayor Henry, second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price to attend the Comp Alliance 30th Anniversary conference in October.

9. Other:

- a. Mayor Henry would like to publicly thank Mr. Bob Vedder for the wonderful improvements made to LaSalle Park. Mr. Vedder asked the Board's permission to remove some of the trees down at the park and have Kiwanis cover the costs. The Board approves and appreciates Mr. Vedder's efforts.
- b. Trustee Johnson reported that resident Ken Kio paid to have repairs done on his property and the Johnson property which was caused by a truck pulling out from Hilgert. The Truck was owned by Tech Industries which happened to be there to make other repairs. Trustee Johnson asked for a motion for the Village to reimburse Ken Kio for the repairs in the amount of \$341.00. Trustee Johnson proposed that this money be withheld from Tech Industries.

Motion made by Mayor Henry second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve reimbursing Ken Kio in the amount of \$341.00 and withdrawing this amount from the payment to Tech Industries to repair damage to two village lawns.

10. MOTION to Adjourn.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson second by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to adjourn Meeting at 6:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Price
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Approved

JEFFERY PALMER, TRUSTEE
PETER JOHNSON, TRUSTEE
SAL MEDAK, TRUSTEE
BECKY DEGROFF, TRUSTEE

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RESOLUTION 16-2024

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE OF SCHOHARIE TO SUBMIT A ROUND 8 DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE AND ROUND 3 NY FORWARD PROGRAM APPLICATION

WHEREAS Governor Kathy Hochul announced that \$200 million in funding is available through the State's two signature downtown revitalization and economic development programs - \$100 million each for Round 8 of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and Round 3 of the NY Forward program and,

WHEREAS Round 8 of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and Round 3 of the NY Forward program focuses on revitalizing smaller and rural downtowns and,

WHEREAS the Village of Schoharie has been working with local businesses to identify Downtown Revitalization Initiative and NY Forward program projects,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Trustees authorize Mayor Colleen M Henry, to work with the Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation (SEEC) to submit an application and all related documentation Procurement Policy.

Date: September 10, 2024

Colleen Henry, Mayor	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Johnson, Trustee	Abstain	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
Sal Medak, Trustee	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
Rebecca DeGroff, Trustee	Absent	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
Jeffrey Palmer, Trustee	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>

Certified by Leslie Price, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Leslie Price

DATE 10-1-2024