

Village of Schoharie – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 9th, 2025

Presiding: Mayor Colleen Henry

Present: Trustees Johnson, Medak, DeGroff and Palmer, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, Liz Vedder, Terry Wilbur, Tom Hitter, Vesna Medak, Suzanne Robinson-Parisi, Diana Bell Jackson, Darlene & Glen Patterson, H.B. Steadham from the Times Journal and Josh Walther from The Mountain Eagle

Excused: N/A

Board Meeting

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Henry began the meeting by thanking DPW and Leslie Price for handling a water emergency that occurred over the weekend. Mayor reported all is well now.

1. Bills and Bank Statements review and sign.

2. Abstracts and Bank Statements:

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| a. General | \$ 29,205.65 | (August 13, 2025- September 09, 2025) |
| b. Water | \$ 70,557.00 | (August 13, 2025- September 09, 2025) |
| c. Sewer | \$ 6,149.54 | (August 13, 2025- September 09, 2025) |
| d. Pool | \$ 4,134.67 | (August 13, 2025- September 09, 2025) |

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

3. Incoming Correspondence:

- a. Mayor Henry received an invitation for September 17, 2025, at School Community Leaders Dinner. The Mayor will be going and will not be able to attend the October Board Meeting. Other members of the Board were also invited.

4. Outgoing Correspondence:

- a. Mayor Henry announced that on Friday, September 12th there will be refreshments at the Village Office to allow the public to say goodbye to Clerk Price and wish her well. The Mayor is very sad to see Leslie go as she has been a wonderful asset to the Village.

5. New Business:

- a. Mayor Henry announced that the Board has approved hiring Evening Star Bookkeeping beginning October 1st, 2025.
- b. The Board will not be making a Motion but will be going into Executive Session to discuss Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price's buyout. A Motion will be made at the Employee Meeting next week. Clerk Price questioned why they

needed to go into Executive Session when there were no questions regarding Billy Shroh or Ken Bernhardt's buyouts. Mayor explained it was because she was the Treasurer and involved with the books.

- c. There was a request for a Motion to approve Tech Industries change order 1.2 and pay \$7,159.00 as final payment to be paid when the final drawdown is received from EFC. The Board decided not to make a Motion until the Mayor discusses with Mike Harrington.

6. Old Business:

- a. Mayor Henry reminded the Board and informed Trustee Medak that there was discussion on changing the Local Law regarding grass maintenance in the Village. The Board will review this topic further before making a Motion to change the law. A Public Hearing Announcement is scheduled for November 11th, 2025, for a code change on lawn mowing height to 7 inches.
- b. The Village cannot apply for water/sewer funding under the current NYS EFC grant because the grant is for municipalities that share water/sewer infrastructure.
- c. Update on the 326 Main Street property, default judgement, still waiting for the Judge to place on court calendar. Mayor sent a letter to the court regarding the property at 326 Main Street and was told to never contact the court again. Mayor sent a note to our attorney who happens to be on vacation. The Mayor did want to share with the public how to get information and updates on this case. Google NYSCEF, go into E-Filing, far left corner click on search as guest. A box will pop up asking for a case number. The number is 2025-222 Village of Schoharie.
- d. Codes is following up with Shannon Avenue property. The owner has a leaning barn.
- e. Codes is following up with the Bridge Street property.
- f. The discussion about changing local law to have an Alternate added to the Village Planning Board will be put on hold until the next meeting.

7. POF

- a. Trustee Medak mentioned that the Crossing on Furman Drive has significant potholes. Mayor said she would inform DPW and ask them to fill in the potholes.
- b. Resident Terry Wilbur asked the Board if they shopped around for a bookkeeper or just went with Evening Star, the Mayor responded by saying that they did look at other options however most bookkeepers do not want to take on municipalities. Mayor also explained that this may be temporary depending on new employee.
- c. Darlene Patterson said SPA put signs up at Valley Plaza; they also put drain covers around trees in the Village. On October 25th they will sponsor Pumpkins in the Park at Lily Park.
- d. Diana Bell-Jackson said the Luau at Wayward Brewery was a big success, there were between 300-400 people attending.
- e. Suzanne Robinson-Parisi wanted to give a shout out to the DPW crew. Her property has a manhole cover in the back yard which was starting to back up last weekend which in turn caused some neighbors to start backing up. She called the Mayor, the Mayor called Anne. Mike Kennedy and Paul Little actually heard from Billy Shroh and came down to fix the problem. Mike and Paul ended up working on Labor Day. Suzanne wanted to make the community aware of the DPW crew and to have an emergency number put on the Village website, so residents know who to call after hours if there is an emergency. Mayor Henry said we would put a number on our website right away.
- f. Mayor Henry heard from Mike Harrington from Lamont Engineers and feels the Board is now able to make a Motion on Tech Industries.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson seconded by Mayor Henry unanimously carried to approve Tech Industries Change Order 1.2 and to pay \$7,159.00 as final payments to be paid when the final draw down is received from EFC.

8. Other

- a. N/A

Motion made by Trustee Johnson seconded by Mayor Henry unanimously carried to enter Executive Session at 7:04PM

Motion made by Trustee Palmer seconded by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to exit Executive Session at 7:27PM

9. Adjourn

Motion made by Trustee Palmer seconded by Trustee DeGroff unanimously carried to approve adjourning the Board Meeting at 7:28 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Price
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Approved