

Village of Schoharie – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Presiding: Deputy Mayor Peter Johnson**

**Present:** Trustees Medak, DeGroff and Palmer, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, Douglas Stinson III, Liz Vedder, John Borst, Darlene Patterson, Glen Patterson, Marcia Fletcher, Mary Kruger, Terry Wilbur, Diana Bell Jackson, H.B. Steadham from the Times Journal and Josh Walther from The Mountain Eagle

**Excused:** Mayor Colleen M Henry

**Board Meeting**

**Meeting brought to order** by Deputy Mayor Johnson at 6:30 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Motion** made by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve opening the Public Hearing at 6:33 PM.

Discussion led by Deputy Mayor Peter Johnson on the request from the Planning Board to move from five members to five members plus an alternate. A Motion to pass a Local Law authorizing the appointment of an Alternate Member to the Village of Schoharie Planning Board has been requested from the Planning Board.

**Motion** to close the Public Hearing made by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Trustee DeGroff, unanimously carried to approve closing the Public Meeting at 6:37 PM.

**1. Minutes**

- a. The September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Village Board Meeting Minutes and the September 17, 2025, Employee Meeting Minutes, were previously distributed to the Board for their review.

**Motion** made by Trustee Medak, seconded by Trustee DeGroff unanimously carried to approve the September 9, 2025, Village Board Meeting Minutes and the September 17, 2025, Employee Meeting Minutes as written.

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

**3. Abstracts and Bank Statements:**

- a. General \$ 24,705.57 (September 10, 2025- October 14, 2025)
- b. Water \$ 15,428.60 (September 10, 2025- October 14, 2025)
- c. Sewer \$ 10,287.98 (September 10, 2025- October 14, 2025)
- d. Pool \$ 15,485.71 (September 10, 2025- October 14, 2025)

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

**4. Incoming Correspondence:**

- a. A letter from the Village Planning Board Chair, Tom Hitter, was sent to the Mayor requesting a Motion be made for rezoning parcel 72.17-5-1 the approximate 75-foot-wide parcel adjoining along its southern edge of the former Great American parcel.

**Motion** made by Deputy Mayor Johnson seconded by Trustee Palmer unanimously carried to approve rezoning parcel 72.17.5-1 the approximate 75-foot-wide parcel adjoining along its southern edge of the former Great American parcel and to close the Public Meeting on this matter.

**5. Outgoing Correspondence:**

- a. N/A

**6. New Business:**

- a. A Motion needs to be made to be made to approve the intent to sign a new contract with the 2026 contract rates for Fulton County Solid Waste Management. The new contract will have a tentative rate of \$77.00 per ton which is an increase of \$2.00 per ton. The new contract will be mailed to Mayor Henry for final signature.

**Motion** made by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve the intent to sign a new contract with the 2026 contract rates for Fulton County Solid waste Management.

**7. Old Business:**

- a. LED lights have been installed. Mayor Henry and Deputy Mayor Johnson attended a tutorial last week for the streetlights and the options are sensational. There are 108 new lights. Trustee DeGroff asked if the lights in the back parking lot of the business district would be replaced. Deputy Mayor Johnson said he would look into this.
- b. The 326 Main Street property is in default judgement. Judge Marcelle requested proposed actions from the Village. Village Attorney David Brennan is managing this process. The Village Attorney sent a response on 9/19/2025 and Judge Marcell reviewed and gave the defendant 35 days to oblige the actions. Homeowner has been ordered to bring the exterior of the property, including the front porch, up to code, only 1 unregistered vehicle can be on the property, and vegetation needs to be maintained. A Motion needs to be made to approve the proposed actions of Attorney Brennan and forwarded to the court on behalf of the Village.

**Motion** made by Trustee Medak, seconded by Trustee DeGroff unanimously carried to approve the proposed actions of Attorney David Brennan forwarded to the Court on behalf of the Village of Schoharie.

- c. Update on the DRI project – On Monday, September 29, 2025, SLATE vote was sent to the State. The next step is the implementation of the Strategic Investment Plan; this gets furnished by EDR suggesting these projects to the Department of State by the end of the year on how they can favorably impact the Village. Projects on the Slate are:
  - i. Mainbridge Commons
  - ii. Farmers Beef and Brew
  - iii. Borden's Creamery
  - iv. Schoharie Free Library
  - v. Fire House Park
  - vi. Community Pool flow through fountain town marketing/branding small project fund

**8. Other**

- a. Mayor Henry, Deputy Mayor Johnson and Code Enforcement Officer, David Knoop met with the homeowners and discussed that the County has secured funding for a new bridge. The new bridge will be two lanes plus have a pedestrian walkway. The County will need to take some property from the yellow house for the expansion. The homeowners are gathering this information and will consider their options.
- b. DPW new building has been discussed with preliminary renderings and costs. The Board is still gathering information.

- c. The Board has not made a decision in regard to the Clerk/Treasurer position. The Board would like to see how the workflow goes.
- d. Since the November Board meeting falls on a holiday, the meeting has been changed to November 12, 2025, at 6:30PM

9. POF

- a. Terry Wilbur asked which building is being replaced for DPW and is there an update on the sewer rate being increased? Deputy Mayor Johnson responded that it's the first building coming in to Depot Road that needs attention and the Board is still working on rates for sewer. There will most likely be an increase but at this time we are not sure how much.
- b. Mary Kruger asked where she can find information on Local Laws that are passed and if they are on the website. Our Village website does have a section for Local Laws and Deputy Mayor Johnson added that we are in the process of updating E-Codes and the Employee Handbook.
- c. Diana Bell-Jackson asked who does the Village Website, Deputy Mayor Johnson responded that we hire a company for our website.
- d. Darlene Patterson gave an update on Schoharie Promotional Association. SPA will be doing "Adopt a Highway" on Saturday at 9:30AM and are looking for volunteers. SPA will be hosting an event, Pumpkins in the Park. This will be held at the Lily Park on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 3PM, there will be judging on pumpkins, prizes and refreshments. SPA will begin holiday decorations soon. SPA will begin plans for the Nation's 250-year celebration. There will be a meeting held at LaSalle Hall , 262 Main Street on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1:00PM.
- e. John Borst asked if there are any updates on Cobleskill Stone expansion. Deputy Mayor Johnson stated that Cobleskill Stone has three months to respond, expectation is that the Judge will give a decision in 2026. Peter noted that NY State does not have the final word, DEC has the final say. Mary Kruger mentioned that she has old pictures to show dust from quarry.

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer seconded by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to enter Executive Session at 7:45PM

**Motion** made by Deputy Mayor Johnson seconded by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to exit Executive Session at 8:31PM

10. Adjourn

**Motion** made by Trustee Palmer seconded by Trustee DeGross unanimously carried to approve adjourning the Board Meeting at 8:31 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra Byrne  
Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer