

Village of Schoharie – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024

Presiding: Mayor Henry

Present: Trustees Johnson, Palmer, Medak and DeGross, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debby Byrne, DPW Superintendent Ken Bernhardt, OIC Jason Temple, David Ornoski, Terry Wilbur, Liz Vedder, Diana Bell, Josh Walther from The Mountain Eagle.

Board Meeting

Meeting brought to order: By Mayor Henry at 6:00PM
Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve opening the Public Meeting for Local Law # 3 of the Budget year 2025.

Trustee Medak began the Public Meeting by explaining Local Law # 3 authoring a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c. Trustee Medak and Mayor Henry explained that there is no intention of raising the tax right now. The Mayor asked the public if there were any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions from the public.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Medak unanimously carried to approve by a vote of 5 to 0 Local Law #3 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Motion made by Trustee Medak, second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to approve closing the Public Meeting at 6:08PM.

1. **Privilege of the Floor:** N/A

2. **Minutes**

- a. October 8th Employee Meeting Minutes and Board Meeting Minutes were previously distributed to the Board for their review.

Motion made by Trustee DeGross, second by Trustee Palmer approved by majority vote with Trustee Medak abstaining, to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from October 8th, 2024, with changes and the Employee Meeting Minutes from October 8th, 2024 as written.

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

4. **Abstracts and Bank Statements:**

- a. General \$ 62,730.25 (October 9, 2024 – November 12, 23-24)
- b. Water \$ 75,243.85 (October 9, 2024 – November 12, 23-24)

- c. Sewer \$ 6,402.39 (October 9, 2024 – November 12, 23-24)
- d. Pool \$ 725.57 (October 9, 2024 – November 12, 23-24)

Motion made by Trustee DeGroff, second 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. New York State mandated letters to be sent to Village residents for the lead line survey results. The Board agreed NOT to send out an additional letter prior to this mailing.

7. Old Business:

- a. National Grid Street Light Acquisition – Moving along with the Street Light Acquisition, the Village must have in place a letter of credit. This process has begun at NBT Bank. Mayor Henry needs to sign the letter of credit documents and Clerk Price to be secretary to attest the loan at closing.

Motion made by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee DeGroff unanimously carried to approve Mayor Henry signing the letter of credit and Clerk Price to be appointed secretary to attest the loan at closing.

- b. Village Attorney Dave Brennan is counseling the Board of Trustees and the Village Planning Board regarding the application/proposal for Schoharie Dental. Attorney Brennan has scheduled a call to Robert Stout.
- c. The NYS DRI/NY Forward application is moving forward. Mayor Henry, Trustee Johnson and County Clerk Larry Caza will present the application on Friday, November 15th, 2024, in Rome, NY. Both SEEC and Nan Stolzenburg have helped the team put a presentation together. The Board feels they have a very strong presentation.

8. New Business:

- a. Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price needs a Motion to amend the 2024 Budget to lines A51101, F83301 and G81301 in the amount of \$1,549.52 due to a pay increase for DPW employees. Increases will be as follows: General \$588.82, Water \$526.84 and Sewer \$433.86.

Motion made by Trustee DeGroff, second by Trustee Medak, unanimously carried to approve the amendment to the 2024 Budget of \$1,549.52

9. Other:

- a. The Board would like to thank Assemblyman Chris Tague for his assistance with the Fire Department Grant monies received.
- b. The Board would like to praise the J. Lacy Salon and Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price for their generosity in accepting and delivering donations to those affected by Hurricane Helene.
- c. The Board praised the Village DPW staff and our trusted advisor Michael Harrington from Lamont Engineers as well as Luizzi Bros. for the outstanding work performed at Hilget Parkway, Brookside Place and Walnut Place. The residents are extremely happy with the results.
- d. The Board would like to give a huge thank you to Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price for her commitment to the Village, going above and beyond as she worked diligently on necessary deadline project submissions while out on bereavement.
- e. The SCVOA Holiday Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at the Fancy Farmer.

- f. The December Board meeting will be changed to December 3, 2024, at 6:30PM. The Budget Hearing will be held on December 3rd, 2024, at 6:30PM. We will change it back to two meetings per month in December. The December Employee meeting will be held on December 18, 2024

10. MOTION to Adjourn.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Price
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Approved