

Village of Schoharie – Employee Meeting Minutes

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# Schoharie Police Department



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## December 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 Employee Session

### January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Stats

135 Traffic Tickets  
441 Calls for Service  
7 Arrests  
14 Auto Accidents  
4 Domestic Incident Reports  
49 Mutual Aid/Medical/Fire Assists

### **No Major Incidents**

#### **Citizen Advisory Board:**

- Next meeting March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 0930 Christ the Shepard Lutheran Church. On Village website.

#### **Motorola Flex:**

- Completing training

#### **Community Events:**

- Christmas in Schoharie and Parade. Line up at 1600. Parade begins at 1700 S/B from the School to DAR.

#### **Lexipol/PoliceOne Training:**

- 4 Major Policy and Procedure updates,

#### **Grants:**

- Law Enforcement Technology funding was approved by the State in May 2025. Awaiting application announcement.
- NYPA Flood Funding- Applied for two mobile AEDs for patrol units. (All Officers are BLS/AED Certified).
- DCJS Office of Program Development and Funding. Financial support for the purchase and replacement of critical equipment. Possible acquisition of a fully outfitted UTV. Unknown Federal funding timeline.

# 10-2025

**RESOLUTION**

TITLE: EXTENDING VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S BENEFIT LAW INSURANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE Schoharie FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO PARTICIPATE ON ANY DULY AUTHORIZED AND CONSTITUTED SPECIALIZED TEAM FOR THE YEAR OF 2026.

WHEREAS, the County of Schoharie has implemented a policy which generally provides that all appointed members of County Specialized Teams must be an active member of a local Fire Department in order to gain and maintain such appointment and to participate in the duties assigned to such County Specialized Team, and that the Village of Schoharie must approve Volunteers Fireman's Benefit Law Insurance coverage to such member while he or she is participating on such specialized team, all as provided by Section 209-bb of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, which policy so implemented by the County of Schoharie was intended to avoid a situation where participants were not covered by necessary insurance; and

WHEREAS, by recent amendment to Section 209-bb of the General Municipal Law, the NYS legislature has authorized local municipalities which includes Fire Districts to extend insurance coverage to municipal employees which includes firefighters, when they are acting as members of such specialty teams; and

WHEREAS, the Village does already provide Volunteer Fireman's Benefit Law Insurance coverage to the members of its Fire Department, which by passage of this Resolution can be extended to the members of the Department who participate as appointed members of the County Specialized Teams; now, therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Schoharie shall annually, and formally, approve any membership in such teams, and retains the right to put conditions on such participation in County Specialized Teams so as to ensure adequate coverage of the citizens and property of the response district and adjoining mutual aid departments, and

RESOLVED, that the Village of Schoharie, does hereby agree to extend Volunteer Firemen's Benefit Law Insurance coverage to members who have been approved to participate on any duly authorized County Specialized Team, and further agree to provide the County of Schoharie with proof of such coverage for all such members who participate in such County Specialized Teams on an annual basis; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Village of Schoharie, and a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors and Schoharie County Fire Coordinator.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEA/NAY</u>
Jeff Palmer	Yea
Sal Medak	Yea
Peter Johnson	Yea
Colleen Henry	Yea
Rebecca DeBorja	excused

I, the undersigned, the Clerk/Recording officer of the Village of Schoharie, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this Resolution was (passed) (defeated) by action of the governing body of such Fire Department, to wit: Debra Byrne on the 11 day of December, 2025, and this copy is a true copy of said Resolution and the whole thereof, and the vote recorded above is the true vote rendered thereon. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal this 11 day of December, 2025.

  
Village Clerk/Recording Officer

Village of Schoharie

Code Enforcement & Buildings Dept

December 11, 2025

1. Parrot House – Construction ongoing

- a) Next meeting w/ stakeholders on 12/12 to review outstanding items to be addressed
- b) Elevator install expected to start in 2026
- c) Working with Lamont to establish plan for Fire Protection design/service requirements
- d) Code plan revisions needed to satisfy base NYS code requirements – still outstanding
- e) Awaiting final stamped Fire Protection plans to satisfy minimum code requirements

2. Mainbridge Commons

- a) Floodplain Development Permit Application has been submitted – currently in review by CEO – awaiting updated plans to review from yesterday's meeting/changes
- b) SEQR process by Village Planning Board is complete
- c) ZBA to review project variances
- d) Meeting 12/10 to review proposed revisions to overall plan to reflect owner's budget challenges

3. 300 Main Street Building Improvements – Work on hold

- a)

4. Old Stone Fort – Work on hold

- a) Work is on hold until Spring '26
- b) Roof construction complete
- c) Building envelope nearing completion – windows to be installed in Spring '26
- d) Interior framing inspection to be scheduled after work resumes

5. Proposed Grow Structures at Guernsey's Nursery

- a) No application documents received yet
- b) No updates to report

6. Small projects/issues/complaints:

- a) New Dispensary proposed for 443 Main St – planning to open early January
- b) New office interior renovation at 295 Main St
- c) 118 Sunset Dr – reviewed 'open permit' /basement issue w/ Dave Brennan – in progress
- d) 201 Bridge Street – work in floodway area will need review/permits - no updates to report
- e) 112 Shannon Ave – no response to formal letter on collapsing building – CEO to follow up with call / additional letter



Village of Schoharie Clerk &lt;villscho@gmail.com&gt;

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**RE: Lamont Meeting Report Email -- 12-11-25**

1 message

**Mike Harrington** <MHarrington@lamontengineers.com>

Thu, Dec 11, 2025 at 9:07 AM

To: Colleen Henry <mayor.scho@mittel.net>, Peter Johnson <schopoete663@gmail.com>, Sal Medak <smedak@nycap.rr.com>, Jeff Palmer <jeffpalmer19@gmail.com>, Becky DeGroff <rsdegroff@gmail.com>  
Cc: Village of Schoharie Clerk <villscho@gmail.com>, Dave Brennan <dbrennan@youngsommer.com>

Water Project

1. As discussed with Debby and Colleen, a final payment can be made to RB Robinson in the amount of \$15,000. This is comprised of \$5,000 that was drawn down from EFC last week and \$10,000 that was drawn down in late 2024.
2. The DN Tanks work is complete except for a minor issue related to a few very small areas of touch-up paint on the tank surface. I have advised Debby to withhold \$5,000 from the final payment until the matter can be addressed properly in the Spring. To put this in perspective, it's only about 2 hours of work. As such, the \$5,000 withholding is probably excessive, but DN Tanks has agreed to it. So, the current amount due to DN Tanks is \$30,236.62.
3. The WTP valve assessment work is still ongoing, as all the pricing options are not yet available.

Other Work

4. Parrott House -- I recently started to assist in figuring out how to get a fire service line connected to the Parrott House. As a matter of background, the County Building Department has rejected the plan of connecting to the Court House fire service line.
5. The DPW garage conceptual design is still just getting started. We had Paradigm environmental review the existing building for hazardous materials; they identified that some testing is required on a few items (drywall and joint compound). We also made an on-line wetland jurisdictional request submission to DEC as is now required on projects. We don't expect this to be an issue, but depending on the results, we may need to have a wetlands specialist perform a site visit in the spring to verify that any proposed work will not encroach into a 100 ft. Note that we recently got clearance of the Pool Project site through this process, and we are hoping for the same result here.
6. **From last month – need input:** As requested, I am working on a quote for the sludge drying bed pole barn. But I need to know how many beds (of the 6) that you would want covered. I would have figured all 6, but I understand that DPW may have different thoughts. I had asked Anne this question before her departure, but did not hear back. My opinion is that any number of covered drying beds would be beneficial, so there really is no wrong answer.

Please contact me if you have any questions; I will be reachable all afternoon on my cell (or by email).

Mike

Sincerely,

Michael D. Harrington, P.E.

*Principal Engineer*

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