

DATE: MARCH 28, 2019

KIND OF MEETING: TOWN BOARD

WHERE HELD: SCHODACK TOWN HALL

CLERK: DEBRA L. CURTIS

PRESIDING OFFICER: DAVID B. HARRIS

MEMBERS PRESENT: JAMES E. BULT
MICHAEL KENNEY
SCOTT SWARTZ
TRACEY REX

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ATTORNEY: CHRISTOPHER LANGLOIS, ESQ.

COMPTROLLER: PAUL HARTER

OTHERS: CHIEF JOSEPH BELARDO
BRUCE GOODALL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSFER STATION
OPERATIONS

Supervisor Harris called the March 28, 2019 Town Board Workshop meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and dispensed with roll call. All members present as noted above.

S. Harris welcomed the students who were attending the meeting for their Participation in Government class from Columbia High School.

Executive Session

C. Swartz made a motion at 7:03 p.m. to enter into an executive session of the Board regarding a contract pursuant to public officers law §105(h) and to discuss matters leading to the appointment of a particular person pursuant to public officers law §105(f). Seconded by C. Kenney.

5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, T. Rex, D. Harris. Noes – 0.

C. Bult made a motion at 7:48 p.m. to adjourn the executive session. Seconded by C. Rex.

5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, T. Rex, D. Harris. Noes – 0.

Briefing of Resolutions

S. Harris explained that he was not eligible for the annual LOSAP program; therefore, there would be no need for him to recuse himself from the vote (2019-138). He noted negotiations had been conducted with the United Public Service Employees Union (USPEU) to create a detective division to allow for the current detective to be moved to days and better serve the residents (2019-139). With respect to resolutions 2019-140 and 2019-141, the Supervisor announced that Christopher Lill would be named as the part-time

Justice Court Officer (2019-140) and Matthew Montross would be named as the full-time Police Officer effective March 29, 2019 (2019-141).

Public Comment (Resolutions Only)

Resolution 2019-138: M. Sherwood asked why a detective division needed to be created. S. Harris explained the purpose of the division was to move the officer who was currently acting as a detective from patrol and allow him to focus on his detective duties during the day time. This would have a great benefit to the residents by minimizing overtime hours and allowing the officer to focus on investigating felonies, drug violations, and combat the opioid crisis. M. Sherwood asked if the officer could be changed to a daytime detective without the creation of a division. Chief Belardo said he realized that by calling it a division, it made it seem as though more than one position was being created; however, he assured her that there would be only one. C. Bult said the detective division was designed for scheduling purposes only as there was nothing in the contract that would allow the change to be made. Chief Belardo added that the officer was currently doing two jobs and being paid a large amount for overtime. By making this change, there would be a great savings to the town. He noted the patrol position that would be left vacant would be filled by Mr. Montross. S. Harris said, depending on the need, more officers could be added in the years to come.

Adoption of Resolutions

The Supervisor deviated from the agenda so the Board could take under consideration the following resolution regarding an appointment to the Police Department:

The resolution voted upon reflects additions, deletions and amendments approved by the consensus of the majority Board.

EXPLANATION: Bracketed and strikethrough indicates language that was stricken from the resolution when adopted. Underlined indicates language that was added to the resolution when adopted. A WITHDRAWN resolution is so noted and italicized.

C. Bult made a motion to adopt the following resolution, as amended, seconded by C. Rex:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SCHODACK DOES HEREBY:

2019-141) All Civil Service requirements having been met for the position of Police Officer, the Town hereby appoints Matthew Montross to the position of full-time Police Officer effective March 29, 2019 at entry level salary as set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Schodack and Schodack Police Department, United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) dated January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2019.

5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, T. Rex, D. Harris. Noes – 0.

Following the Oath of Office for Officer Montross administered by the Town Clerk, Mr. Montross thanked the board and all who attended to support him.

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S. Harris made a motion to adopt the following resolution, seconded by C. Kenney:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SCHODACK DOES HEREBY:

2019-138) WHEREAS, on February 14, 2019 the Schodack Town Board approved by resolution (2019-089) the Volunteer Ambulance Workers Service Award Program List of all 2018 active Volunteer Ambulance Workers of the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Services, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the list was forwarded to authorized representatives of the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Services, Inc. and was posted for thirty (30) days as required by law, and

WHEREAS, they have certified on March 21, 2019 no changes were made to the listing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schodack Town Board authorizes Supervisor Harris to certify to PENFLEX, Inc., that the listing as submitted and posted should be used to determine the funding, the requirements of the Service Award Programs (SAP), the eligibility of persons to be paid benefits and the amount of benefits to be paid to eligible persons.

5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, T. Rex, D. Harris. Noes – 0.

S. Harris made a motion to adopt the following resolution, seconded by C. Swartz:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SCHODACK DOES HEREBY:

2019-139) Authorize Supervisor Harris to execute and administer a side letter agreement between the Town of Schodack and USPEU (Town of Schodack Unit) that creates a Detective Division.

5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, T. Rex, D. Harris. Noes – 0.

C. Kenney made a motion to adopt the following resolution, as amended, seconded by C. Bult:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF SCHODACK DOES HEREBY:**

2019-140) Appoint Christopher Lill as Justice Court Officer on a part-time basis at hourly rate set forth in resolution 2019-07 effective April 1, 2019.

5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, T. Rex, D. Harris. Noes – 0.

S. Harris wished to recognize Debra Curtis, Schodack Town Clerk for the scholarship she received from the New York State Town Clerk's Association to attend their annual meeting in Syracuse, NY in May.

Board Discussion

Town Hall Security: S. Harris said, with his previous work experience, he has attempted to be security conscious with respect to the safety of all in the town hall. He explained that identification badges had been issued to all town employees to help identify themselves when out in the community. He proposed increasing the security in the town hall, as it is viewed as a soft target for potential violence, by installing security cameras. He noted a few incidents had occurred involving damage to areas of the building and by having cameras extending from the parking lot to the interior of the building following all four floors, he felt the employees and residents who enter the building would be safer. He said he had asked New York Fire & Security to conduct a survey of the building to determine where cameras would be needed. Based on their findings, a quote for \$14,800.00 had been submitted to the town board for their review. He said it was his intention to use the quote as basis for putting out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to obtain further interest. C. Swartz asked if the system would be wired in and if it was a budgeted item. S. Harris said yes to both questions. He added that the camera system would be connected to a DVR with a seventy-two hour loop for recording. The system would be viewable via a monitor in both the town clerk and supervisor's offices. C. Swartz said he was in favor of the idea; however, he asked that other companies be consulted for a lower price. C. Bult recommended having a more in depth assessment conducted by a different company to determine other potential needs for cameras and other security. S. Harris said he had also considered making a change to the entrance of the town hall. He had examined the potential to open the vestibule and have a security officer check everyone into the building. He noted this would be labor intense and felt it was not necessary to take that route as of yet. He thought the cameras would be adequate to deter someone with mal intentions. C. Bult asked if there were any grants available to help offset the cost of the cameras. S. Harris said he had done some research; however, the grants were hard to come by and were designed more for larger courts. C. Kenney asked how much had been budgeted for the cameras. P. Harter said \$10,000.00. C. Kenney suggested having an assessment done for the entire building, including the roof, sidewalk, elevator and security to determine what was needed for improvement. He felt that way the entire building could be potentially addressed at one time instead of doing a piecemeal job. In the event the work was too laborious or time consuming, they could determine what projects were priorities. The town could then budget for the needed repairs and improvements. S. Harris said he agreed and added that it was

not money wise to spend a fortune on a twenty-five year old building if there was potential for a newer town hall in the future. C. Rex asked if an engineer should be consulted for the evaluation. Atty. Langlois mentioned that there were firms that he could recommend who specialize in facility evaluations. S. Harris asked for all board members to submit their recommendations or suggestions to him as soon as possible. He wanted to ensure that they were spending tax dollars wisely. C. Kenney asked if any modifications would be needed for the second floor being utilized by the Board of Elections. S. Harris said no.

Surplus Dumpsters: B. Goodall said he was interested in selling a few surplus roll-offs and the old recycling bins. S. Harris said it was his wish to offer one of the dumpsters to the local fire companies as shared services. He had made the initial proposition at the previous meeting and noted the roll-off could be used for training purposes. He explained, once the dumpster was no longer useful, the town could take the unit back for scrap. C. Swartz asked what the weight of the containers were. B. Goodall said he was unsure but knew they were heavy. He noted the recycling containers were in the best shape and would fetch a better price if sold outright instead of scrap. C. Kenney suggested holding onto the recycling containers. He noted, as the town was now being charged for recycling, it may soon become time to revert back and being sorting again. He felt if they educated the residents on all acceptable recycling items, it may be a smooth transition. B. Goodall said he had changed the location of containers and was no longer set up for sorting recycling. He also noted the number of runs would increase. C. Bult recommended declaring the four open top roll-offs as surplus and keep the three recycling containers. B. Goodall said he periodically receives calls inquiring about selling containers and he would feel bad if they sat to rust. C. Rex felt if the residents were informed, they could work to improve recycling efforts in the community. C. Bult asked if the attendants at the transfer station were checking the residency of anyone unitizing the facility. Mr. Goodall said they check anyone who they do not know. The town clerk noted that her office requests to see all drivers' licenses for the sale of transfer station punch cards. She noted all residents have been amenable to the change.

Spring Clean-Up Days: B. Goodall gave all board members a copy of the proposed prices for the Spring Clean-Up days. He asked the board to review the prices for the next board meeting. S. Harris asked if there would be limits on the number of items as they had for the fall clean-up. B. Goodall said yes.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business before the Board, C. Kenney made a motion to adjourn the 03/28/19 Town Board meeting at 8:41 p.m., seconded by C. Bult. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Curtis
Schodack Town Clerk

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