

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2020

KIND OF MEETING: TOWN BOARD

WHERE HELD: SCHODACK TOWN HALL

CLERK: DEBRA L. CURTIS

PRESIDING OFFICER: DAVID B. HARRIS

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ATTORNEY: CHRISTOPHER LANGLOIS, ESQ.

COMPTROLLER:

OTHERS PRESENT: DAWNE KELLY, ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Harris called the February 27, 2020 Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and dispensed with roll call. All were present as noted above.

Executive Session

C. Swartz made a motion at 7:01 p.m. to enter an Executive Session of the Board for the purpose of meeting with counsel under attorney-client privilege. Seconded by C. Rex.

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

C. Bult made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:37 p.m., seconded by C. Swartz.

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

Briefing of Resolutions

S. Harris gave a brief overview of the resolutions. He noted 2020-115 and 2020-116 both related to establishing the criteria for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for the solar array being installed at 2191 Brookview Road. With regard to resolution 2020-117, he would be authorized to enter into an agreement with Boy Scout Troop 53 for the storage of their trailers at the Highway Garage.

Board Comment/Public Comment: None.

Adoption of Resolutions

The resolutions voted upon reflect 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 A WITHDRAWN resolution is so noted and italicized.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, seconded by C. Kenney:

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

- 2020-115)** Authorize Supervisor Harris to execute and administer the Intermunicipal PILOT Agreement for payments in-lieu of taxes on real property that contains Solar energy system by and between the Town of Schodack, Rensselaer County, Schodack Central School District and Elmbook Solar LLC.
5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, T. Rex, D. Harris. Noes – 0.

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

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

- 2020-116)** Authorize Supervisor Harris to execute and administer a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement by and between the Town of Schodack, Rensselaer County, Schodack Central School District and Elmbook Solar LLC, relating to the premises located at 2191 Brookview Road.
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, seconded by C. Bult:

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

- 2020-117)** Authorize Supervisor Harris to execute and administer a Temporary License to Use Premises by and between the Town of Schodack and Boy Scout Troop 53.
5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, T. Rex, D. Harris. Noes – 0.

Agenda Items

- 1. Curtis Lumber:** S. Harris informed the board that Curtis Lumber was ready to move forward with their construction of a new building requiring the extension of Sewer District #6. A resolution to schedule a public hearing would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 2. Safe Water Infrastructure Action Program (SWAP):** S. Harris said he had received information from Ken Holmes, Highway Superintendent, regarding an initiative to

obtain supplemental funding for water, sewer and stormwater within the town. Mr. Holmes had drafted letters to be signed by the board which would be sent to Senator Daphne Jordan and Assemblyman Jake Ashby, who are co-sponsors of the bill, illustrating the town's support. D. Kelly added that the letters required board approval and a resolution would be drafted for the following meeting. S. Harris asked the board for permission to sign the letters in advance of the meeting to ensure their request was received in a timely manner. All board members agreed.

3. **RESTORE NY Grant – A. Servidone:** S. Harris explained a resolution to ratify and affirm the distribution of funds to finalize the project by A. Servidone under the RESTORE NY grant would be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Atty. Langlois asked if the Supervisor had spoken to the Laberge Group to obtain their satisfaction for the project. S. Harris said yes.
4. **Hydrant Pressure Identification:** S. Harris said he had consulted Jay Wilson, the Director of Public Safety for Rensselaer County, regarding the color coding to identify the pressure for hydrants in the town. Mr. Wilson said each hydrant would need to be tested using ISO fire standards to ensure the pressure was mark properly. S. Harris said it was his desire to offer this service to all companies within the town. Each company would be responsible for the cost of the testing and painting. C. Swartz asked that all companies understand that they would bear the entire cost. S. Harris said he would ensure the information was conveyed to them.
5. **Dry Hydrant at the Highway Garage:** S. Harris said he had contacted Rob Valente from the Nassau Hose Company regarding the dry hydrant. They were still waiting for the ice to melt completely before a test of the depth of the pond could be done.
6. **Fire Investigation – Cause & Origin:** S. Harris expressed his concern regarding new state mandates for volunteers of the Fire Investigation Unit. He noted current members of the Schodack Fire Investigation Unit were gathering information for letters to be drafted and sent to representatives from the Senate and Assembly requesting for the volunteers to be grandfathered in allowing them to remain in the unit. He added that Jake Ashby was also seeking more information to draft a bill in support of the volunteers.

Open Discussion: None.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business before the Board, C. Swartz made a motion to adjourn the 02/27/20 Town Board meeting at 7:47 p.m., seconded by C. Rex. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Curtis
Schodack Town Clerk

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