

**DATE:** OCTOBER 22, 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:** PHIL DANAHER, ESQ. (*Deputy Attorney*)

**COMPTROLLER:** PAUL HARTER (*Via Zoom Meetings*)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** DAWNE KELLY, ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERVISOR

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Supervisor Harris called the October 22, 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.

### **Board Discussion**

**Parking off Sharon Lane:** S. Harris said a proposal had been received from Andrew Beers of the Hudson River Greenway for creation of three parking spaces at the intersection of Sharon Lane and East Schodack Road for users of the Albany Hudson Electric Trail (AHET). There had been many complaints of people parking on the side of Sharon Lane, causing limited visibility and dangerous conditions for residents. It was the hope that the parking spaces would resolve the issue. He said the proposal had been sent to K. Holmes, Highway Superintendent, for review. He noted the parking spaces would not require any maintenance from the town and did not require a resolution for approval. D. Kelly added that an excavation permit would be required from the Town Clerk's Office. S. Harris asked if any board members saw issue with the proposal. All board members said no.

**Water District No. 10 – Battisti:** S. Harris said, now that the district had been created, an application needed to be sent to the NYS Comptroller's Office for proposed costs to the residents. The resolution to authorize the application would be on the October 27<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**Transfer Station Regulations:** S. Harris said a sample of the proposed 2021 regulations for the transfer station had been forwarded to the board. He noted no changes had been made from the previous year. He thanked the board members for their generosity to not raise prices during the tough time residents were facing with COVID-19.

**Town Hall Roof:** D. Kelly said representatives from the Garland Company, Inc. came to review the damage on the town hall roof per their 2019 proposal for restoration. She said a decision needed to be made on the color of the roof. The choices were white or gray. C. Kenney asked if the cost was based on the original quote. D. Kelly said it was under the

original contract and bids would need to be obtained. C. Bult asked what color was recommended to work best for the roof. D. Kelly felt the white would reflect the light, which would be good for summer, but the gray would absorb heat, benefiting for winter. All board members agreed on gray.

### **Adoption of Resolutions**

**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.**

S. Harris read both resolutions prior to the vote. No board or public comment was received.

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:**

**2020-265)** Accept the Utility Easement offered by Stewart's Shops Corp., as Grantor, to the Town of Schodack, as Grantee, with respect to the real property located at 1528-1542 Columbia Turnpike, Schodack, New York.

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

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### **Board Discussion Continued**

**COVID-19 Updates:** S. Harris informed the board that Quick Response had donated their services to disinfect the entire town hall in preparation for elections as requested by the Rensselaer County Board of Elections. C. Bult asked how the employees and voters would be managed for contact tracing. S. Harris said the election inspectors would be responsible for checks on all voters and employees would check-in with the Town Clerk's Office. C. Bult recommended all employees show their town identification badges to ensure there would be no issue entering the building ahead of voters in line. S. Harris felt as long as everyone was maintaining social distancing and being respectful, there should be no issue. D. Kelly added that there would be adequate signage and yellow barriers in place to assist. S. Harris thanked the board and employees for their continued cooperation with COVID-19 protocols.

**Van Hoesen Road Bridge:** C. Rex asked if there was any update on the repairs to the bridge on Van Hoesen Road. S. Harris said the paperwork had been submitted to Amtrak but no response had been received. The next step would be to have the documents signed and returned. He assured the board that when any updates were received, he would be sure to forward them on.

**Town Property – Nantasket Road:** C. Bult said he had reviewed the request from Mr. Oakes for town owned land that borders his property on Nantasket Road to be sold to him. The property appeared to have no value and he felt it would be beneficial to the town for it to return to the assessment roll. S. Harris said he had spoken to the town attorney who would be drawing up a formal purchase agreement. He noted the agreement would be forwarded to the board prior to the approval of the sale.

**2021 Preliminary Budget:** P. Harter informed the board that after all adjustments, there would be a decrease of the tax rate by 1.47 percent.

### **Executive Session**

C. Swartz made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. to discuss a contract and personnel matter. Seconded by S. Harris.

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

S. Harris noted no further business would take place following the executive session.

C. Bult made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:02 p.m., seconded by C. Rex.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business before the Board, C. Kenney made a motion to adjourn the 10/22/20 Town Board meeting at 8:02 p.m., seconded by S. Harris. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Curtis  
Schodack Town Clerk

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