

**DATE:** OCTOBER 14, 2021

**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 PRESENT:**

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Supervisor Harris called the October 14, 2021 Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and dispensed with roll call. All present as noted above.

**Briefing of the Agenda**

S. Harris gave a brief review of all resolutions on the agenda. All were self-explanatory.

**Board Comment:** None.

**Public Comment:** The Town Clerk advised that no public comment had been received via email. No public comment was received in person.

**Departmental Reports:** The following monthly departmental reports were read and/or posted and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk: Building Department, Tax Receiver and Town Clerk.

**Review of Abstracts of Claims and Budget Amendments:** The Board reviewed claims #21-1603 to #21-1802 on Abstract No. 2021-10 in the amount of \$1,031,848.82, including the claims paid prior (\$554,207.67).

**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 A WITHDRAWN resolution is so noted and italicized.

C. Bult 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:**

- 2021-232)** Authorize Supervisor Harris to execute and administer Addendum Number 2021-09 for professional services from the Laberge Group to assist the Town Board related to the provision of program guidance, project prioritization, and grant administration of the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Fee shall be an hourly basis plus reimbursable expenses.

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. Rex:

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

- 2021-233)** **WHEREAS**, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYEFC), provides grants to municipalities under the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant program for drinking water and clean water projects; and

**WHEREAS**, under said legislation, eligible applicants in the case of municipalities, are required to authorize an official representative to file the application; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town desires to pursue this funding mechanism for assistance in completing the Battisti Drinking Water Improvement Project (The Project); and

**WHEREAS**, the Project includes critical drinking water quality upgrades which will result in a looped system connecting to the Clearview Water District providing for improved system pressure, distribution, water quality, and reliability; and

**WHEREAS**, the total project cost has been determined to be approximately \$2,432,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has previously committed \$100,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Federal funds towards this project as per Town Board Resolution 2021-186; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is in receipt of a letter from Bond Counsel confirming our intent and ability to bond the entirety of the Project costs upon favorable notification of grant award and Office of State Comptroller (OSC) approval of new district formation; and

**WHEREAS**, full environmental review of the Project has been completed and the Project has been classified as an Unlisted Action which will not result in any significant adverse impact on the environment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Members of the Board of the Town of Schodack hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to execute and file an application on behalf of the Town of Schodack with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) for a Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the application amount requested be no more than 60% of the total project cost (\$2,432,000); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Schodack will issue a bond resolution in the amount of the full project cost in order to fulfill grant application requirements and that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to engage bond counsel to draft said bond resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and designated as the representative and to act as such in connection with the application to provide additional information as may be required including all understandings and assurances contained in the application; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract and/or agreement with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation in connection with the application and is further authorized to request and expend funds from NYS Government pursuant to said contact and/or agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, to the extent all or any actions hereby authorized have been executed and/or performed by the Supervisor all are hereby ratified and confirmed and this Resolution take effect immediately.

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. Bult:

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

**2021-234)** Authorize Supervisor Harris to execute and administer Addendum Number 2018007-01 dated October 8, 2021 for professional services from the Laberge Group, related to the implementation of the New York Water Grant award for provision professional engineering and related services for the Battisti Water District No. 10 project in an amount not to exceed \$385,000.00.

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

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

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

- 2021-235)** Authorize the Comptroller's recommendation to direct the Town Supervisor to pay the claims #21-1603 to 21-1802 on Abstract No. 2021-10, in the amount of \$1,031,848.82, including the claims paid \$554,207.67.  
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. Bult:

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

- 2021-236)** Authorize the September 2021 budget modifications, interfund loans and interfund transfers as provided in document dated October 2021 and recommended by the Comptroller.  
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 adopt the following resolution, seconded by C. Swartz:

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

- 2021-237)** **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the Schodack Town Board to act in accord with its longstanding traditions, honoring the achievement of those who have given so generously to their community, exemplifying the ideals and values cherished by this great Town, and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Koch has distinguished himself as a person of outstanding ability, establishing a high standard of integrity, and has imparted a sense of fairness, and compassion to his position of Operator III in the Town of Schodack, and

**WHEREAS**, Andy has been a thirty plus year resident of the Town of Schodack, and

**WHEREAS**, Andy began his career in private sector and was hired on April 12, 1999 as an Operator II and Water/Sewer operator for the Schodack Highway Department and spent his first day flagging on a patch crew, and

**WHEREAS**, from early on, Andy demonstrated his commitment and dedication to the town by always responding to emergency call-backs, be it rain, wind,

snow, or water breaks, and

**WHEREAS**, Andy rose to the rank of Operator III and is recognized for his outstanding equipment operating abilities, and

**WHEREAS**, Andy is well known for speed and efficient manner he completes his plow route during every snow event, and

**WHEREAS**, notably, Andy spent his last day, October 14, 2021, on the job as Foreman on a patch crew, and

**WHEREAS**, Andy as has served faithfully in this role under Supervisors: Joseph McCabe, Eileen Natoli, Beth Secor, Dennis Dowds and David Harris, and

**WHEREAS**, Andy has demonstrated his love of family by being a husband to Colleen and father to Andrew, Kyle and Kristy and often shares his love for motorcycling, camping and hunting with his coworkers and friends, and

**WHEREAS**, it surely comes as no surprise, he will greatly miss sharing the escapades of his adventures, as we will miss hearing of them.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Body of the Town of Schodack is moved to honor Andrew Koch, who has given himself to this community in so many ways and distinguished himself throughout his career bringing great pride to his family, his peers, his associates and his community by being a person of commitment, integrity and an impressive role model for all, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Body of the Town of Schodack will pause in its deliberations on the 14th day of October 2021 to acknowledge and honor Andrew Koch, upon his retirement, for his 22 years of service to the Town of Schodack and a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, will be transmitted to him.

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

### **Public Comment**

J. Visalli of Sunset Road said he had spoken to K. Holmes after his previous visit to the town board meeting. They discussed upgrading road conditions, including increasing road widths, adding striping, increasing signage and stopping speeders, for the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. He commended K. Holmes and the highway department on the work that they do but noted that the Town Board needed to do more to improve town roads. He suggested that the board create an improvement list of roads based upon usage and include public input. These improvements include taking property to create shoulders and improve visibility, create a multi-year plan for roads, approach the PSC to have National Grid move

poles three to four feet away from the edges of the roads and have the police enforce the speed. He added that the town board was elected with growth as their platform and said it was time they acted. S. Harris informed Mr. Visalli that the board had decided during the budget workshops to obtain pricing for striping of five roads, including Sunset, within the town. He said the highway department had begun work on the shoulders along Sunset but cautioned that the town had no legal right to force National Grid to move poles or remove brush and trees from private property. Mr. Visalli disagreed and felt the town had a legal right to cut the trees based upon public safety. C. Bult mentioned to Mr. Visalli that the board had also decided, during the workshops, to add funds to the road program allowing more roads to be resurfaced. He added that the police had been running radar on Schuurman and North Old Post Road which seemed to be making a difference.

P. Cartwright, a trustee of Castleton Library, thanked the board for their continuing support and gave an update on the outreach programs offered to the residents of Schodack. These programs included: book mobiles to the Riverside Nursing Home and Castlehill Senior Housing; quarterly visits to the Castlehill Senior Housing to assist with technological issues; outreach at the Castleton Elementary School with crafts and reading for kindergarten and first graders; a story walk at the Schodack Island State Park; and setting up a table at the Castleton Farmer's Market.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business before the Board, C. Swartz made a motion to adjourn the 10/14/21 Town Board meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by C. Bult. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Curtis  
Schodack Town Clerk