

**DATE:** MAY 25, 2023

**KIND OF MEETING:** TOWN BOARD

**WHERE HELD:** SCHODACK TOWN HALL

**CLERK:** DEBRA L. CURTIS

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** CHARLES J. PETER

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ATTORNEY:** CHRISTOPHER LANGLOIS, ESQ.

**COMPTROLLER:** PAUL HARTER

**OTHERS PRESENT:** DAWNE KELLY, ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERVISOR  
WILLAIM MORGAN, SOLE ASSESSOR

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Supervisor Peter called the May 25, 2023 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.

### **Review of Resolutions**

S. Peter gave a brief overview of a resolution on the agenda. He explained that the latest draft of the proposed Noise Ordinance had been created following a meeting with counsel and D. Calarco to review the ordinance from the Town of Colonie (2023-186). He noted that the draft was open to general noise; however, it included decibel levels for certain situations. Atty. Langlois added that no significant changes had been made from the previous draft. A few additions were made, including express prohibitions for motor vehicles (§151-1B(3)), use of power tools (§151-1B(4)), refuse collection (§151-1B(5)) and parties (§151-1B(9)) as well as exceptions (§151-1C). The section relating to parties (§151-1B(9)) also included a decibel limit of 65 dBA from the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

**Board/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 A WITHDRAWN resolution is so noted and italicized.**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. 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:**

- 2023-186** Authorize Town Clerk to publish a legal notice for a public hearing to seek public comment on Proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2023 Amending Chapter 151 entitled Noise in the Town of Schodack. Said hearing to be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at the Schodack Town Hall at 7:10 p.m.  
5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, T. Rex, C. Peter. Noes – 0.

**Open Discussion**

**Housing Choice Voucher Program:** D. Kelly noted that a resolution would be on the next agenda to authorize the Supervisor to sign the annual certification of the Housing Voucher Program.

**Farmer's Market:** S. Peter said he had been contacted by a few residents regarding the use of town property to set up a farmer's market. There previously had been a market located at the YMCA in East Greenbush; however, it had been closed following the coordinator leaving the organization. He noted that there was a farmer's market on Fridays at Schodack Island State Park but agreed that another location would be a benefit to all. Upon review, there were three potential sites that could be utilized, including the Town Hall Parking Lot, the Town Park or the Old Town Hall Site. Whereas the Town Park would be a great choice, he cautioned that there were many conflicts such as Music in the Park, Movies in the Park, rentals and Summer Camp. He felt the Old Town Hall would be the best choice, but he was willing to work with the group(s) organizing the market to select the site. K. Peter of Bunker Hill Road said he would like to see the market organized like the East Greenbush site, having the event held from June to October and on Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. At the EG event, vendors were required to show proof of insurance and charged for participating, which he was uncertain if the same policy should be required for the Schodack market. S. Peter clarified that the town would allow the use of said property for the market; however, they would not oversee the event. It would be the responsibility of the organizers to regulate the event. He hoped that in the future, the town could budget for a Town of Schodack Farmer's Market but not for 2023. He recommended checking with Rensselaer County for use of the Senior Center Parking Lot for any overflow parking that may be needed. C. Swartz asked that a list and information on the event be forwarded to the board prior to the first event.

C. Lovegrove said she was the organizer of the Village of Castleton Farmer's Market and was willing to help Mr. Peter to get the market up and running. She noted that she had flags and signage that she would be willing to donate. Atty. Langlois asked Ms. Lovegrove if she had an agreement with the Village of Castleton for the event and if they had to pay a fee. She said the agreement was verbal only. Nothing in writing. She also did not pay a fee, nor did she charge a fee to the vendors.

**Smoke Relay in Elevator:** S. Peter explained that an issue was found during the elevator upgrade. The issue involved a relay that, in the event of fire, should stop the elevator car on

any floor other than the one with the fire; however, upon inspection, it was discovered that the relay was not connected. A solution was recommended by ADT (Town Hall Alarm Company) but was quite expensive. D. Kelly added that to reconnect the auto dialer, it would be necessary to separate the burglar and fire alarms, which would not only be costly but could delay the project for six to eight weeks. On the other hand, Schindler Elevator recommended the installation of a stand-alone system with sensors in the shaft to direct the hatch to pop open and guide the car to an alternative floor. In the event the car was not able to move to a safe floor, the doors would not open. As part of the upgrade, a camera will be installed in the car allowing notification if someone is trapped within during an emergency. S. Peter said the quote from Schindler Elevator was \$23,986.00 and could be completed with no delay to the upgrade. He asked for board permission to move forward to get the elevator back up and running. All board members agreed.

**Easements for Water/Sewer Projects:** S. Peter noted that some easements were still outstanding for the Route 9 South Water Project and Sewer down Maple Hill Road. D. Kelly added that three out of thirteen easements had yet to be signed for Route 9 and one out of four for the sewer project on Maple Hill Road.

**Board of Assessment Review:** S. Peter stated that an Executive Session, under Attorney Client Privilege, would follow the board meeting regarding one grievance before the Board of Assessment Review.

**Police Clerk Job Description:** S. Peter said the job description for a Police Clerk had been completed and was awaiting Civil Service approval. There was potential for a resolution on the next agenda to advertise for said position. He added that the Memorandum of Agreement was before the Police Union for a vote.

### **Executive Session**

C. Bult made a motion at 7:30 p.m. to enter an Executive Session of the board under Attorney-Client Privilege. Seconded by C. Swartz.

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

S. Peter informed the audience that no further business would be conducted following the executive session.

C. Bult made a motion at 8:36 p.m. to adjourn the executive session. Seconded by C. Rex.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business before the Board, C. Kenney made a motion to adjourn the 05/25/23 Town Board meeting at 8:36 p.m., seconded by C. Bult. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Curtis  
Schodack Town Clerk