

DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

KIND OF MEETING: TOWN BOARD

WHERE HELD: SCHODACK TOWN HALL

CLERK: DONNA L. CONLIN

PRESIDING OFFICER: DENNIS E. DOWDS

MEMBERS PRESENT: FRANCIS CURTIS
JAMES E. BULT
SCOTT SWARTZ
MICHAEL KENNEY

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ATTORNEY: DAVID GRUENBERG

COMPTROLLER:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Dowds called the September 25, 2014 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and dispensed with roll call. All present as noted above.

Items to be discussed:

Justice Court - The Supervisor said a resolution was before the Board this evening to extend the appointment of Deborah Coppola as a temporary Court Clerk.

Adoption of Resolution

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 A **WITHDRAWN** resolution is so noted and italicized.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. Curtis:

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

2014-209) Extend the appointment of Deborah Coppola as adopted in resolution 2014-147 as temporary secretary to the Town Justice Court, at the same hourly rate and for the same work hours set forth in said resolution, without any benefits, and without supervisory responsibilities, due to the resignation, effective September 19, 2014 of Catherine Sager, to December 31, 2014, or until the appointment of a replacement for Catherine Sager is made, whichever first occurs.

5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – F. Curtis, J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, D. Dowds. Noes – 0.

Water/Sewer Hearings – The Comptroller requested that the water/sewer hearings be held on November 6, 2014 because she will not have the analysis done in time to meet the legal requirements.

Appraisals for Commercial Property – The Supervisor said the Assessor has requested professional appraisals for three commercial properties – Resurrection Nursing Home (a.k.a. – Riverside Rehabilitation), Pine Haven Mobile Park and Hamilton Printing to assist in the existing certiorari litigations. A resolution will be on an upcoming agenda to approve the settlements. Mr. Goold said they are hoping to settle through negotiation, but in the event that does not happen, he wants to be prepared. He noted that he has some concerns about the Resurrection Nursing Home which has gone from a tax-exempt facility to a for-profit entity and briefed the Board on some of the details that might impact that certiorari, as well as Pine Haven's. On a side note, S. Dowds informed the Board that Pine Haven was recently sold and the owner is putting in all new water lines.

Budget: The Board discussed the 2015 Budget Presentation Meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to have the meeting on Thursday, October 2nd at 5:00 p.m. The Supervisor has scheduled the budget workshop meetings as follows: October 15, October 16 and October 22nd. All meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room.

Human Resource Manager: S. Dowds said he has received 7 applications for the position and will begin interviews in early October.

Planning Board Vacancy: S. Dowds said there will be vacancy on the Planning Board at the end of this month (due to the resignation of James Church). There are two resumes on file from the prior solicitation, which he will distribute to Board members for their review.

Servidone: S. Dowds informed the Board that he has spoken with the attorney for Mr. Servidone regarding the building they want to construct on Rt. 9. They have spoken with Rensselaer County IDA in terms of a PILOT and it appears that they are looking for something that is more aggressive than the Board was willing to consider for a prior project. He believes it is up to the IDA at this point.

Fiscal Stress Monitoring System: S. Dowds stated that the State has a Fiscal Stress Monitoring System (FSMS), which identifies municipalities, school districts, etc. that may have the potential to be in fiscal distress. He explained how governments are rated on a scale from 0% (being the best) to 100% (being the worst) and was happy to announce that Schodack scored 1.7%, which was the best in the county. He thanked the employees, department heads, Comptroller and Board Members for all their efforts in keeping the Town on a sound financial footing.

C. Bult asked if the property on Rte. 9 & 20 that was being auctioned by the County was sold. S. Dowds said, yes; it sold for \$8,000.00.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business before the Board, C. Curtis made a motion to adjourn the 09/25/14 Town Board meeting at 7:23 p.m., seconded by C. Bult. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. Conlin
Schodack Town Clerk/RMC/CMC