

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

KIND OF MEETING: TOWN BOARD

WHERE HELD: SCHODACK TOWN HALL

CLERK: DEBRA L. CURTIS

PRESIDING OFFICER: DENNIS E. DOWDS

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ATTORNEY: DAVID GRUENBERG, ESQ.

COMPTROLLER:

OTHERS PRESENT: CHIEF JOSEPH BELARDO
BRUCE GOODALL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSFER STATION
OPERATIONS

Supervisor Dowds called the September 14, 2017 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.

Library Services Presentation

Jill Dugas-Hughes (East Greenbush Library Director), Melissa Tacke (Castleton Public Library Director), and Laurenne Teahout (Nassau Free Library Director) gave a presentation regarding their 2018 budget requests. Ms. Dugas-Hughes began by thanking the Board on behalf of herself and the other library directors for their past support of library services. Ms. Tacke explained that without funding from the Town, they would not be able to best serve the residents of Schodack. Collectively, all three libraries have added benefits for residents such as an expanded farmer's market certified by NYS Ag & Markets (E.Greenbush), artisan vendors and concerts on the patio (E.Greenbush), a bike repair station (Castleton), enhanced weekly story time (Nassau) and one thousand books before kindergarten program (Castleton and E. Greenbush). Improvements have been made to each facility including an established play area for children (Castleton), community room remodel via a NYS construction grant (Nassau) and phase one of a revitalization grant to upgrade lighting to energy efficient LED bulbs and heat pumps (East Greenbush). For the 2018 budget, Castleton is seeking an increase of 5 percent to \$113,400.00 and East Greenbush is requesting an increase of 11.49 percent to \$303,720.00. Nassau is asking for the same amount as the previous year (\$25,000.00). Ms. Dugas-Hughes mentioned the East Greenbush library's budget has seen increases and decreases over the years. She and S. Dowds are currently working to create a steadier model to stabilize the curve, possibly by establishing a multi-year contract.

Executive Session

C. Rex made a motion at 7:15 p.m. to enter into executive session to discuss personnel appointments in the Police Department and Assessor's Office. Seconded by C. Swartz.

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

C. Bult made a motion at 7:55 p.m. to adjourn the executive session. Seconded by C. Swartz.

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

Adoption of Resolutions

The Supervisor deviated from the agenda so the Board could take under consideration the following resolution regarding appointments to the Police Department:

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:

2017-208) Appoint David Harrington as part-time police officer at an hourly rate as set forth in resolution 2016-290 and appoint Anthony Belardo as part-time sworn police officer for the Town of Schodack for the purpose of attending Zone 14 Police Academy and to complete necessary training under the direction of the Schodack Police Department. [Expenses for candidate to attend Academy will be borne by candidate.]

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

S. Dowds stated that unfortunately A. Belardo was unable to attend the meeting due to prior obligations at the Academy but invited Chief Belardo and D. Harrington to come to the dais. Chief Belardo announced that he is pleased to have D. Harrington join the department. He explained that Mr. Harrington comes to the Town as a past officer of Bethlehem and his knowledge will be a great asset. He thanked the Board and stated he believed it would strengthen the department and better serve the residents. A brief pinning ceremony was performed by Mr. Harrington's son Jordan Harrington (Schodack Police Officer). Following the Oath of Office administered by the Town Clerk, Mr. Harrington said he looked forward to utilizing his skills to help improve the department.

Departmental Reports

The following monthly departmental reports were read and/or posted and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk: Town Clerk, Building Department, Receiver of Taxes, Human Resources, and Historian.

Review of Abstracts of Claims and Budget Amendments

The Board reviewed claims #17-1373 to #17-1554 on Abstract No. 2017-09.

Briefing of the Resolution Agenda Discussion-Resolutions

S. Dowds gave a briefing of the remaining resolutions on the agenda. For resolution [2017-209], the meter pump and controller being purchased will be reusable in the event that the cooling tower breaks down. The proposed extension to sewer district No.1 (resolution [2017-210]) will connect to the Maple Hill Middle and High Schools. C. Swartz asked if wording should be added that Schodack Central School District would be paying for the extension. S. Dowds stated that a contract was already signed last year stating the School would pay for everything. S. Dowds explained that local law No. 2 proposed in resolution [2017-212], would amend Chapter 137, Article IV of Town Law to make changes to the rules and regulations for the Transfer Station. Atty. Gruenberg commended Dawne Kelly (Confidential Secretary) for noticing the issue in the town's e-code. The current practice of passing a resolution to amend said regulations does not follow town law and by amending it with such wording as "the Transfer/Recycling Station fees and regulations would be set by the Town Board" would put them in compliance. B. Goodall mentioned that the current law still includes window stickers which are no longer used, outdated fees and incorrect times for the facility to be open. Atty. Gruenberg asked if any other sections should be amended and it was decided that he and B. Goodall would do further investigation. S. Dowds explained that resolution [2017-215] needed to be amended as a typographical error had occurred. The amount for claims paid since the previous town board meeting should read as (\$174,438.38). All other resolutions were self-explanatory.

Board Discussion

Resolution [2017-211]: C. Bult stated that he thought accepting credit cards was a good idea but suggested that B. Goodall and J. Lewis be solely in charge of using the machine to prevent errors. B. Goodall stated that all Highway employees who fill-in at the Transfer Station are required to use the cash register and the use of the credit card machine should be no different. C. Bult explained he was concerned for Town liability if errors occur. C. Rex suggested a standard operating procedure (SOP) be put in place to prevent issues. A conversation ensued and it was decided that training of all possible users would be required and would be at the discretion of B. Goodall on who operates the machine.

Resolution [2017-201]: C. Kenney asked what the current yearly cost was. S. Dowds stated \$12,000.00 per year. C. Kenney explained he was under the impression the yearly cost to the Town would decrease after the initial three year contract; however, he sees that it will simply remain constant. S. Dowds advised that there was the same amount of work involved in the audit process; therefore, the cost would remain the same. C. Kenney asked if the Town should have received three bids for this service. S. Dowds stated it is under government contract and we are not required to obtain bids. C. Bult questioned how many years the state comptroller's office recommends a municipality utilize the services of a firm before it should find an alternate. S. Dowds explained that after 2019, the Town would need to secure a different firm.

Public Comment

Resolution [2017-206]: K. Stokem asked if the law firm named represents the Board of Assessment. C. Bult stated they are our Water and Sewer Attorneys.

Resolution [2017-210]: K. Stokem asked if residents would have the opportunity to connect. S. Dowds stated once the district extension was turned over to the Town, the feasibility for residential hook up could then be assessed. C. Swartz mentioned he had been in contact with Laberge and was under the impression the sewer line would be high pressure and residents could not easily connect. C. Kenney suggested residents could run lines into a shared pump station which would in turn be connected to the sewer line. C. Bult mentioned all residents involved could apply under one petition and map plan and report to save money. S. Dowds said if a proposed town-wide district were to be instituted, there would be no need for the legal and engineering aspect. C. Kenney said where this is an appealing concept, it does pose a considerable cost. A percentage of residents would be required to join, adding a burden to residents who do not participate but will still be required to pay into the district even if they likely never benefit. A conversation ensued among Board members. K. Stokem mentioned a few residents have suffered costly remediation of their septic systems and the benefits of a sewer district would outweigh the cost.

Resolution [2017-213]: Mr. Stokem asked if there was a market for the material being removed from the Transfer Station. C. Kenney and Bult explained that the company will take the material, grind it several times and sell it as mulch or topsoil. B. Goodall stated a portion is left at the Transfer Station for use by residents but is coarsely ground and not highly desired. C. Bult stated the Town had burned the material in the past but state regulations prohibit said practice.

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:

2017-200) Authorize Supervisor Dowds to execute and administer a 2017 agreement between the Rensselaer County Department for Youth and the Town of Schodack for State Aid related to the Town's Summer Youth Day Camp in the amount of \$3,140.00.

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

C. Rex 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:**

2017-201) Authorize Supervisor Dowds to accept the proposal dated July 25, 2017 and execute and administer engagement letter with The Bonadio Group CPAs, Consultants & More to provide professional auditing services for the Town of Schodack for fiscal years ending December 31, 2017, 2018 and 2019 in an amount of \$12,000.00 respectively for a total amount not to exceed \$36,000.00.

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

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:**

2017-202) Waive the requirement pursuant to Chapter 177 §1 of the Code of the Town of Schodack to hold Water Rate hearings on or before October 20th each year, in order to schedule said hearings at a special meeting at a later date to be determined.

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

C. Kenney made a motion to adopt the following resolution, seconded by S. Dowds:

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

2017-203) Waive the requirement pursuant to Chapter 176 §4 of the Code of the Town of Schodack to hold Sewer Rent hearings on or before October 20th each year, in order to schedule said hearings at a special meeting at a later date to be determined.

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

2017-204) WHEREAS, it is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as *Constitution Week*,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schodack does hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as *Constitution Week* and urges all citizens to study the Constitution and reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves.

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

S. Dowds 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:**

2017-205) Adopt the fee schedule for Fall Clean-Up Days (October 12, 13 & 14) at the Transfer Station as follows:

Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners & dehumidifiers	\$ 6.00
Tires, rimless (maximum size 16")	\$ 2.00
Larger and rimmed tires	price by size
TVs, computer monitors	FREE
Propane Tanks	FREE
Furniture	FREE
Metal goods	FREE
Push mowers	FREE
Gas grills	FREE
Bicycles	FREE

*******Please note: all other pricing remains the same*******

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

C. Rex 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:**

2017-206) Amend Resolution 2017-45 as adopted on January 12, 2017 as follows: Pursuant to professional services agreement dated January 1, 2015, appoint Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP as Special District Counsel and based on per hour fee schedule dated December 30, 2014, Partners \$250.00, Associates \$170.00 and Paralegals \$95.00. This authorization shall not exceed ~~\$40,000.00~~ **\$16,000.00** without further board approval.

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

2017-207) Amend resolution 2017-40 as adopted on January 12, 2017 as follows: Appoint Gloria Brewer as a member of the Board of Assessment Review at salary as set forth in Year 2017 adopted budget. Term to expire September 30, 2024 **2022**.

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

2017-208) **Previously adopted. See pg. 168.**

C. Bult 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:

2017-209) Authorize Supervisor Dowds accept Quote# 17QB470 dated July 24, 2017 from B & L Control Service Inc. to install Metering Pump and Controller in a new enclosure box to in an amount not to exceed \$4,032.00 for Town Hall, 265 Schuurman Road.

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

C. Kenney made a motion to adopt the following resolution, seconded by S. Dowds:

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

2017-210) **WHEREAS**, a map, plan and report have been prepared in such manner and in such detail as is required by Article 12A of the Town Law of the State of New York, relating to the establishment of the Town of Schodack Sewer District No. 1, Ext. No. 1 in the Town of Schodack, County of Rensselaer, State of New York, and has been filed in the Town Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, said map, plan and report was prepared by Laberge Group, competent engineers, duly licensed by the State of New York, showing the boundaries of the proposed District Extension and the general plan of the proposed District Extension; and

WHEREAS, said map shows the location and description of the public works

which will be required and the lands or easements to be acquired; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the proposed District Extension are as described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount proposed to be expended for said improvements and/or acquisition of necessary lands is the sum of One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000.00) Dollars; and all details as to the cost are set forth in the aforesaid map, plan and report; and

WHEREAS, approval of the New York State Comptroller will not be required for establishing this District Extension inasmuch as debt will not be issued or assumed by the town for the improvements for the District Extension; and

WHEREAS, operation and maintenance expenses shall be on a benefit basis for the District Extension user; and

WHEREAS, said map, plan and report describing said improvements are on file in the Town Clerk's Office for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the first year cost of full operation for the typical property within the District Extension is Thirty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 (\$34,650.00) Dollars.

NOW, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schodack, shall meet and hold a public hearing at the Schodack Town Hall, 265 Schuurman Road, Castleton, New York 12033 in said Town, on the 12th day of October, 2017, at 7:10 p.m., local time, to consider said map, plan and report and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof as is required or authorized by law, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED and DETERMINED that the Town Board of the Town of Schodack, Rensselaer County shall act as lead agency relative to all SEQRA proceedings on this sewer district extension.

SCHEDULE "A"

TOWN OF SCHODACK

Rensselaer County, New York

Sewer District 1 – Extension 1

PROPOSED DISTRICT DESCRIPTION

BEGINNING AT A POINT located on the southerly right of way on Maple Hill Road, said point also being the north west property corner of Tax Map Parcel No. (Parcel No.) 209-2-12.

THENCE easterly along the southerly boundary of Maple Hill Road to its intersection with the westerly boundary of South Schodack Road and

THENCE continuing southeasterly along said westerly boundary of South Schodack Road to a point; said point being the southeasterly corner of Parcel No. 209-2-12,

THENCE continuing westerly and northerly around the bounds of Parcel No. 209-2-12 to the point and place of beginning.

Intending to describe the proposed Sewer District No. 1 – Extension 1. All tax parcel information is as of January 27, 2017.

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

2017-211) Amend resolution 2017-54 as adopted January 12, 2017 approving the Transfer Station Fee schedule, dated January 1, 2017 *to allow payments with Credit Cards to be accepted at the Transfer Station.*

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

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

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

2017-212) Authorize Town Clerk to publish a legal notice for a public hearing to seek public comment on proposed Local Law No. 2 to amend the Transfer/Recycling Station Rules and Regulations for the Town of Schodack, Chapter 137, Article IV. Said hearing to be held on Thursday, October 12th at the Schodack Town Hall at 7:20 p.m.

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

C. Kenney 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:

2017-213) **WHEREAS**, the Town has determined that there is surplus chip and grass material at the Transfer Station generated during the 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that said surplus material needs to be removed to reduce a potential fire hazard, and

WHEREAS, the Town has received (3) proposals for grinding material and removing it from the Transfer Station as follows: a proposal from SM Gallivan, L.L.C. for \$7,750.00, a proposal from Wm Biers, Inc. for \$15,500.00 and a proposal from Ken Morris & Sons for \$4,900.00,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the recommendation of the Transfer Station Director, that the Town Board does hereby accepts Ken Morris & Sons proposal in the sum of \$4,900.00.

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

C. Bult 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:

2017-214) Amend resolution 2016-175 as adopted on July 14, 2016 Authorizing Supervisor Dowds to execute and administer contract with Schindler Elevator for preventive maintenance service agreement on the elevator for a term of September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2026 ***subject to reasonable annual increases as per contract, initial period of September 2016 - August 31, 2017*** at an annual amount not to exceed \$2,436.00 for the Town Hall building located at 265 Schuurman Road, subject to approval as to form by the Town Attorney.

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

2017-215) Authorize the Comptroller's recommendation to direct the Town Supervisor to pay the claims #17-1373 to 17-1554 on Abstract No. 2017-09, in the amount of \$867,077.54, including the claims paid (~~\$692,638.74~~) (\$174,438.38) since the previous town board meeting.

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

2017-216) Authorize budget modifications, interfund loans and interfund transfers as recommended by the Comptroller.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

August 2017

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Fund/				
	Department #	Fund / Department Name	Increase	Decrease
<u>2017</u>				
58	A-960-1340.4000	Budget - Contractual	48.18	
	A-960-1990.4000	Contingency - Contractual		48.18
	To modify the budget to cover supplies for Board budget binders			
59	A-960-1620.2000	Plant/Building - Equipment	5,241.74	
	A-960-1620.4000	Plant/Building - Contractual		5,241.74
	To modify the budget to cover replacement of Town Hall water pump			
60	A-960-3120.1012	Police Grant - PTS	839.90	
	A-509-4320.9999	Federal Aid Public Safety	839.90	
	To modify the budget for PTS grant awards			
61	A-960-3120.2000	Police - Equipment	3,051.00	
	A-509-4320.9999	Federal Aid - Public Safety	3,051.00	
	To modify the budget to cover purchase of officer equipment reimbursable through grants			
62	B-960-3620.2000	Safety Inspections - Equipment	1,045.02	
	B-960-3620.4000	Safety Inspections - Contractual		1,045.02
	To modify the budget to cover purchase of computer and printer			
63	DB-960-5110.2000	Road Repairs - Equipment	403.91	
	DB-960-5110.4000	Road Repairs - Contractual		403.91
	To modify the budget to cover purchase of Hot Box digital controller			
64	DB-960-5112.1100	Road Construction - Equipment	208.99	
	DB-960-5112.1000	Road Construction - Contractual		208.99
	To modify the budget to cover August overtime			

65	DB-960-5130.1100	Machinery - Overtime	27.93
	DB-960-5130.1400	Machinery - Police Work	322.79
	DB-960-5130.1000	Machinery - Personal	350.72
	To modify the budget to cover work on Police vehicles and overtime		
66	DB-960-5140.1630	Brush & Weeds - Transfer Station work	234.90
	DB-960-5140.1000	Brush & Weeds - Personal Services	234.90
	To modify the budget to cover work performed at Transfer Station		
	5 Ayes 0 Noes. MOTION CARRIED. Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, T. Rex, D. Dowds. Noes – 0.		

Old/New Business

Ethics Law: S. Dowds mentioned C. Rex had inquired about the Town's Ethics law which has not been updated since 1970 and also the Ethics Board. He asked that the Board members submit names and resumes for recommended individuals to serve on the current Ethics Board. S. Dowds explained Atty. Gruenberg would examine the current Ethics Law to determine potential updates. K Stokem suggested the town use as a model the revisions made by the Town of Bethlehem to their ethics law. Atty. Gruenberg also suggested East Greenbush as they recently amended their law in 2013.

County Healthcare/Shared Services: S. Dowds stated it has been proposed during a shared services meeting that the Town join the County's healthcare plan. Their plan is less costly, benefits are not as good and it would change the waiting period for new hires to join. Instead of being eligible to join on the first of the month, they would be required to wait an additional thirty (30) days. It would not take effect until 2018 as our current plan must be renewed December 1st and an additional open enrollment would be required for January 2018. More information will be presented at the September 28th Board meeting.

Battisti Water District: C. Rex asked if the letter had been sent to residents regarding the informational meeting on September 26th. S. Dowds said it was sent to fifty-one (51) residents, two (2) businesses, Atty. Gruenberg and Rich Laberge. C. Bult suggested Rich Elder (Rensselaer County Health Dept.) be asked to attend to help residents understand compliance requirements. S. Dowds asked if a representative from the Public Service Commission (PSC) should also be invited. It was the consensus of the Board that the PSC was not required to attend. C. Bult mentioned he had been in contact with several of the residents and they seemed to be organized and ready to talk about their options. Atty. Gruenberg suggested they be made aware that they have the right to consult their own lawyer and engineer.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business before the Board, C. Kenney made a motion to adjourn the 09/14/17 Town Board meeting at 8:52 p.m., seconded by C. Swartz. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Curtis
Schodack Town Clerk

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