

**Town of Schodack
Town Board Meeting
July 13, 2023**

Public Session – 7 p.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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Public Comment

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

2023-214 **WHEREAS**, a map, plan and report had originally been prepared in such manner and in such detail as is required by Article 12 of the Town Law of the State of New York, and a petition pursuant to Article 12 of the Town Law of the State of New York, relating to the establishment of Battisti Water District No. 10 in the Town of Schodack, County of Rensselaer, State of New York had previously been filed in the town clerk’s office; and

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

WHEREAS, by resolution dated July 9, 2020 the Town Board of the Town of Schodack approved the creation of Battisti Water District No. 10 with the maximum cost of improvements equaling \$1,790,000; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021, the town board of the Town of Schodack received approval from the Office of the State of Comptroller to create Battisti Water District No. 10 with the maximum cost of improvements to equal \$1,790,000; and

WHEREAS, thereafter on December 9, 2021 the Town Board of the Town of Schodack resolved and determined to establish Battisti Water District No. 10; and

WHEREAS, the resolution and determination establishing Battisti Water District No. 10 was recorded in the Rensselaer County Clerk's Office on January 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, after the final resolution and determination establishing Battisti Water District No. 10 was recorded in the Rensselaer County Clerk's Office it was determined that the maximum cost of the improvements for the project increased from \$1,790,000 to \$2,735,010; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the increase in the maximum cost of the improvements for Battisti Water District No. 10 the Laberge Group, Ltd., competent engineers, prepared an addendum to the original map, plan and report; and

WHEREAS, within the original map, plan and report filed in connection with the creation of Battisti Water District No. 10, the annual user costs for the typical property equaled \$696; and

WHEREAS, although the maximum cost of the improvements has increased to \$2,735,010, the first year annual cost for the typical property within Battisti Water District No. 10 is decreasing from \$696 to \$651; and

WHEREAS, the current threshold amount established by the New York State Office of the State Comptroller for the creation of water districts or extensions does not require Comptroller approval if the first year annual costs to the typical property is less than \$1040; and

WHEREAS, despite the increase in cost to the improvements the proposed first year annual cost of \$651 to the typical property owner within Battisti Water District No. 10 is less than the threshold amount of \$1040 established by the Office of the State Comptroller; and

WHEREAS, the town board of the Town of Schodack scheduled a public hearing pursuant to Section 209-h of the Town Law to be held on June 8, 2023 at 7:05 p.m. at Schodack Town Hall, 265 Schuurman Road, Castleton, New York 12033; and

WHEREAS, at the designated time and place the town board of the Town of Schodack conducted the public hearing at which time all interested parties were heard; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was thereafter closed.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AND DETERMINED:

1. That it is the public interest to authorize the increase in the maximum cost of the improvements for Battisti Water District No. 10 from \$1,790,000 to \$2,735,010; and it is further
2. That the permission of the Office of the State Comptroller is not required to approve the increase in the cost to the improvements inasmuch as the cost to the typical property in the amount of \$651 is less than the threshold amount of \$1040 as determined by the Office of the State Comptroller for 2023.

2023-215

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Schodack Town Board to act in accord with its longstanding traditions, honoring the achievements of those who have given so generously to their community, exemplifying the ideas and values cherished by this great Town, and

WHEREAS, longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for a community which benefits from the knowledge, creativity, and experiences this individual brings to all, and

WHEREAS, the town of Schodack recognizes with respect and admiration the contribution of senior citizen to our community, and

WHEREAS, Jean Lemka was born in Schodack Landing on July 3, 1924 and grew up on the family owned apple orchard in Schodack Landing. She attended Castleton Union School where she skipped two grades which enabled her to graduate at 16 years old as class valedictorian in 1940. She then attended Ithaca College where she majored in Music, she subsequently taught Music in Greenville, NY until 1947., and

WHEREAS, in 1946, Jean married Henry Adams and they raised their children Tom, David, Brad and Gayle in the Town of Schodack and now have 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren, and

WHEREAS, Jean taught private music lessons, mostly piano, plus many other instruments and voice, she worked as an organist for many local churches and played at various weddings, and was the pianist for the Hendrick Hudson Male chorus, and

WHEREAS, Jean also worked at the Post office from 1980 to 2001, and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Jean married William Bookhop, together they spent time traveling, going on cruises and performing with the Hendrick Hudson Male chorus, and

WHEREAS, Jean also enjoys reading, gardening, weeding and loves when friends and family drop by for visits, and

WHEREAS, Jean attributes her longevity to good, clean, farm living

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislative Body of the Town of Schodack is moved to honor Jean Lemka Adams Bookhop, who has given herself to this community in so many ways and distinguished herself throughout her careers bringing great pride to her family, her peers, her associates and her 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 13th day of July to acknowledge and honor Jean Lemka Adams Bookhop for her long life and prosperity, upon her milestone birthday of ninety-nine years and wish her many more. A copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, will be transmitted to her by the Supervisor.

2023-216 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the Schodack Town Board to act in accord with its longstanding traditions, honoring the achievements of those who have given so generously to their community, exemplifying the ideas and values cherished by this great Town, and

WHEREAS, longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for a community which benefits from the knowledge, creativity, and experiences this individual brings to all, and

WHEREAS, the town of Schodack recognizes with respect and admiration the contribution of senior citizen to our community, and

WHEREAS, Edna was born in Winslow Arizona on July 27, 1923, and

WHEREAS, as a young woman she moved to California and then to New York where she went to Cosmetology school, and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Edna married Kenneth L. Lorette in Bennington, Vermont, soon after they, along with help from family members, built their home on Brookview Road in the Town of Schodack and were married for over 50 years,

together they spent time traveling and enjoying weekends at their camp on Sacandaga Lake, and

WHEREAS, for 30 years Edna was owner and operator of Edna’s Beauty Salon on Columbia Turnpike (across from the Dutch Reform Church at the traffic light), and

WHEREAS, Edna was a member of many community softball teams and developed a love for all sports, and

WHEREAS, Edna claims her secret to longevity is always being positive and being a hard worker

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislative Body of the Town of Schodack is moved to honor Edna Lorette, who has given herself to this community in so many ways and distinguished herself throughout her careers bringing great pride to her family, her peers, her associates and her 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 13th day of July to acknowledge and honor Edna Lorette for her long life and prosperity, upon her milestone birthday of one hundred years and wish her many more. A copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, will be transmitted to her by the Supervisor.

- 2023-217** Placeholder for BOND resolution from Connie Cahill Hiscock and Barclay
- 2023-218** The Schodack Town Board has determined that the Sewer District 5 (East Schodack) Waste Water Treatment Plant disinfection improvements being required by NYSDEC as part of the most recent State Pollution Discharge Elimination (SPDES) permit are a Type II action under the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with no further environmental review being required.
- 2023-219** Authorize the Town of Schodack to utilize services provided by Scrapper Smith and to accept fee schedule as provided as attached for the collection of propane tanks and fire extinguishers at Household Hazardous Waste collection Day, July 29, 2023.
- 2023-220** Amend Ratify and affirm amending resolution 2023-126 as adopted March 9, 2023 authorizing Supervisor Peter to contract with musicians to perform at the 2023 Music in the Park as follows:

Peaceful Country Band June 6th (~~rain date 6/6/23~~) August 23rd \$575

- 2023-221** All Civil Service requirements having been met for the position of Police Officer, the Town hereby appoints Timothy J. Hajec to the position of full-time Police Officer effective July 17, 2023 at 5th year level salary as set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Schodack and Schodack Police Department, United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) dated January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023.
- 2023-222** Appoint _____ pursuant to Article 7 Section 140 of the Highway Law and as recommended by the Highway Superintendent subject to final approval by the Rensselaer County Civil Service Commission, as an Operator __, at an hourly rate as set forth in the Year 2023 adopted budget. Said appointment is effective as of _____ 2023.
- 2023-204** Amend resolution 2023-194 as adopted on June 8, 2023 to add additional staff for Summer Camp as follows:
 Authorize the following Town of Schodack Day Camp employees for the Summer Youth and Recreation Program as recommended by the Director of Youth and Recreation:
Counselors: Mike Goebel and Kyla Grimm
Special Needs Counselor: Patricia Mead
- 2023-223** **WHEREAS**, Laberge Group, a duly licensed Engineering firm permitted to practice in the State of New York had previously been retained to prepare Contract Documents for Route 9 South –Water System Improvements (Project) which will replace the existing private company water system with a Town operated system, and
- WHEREAS**, Laberge Group has prepared the required Contract Documents necessary for the Projects, and
- WHEREAS**, the Board does hereby accept and approve the Contract Documents for bidding, and
- WHEREAS**, the Contract Documents inform potential bidders that the Town has not yet received all required governmental approvals and the Town will not be responsible for any costs incurred by any Bidder if the Town is unable to award the Project, and the
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for construction bids for the Project using the Contract Documents approved by them with a bid opening date of August 17, 2023 at 11:00 A.M.
- 2023-224** **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the Schodack Town Board to act in accord with its longstanding traditions, honoring the achievements of those who have given so generously to their community, exemplifying the ideas and values cherished by this great Town, and

WHEREAS, longevity of life and dedication of service are blessing for an individual and for a community which benefits from the knowledge, creativity, and experiences this individual brings to all, and

WHEREAS, the town of Schodack recognizes with respect and admiration the contribution of senior citizen to our community, and

WHEREAS, Daniel “Danny” Morgan was born on a farm in Oyster Bay, New York to Irish immigrants, and

WHEREAS, following high school Danny was employed by the U.S. Post Office and served in the U.S. Army Reserves, and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Danny married Margaret Teresa “Tessie” Cassley together they raised their 4 children, John, Daniel, Mary, James in Schodack Landing, and

WHEREAS, he proudly cherished his grandchildren, Erin Colleen, Molly, Gena, Sean Brendan, Eilis, Bryan, Aidan, Tonya and Great-grandchildren, Bailey, Morgan and Quinnlin

WHEREAS, Danny was a long-time employee of James Ackroyd and Sons in Albany and retired member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 294, and

WHEREAS, Danny continued to serve his community as an active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and beginning in 1955, as a charter member of the Schodack Landing Fire Company and served as a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners during his tenure with the Schodack Landing Fire District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislative Body of the Town of Schodack is moved to honor Daniel Morgan, who has given himself to this community in so many ways and distinguished himself throughout his careers 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 13th day of July to acknowledge, honor and recognize Daniel Morgan for his long life, prosperity, and dedication to the Schodack Landing Fire Company and Schodack Landing Fire District. A copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, will be transmitted to his family members by the Supervisor.

2023-225 Authorize the Comptroller’s recommendation to direct the Town Supervisor to pay the claims #23-0924 to 23-_____ on Abstract No. 2023-07, in the amount of \$_____ including the claims paid \$_____.

2023-226 Authorize the June 2023 budget modifications, interfund loans and interfund transfers as provided in document dated July 2023 and recommended by the Comptroller.

Motion to Adjourn

Pursuant to the regulation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336), the Town of Schodack will provide auxiliary aids or special services for persons with disabilities. Please notify the Town Clerk's Office at 518 477-7590 so arrangements can be made for requested services.

Please forward correspondence regarding Town matters to:
Supervisor Charles J. Peter
Town of Schodack, 265 Schuurman Road
Castleton-on-Hudson, New York 12033-9622
or call the Supervisor at 518 477-7918

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