

**Town of Schodack
Town Board Meeting
July 8, 2021**

Public Session - 7 p.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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Scott Siegel, Laberge Group Battisti/BOND resolution for CDGB Grant Application

Castleton Volunteer Ambulance - LOSAP

Public Comment

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

2021-176) 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, Steven Roy 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 Schodack Police Officer in the Town of Schodack, and

WHEREAS, Steve has been a long-time resident of the Town of Schodack, and

WHEREAS, Steve began his career as a part-time Police Corrections Officer and Highway Patrol Officer with Rensselaer County Sheriff Office, and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2001 the Town Board of the Town of Schodack authorized the hiring of Steve Roy for the Schodack Police Department under the auspice of the COPS FAST three-year grant, and

WHEREAS, Steve assumed the position of Police Officer on July 2, 2001 as has served faithfully in this role under Supervisors: Eileen Natoli, Beth Secor, Dennis Dowds, David Harris and Police Chiefs: David Schlinder, Bernard Peter, Joseph Belardo and John Hourigan until his retirement on July 22, 2021, and

WHEREAS, Steve was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on March 9, 2012 and

WHEREAS, Steve has served as SSRT Tactical Operator from May of 2006, and

WHEREAS, from early on, Steve demonstrated his commitment to the community by serving as an Instructor in the following capacities: Glock Armorer, Taser, Pepperball, Evidence Tech, Less Lethal, Impact Munitions, Flash-Bang & Sting Ball Grenades, Firearms, Basic Topics, Stop the Bleed and Baten/ASP, and

WHEREAS, Steve has been known for being well prepared and fully armored, and only weary of snowmobiles, dog attacks and cellphone destruction, and

WHEREAS, Steve has demonstrated his love of family by being a father and grandfather and often shares his love for Big Game, Motorcycles and fast cars with his coworkers and friends,

WHEREAS, it surely comes as no surprise, he will greatly miss sharing the escapades of his many big gaming 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 Steven Roy, 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 8th day of July 2021 to acknowledge and honor Steven Roy, upon his retirement, for his 20 years of service to the Town of Schodack and a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, will be transmitted to him.

2021-177) WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 11-AA of the New York State General Municipal Law, residents of the Town of Schodack approved a proposition to establish a Defined Contribution Service Award Program for active volunteer members of the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Association effective January 1, 1999, and

WHEREAS, THE Program currently provides that an active volunteer member earns a \$480 Service Award contribution and a year of service credit

for each calendar year during which such member earns 50 or more points under the Service Award Program Point System, and

WHEREAS, §219-f(1) of Article 11-AA allows for a Service Award contribution of as much as \$1,200 per year of service credit, and

WHEREAS, §219-e(7-a) of Article 11-AA allows, at the option of the municipal sponsor, a participating volunteer to continue to earn points, service credit and Service Award contributions after having attained the entitlement age of sixty (60) and having applied to be paid his or her account balance, and

WHEREAS, §219-d(8)(a) of Article 11-AA authorizes the Town Board to amend the Program, subject to approval of residents in accordance with public referendum, and

WHEREAS, the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Association has requested that the Town Board consider improving the benefits provided by the Program, and

WHEREAS, such improvement in Program benefits is consistent with the intent of the Program to help the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Association recruit and retain active volunteers, and

WHEREAS, after review of the cost to amend the Program, the Town Board has determined the increase, if approved by voting residents of the Town, can be implemented without causing the Town to exceed the Property Tax Cap;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board:

1. Amends the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Association Service Award Program effective January 1, 2022 to:
 - a. Increase the annual Service Award contribution credited to the account of an eligible participating active volunteer from \$700 to \$1,200 for each calendar year beginning with calendar year 2022 during which such volunteer earns a year of service credit under the Point System.
 - b. Allow active volunteers who have attained the entitlement age and elected to be paid their account balance to continue to earn points under the Point System for their volunteer activities after having been paid their account balance.

2. Directs that there shall be a public referendum of eligible voters of the Town of Schodack, in an election to be held on November 2, 2021, to obtain approval of this amendment in accordance with §219-d(8)(a) of Article 11-AA of the New York State General Municipal Law;
3. Authorize the Town Clerk and other Town officials as deemed necessary to take the appropriate action to schedule such referendum and take other steps necessary to carry out this Resolution.

Based on the number of active volunteers that earned service credit during calendar year 2020, the current cost of funding the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Association Service Award Program is \$14,700 (\$700 per participant), which includes an administration cost of approximately \$1,800.

All other provisions of the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Association Service Award Program shall not change and the Program shall continue to be administered by the New York State Comptroller in accordance with Article 11-AA of the New York State General Municipal Law, as well as with Part 150 of the New York State Rules and Regulations.

2021-178) Authorize engaging Barclay Damon LLP as Bond Counsel with fees as per fee schedule for Battisti Water Supply as necessary to prepare for Grant application process.

2021-179) **WHEREAS**, the Town of Schodack (hereinafter “Town”) will apply for funds and anticipates funds to be awarded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as administered by the State of New York for a Public Infrastructure Project, PY 2021 Town of Schodack Battisti Drinking Water Improvement Project CFA #104754; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Schodack (hereinafter “Town Board”) as the anticipated recipient of the grant award is required to designate a Certifying Officer for the purpose of signing required documents pertaining to this grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby designate Supervisor David B. Harris as the Town’s Certifying Officer for the purpose of signing required documents pertaining to this anticipated grant (CFA #104754).

2021-180) Authorize partial refund of building permit fee in the amount of \$724.10 to Barbera Homes for Building Permit Application, as Andrew Schug, Assistant Estimator withdrew his application prior to construction.

2021-181) Pursuant to Section 165-a of the General Municipal Law, authorize the Highway Department to deliver one load of Crusher Run material to Ham-Lewis-Palmer Cemetery in East Schodack before August 15, 2021.

2021-182) Amend resolution 2021-168 as adopted on June 10, 2021 as follows:

Arts and Crafts Director - Victoria Roberts

2021-183) **WHEREAS**, the Town Board of Schodack (Town Board) was notified by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) that the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit authorizing the wastewater discharge from the East Schodack Sewer District #5 (Sewer District) requires disinfection be installed at the sewer treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorized an income survey for the purpose of determining income eligibility of residents within the Sewer District to participate in a variety of grant and loan programs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that it is desirable and in the public interest to pursue grants to reduce the financial burden to residents in the Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant Program is due July 30, 2021 and can be used to prepare the require engineering report and planning activities for the Sewer District; and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Laberge Group to prepare a grant application through the 2021 EFC Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant Program on behalf of the Town of Schodack for a fee of \$4,000 for a Wastewater Engineering Study upon confirmation that the residents are income qualified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Schodack is hereby committed to using municipal funds to provide a local cash match up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the grant request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes and directs the Town of Schodack Supervisor, David Harris, to submit an application for a Wastewater Engineering Study under the EFC Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant Program and is authorized to execute all other documents necessary for the implementation of this work and is also authorized to execute all financial and/or administrative processes relating to the grant program.

2021-184) Authorize the Comptroller's recommendation to direct the Town Supervisor to pay the claims #21-097 to 21-1146 on Abstract No. 2021-07, in the amount of \$488,419.99, including the claims paid (\$43,722.25) since the previous town board meeting.

2021-185) Authorize the June 2021 budget modifications, interfund loans and interfund transfers as provided in document dated July 2021 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 477-7590 so arrangements can be made for requested services.

Please forward correspondence regarding Town matters to:

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Castleton-on-Hudson, New York 12033-9622
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