

**Town of Schodack
Town Board Meeting
August 10, 2017**

Public Session - 7 p.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Review of Abstracts and Vouchers – Comptroller

Public Comment

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

2017-192) Appoint _____ as Assistant to the Assessor, at an annual salary of \$ _____, effective _____, 2017.

2017-193) **WHEREAS**, the Town Board, after due consideration, has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to undertake the necessary activities for the submittal of a grant application under the 2017 NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) for necessary mapping of outfalls in order to better monitor elicit discharge, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is hereby committed to using municipal funds to provide a local cash match of twenty-five percent (25%) of the total project cost. The proposed mapping project will not exceed a cost of \$24,900, with a maximum Town match of \$6,225.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and directs Supervisor Dowds to submit an application for outfall mapping under the WQIP Program. He 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.

2017-194) **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 \$700 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, 2018 to:
 - a. Increase the annual Service Award contribution credited to the account of an eligible participating active volunteer from \$480 to \$700 for each calendar year beginning with calendar year 2018 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 7, 2017, 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 2016, the current cost of funding the Castleton Volunteer Ambulance Association Service Award Program is \$11,520 (\$480 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.

2017-195) WHEREAS, Castleton Power LLC, and the Town of Schodack are desirous of having certain assessment issues resolved as to property owned by Castleton Power, LLC, in the Town of Schodack, and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal resolving tax certiorari litigation was recommended by the Vincelette Law Firm, special counsel to the Town of Schodack, and reviewed by the Schodack Town Board at its regular monthly meeting, and

WHEREAS, such a proposed settlement would present the parties with an expeditious and economic alternative to further litigation so as to resolve issues between the parties, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the Town; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby accept a proposed settlement for the 2017 tax certiorari proceedings filed by Castleton Power LLC, in which the assessed value of the subject property shall be set as follows for the 2017 through 2021 assessment rolls, inclusive, for the property owned by Castleton Power LLC, Parcel No 198.12-1-3.2:

Year	Assessed Value
2017	\$10,000,000
2018	\$8,500,000
2019	\$8,000,000
2020	\$7,500,000
2021	\$7,250,000

Real Property Tax Law §727 shall apply for the years at issue, with the exception that the terms of the statute shall apply to the four assessment rolls

subsequent to the year at issue, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt this resolution to end the litigation between Castleton Power LLC, and the Town of Schodack as to the above referenced assessment.

- 2017-196)** Authorize Bruce Goodall, Director of Transfer Station Operations to attend 2017 NYSASWM Fall Conference, September 24 - 26, 2017 in Lake Placid, New York, at an estimated cost (\$165.00) and lodging (\$392.00) and estimated cost for mileage (\$157.29) for a total estimated cost of \$714.29. [This is a budgeted item.]
- 2017-197)** Amend resolution 2017-181 as adopted July 13, 2017 Authorizing Alan Roehr Jr., Jeffrey Arno, Gary Ziegler and Steven Kelly, members of the Fire Investigation Unit to attend New York State Academy of Fire Science Course #01-01-0018 – Fall Seminar, November 8 through 10, 2017 in Montour Falls, New York, at an estimated cost per person of \$25.00 – registration fee (\$100.00) and lodging (~~\$525.00~~) (\$368.00), Material and Accommodations fees (\$192.00) and meals (~~\$180.00~~) (\$152.00), and estimated cost for mileage (~~\$265.00~~) (\$503.00) and tolls (~~\$30.00~~) (\$60.00) for a total estimated cost of ~~\$1,400.00~~ \$1,375.00 [This is a budgeted item.]
- 2017-198)** Authorize the Comptroller's recommendation to direct the Town Supervisor to pay the claims #17-1199 to 17-____ on Abstract No. 2017-08, in the amount of \$_____, including the claims paid (\$_____) since the previous town board meeting.
- 2017-199)** Authorize budget modifications, interfund loans and interfund transfers as 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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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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