

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2019

KIND OF MEETING: TOWN BOARD

WHERE HELD: SCHODACK TOWN HALL

CLERK: DEBRA L. CURTIS

PRESIDING OFFICER: DAVID B. HARRIS

MEMBERS PRESENT: JAMES E. BULT
TRACEY REX

MEMBERS ABSENT: SCOTT SWARTZ
MICHAEL KENNEY

ATTORNEY: CHRISTOPHER LANGLOIS, ESQ.
COMPTROLLER: PAUL HARTER

Supervisor Harris called the February 28, 2019 Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and dispensed with roll call. C. Kenney and C. Swartz were absent.

S. Harris asked all who were present to remain standing for a moment of silence for Paul Puccio who had passed away a few days prior. He noted Mr. Puccio was a member of the Schodack Planning Board as well as a past member of the Questar III BOCES Board and Schodack Central School Board. He read resolution 2019-109 which outlined Mr. Puccio's accomplishments. A copy of said resolution will be given to the family.

Agenda Item

Cemetery Marker: Norman Wiley, President of the Castleton Cemetery Association, asked the board to consider providing financial assistance for the purchase of a historical marker for the Horizon View Cemetery. He explained the cemetery had been in existence for fifty plus years, being established in 1965 with the first burial occurring in 1975. The cost of the marker was approximately \$1,200.00 with the association asking the board to cover fifty percent or \$600.00. He noted the board had assisted financially with the marker for the Mountain View Cemetery marker approximately four years ago and added that under General Municipal Law §165-A, the town may make a financial contribution to the cemetery. A copy of the section of law was given to all board members present. S. Harris recommended a resolution be placed on the next meeting agenda and said he felt it was a good idea to support the cemetery. C. Rex said she agreed as well. C. Bult asked where the sign would be located. Mr. Wiley said on the side closest to Gould's Orchards.

Public Comment: None.

Public Hearing
Proposed Local Law 1-2019: Alternative Veteran Exemption

S. Harris called the public hearing for proposed local law 1-2019 to order at 7:11 p.m.

The Town Clerk summarized the Affidavit of Publication seeking public comment on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2019 (P1-2019) to amend the Alternative Veteran Exemption Law for the Town of Schodack Chapter 197, Article III, Section 12.1. The legal notice was published in the February 21, 2019 edition of *The Record* and posted on the Town Clerk's signboard and the Town's website on February 22, 2019.

S. Harris asked if there was any board comment regarding the public hearing. Hearing none, he asked for any public comment. Also receiving no public comment, S. Harris closed the hearing at 7:12 p.m.

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. 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:**

2019-108) WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Schodack for a public hearing to be held by said Town on February 28th at 7:10 p.m. at the Schodack Town Hall to hear all interested parties on Proposed Local Law #1 of 2019 relating to amending Local Law #1 of 2019 (providing for an Alternative Veteran Exemption pursuant to New York State RPTL§458-a); and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly posted on the Town Clerk's official sign board on February 22, 2019 and advertised in the February 21, 2019 edition of THE RECORD, official newspaper of the Town, and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was held on February 28th at 7:10 p.m. at the Schodack Town Hall and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of, or in opposition to, said proposed local law or any part hereof, and

WHEREAS, that the Town Board of the Town of Schodack, after due deliberation, finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to adopt said local law

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts Proposed Local Law Number 1 of 2019 (P1 of 2019) to be known as Local Law #1 of 2019 of the Town of Schodack, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and is hereby directed to enter said local law in the Code of the Town of Schodack and to give due notice of said local law to the Secretary of State.

3 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, T. Rex, D. Harris. Noes – 0.

S. Harris 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:

2019-109) 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, Paul Puccio has distinguished himself as a person of outstanding ability, establishing a high standard of integrity, and has imparted a sense of fairness, and compassion as a member of the Town of Schodack Planning Board, and the Schodack Central, Questar III BOCES and Tech Valley High School Boards, and

WHEREAS, Paul had been a life-long resident of the Town of Schodack and a graduate of Maple Hill High School class of 1965, and

WHEREAS, Paul was the first-ever president of Tech Valley High School, a nationally-recognized school that emphasizes teaching 21st century skills in a project-based learning environment, and

WHEREAS, in 2010, at the NYSSBA's Annual Convention in New York City, Paul was presented with the Everett R. Dyer Award for Distinguished school board service from NYSSBA President Florence Johnson, and

WHEREAS, Paul served as a member of the Questar III BOCES Board for 20 years, and

WHEREAS, Paul served on the Schodack Central School District Board for 38 years, serving 10 years as president, and

WHEREAS, at the time of Paul's death he was serving as a Planning Board member to the Town of Schodack with 13 years credited to his 2nd 7 year term serving on several sub-committees and advisory boards, and to his credit he worked diligently to provide the Town with a single document for the Comprehensive Plan, and

WHEREAS, Paul brought to his post a unique perspective as a great conversationalist, friend and neighbor, reviewing each project before the Planning Board with his insight and expertise, and

WHEREAS, Paul sought to advance planning initiatives within the Planning Board review process by offering his insight, wisdom, and guidance, working to ensure and promote sustainable development of our town while preserving the things about it we all hold dear and always challenged applicants to be a "good neighbor"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislative Body of the Town of Schodack expresses its gratitude and is moved to honor Paul Puccio, who has given himself to this community in so many ways and distinguished himself throughout his career bringing great pride to his family, peers, associates and community by being a person of commitment, integrity and an impressive role model for all, and for his 13 years of exemplary service as a member of the Planning Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Body of the Town of Schodack will pause in its deliberations with a moment of silence on the 28th day of February 2019 in recognition of his service to the Town of Schodack on the occasion of his passing to acknowledge and honor Paul Puccio. A copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, will be presented to this family by Supervisor Harris.

3 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, T. Rex, D. Harris. Noes – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business before the Board, C. Bult made a motion to adjourn the 02/28/19 Town Board meeting at 7:13 p.m., seconded by C. Rex. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Curtis
Schodack Town Clerk