

DATE: JUNE 25, 2015

KIND OF MEETING: TOWN BOARD

WHERE HELD: SCHODACK TOWN HALL

CLERK: DONNA L. CONLIN

PRESIDING OFFICER: DENNIS E. DOWDS

MEMBERS PRESENT: JAMES E. BULT
SCOTT SWARTZ
MICHAEL KENNEY

MEMBERS ABSENT: FRANCIS CURTIS

ATTORNEY: DAVID GRUENBERG

OTHERS PRESENT: NADINE FUDA, PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR

Supervisor Dowds called the June 25, 2015 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and dispensed with roll call. All present as noted above.

Discussion Items:

Intermunicipalities shared Services Memorandum of Understanding(s) (MOU):

S. Dowds stated that the Town of Schodack has had an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of East Greenbush relative to highway services for ten years. It began in 2004, had automatic renewals and expired in 2014. Building on that idea, there will be a fairly basic agreement with other municipalities for shared highway services on the next agenda. C. Bult asked if the agreement was going to be generic or specific to the highway services. S. Dowds said it will be specific to the highway at this time, and will support our current practices.

Doelner Circle: Atty. Gruenberg explained that he prepared a draft resolution regarding Doelner Circle for Board consideration. He explained there is a little “plug” of land that runs off the side of Doelner Circle that really doesn’t go anywhere. The Town acquired the road when the development was built. He said there is a process where the Highway Superintendent can make a determination regarding the terminus of the road. Essentially, he has the authority to certify that the road is no longer needed by the Town. The attorney continued that he was not sure if the Board had to take any action to complete the abandonment process, but would research it further. He did recommend that there should be an accurate legal description before it is done. He said it would still be town property, but it wouldn’t be a road. S. Dowds asked if it was a utility easement. Atty. Gruenberg said he did not think so. It is on the map as a town road and we really don’t use it anymore. C. Bult felt there was some value in doing this when the opportunity presents itself. He felt it was better to do this, than have the Town maintaining almost private drives. S. Dowds said he tends to agree with it, but had some reservations about the timing.

Bond Anticipation Note (BAN): S. Dowds congratulated the new Comptroller, Paul Harter, for his efforts in getting a good rate for the upcoming BAN. Three banks were solicited – Key Bank at 0.8%, Pioneer Bank at .92% and First Niagara at 1.15%. There will be a resolution on the next agenda to award the BAN to the lowest bidder. The Supervisor

reported that although Mr. Harter has been here only a short while, he has been diligent about getting up to speed and his efforts were appreciated.

Police: Chief Peter said he located a vehicle for this year's purchase. Unfortunately, the budgeted amount does not cover all of the equipment items on the car so he requested Board consideration to use forfeiture funds to pay the balance. The amount needed from the forfeiture fund will be approximately \$5400.00. The vehicle will be purchased off the Chautauqua County contract. He continued that Chevy closed the contract for that particular model, so he cannot special order a car. It has to be purchased as is. This is the last available car for that model/year and has some equipment on it they normally do not get, but if they don't get this car, it will be 6 – 8 months before he will be able to get one. C. Swartz asked the balance of the forfeiture account. Chief Peter said he believed it was around \$52,000.00, adding that this will not cost the taxpayers any additional money (over what was budgeted due to the use of the forfeiture funds). However, he did need commitment from the Board so they will hold the vehicle. C. Bult said he didn't have an issue with the purchase, but wondered if the Chevy was as good as the Fords. Chief Peter said they purchased a similar vehicle last year and it is working out very well. **Determination:** It was the consensus of the Board to authorize the purchase and release of forfeiture funds at the next meeting.

Executive Session:

C. Bult made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss specific appointment issues in the police department. Seconded by C. Swartz.

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

C. Kenney made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:55 p.m., seconded by C. Bult.

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

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business before the Board, C. Bult made a motion to adjourn the 06/25/15 Town Board meeting at 7:55 p.m., seconded by C. Swartz. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. Conlin
Schodack Town Clerk/RMC/CMC