

DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2015

KIND OF MEETING: TOWN BOARD

WHERE HELD: SCHODACK TOWN HALL

CLERK: DONNA L. CONLIN

PRESIDING OFFICER: DENNIS E. DOWDS

MEMBERS PRESENT: FRANCIS CURTIS
JAMES E. BULT
MICHAEL KENNEY
SCOTT SWARTZ

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ATTORNEY:

OTHERS PRESENT: COMPTROLLER, PAUL HARTER

Supervisor Dowds called the October 22, 2015 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and dispensed with roll call. All present as noted above.

Briefing of Resolution Agenda

The Supervisor stated that resolution [2015-223] listed the budget changes they discussed during the course of the review of the 2016 Tentative Budget that will be incorporated into the 2016 Preliminary Budget. He noted that two items were missing that they discussed – an audit with approximate cost of \$30,000.00 and about \$25,000.00 for the Berkshire Planning Commission. With respect to the audit, the Supervisor said the Comptroller will be sending out an RFP to solicit quotes for auditing three years, 2014, 2015 and 2016. The funding for the Berkshire Planning Commission is to forward the town's opposition to the Kinder Morgan pipeline. While they do not know what it will cost, the Board felt it was more prudent to budget some funds. S. Dowds said there is \$114,000.00 in contingency and asked the Board if they wanted to use some or all those funds to cover those costs. Board discussion ensued. It was the decision of the Board to leave \$75,000.00 in contingency, move \$30,000.00 to the Comptroller's budget, A1315.4 for the audit and move \$9,000 to the Supervisor's budget, A1220.4 for the Berkshire Planning Commission. With respect to [2015-224] C. Curtis asked how long the company has to complete the project. S. Dowds said 30 days from the award for substantial completion.

Public Comment

M. Sherwood asked if someone could expand upon the audit just discussed. S. Dowds explained that as of 1/1/2015 Moody's (bond rating firm) made a stipulation that unless a municipality has a CPA or conducts an outside audit, regardless of how good the Town's bond rating is, they will not rate them. *(Not having a rating from Moody's could negatively impact the Town in the event they were doing significant bonding.)* As our current Comptroller is not a CPA, the board decided to do the audit. He further explained that a 1-year engagement, is prohibitively expensive, but we will get a cost reduction if we sign a 3-year engagement. Right now, the \$30,000.00 is just an estimate of cost. C. Bult clarified

that the \$30,000 is an estimate of next year's audit. The cumulative total will be closer to \$75,000.00 for the 3 years. They anticipate the cost will be higher for the first year, with subsequent years being about \$5000.00 - \$10,000.00 less.

Adoption of Resolutions

C. Curtis made a motion to adopt the following resolution, seconded by C. Bult:

Discussion: Board members asked to amend the following resolution to incorporate the changes that were discussed. The Town Clerk clarified that the Preliminary Budget was already received in her office on October 20, which includes the information noted below. No new changes can be made to the Preliminary Budget until the night of the public hearing on November 5th. Board members said they will make additional changes that night.

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

2015-223) Ratify and affirm that the adjustments to the 2016 Tentative Budget are as follows:

		APPROPRIATIONS PROVISIONS	ESTIMATED REVENUE	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
	<i><u>Adjustments to Tentative Budget</u></i>			
A1110.1	Justice	(2204.00)		
A1330.1	Tax Collection	2.00		
A1340.1	Budget	(1.00)		
A1340.4	Budget	100.00		
A1355.4	Assessor	10000.00		
A1430.1	Personnel	(6614.00)		
	Capital Charges- Old Town Hall	(103.00)		
A1620.4	SWC1			
	Capital Charges- Old Town Hall SW9	55.00		
A1620.4	Capital Charges- New Town Hall SW101	(61.00)		
	Capital Charges- New Town Hall SW9	(54.00)		
A3120.4	Police	(1,500.00)		
A3410.1	Fire Protection	1,000.00		
A3410.4	Fire Protection	(1,000.00)		
A5010.1	Supt. Of Highways	(102.00)		
A8160.1	Landfill	(11,396.00)		
A8160.2	Landfill	(12,500.00)		
A8189.1	Recycling	(3,810.00)		

A8189.2	Recycling	(12,500.00)	
A9030.8	Social Security	(1,780.00)	
A9040.8	Workers Comp	2,830.00	
	<u>Net A Fund</u>		
	<u>Adjustments to</u>		
A1990.4	<u>Contingency</u>	<u>39,638.00</u>	
B3620	Safety Inspections	(221.00)	
B8010	Zoning	(1,678.00)	
B8020	Planning	(2,551.00)	
B9030.8	Social Security	(350.00)	
B9040.8	Workers Comp	(20.00)	
	<u>Net B Fund</u>		
	<u>Adjustments to</u>		
B1990.4	<u>Contingency</u>	<u>4,821.00</u>	
SM-4540	Castleton Ambulance	4,500.00	
SM-4540	Nassau Ambulance	2,000.00	
	EW Enterprise –		
	Town wide Water		
EW	Supply	(23,262.00)	
	Schodack Center		
SW5	Water	(11,400.00)	11,400.00
SW9	Route 20 Water	60.00	

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

C. Bult made a motion to adopt the following resolution, seconded by C. Kenney:

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

2015-224) WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Schodack on September 24, 2015 authorized the Town Clerk to publish a legal notice to solicit sealed bids for Orchard Road Drainage prepared by Laberge Group, LLC; and

WHEREAS, after due publication of the notice, the Town, October 13, 2015, received (3) bids for the Orchard Road Drainage as follows: a bid from Provincial Contractor Services, LLC for \$168,700.00, a bid from Wm. J. Keller and Sons for \$90,000.00 and a bid from Gallo Construction Corp. for \$86,600.00; and

WHEREAS, the Consulting Engineers, Laberge Engineering & Consulting Group, Ltd, have submitted their report relative to their analysis of bids

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendation of said Engineers be hereby accepted, approved and adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Orchard Road Drainage be hereby awarded to Gallo Construction Corp., 5 Lincoln Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189 in the Total Lump Sum Base Bid amount of \$86,000.00

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

Discussion Items:

Transfer Station: The Director of Transfer Stations Operations had presented information to the Board regarding the sanitary facilities discussed during the budget cycle. The Supervisor said the cost of the self-contained unit is approximately \$13,007.00 with shipping costs of approximately \$2840.00 for a total price of \$15,193.00. Board discussion ensued. Board members asked if air conditioning was included in that price. Mr. Goodall said no. A brief discussion took place regarding pump-out costs, water delivery and electrical connection. Mr. Goodall was asked to have those costs to the Board for the November 12th meeting. S. Dowds said since it takes 6 – 8 weeks for delivery, once approved, the funds can be encumbered if it carries over into the new year.

CSEA: S. Dowds said he was happy to report that the agreement between the Town and CSEA was ratified today, with the majority of the membership voting yes for the contract. It will be on the November 12th agenda for Board consideration. They may also have the police contract by that time.

Municipal Property: C. Bult suggested that the Board revisit selling the lots in the Golf View and Maplecrest water districts. (*Each district has a buildable lot*). The proceeds would go to the districts to help offset their capital debt and the Town would benefit as a whole by having these properties back on the tax rolls. Board members were in agreement with this suggestion. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Supervisor contact some brokers to begin the process.

Battisti Water System/Keller: The Supervisor suggested that he would like the Town Attorney to work with him on responding to Mr. Keller's request to take over the private water system (*see 9/24/25 minutes*), to let them know the Town is not interested in taking over the system at this time. Board members agreed. C. Bult added that he has spoken with several property owners in that district and they understand if the Town takes it over it will essentially have to be rebuilt which will be quite costly. Those he spoke with say they are willing to pay higher costs if they get improved service.

Old Town Hall: Building on the discussion of sale of property, M. Sherwood asked the status of the sale of the Old Town Hall. After a brief discussion, the Board was in agreement that the Supervisor should contact several brokers and chose one to sell all three parcels.

Executive Session

S. Dowds made a motion at 7:30 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss an appointment for Justice Court. Seconded by C. Kenney.

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

C. Kenney made a motion at 7:40 p.m. to adjourn the Executive Session, seconded by C. Swartz.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business before the Board, C. Bult made a motion to adjourn the 10/22/15 Town Board meeting at 7:40 p.m., seconded by C. Curtis. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. Conlin
Schodack Town Clerk/RMC/CMC