

DATE: JUNE 12, 2025

KIND OF MEETING: TOWN BOARD

WHERE HELD: SCHODACK TOWN HALL

CLERK: DEBRA L. CURTIS

PRESIDING OFFICER: CHARLES J. PETER

MEMBERS PRESENT: JAMES E. BULT
MICHAEL KENNEY
SCOTT SWARTZ
SARAH RAE HALLER

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ATTORNEY: CHRISTOPHER LANGLOIS, ESQ.

COMPTROLLER: PAUL HARTER

OTHERS PRESENT: DAWNE KELLY, ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Peter called the June 12, 2025 Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and dispensed with roll call. All present as noted above.

Review of Resolutions

S. Peter summarized the remaining resolutions on the agenda. All other resolutions were self-explanatory.

Board/Public Comment: None.

Review of Abstracts of Claims and Budget Amendments: The Board reviewed claims #25-0838 to #25-1052 on Abstract No. 2025-06 in the amount of \$1,157,378.73 including the claims paid prior (\$432,805.69).

Departmental Reports: The following monthly departmental reports were read and/or posted and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk: Town Clerk.

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 A WITHDRAWN resolution is so noted and italicized.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. Swartz:

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

2025-186 Ratify and affirm approving list of Vendors for the Community Farmers Market to be held at 1777 Columbia Turnpike.

5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, S. Haller, C. Peter. Noes – 0.

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

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

2025-187 Amend resolution 2025-180 as adopted on May 22, 2025 to add additional personnel as follows:

Authorize the following Town of Schodack Day Camp employees for the Summer Youth and Recreation Program as recommended by the Director of Youth and Recreation:

Counselor: Holden Ashby and Diana Carangelo

Substitute Counselors: Skylar Macywoskie and Abigail Boniface

STEM Assistant: Richard Bianchi

Arts and Crafts Counselor: Alyssa Gray

[All at the Salary/Hourly rates per as set forth in resolution 2024-323].

5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, S. Haller, C. Peter. Noes – 0.

C. Haller 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:**

2025-188 Amend resolution 2024-330 as adopted December 12, 2024 to extend period of appointment an additional six months: Appoint Nadine Fuda, as Temporary Director of Planning and Zoning, for a period not to exceed **twelve** six months, subject to final approval by the Rensselaer County Civil Service Commission, at the calculated hourly rate based on the annual salary of the Director of Planning and Zoning position as set forth in resolution 2023-334, to be effective December 18, 2024. [as recommended by HR]

5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, S. Haller, C. Peter. Noes – 0.

C. Swartz 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:**

- 2025-189** Authorize Supervisor Peter to execute and administer the Annual Certification - Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.
5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, S. Haller, C. Peter. Noes – 0.

C. Haller 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:**

- 2025-190** Authorize the agreement between the Town of Schodack and Verizon for seasonal charges for the 13 cellular telephones to be used for the Town of Schodack Youth and Recreation summer program at a cost of \$5.00 per phone per month, plus per minute \$0.25, and 200 text messages per phone. Verizon mobile to mobile and nights and weekends are unlimited. Estimated charges are approximately 1235 calls or \$75.00. Rates per NYS Contract No. PS63766. Service will incur a total of approximately 6 weeks of billing or approximately \$182.00 in charges Said phones to be utilized by the Camp Directors for the duration of the camp. (As budgeted A7310.4)
5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, S. Haller, C. Peter. Noes – 0.

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

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

- 2025-191** Authorize Supervisor Peter to execute and administer an annual maintenance agreement, including parts and labor, with Eastern Copy Products, LLC for the Konica Minolta Bizhub C308 copier at the Police Station, for the period June 4, 2025 to June 3, 2026 for \$868.11 annually plus tariffs. Contract includes 41,000 b/w copies and 5,000 color copies annually with an overage charge of \$0.01036 and \$0.08866 respectively per copy.
5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, S. Haller, C. Peter. Noes – 0.

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

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

- 2025-192** Authorize Town Clerk to circulate an RFP for chip sealing. Terms and conditions are subject to approval by Attorney to the Town as to form and substance.
5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, S. Haller, C. Peter. Noes – 0.

C. Swartz 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:

- 2025-193** **WHEREAS**, Benjamin Brewer, son of Jeffrey and Heather Brewer, on the Sixth of February in the year two thousand twenty-five, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank a boy can achieve in scouting; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin started his journey in scouting as a Tiger in 2013, with Pack 253, and

WHEREAS, Benjamin has earned the Arrow of Light award, the highest Cub Scout honor, and

WHEREAS, Benjamin is a member of Boy Scout Troop 53, and has earned 23 Merit Badges in his 7 years of Boy Scouting, and

WHEREAS, Benjamin has served the troop as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Den Chief, and Instructor, and

WHEREAS, as his Eagle Scout project, Benjamin with the assistance of other Scouts, Scout leaders, and family and friends, cleared an area for, and installed an ADA compliant swing and put a tetherball pole in, at The Stride Center, in Chatham, New York, and

WHEREAS, Benjamin is a senior at Maple Hill High School, where he is a member of the Track and Field team, and will be attending Nazareth University in the fall to pursue a degree in physical therapy, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Schodack commends and congratulates Benjamin Brewer upon the auspicious occasion of being awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Supervisor Peter will transmit a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed to Benjamin Brewer.

5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, S. Haller, C. Peter. Noes – 0.

C. Haller 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:**

- 2025-194** Authorize the Comptroller's recommendation to direct the Town Supervisor to pay the claims #25-0838 to 25-1052 on Abstract No. 2025-06, in the amount of \$1,157,378.73 including the claims paid \$432,805.69.
5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, S. Haller, C. Peter. Noes – 0.

C. Swartz made a motion to adopt the following resolution, seconded by C. Haller:

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

- 2025-195** Authorize the May 2025 budget modifications, interfund loans and interfund transfers as provided in document dated June 2025 and recommended by the Comptroller.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

	Fund/ Department #	Fund / Department Name	Increase	Decrease
2025				
39	A-960-1320.4000	Auditor - Contractual	2,000.00	
	A-960-1315.4000	Comptroller - Contractual		2,000.00
	To modify the budget for 2024 Audit regarding ARPA funds			
40	A-960-1620.1000	Buildings - Personal Services	610.08	
	A-960-1620.4000	Buildings - Contractual		610.08
	To modify the budget for Park Manager time at Town Hall			
41	A-960-3120.1011	Police Grant - Rens Co DWI Crack Down	300.06	
	A-509-2260.9999	Police Safety Services - Other Gov'ts	300.06	
	To modify the budget for DWI Crack Down grant awards			
42	A-960-3120.1012	Police Grant - PTS	823.35	
	A-509-4320.9999	Federal Aid Public Safety	823.35	
	To modify the budget for PTS grant awards			
43	A-960-3120.1090	Police - SRO Personal Services	8,860.47	
	A-960-3120.1091	Police - SRO O/T	538.25	
	A-509-2260.9999	Public Safety Services - Other Governments	9,398.72	

To modify the budget for Schodack Police SRO at SCSD in April

44	A-960-3120.1300	Police - Building Maintenance	333.25	
	A-960-3120.1301	Police - Building Maintenance OT	384.56	
	A-960-3120.1000	Police - Personal Services		717.81

To modify the budget for Park Manager time at Police Station

45	A-960-5132.1300	Town Garage - Building Maintenance	8.37	
	A-960-5132.1301	Town Garage - Building Maintenance OT	825.84	
	A-960-5132.4000	Town Garage - Contractual		834.21

To modify the budget for Park Manager time at Town Garage

46	A-960-7110.1001	Parks - RensCo Park work	322.40	
	A-960-7110.1100	Parks - Overtime	678.44	
	A-509-2390.9999	Other Home, Community Services	322.40	
	A-960-7110.1000	Parks - Personal Services		678.44

To modify the budget for Park Manager work at RensCo and Town Park

47	B-960-1910.4000	Unallocated Insurance - Contractual	47.00	
	B-960-1990.4000	Contingency - Contractual		47.00

To modify the budget for additional premium for Message Board

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Fund/ Department #		Fund / Department Name	Increase	Decrease
2025				
48	DB-960-5130.1400	Machinery - Police Work	881.60	
	DB-960-5130.1000	Machinery - Personal Services		881.60
To modify the budget for work on Department vehicles				
49	DB-960-5140.1350	Brush & Weeds - W/S work	4,305.62	
	DB-960-5140.1000	Brush & Weeds - Personal Services		4,305.62
To modify the budget for C. Kelly work in W/S districts				
50	SW1-960-9030.8000	Clearview Water Dist. - Social Security	107.80	
	SW1-960-9030.8009	Clearview Water Supply - Social Security		107.80
To modify the budget for operator time in district				

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| 51 | SW10-960-8340.1100 | Battisti Water - Overtime | 260.84 | |
| | SW10-960-8340.1000 | Battisti - Personal Services | | |
| | | | | 260.84 |
| | To modify the budget for operator time in district | | | |
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| 52 | SWC1-960-8340.1100 | Consolidated Water - Overtime | 39.01 | |
| | SWC1-960-8340.2000 | Consolidated Water - Equipment | 2,363.04 | |
| | SWC1-960-8340.4000 | Consolidated Water - Contractual | | |
| | | | | 2,402.05 |
| | To modify the budget for meter purchases from Ti Sales by district | | | |
| | 5 Ayes 0 Noes. MOTION CARRIED. Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, S. Haller, C. Peter. Noes – 0. | | | |

Open Discussion

Second-Floor Meeting Room: S. Peter said his office had been contacted by various community groups requesting use of the second-floor meeting room. As the Town Hall is not set up with a remote door system, an employee/official from the town needs to be present to open/close the door each time. Currently, Esquatak and the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Committee have used the space; however, the Castleton Boat Club has requested to use the room for their civilian preparedness workshop due to the ADA accessibility of the town hall. He felt the use should be permitted but recommended that a policy be created and upgrades to the door system be researched.

Public Hearing Proposed Local Law 1-2025 Schodack Code Amendments

C. Bult made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. Seconded by C. Kenney.
5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, S. Haller, C. Peter. Noes – 0.

The Town Clerk read the Affidavit of Publication to seek public comment with respect to Proposed Local Law 1-2025 to adopt the Schodack Town Code Amendments. Said notice was posted on the Town Clerk's signboard, the Town's website and published in the local newspaper, *The Record*, on June 2, 2025.

S. Peter stated that the board had worked on the revisions to the Schodack Town Code for many years. Following the first public hearing in October 2024, further amendments were needed to sections of the code such as the Town Center, zoning maps and extended stay motels, holding the final approval until now. He was confident that the latest version was more inline with the needs of the town. He noted that the board would hold off on acting until the June 26th meeting to allow for public comment.

N. Allen from the Laberge Group said coordinated reviews had been made by the Schodack Planning Board and Rensselaer County, receiving no comments from either entity.

Mr. Saunders from Norbut Solar Farms LLC said his company had a pending application before the Planning Board for a PDD designation and asked if their application would be considered under the existing code when the application was received. Atty. Langlois said he could not comment on the application; however, the new code would be applied to any projects or applications received after the passing of the local law.

J. Dolan of Reno Road asked if his comments regarding solar farms and hydrogeological from the public hearing in October 2024 had been incorporated into the latest draft of the Schodack Code Amendments. S. Peter said all feedback was taken into consideration for the amendments. He assured Mr. Dolan that any gaps in the code following the adoption would be caught by the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals and amended later. Regarding solar, S. Peter stated that NYS had specific energy requirements, limiting actions that local governments could take to protect residents. He recommended that all residents contact their state representatives to call for a better implementation of solar in the state. Mr. Dolan asked that the board consider holding all applications (new and old) under the new code. S. Peter said that would not be possible. Per the law, applications received before the implementation of the new code would be held to the old code.

S. Peter informed the audience that the public comment period would remain open for ten days.

Hearing no further board or public comments, C. Swartz made a motion to close the public hearing but hold open for public comment at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by C. Bult.

5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M.

Kenney, S. Swartz, S. Haller, C. Peter. Noes – 0.

Open Discussion

Leaf/Brush Pick-Up: S. Peter said utilizing TextMyGov to allow residents to text the town when they needed a pickup helped to make the program a success. Each day, B. Brahm, Highway Superintendent, would receive email notifications of locations to schedule pickups for the Highway Workers. He noted that the trial period for the program had ended but there were plans to expand the service in the future. Currently, the Highway Department is not equipped to conduct a fall leaf pickup as a leaf vacuum would be needed; however, the texting service should prove to be effective for Christmas tree pickups. B. Brahm agreed that the texting service was helpful. He said the notifications came in sporadically but in total, thirty-one pickups occurred for a total of 142 leaf bags. S. Peter added that there was discussion regarding pickups for March through May of 2026.

Paving: S. Peter stated that Peacedale Road, Holland Lane, all remaining side roads by Nassau Lake and Trolley Way had been paved. Regarding Trolley Way, S. Peter said he had spoken to A. Beers of the Hudson Greenway, who originally agreed to pave Old Miller Road and Trolley Way during the installation of the Albany-Hudson Rail Trail. As said paving had not been conducted, Mr. Beers agreed to reimburse the town for the cost of paving Trolley Way.

Backhoe – Transfer Station: S. Peter noted that the dipper on the JCB Backhoe from the Transfer Station had been damaged but was now repaired (welded); however, as the machine was from 2002, discussions would be needed regarding its replacement. He highlighted a few options including replacement of the machine or selling the Gradall to Rensselaer County to purchase a wheeled excavator for the Highway Department and selling their backhoe to the Transfer Station. S. Peter said a wheeled excavator could be driven on the road and be affixed with a grapple for brush pickup.

Generator – Transfer Station: B. Goodall mentioned that a power outage on June 6th had left the Transfer Station inoperable as they had no internet connection to process credit cards. He said a battery back-up was used but did not last the five hours that the power was out. He had contacted Coyne Electric regarding a quote for the installation of a switch box with a 50A plug for the guard shack to back-feed power via a generator. The Highway Department possesses a generator that could be stored at the Transfer Station and used when needed. S. Peter asked for permission from the board to move forward with installation at the Transfer Station with a resolution to be on a future agenda. All board members agreed.

Route 9 South Water: S. Peter said a dedication of the Route 9 South Water Project would take place on June 16th at Samson's Restaurant on Route 9. He noted that the project was significant to encourage commercial growth along the Route 9 Corridor and would be further supported by sewer along the same stretch.

Tribute Trees: S. Peter stated that flags had been placed on the lawn in front of the town hall for potential placement of the tribute trees. He asked the board members to supply feedback on their placement and, if they were satisfied with the location, he would give K. Konig and M. Reed the green light to send out applications. To date, three tree farms had agreed to supply trees.

Town of Schodack Community Market: D. Tremont, Committee Member, mentioned that there were thirty-five vendors signed up for the market with the first event of the season being held on June 17th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. S. Peter noted that the event was a success in 2024 and wished them luck for 2025.

Executive Session

C. Bult made a motion at 7:38 p.m. to enter an Executive Session of the board to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105(1-f). Seconded by C. Haller.
5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, S. Swartz, M. Kenney, S. Haller, C. Peter. Noes – 0.

S. Peter announced that there would no further business to follow the executive session.

C. Swartz made a motion at 7:58 p.m. to adjourn the executive session. Seconded by C. Bult.
5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, S. Swartz, M. Kenney, S. Haller, C. Peter. Noes – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business before the Board, C. Kenney made a motion to adjourn the 06/12/25 Town Board meeting at 7:58 p.m., seconded by C. Haller. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Curtis
Schodack Town Clerk