

DATE: MARCH 14, 2024

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
BRUCE GOODALL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSFER STATION
OPERATIONS

Supervisor Peter called the March 14, 2024 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.

S. Peter said he was honored to have attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony for Ciaran Sweet, who was a long-time and dedicated member of Boy Scout Troop 53 and asked the board to deviate from the agenda to consider resolution 2024-119.

Adoption of Resolution (Adopted out of Sequence)

The resolution 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 A WITHDRAWN resolution is so noted and italicized.

S. Peter read the proclamation prior to being voted upon.

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:**

2024-119 **WHEREAS**, Ciaran R. Sweet, son of Kevin R. Sweet and Michele Guy, on the 18th of September in the year two thousand twenty-three, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank a boy can achieve in scouting; and

WHEREAS, Ciaran started his journey in scouting in 2016, with Troop 53, and

WHEREAS, Ciaran is a member of Boy Scout Troop 53, and has earned 28 Merit Badges in his 7 years of Boy Scouting, and

WHEREAS, Ciaran has served the troop as Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Scribe, and Instructor.

WHEREAS, as his Eagle Scout project, Ciaran with the assistance of other Scouts, Scout leaders, and family and friends, cleaned headstones, cataloged all veterans, and raised military foot markers at Horizon View Cemetery, in Castleton, New York, and

WHEREAS, Ciaran an honors graduate of Maple Hill High School, a past member of MHHS Key Club, and currently attending Hudson Valley Community College as a member of the Honors College, studying computer information systems, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Schodack commends and congratulates Ciaran R. Sweet 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 Ciaran R. Sweet.

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

Briefing of the Resolutions

S. Peter summarized the resolutions as follows: resolution 2024-113 pertained to the advertisement of bids for the disinfectant system for Sewer District No. 5; resolution 2024-114 had been withdrawn; resolution 2024-115 named the bands for the summer concerts at the town park; resolutions 2024-116 and 2024-117 pertained to training; resolution 2024-118 accepted the proposal from ESCO for the replacement of the water tower at the town hall; resolution 2024-120 formally added Scotland Lane and Hunters Road to the road inventory for the town; resolution 2024-121 authorized a stop sign to be installed at Primrose Lane; resolutions 2024-122 to 2024-124 related to audits of departments within the town; resolution 2024-125 set the date for a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 5-2024; 2024-126 recognized B. Cole for his achievement in basketball; resolution 2024-128 approved the cost of repair for the Transfer Station Backhoe and resolution 2024-128 appointed M. Allard Jr. as Part-time Park Attendant. The remaining resolutions were self-explanatory.

Resolution 2024-127: B. Goodall explained that a crack in the dipper of the 2002 JCB Backhoe had been discovered, requiring the damage to be welded/repared. He was advised

that a replacement dipper for the backhoe would cost approximately \$5,000.00 plus the cost of labor. He had obtained quotes for repair, upon which he also discovered that the hydraulic cylinder was bent and leaking. He noted that following the welding of the dipper, it was advisable that the backhoe be brought to Mooradians on Route 9 for further repair. All board members agreed.

Board Comment: C. Bult asked for a review of the audits (2024-122, 2024-123 and 2024-124). P. Harter noted that all three departments showed good internal controls and he was able to track all incoming/outgoing funds. He mentioned that one error was found where a number was placed on the wrong line for balancing off but was easily corrected. As for the petty cash funds, he explained that the Highway Department and Police Department each had deficits which they had inherited. He told each department to request the amount missing in their next vouchers to make them whole.

Public Comment: None.

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

Review of Abstracts of Claims and Budget Amendments: The Board reviewed claims #24-0312 to #24-0505 on Abstract No. 2024-03 in the amount of \$671,965.29, including the claims paid prior (\$158,623.99).

Adoption of Resolutions

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C. Swartz 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:

2024-113 WHEREAS, Laberge Group, a duly licensed Engineering firm permitted to practice in the State of New York had previously been retained to prepare Contract Documents for Sewer District No. 5 – Ultraviolet Disinfection (Project) to comply with the District's SPDES permit requirements, and

WHEREAS, Laberge Group has prepared the required Contract Documents necessary for the Project, and

WHEREAS, the Board does hereby accept the approve the Contract Documents for bidding,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for construction bids for the Project using the Contract Documents approved by the Board with a bid opening date of April 23, 2024 at 11 A.M.

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

- 2024-114** **WITHDRAWN:** Pursuant to Article 7 Section 140 of the Highway Law, the Highway Superintendent hereby appoints _____, subject to final approval by the Rensselaer County Civil Service Commission, as an Operator 2, at an hourly rate as set forth in the Year 2024 adopted budget. Said appointment is effective as of March ____, 2024.

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:

- 2024-115** Authorize Supervisor Peter to contract with musicians to perform at the 2024 Music in the Park as follows:

Sundown Express	June 4 th (rain date 6/5/24)	\$500.00
Triskele	June 11 th (rain date 6/12/24)	\$950.00
Eric Peter and the Moosemen	June 18 th (rain date 6/19/24)	\$800.00
Gone Grey	June 25 th (rain date 6/26/24)	\$500.00
Yankee Doodle Band	July 2 nd (rain date 7/3/24)	\$600.00
Double Barrel	August 6 th (rain date 8/7/24)	\$800.00
Jarrold	August 13 th (rain date 8/14/24)	\$500.00
Whiskey Highway	August 20 th (rain date 8/21/24)	\$800.00

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:

- 2024-116** Authorize Shawn Zinzow Water Operator to attend 45th Annual New York Rural Water Association's Technical Conference, May 20th through May 22nd at the Turning Stone Resort & Conference Center, Verona, NY. All appropriate expenses (mileage, lodging, meals, and registration) are to be borne by the Town per the 2024 adopted Town Budget, with are estimated cost of \$788.00, as budgeted.

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:

- 2024-117** Authorize Debra Curtis, Town Clerk; Melissa Hulsopple, Deputy Town Clerk and Bridget Baptiste, to attend the annual New York State Town Clerk's Association Conference in Albany, New York, April 21 through April 24, 2024. All appropriate expenses (mileage, meals, and registration) are to be borne by the Town per the 2024 adopted Town Budget, which are estimated to be \$987.16, as budgeted [A1410.4]
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. Kenney:

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

- 2024-118** Authorize Supervisor Peter to execute and administer proposal from ESCO Heating and Cooling to replace the cooling tower at Town Hall in an amount not to exceed \$192,200.00.
5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S. Swartz, S. Haller, C. Peter. Noes – 0.

- 2024-119** **Previously adopted on pg. 61.**

C. Haller 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:

- 2024-120** Amend resolution 2023-226 as adopted on December 14, 2023 to include the additional information as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Schodack accepted the offer of dedication of Scotland Lane a width of 29' and a distance of 250' from Edinburgh Drive to Cul-de-sac (approximate 70' turning radius and circumference of 350') and Hunters Road a width of 29' and a distance of 87' from Edinburgh Drive to Cul-de-sac (approximate 70' turning radius and circumference of 350') from Highland Hills Subdivision, developer Victor Gush by resolution 2004-337 on September 9, 2004, and

WHEREAS, they should be included in total mileage inventories for the Town of Schodack , and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to federal statute, states are required to submit public road mileage annually to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). In August 2012, FHWA significantly expanded the extent of the state road network subject to federal reporting. Under the expanded federal reporting requirements, states must now report data on ALL public roadways regardless of ownership, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the new requirement, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has re-inventoried and re-measured all municipal roads resulting in gains or losses in total mileage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Schodack shall add the following roads and mileage to their inventory: Scotland Lane **a width of 29' and a distance of 250' from Edinburgh Drive to Cul-de-sac (approximate turning radius of 70', circumference of 350')** and Hunters Road **a width of 29' and a distance of 87' from Edinburgh Drive to Cul-de-sac (approximate turning radius of 70', circumference of 350')**. **Both are available for public use 24 hours a day and 7 days of the week.**

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. Bult:

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

- 2024-121** Authorize Highway Department to install Stop sign on Primrose Lane at intersection of Brookview Road.
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:

- 2024-122** **WHEREAS**, the Town Board delegated its annual auditing responsibilities pursuant to Section 123 of Town Law to the Town Comptroller, and
- WHEREAS**, the Town Comptroller performed the audit in accordance with the guidelines provided by the New York State Office of the State Comptroller as published in the Local Government Management Guide – Fiscal Oversight Responsibilities,
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board accepts the audit report submitted for Justice Court for the fiscal year 2023.

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:

2024-123 **WHEREAS**, the Town Board delegated its annual auditing responsibilities pursuant to Section 123 of Town Law to the Town Comptroller, and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller performed the audit in accordance with the guidelines provided by the New York State Office of the State Comptroller as published in the Local Government Management Guide – Fiscal Oversight Responsibilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts the audit report submitted for Building Department Funds and Town Clerk Funds for the fiscal years 2023.

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:

2024-124 **WHEREAS**, the Town Board delegated its annual auditing responsibilities pursuant to Section 123 of Town Law to the Town Comptroller, and

WHEREAS, the Town Comptroller performed the audit in accordance with the guidelines provided by the New York State Office of the State Comptroller as published in the Local Government Management Guide – Fiscal Oversight Responsibilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts the audit report submitted for Petty Cash Funds for the fiscal year 2023.

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:

2024-125 Authorize Town Clerk to publish a legal notice for a public hearing to seek public comment on Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2024 Establishing a six-

month Moratorium on Utility-scale Solar Collection Systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems in the Town of Schodack. Said hearing to be held on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at the Schodack Town Hall at 7:05 p.m.

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:

2024-126 **WHEREAS**, Brady Cole, son of Jeffrey and Jennifer Cole, is a Senior at Maple Hill High School, and

WHEREAS, Brady plays forward on the Maple Hill High School Varsity Basketball Team, and

WHEREAS, scoring 1,000 points in basketball is often considered a benchmark achievement for high school athletes, where many players strive to achieve this goal, and

WHEREAS, on February 6th Brady began the game needing 11 points to reach the 1,000 point plateau for his career, he tallied 11 points during the first half and finished with 17 points, 10 assists and six rebounds leading Maple Hill to a 68-26 victory in the Patroon Conference play, and
and

WHEREAS, Brady a senior scored his 1,000th point on February 6, 2024 to become only the 4th Maple Hill Player to score 1,000 points and the first in over 20 years to achieve this milestone at a home game, against Rensselaer High School, and

WHEREAS, Brady successfully etched his name into the record books by reaching this coveted milestone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schodack hereby recognizes Brady Cole for his accomplishment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Supervisor Peter shall present a copy of this resolution to Brady together with the Town Board's commendation upon his achievement.

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:**

- 2024-127** Authorize Northeast Precision Welding to repair of 2002 JCB Backhoe's dipper arm at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00.
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. Kenney:

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

- 2024-128** Appoint Michael Allard, Jr. as part-time Park Attendant at an hourly rate as set forth in resolution 2023-334.
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:**

- 2024-129** Authorize the Comptroller's recommendation to direct the Town Supervisor to pay the claims #24-0312 to 24-0505 on Abstract No. 2024-03, in the amount of \$671,965.29 including the claims paid \$158,623.99.
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:**

- 2024-130** Authorize the February 2024 budget modifications, interfund loans and interfund transfers as provided in document dated March 2024 and recommended by the Comptroller.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Fund/ Department #		Fund / Department Name	Increase	Decrease
2023				
1	A-960-1620.1000	Buildings - Personal Services	1,633.25	
	A-960-1620.4000	Buildings - Contractual		1,633.25
To modify the budget for Park Manager work at Town Hall				

2	A-960-1950.4000	Tax on Municipal Property - Contractual	318.78	
	A-960-1990.4000	Contingency - Contractual		318.78
	To modify the budget for 2024 property tax on Town owned properties			
3	A-960-7110.1001	Parks - Rensselaer County Work	575.75	
	A-960-7110.1000	Parks - Personal Services		575.75
	To modify the budget for Park Manager work at RensCo Park			
4	A-960-7110.2000	Parks - Equipment	6,489.00	
	A-599-9999.9999	Appropriated Fund Balance		6,489.00
	To modify the budget for Plow Mount & lighting for Park F350			
5	A-960-9040.8000	Workers Compensation - Benefits	0.80	
	A-960-9050.8000	Unemployment Insurance - Benefits		0.80
	To modify the budget for General Fund difference in Workers Comp			
6	B-960-1460.4000	Records Management - Contractual	319.00	
	B-960-1990.4000	Contingency - Contractual		319.00
	To modify the budget for 2024 Avante Server Maintenance Contract			
7	B-960-9055.8000	Disability Insurance - Benefits	8.41	
	B-960-9050.8000	Unemployment Insurance - Benefits		8.41
	To modify the budget for increased NYS Disability Insurance			
8	DB-960-5110.1350	Genl Road Repair - Work for W/S	222.32	
	DB-960-5110.1000	Genl Road Repair - Personal Services		222.32
	To modify the budget for Byron Hempstead assisting Shawn in W/S			
9	DB-960-5140.1351	Brush & Weeds - OT W/S Work	80.55	
	DB-960-5140.1000	Brush & Weeds - Personal Services		80.55
	To modify the budget for Flanders work at SS8 with Halvax			
10	DB-960-5130.1400	Machinery - Police Work	616.76	
	DB-960-5130.1000	Machinery - Personal Services		616.76
	To modify the budget for work on Department vehicles			

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Fund/

	Department #	Fund / Department Name	Increase	Decrease
2023				
11	DB-960-5140.1350	Brush & Weeds - Work for W/S	1,042.13	
	DB-960-5140.1351	Brush & Weeds - OT Work for W/S	408.20	
	DB-960-5140.1000	Brush & Weeds - Personal Services		1,450.33
	To modify the budget for Byron Hempstead assisting Shawn in W/S			
12	EW-960-1910.4000	Unallocated Insurance - Contractual	1,172.00	
	EW-960-1990.4000	Contingency - Contractual		1,172.00
	To modify the budget for increased Town insurance costs per Town Clerk			
13	SS5-960-8130.1100	E Schodack Sewer - Overtime	44.39	
	SS5-960-8130.1000	E. Schodack Sewer - Personal Services		44.39
	To modify the budget for Water/Sewer Operator time in district			
14	SW3-960-8340.4011	Maple Crest Water - Purchase of Water	15,000.00	
	SW3-960-8340.4000	Marple Crest Water - Contractual		15,000.00
	To correct the 2024 budget for Interfund water Purchases from Clearview			

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

Open Discussion

Highway Mechanics Laptop: S. Peter said he had sent an email out to the board regarding the purchase of a laptop with software for the mechanics to run diagnostics on the Highway Fleet. The laptop would also allow any error codes to be reset, limiting the time for any equipment to be out of service. Originally, Mr. Brahm had found an option through a vendor to purchase a laptop with the necessary software for the International Trucks within the fleet; however, upon further review, he was able to find a less expensive option that included the laptop and software for all diesel vehicles (including trucks and tractors). He noted that the laptop was a budgeted item.

Track Steerer: S. Peter mentioned that during budget time, B. Brahm had expressed interest in replacing the skid steerer with a track steerer as it was better for use on softer media such as soil. The track steerer had not been included in the budget but there was talk of using fund balance to cover the cost. B. Brahm was in the process of obtaining pricing for said unit.

Court Copier: S. Peter announced that the Justice Court had been awarded a grant to purchase a new copier for their office. Once received, their old copier will be transferred to the second floor for the Assessor to use.

Snowplow – Transfer Station: S. Peter informed the board that B. Goodall had received a quote for an apparatus to be placed on the skid steerer to allow a snowplow to be attached. A copy of the quote was included in their packet. B. Goodall explained that the former Transfer Station truck with plow had been transferred to the park for use. Upon the mechanical failure of the truck, the plow had been installed on a smaller truck from the Highway Department. C. Swartz asked if the entire lot at the Transfer Station could be plowed with the skid steerer. B. Goodall said yes as it was highly maneuverable. He noted that it would save the Highway Department from making a special trip to plow the lot.

P. Harter mentioned that if the snowplow, which had originally been purchased by the A Fund for the Transfer Station, had been transferred to the Highway Department, the DB Fund would need to reimburse the A Fund per the Office of the State Comptroller. S. Peter felt the value of the plow was minimal but agreed to move forward with the transfer.

Road Program: S. Peter said B. Brahm, Highway Superintendent, was drafting the 2024 road program, which included Schodack Drive as a top priority. He asked all board members to submit recommendations for other roads to be included.

School Resource Officer (SRO): S. Peter noted that Officer Eckel was officially full-time as SRO at the Schodack Central School District. C. Bult asked if he was reporting to the school or the police station before he began his shift in the morning. Chief Natale said at the station per his choice.

Viking Gym: S. Peter mentioned that the pad had been prepared for the installation of the gym. Once the holes were drilled to anchor the equipment, the rotary club, with support from the Town and Volunteers, would begin constructing the gym.

Solar: S. Peter stated that, along with amending solar in the zoning code, it had been suggested that the PILOT agreements also be reviewed. Currently, revenue from the agreements were split between the Town (25%), Rensselaer County (25%) and the School District (50%); however, Rensselaer County was considering increasing the amount received per megawatt.

Farmer's Market: S. Peter explained that the former managers who ran the market in 2023 had chosen to move to a different site, off town property. He noted that other residents had expressed interest in continuing a market at the former town hall site; however, an agreement and discussion on management would be necessary.

Easter Egg Hunt: S. Peter reminded the audience that the easter egg hunt was scheduled for Saturday, March 16th at the Schodack Town Park.

Executive Session

C. Bult made a motion at 7:25 p.m. to enter into an Executive Session of the Board pursuant to Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105(1)(e) to discuss a contractual matter. Seconded by C. Kenney.

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

S. Peter said there would be no further business following the executive session.

C. Bult made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:08 p.m., seconded by C. Swartz.
5 Ayes 0 Noes. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – J. Bult, M. Kenney, S.
Swartz, S. Haller, C. Peter. Noes – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business before the Board, C. Kenney made a motion to adjourn the 03/14/24 Town Board meeting at 9:08 p.m., seconded by S. Peter. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Curtis
Schodack Town Clerk

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