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State of New York  
County of Rensselaer  
Town of SchaghticokeU.S. EPA, REGION II  
EMER. & REM. RES. DIV.  
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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Town of Schaghticoke, do hereby certify as follows:

1. A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Schaghticoke, State of New York duly held on July 14, 1999 and Minutes of said meeting have been duly recorded in the Minute Book kept by me in accordance with law for the purpose of recording the Minutes of meetings of said Board. I have compared the attached Extract with said Minutes so recorded and said Extract is a true copy of said Minutes and of the whole thereof insofar as said Minutes relate to matters referred to in said Extracts.
2. Said Minutes correctly state the time when said Meeting was convened and the place where such Meeting was held and the members of said Board who attended said Meeting.
3. Public Notice of the time and place of the said Meeting was duly given to the public and the news media in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, constituting Chapter 511 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New York, and that the members of said Board had due notice of said Meeting and the Meeting was in all respects duly held and a quorum was present and acted throughout.
4. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have hereunto affixed the corporate seal of the Town of Schaghticoke this 28th day of July, 1999.

*Janet E. Salisbury*Janet E. Salisbury  
Town Clerk  
Town of Schaghticoke

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TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION, July 14, 1999

A RESOLUTION URGING EPA TO SUBMIT BOTH ITS AND GE'S MODEL TO  
SIMULTANEOUS, INDEPENDENT PEER REVIEW.

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, State of New York, held at 290 Northline Drive, Melrose, New York, in said Town on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1999. Said resolution was accepted. Complete resolution attached.

The meeting was called to order by Jean Carlson, Supervisor and upon roll being called, the following were:

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Helen Akin	X	
Michael Bayly	X	
Janice Bovat	X	
Jean Carlson	X	
Edwin Osterhout	X	

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Carlson, who moved its adoption and seconded by Councilwoman Bayly.

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Upon a roll call vote being called by the Town Clerk, the following votes were cast:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Helen Akin	X		
Michael Bayly	X		
Janice Bovat	X		
Jean Carlson	X		
Edwin Osterhout	X		

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Carlson explained that Building Inspector John Smolen had obtained information from other town's ordinances. Mr. Speanburgh felt that even though the new proposed amendment fell in line with how other towns are calculating their costs, the method was not justifiable, and still did not address the issue of a building permit for a remodeled home exceeding the cost of a building permit for a new home.

Supervisor Carlson explained that what the Board tried to do was to increase the cost of the building permit for a new home and decrease the cost of a permit for a remodeled home, but Mr. Speanburgh still felt that the method was unjust.

Building Inspector John Smolen stated that he presented what was asked of him.

Councilman Bayly asked if a flat fee could be proposed.

It was decided upon to have Mr. Speanburgh and Mr. Smolen continue to develop something to take into consideration a flat fee.

No action was taken on the Ordinance. A public hearing will be scheduled after the ordinance is further developed.

The public hearing was closed at 8:00 with a motion by Councilwoman Bovat and a second by Councilman Osterhout.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None

**RESOLUTION TO MOVE \$55,000 FROM THE A FUND TO THE DB FUND,  
PURSUANT TO A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE STATE  
COMPTROLLER.**

Resolution: Councilman Osterhout  
Second: Councilwoman Akin

To authorize a resolution to move \$55,000 from the A Fund to the DB Fund pursuant to a recommendation from the Office of the State Comptroller.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None

**RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD**

Resolution: Supervisor Carlson  
Second: Councilwoman Bayly

URGING EPA TO SUBMIT BOTH ITS AND GE'S MODEL TO SIMULTANEOUS,  
INDEPENDENT PEER REVIEW.

WHEREAS, citizens, the community and the agricultural, tourism and recreational resources of the Town of Schaghticoke are directly affected by the US Environmental Protection Agency's reassessment of PCB's in the Hudson River, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Schaghticoke has closely monitored EPA's performance and, in view of the potentially grave consequences of its decision, has urged EPA to rely on the soundest scientific principles and the most valid data analyses, and

WHEREAS, the EPA and the General Electric Co. each have recently developed computerized models to simulate river dynamics and forecast future progress in the river's recovery, and

WHEREAS, these computer models are likely to be the best available quantitative tools on which to base future policy decisions about the river, and

WHEREAS, the models both predict future recovery for the river but differ as to the time that recovery will take, and

WHEREAS, the inadvertent use of inaccurate, outdated or misinterpreted data could lead EPA to order an unnecessary and destructive dredging and dumping project with serious, long-term environmental, social and economic damage to the Town of Schaghticoke and neighboring communities, and

WHEREAS, an open public process designed to narrow and reconcile the technical differences between the two models can reduce the risk of error and help foster a higher level of public confidence in EPA's ability to make the correct decision and

WHEREAS, Congressman John Sweeney has announced his intention to send both models for thorough review by an independent panel of scientists convened by the General Accounting Office, and

WHEREAS, EPA has refused repeated requests to agree to a simultaneous scientific peer review of both its model and the GE model by qualified, independent experts, and

WHEREAS, nevertheless plans to use the projections from its model in the development of ecological and human health reports even before its model has been examined by independent scientists,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schaghticoke urges EPA to reverse its opposition and promptly submit both its model

and the GE model to independent peer review simultaneously before any model projections are used as the basis for any other Hudson River reports, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the simultaneous peer review be conducted at an open public meeting with full opportunity for public comment and discussion by the citizens and elected officials of the Town of Schaghticoke and all other interested parties, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to US EPA Administrator Carol Browner, Regional EPA Administrator Jeanne Fox, US Senators Moynihan and Schumer, Gov. Pataki, Congressman Sweeney, our State legislators, and the chief elected official of all municipalities in Warren, Washington, Saratoga and Rensselaer Counties with a request for their support of this resolution.

Dated: July 14, 1999

Voted: All Ayes

Ayes: All  
Nays: None

#### **RESOLUTION TO SELL ROLLER AT AUCTION**

Resolution: Councilman Osterhout  
Second: Councilman Osterhout

To authorize Highway Superintendent to send an inoperable (to the Town) roller to auction. The return will be put into the Equipment reserve.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Resolution: Councilwoman Bovat  
Second: Councilman Bayly

To go into Executive Session to discuss the contract with our trash hauler. No action to be taken. 8:05 PM.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None

#### **TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Resolution: Councilman Bayly  
Second: Councilwoman Akin

To close Executive Session. 8:40 PM.