

**Town Board Meeting held June 27, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in Schroon Lake N. Y.**

**Present:**

**Town Supervisor:** Meg Wood

**Councilpersons:** Rich Gero, Ethan Thompson, Lynn Donaldson, and Leanna Welch

**Deputy Town Clerk:** Melissa Armstrong

**Also Present:** Albert May, Brian Ritchings, Mike Marnell

Supervisor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with a pledge to the Flag

**Public Participation:**

Mike Marnell would like to compliment and thank everyone who worked on the stairs, they are really beautiful. Mr. Marnell asked that after they accept his bid if he could tow the truck 4 miles down the road, that the auction place will be going back and forth for a few weeks and would like to get the truck out of there if the town has a title.

**Resolution #121 Approve the Auction sale on the Surplus Sewer Department truck-1977 International 1600 Dump Truck for \$1,375.00**

Councilman Gero moved a resolution to approve the Auction Sale on the Surplus Sewer Department Truck a 1977 International 1600 Dump Truck for \$1,375.00, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

**Resolution #122 Approve the minutes from the June 13, 2022 Town Board Meeting.**

Councilman Thompson moved a resolution to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2022 Town Board Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Donaldson; carried.

**Resolution #123 Accept the request to let Mike Marnell move the Surplus Sewer Department truck 4 miles down the road.**

Councilman Gero moved a resolution to accept the request to let Mike Marnell move the Surplus Sewer Department truck 4 miles down the road, seconded by Councilwoman Welch.

**Discussion on the Public Hearing for Proposed Zoning Change**

Supervisor Wood states she would like to go over some of the questions that were brought up during the Public Hearing. The questions that I had noted were ;

- Should we wait for the review of the analysis of the comprehensive plan? We didn't decide that one way or another
- How far East is the line of demarcation going to go? We did not discuss that. I have talked to several people and 300 feet is normal, we could do 400 feet, we could also use the river.
- Clear definitions were another issue. It's not as ambiguous as it was pointed out, if you look at the law. You can have everything you have in a residential zone in addition to guest cottages, cabins, inns, motels, motor hotels, lodges, it goes on and on. It specifies what you can have. It

does say you can have permitted use with a permit.

- Someone else asked about enforcement. The Codes officer does the enforcement.
- Would the tax rate change with the zoning change? Chris and I looked in the big book and the tax rate doesn't change, the assessments change.
- Someone asked what project brought this up. We clarified that no specific project brought this up but it was a recommendation from the planning board.
- We are still waiting to hear about our comprehensive plan but we're still waiting to hear from them.

#### **Discussion on Schroon River Launch Site on Route 74**

Supervisor Wood stated the next issue is with Paul Leah, with the stairs on Route 74. Dana does have the platform, he just needs to build more on it. Right now they said it's just as dangerous with the platform as it is without it. However, this is designated as the town wash site so we have to be careful. We need to at least have a warning sign, on the west side of the river. Councilman Gero states he remembers using the site in the past but doesn't remember if the stairs and platform were attached.

#### **Discussion on Wage Statement Reset for Part Time and Seasonal Employees**

Supervisor Wood stated the next item up is the Wage Statement reset and we need to get back to work on that. Specifically with the new hires, we have nothing in place for brand new employees. We also have to finish Seasonal and Part time employees. We only have 2 months before this needs to be finished. I think we should try and finish this before the next meeting. Councilman Gero asked if the new reset was still in plan to kick in July 1st and Supervisor Wood states that yes, what they have worked on so far will still go in affect but we have to finish because we still have new hires and it would be nice to have it finished before budget time.

#### **Discussion on EV Charging Stations**

Supervisor Wood states she is waiting to hear back from APEC Solar and Renewal Energy on the EV charging stations. The first step would be having them come out and access the project. Councilwoman Donaldson asks will they come here and do that for free? Supervisor Wood replied there is a grant program for that and we need to make sure we get all that information and what their procedures are.

#### **Discussion on the Air Strip Maintenance**

Supervisor Wood stated that nothing has changed with the Air Strip maintenance. We haven't heard from Mr. Black at all, but Phil did meet with him the Saturday before his surgery and we will see what happens when Phil returns, I just wanted to make sure we follow up with this.

#### **Discussion on Comprehensive Plan Strategies**

Supervisor Wood stated she was hoping to know more but is still waiting to hear back from the Planning Board. Councilman Thompson stated this seems to be taking a long time, is this normal? Councilwoman Donaldson replied, yes, we're waiting on a contract and like everything right now, it's taking a

long time. The State is as hard up for workers as we are. It's been a long process for anything right now, unfortunately.

### **Discussion on Rogers Brook**

Supervisor Wood stated Rob Wick had a zoom meeting with the DEC and EFC and the DEC person, Kelly Duvall was pretty adamant that the engineers provide detailed information on various ways this could be done, they want information on putting pump stations in. Brian Ritching stated that this was already done by Jim in the past. Supervisor Wood states that we will dig it up, it's usually the EFC that gives small towns a harder time but Kelly Duvall wants additional assessments comparing the different scenarios. I talked to Rob Wick and Cozumo and they said it would be about 6-8 weeks. Brian Ritching states he is sure he has the plans of different scenarios down at the Sewer Plant and to give him a little time but he will dig them up. Supervisor Wood replied that that would be a huge help.

### **Discussion on Security Cameras in the Park**

Supervisor Wood states there was another incident in the town park bathrooms on the weekend of Juneteenth. The bathrooms are not locked as of right now. People brought buckets of soil and threw them around. The troopers said too much time had gone by and it was already cleaned up, they couldn't do anything about it. George Reeves took pictures but had cleaned up the mess. This was minor damage compared to the past few weeks but what we have to decide if whether or not to lock the doors. George goes in early in the morning to clean them so he could unlock them then. Supervisor Wood also called NY Fire and Signal and wanted to talk to them about security cameras in the park. Councilwoman Welch asked what about Mahoney as a security company? Councilman Gero asked when you talked to the Troopers, did you ask them to do any drive bys? Supervisor Wood replied, she will contact Mahoney and also ask the Troopers to patrol the area. I gave Patrick permission to call the Police, and me, immediately, and George too. Councilwoman Donaldson states that she thinks we should be locking the bathrooms at night since this seems to be an ongoing issue. Councilman Gero states that we should also post a sign stating why we are having to lock the bathrooms. Bathrooms will be locked at 8pm due to recent vandalism. Councilwoman Welch suggested we use Web Cams in place of security cameras so they serve as more than just security but weather, snow, trail conditions, etc, and everyone around the world can access them. Councilman Gero states that from what he understands, the vandalism is getting progressively worse, and doesn't just extend to the bathrooms but the bandstand as well. Supervisor Wood states whatever we decide to do, we need to do it soon. The individuals who are doing the vandalism know that the area is unsecure, they know when the town gets quiet, and we need to do something to stop them.

**Resolution #124 The Bath House and Boathouse doors in town will be locked at night**

Councilwoman Donaldson moved a resolution for the bath house and boathouse doors in town to be locked every night at 8pm, 9pm on nights with events, with the exception of 10pm on the 4th of July, due to recent vandalism, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

**Discussion on Old Fire House Roof**

Supervisor Wood states that Environmental Sciences called for us to remove the asbestos portion on the old Firehouse roof, it will be \$5,570. We have a \$5,000 grant that we can apply to that. The two questions we asked were about 3rd party monitoring and we were told it was outdoors so we don't have to worry about that if we had to notify surrounding neighbors when this was taking place, and TP Monohan has the report and asked if we could extend the completion date until October or November.

Supervisor Wood made a motion to adjourn at 7:01 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

I, Melissa Armstrong, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct transcript from the minutes now on file in my office and of the whole such original minutes.

Dated: July 14, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Town Clerk