

Town Board Meeting held August 8, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in Schroon Lake N.Y.

Present:

Town Supervisor: Meg Wood

Councilpersons: Richard Gero, Ethan Thompson, Lynn Donaldson and Leanna Welch

Town Clerk: Patricia Savarie

Also Present: Albert May, Brian Ritching, Fran and Skip Mahler, Joe and

Diane Cardinale

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

Public Participation

Fran Mahler stated she would like someone to fix the pavement on Hillside Avenue, this is my second request and seems like we are getting a run around between the Highway and Water Department we just want it repaired before winter. Supervisor Wood stated she will text Highway Superintendent, Dana Shaughnessy and Chief Water Operator, William Jenks to get together and fix the problem. Councilman Gero stated he will follow up on it this week and try to get it resolved. Fran stated that the brushing of the roads needs to be done and limbs need to be cut by the roads, people are hitting there mirrors along the road and you have to get over in the other lane sometimes.

Resolution #137 Approve Minutes

Councilman Thompson moved a resolution to approve the minutes of June 27, 2022 and July 11, 2022, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

Resolution #138 Approve Vouchers

Councilman Thompson moved a resolution to pay the bills as reviewed, seconded by Councilman Gero; carried.

General Fund \$52,071.67 Sewer \$25,641.46 Water \$4633.22 Highway \$223,966.76

RESOLUTION #139 Approve Local Law #2 of 2022 Amending Town of Schroon Zoning Ordinance and Map to Rezone the east side of Route 9 from Alder Meadow Road north to Route 74 from Residential R-20 to Resort Business B-2

Councilman Gero moved a resolution to approve Local Law #2 of 2022 Amending Town of Schroon Zoning Ordinance and Map to Rezone the east side of Route 9 from Alder Meadow Road north to Route 74 from Residential R-20 to Resort Business B-2, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Wood	Aye
Councilwoman Welch	Aye
Councilwoman Donaldson	Nay
Councilman Gero	Aye
Councilman Thompson	Nay

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2022

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING

TOWN OF SCHROON ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP TO

REZONE THE EAST SIDE OF U.S. ROUTE 9 NORTH OF THE VILLAGE OF SCHROON FROM ALDER MEADOW ROAD NORTH TO ROUTE 74 FROM GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE (R-20) TO RESORT BUSINESS ZONE (B-2)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SCHROON TOWN BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 202 of the Town of Schroon Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by revising the official Town Zoning Map to change the zoning of properties on the east side of U.S. Route 9 north of the Village of Schroon from Alder Meadow Road north to Route 74 and within 350 feet from the east side of the traveled way from General Residential Zone (R-20) to Resort Business Zone (B-2).

SECTION 2. The official Zoning Map of the Town of Schroon with such appropriate notation and reference as deemed necessary to reflect this amendment is hereby adopted as the official Zoning Map of the Town of Schroon.

SECTION 3. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph or provision of this Local Law shall not invalidate any other clause, sentence, paragraph or part thereof.

SECTION 4. All Local Laws or ordinances or parts of Local Laws or ordinances in conflict with any part of this Local Law are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing by the Office of the New York Secretary of State as provided in New York Municipal Home Rule Law §27.

RESOLUTION #140 Approve Water Tap at 1432 Charley Hill Road, Property Tax Map

#146.20-5-1.000 for Samuel Ciulla

Councilwoman Donaldson moved a resolution to approve a water tap for Samuel Ciulla Tax Map #146.20-5-1.000 located at 1432 Charley Hill Road, seconded by Councilman Gero; carried.

RESOLUTION #141 Approve Labor Day Street Dance and Fireworks

Councilwoman Welch moved a resolution to approve the Labor Day Street Dance and Fireworks, September 3, 2022 from 6:30 – 9:00 P.M. and fireworks after the Street Dance. US Route 9 will be closed using barricades and State Trooper vehicles from a point just north of the intersection of Dock Street to the South corner of Leland Avenue. Through traffic from Dock Street to Leland will not be impeded so no detour is necessary, seconded by Councilman Gero; carried.

RESOLUTION #142 Approve DOT Permit request for 9/03/2022 Street Dance on Route 9

Councilman Thompson moved a resolution to approve the DOT Permit request for September 3, 2022 from 6:30 – 9:00 P.M, for the Labor Day Weekend Street Dance on US Route 9 (Main Street) Schroon Lake between Dock Street and Leland Avenue, seconded by Councilwoman Donaldson; carried.

RESOLUTION #143 Approve Budget Workshop Dates

Councilwoman Donaldson moved a resolution to approve the 2022 Budget Workshop Dates, seconded by Councilman Thompson; carried.

September 29, 2022 Thursday 12:00-2:00 P.M.

October 6 2022 Thursday 12:00-2:00 PM

October 13 2022 Thursday 4:00-6:00 PM

October 20 2022 Thursday 12:00-2:00 PM

October 27 2022 Thursday 2:00-4:00 PM

November 1 2021 Tuesday 10:00-12:00 PM only if necessary

RESOLUTION #144 Approve change of October Board meeting date to from 10/10 to 10/13 and November Board meeting from 11/14 to 11/10

Councilwoman Welch moved a resolution to change the October Meeting to Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. and the November meeting to Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., seconded by Councilman Gero; carried.

RESOLUTION #145 Approve contract with Dawn Sears as temporary freelance assistant to TOS Assessors performing data management and maintenance, valuation tasks, preparation for 2023 revaluation

Councilman Thompson moved a resolution to enter into a contract with Dawn Sears as a temporary freelance assistant to the Town of Schroon Assessors performing data management and maintenance, valuation tasks, preparation for 2023 revaluation at the rate of \$30.00 and hour and \$50.00 a day for gas mileage, working one day a week for eight hours effective August 10, 2022, seconded by Councilman Gero; carried

RESOLUTION #146 Approve Assessors to consult with Town Attorney regarding three Article 7 grievances

Councilman Gero moved a resolution to approve the Town of Schroon assessor to consult the Town Attorney, Mark Schachner , regarding three Article 7 grievance assessments, seconded by Councilman Thompson; carried.

RESOLUTION #147 Approve Codes Department quarterly report, 4/01 – 6/30/2022

Councilwoman Donaldson moved a resolution to accept the Second Quarter Building and Code Report, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried

RESOLUTION #148 Approve the Court to go forward with the Unified Court System Office of Court Administration JACAP grants of up to \$30,000

Councilman Thompson moved a resolution approving to apply for a \$30,000.00 JCAP Grant application for the Court to be used for the Court Facility, seconded by Councilwoman Donaldson; carried.

DISCUSSION Insulation proposal for Highway garage

Supervisor Wood stated they had gotten one quote for insulation for the Town Garage and before they do that they need to address the roof. According to Dana the walls need insulation more then the attic. We need to do more research since we know the roof has and issue. Councilman Thompson stated the biggest problem with doing the walls is 50% is Garage

Doors. Councilman Gero stated at the State garage we did not do the walls we did the foam into the ceiling and put up new insulated garage doors in. We could put in new weather stripping for all the Garage doors and that would help. Brian Ritching asked if there was ceiling fans to force the heat down. Councilman Thompson stated he believed that there is an issue with the plumbing for the radiant heat in the garage floor. Sealing the garage doors will be huge. Councilman Gero stated he agreed there is no value in spray foaming the walls when you have so much door space. Skip Mahler stated that when they built the Garage the cement blocks were insulated.

DISCUSSION Cameras in Town Park

Supervisor Wood stated that this will be discussed at budget time and start with the bathhouse and pavilion. The Schroon Lake Association is interested what we will do by the boathouse so they can piggyback on this with us. They have their camera on the boathouse already watching the boat traffic for invasive. Supervisor Wood will get some more quotes from other companies.

DISCUSSION 2023 International HX620 truck approved at 5/10/2021 board meeting has been delivered; payment of quoted cost, \$166,158.23, made on 8/02/2022

Supervisor Wood stated the 2023 International HX620 truck approved at 5/10/2021 board meeting has been delivered; payment of quoted cost, \$166,158.23 was paid in full out of the Highway Budget.

DISCUSSION Senior Citizens Property Tax Exemption proposal made by Assessor for low-income resident

Richard Schoenstadt, Chairman of the Board of Assessors stated that there is an exemption for low-income seniors citizens known as the Senior Citizens Property Tax Exemption. To qualify for this, you must own your home and Schroon Lake must be your primary residence, you must be 65 or older and your income from all sources must be no more than \$25,000.00. The last time this was increased was in 2008 and since then, average prices have increased 36%. I believe that in general rising inflation affects low-income person's more than higher income people. If the income limit were increased by the average increase in inflation of 36%, seniors with total income less than \$34,000.00 would qualify. However the state, currently limits the income for a 50% reduction in taxes to \$29,000.00, but I'm hearing the state is considering raising that limit. There is a local option the Town could adopt which

feathers the tax exemption so that there is not an abrupt cut off at \$29,000.00 so that a person whose income is \$29,000.00 gets a 50% reduction while a person or couple with an income of \$29,001.00 gets nothing. Supervisor Wood stated she will bring it to the County to be discussed and pursue it.

Board Comments

Councilman Gero stated he would like to thank the Library for the Summer Program for the kids it is great for the kids and they do a wonderful job. Councilman Gero stated we need to be more aggressive with the Short Term Rental and see who needs to be getting there applications. Supervisor Wood suggested that they all get on the different web sites and see who is renting out their places and contact them to start applying in the Town of Schroon.

Councilman Gero stated we need to address the problem with the parking by the Community Church and other areas on Main Street. It is very hard to see to get out in traffic and also see pedestrians. We have a shared service with DOT and maybe they can come down and put No Parking in that one section and also down by Stewarts the cross walk should be moved north down by Julie and Co.

Councilwoman Donaldson suggested they talk about putting up a trail camera at the Transfer Station at budget time. Councilwoman Donaldson would also like to thank Councilman Gero for taking care of the Lifeguards and the Health Department Inspection.

Supervisor Wood made a motion to adjourn at 6:42 P.M., seconded by Councilman Gero; carried.

I, Patricia J. Savarie, 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: August 10, 2022

Town Clerk