

**Budget Workshop to Discuss 2023 Budget held October 5, 2022, at 12:00 P.M. at the  
Town Hall in Schroon Lake N.Y.**

**Present:**

**Supervisor:** Meg Wood

**Councilpersons:** Ethan Thompson and Leanna Welch  
(Lynn Donaldson and Richard Gero - Excused)

**Town Clerk:** Patricia Savarie

**Budget Officer:** Chris Stone

**Also Present:** Bob Hauserman, Matt Massiano, Tish Bismeyer and  
William Jenks

Supervisor Wood called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M. with a pledge to the Flag.

**Paradox Lake Association**

Bob Hauserman and Matt Massiano from the Paradox Lake Association stated we are in the middle of a three year surge to get our milfoil population under control on Paradox Lake. The milfoil grows between 10 – 15 feet down and anything deeper, it will not grow. We are gathering information on where the worst spots are for the application of a herbicide treatment, DEC says we have a one time shot at this. We are requesting \$15,000.00 from the Town of Schroon for 2023 to support our surge program to control Eurasian Water milfoil. In 2022 we spent \$70,000.00 on harvesting which is unsustainable. Our membership has increased dues and contributions from \$26,000.00 in 2021 to over \$37,000.00 this year. In 2023 we will attempt to spend \$90,250.00 on harvesting and \$40,000.00 on herbicide treatment. By 2024 our reserves will be depleted, but we are hopeful that our milfoil situation will be controlled and manageable. We appreciate the financial support and guidance that the Town of Schroon has provided in the past and look forward to your assistance in the future.

**Health Insurance**

Tish Bismeyer from Burnham's Associates stated the total annual increase will be 6.4% . Eye Glass coverage will be offered at the same low rate for glasses. Tish went over several options and suggestions with the Board. The Board will offer the same policies to the employees, Gold 6 and Silver 19.

## **Water Department**

Chris Stone stated that the Water Department Revenues will be off by \$7,000.00 and that they will go over budget by a little. The cost of everything is so high if you can even get it. We need to finish up putting in meters and fixing meters that are not reading properly. William Jenks, Chief Water Plant Operator, stated he had a list of things he would like to do and has estimates. I'm still waiting on 3 Flo Masters and VFD's to come in I will call them to see how much longer it will take to get them.

1. Horseshoe Pond and Golf Course Water Tanks need to be cleaned inside and then new anodes put in \$20,000.00
2. New Plow Truck with lift gate \$70,000.00
3. New Honda Generator \$2,500.00
4. Upgrade on control systems\$3500.00
5. Load Test on both generators (Well site and Booster Station)
6. Pipe Leak Locator Detector \$4500.00
7. Light Tower Fixed \$3000.00
8. Security Cameras on Fences
9. Pipe Freeze System \$2500.00
10. Riding Lawn Mower \$3600.00

Councilman Thompson asked William Jenks if he can wait on the truck and what is wrong with it? William stated it was getting rusty but ran fine. Councilman Thompson stated that we should just get some body work done on it and keep it for awhile since it has low mileage and diesels will go 200,000 miles. Councilwoman Welch suggested that William Jenks get started with contacting Smith Control System and set up a time for them to look at the upgrade on the control system and also contact the company that will be cleaning the tanks and schedule it for next year.

## **Executive Session**

Councilwoman Welch made a motion to go into Executive Session at 3:25 P.M. to discuss Employee Issues, seconded by Councilman Thompson; carried.

Councilwoman Welch made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 4:11 P.M.,seconded by Councilman Thompson; carried.

**Resolution #165 Amend Resolution # 79 from April 12, 2021 to state To Approve**

**Wastewater and Water Trainee Wage Schedule Based on Performance**

**RESOLUTION #79 TO APPROVE WASTE WATER TRAINEE WAGE SCHEDULE  
BASED ON PERFORMANCE**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to approve the Waste Water Trainee Wage Schedule based on performance, seconded by Supervisor Subra; carried.

Amend Resolution #79 of April 12, 2021 to state:

Supervisor Wood moved a resolution to approve the Waste Water and Water Trainee Wage Schedule based on performance, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

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Waste Water Operator and Water Operator 3 year Program
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	Start	6 mo	1 Year	18mo	2 Years	30 mo	3 Years
Compensation	\$18/hr	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
		\$1,040	\$1,040	\$1,040	\$1,040	\$1,040	\$1,040
Annualized	\$37,440	\$38,480	\$39,520	\$40,560	\$41,600	\$42,640	\$43,680
Testing Requirements		Basic Operations	Activated Sludge		Lab Course	C License	2B License
Bonus for completion		\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250

Councilwoman Welch made a motion to adjourn at 4:13 P.M., seconded by Councilman Thompson; 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: October 7, 2022

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Town Clerk