

Organizational Meeting held January 5, 2023 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 Leanne Welch

Highway Superintendent: Dana Shaughnessy

Town Clerk: Patricia Savarie

Also Present: Albert May, Neil Chippendale, Erica Hedden,
Molly Colden

Supervisor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with a salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for Richard Schoenstadt our Town Assessor who passed away recently.

Public Participation

Molly Colden, stated that she belonged to the Essex County Suicide Prevention Coalition. The Mission of the Essex County Suicide Prevention Coalition is to work together as a community to increase suicide awareness and prevention. The Vision is that Essex County will have the necessary information and tools to raise awareness, promote education, and increase action to reduce suicides. The Prevention Coalition does an event each year and would like to do it this year in Schroon Lake on Saturday, June 3, 2023 to start at 11:00 A.M. with a run or walk at Noon. The Albany DA and the Essex County Sherriff's will be sponsoring us and we would like the Town of Schroon to sponsor us also.

Resolution #1 Sponsor the Essex County Suicide Prevention Coalition Event

Councilman Gero moved a resolution to sponsor the Essex County Suicide Prevention Coalition Event for Saturday, June 3, 2023 and strongly encourage this event, seconded unanimously; carried.

Resolution #2 – 26

Councilwoman Donaldson moved a resolution to approve Resolution #2 -26 with the exception of tabling #9, Annual Animal Control Officer's report, Annual Historian report, Annual Justice report and Annual Youth Commission report, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

2- The days and times of the monthly Town Board Meeting shall be the second Monday of each month at 6:00 PM and the fourth Thursdays of the months of January, February, March, April and May at 8:30 AM unless otherwise advertised.

3- The Sun Community News, the daily Post Star and the Press Republican shall be used as legal newspapers.

4 - The official Town repository shall be the Glens Falls National Bank & Trust Co. and any other NYS banks may be used for investments.

5- Approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022 Public Sewer Rate hearing; approve the December 12, 2022 Town Board meeting; approve the December 13, 2022 reconvened meeting.

6 - Approve vouchers

2022 General Fund \$21,135.04 Sewer \$6583.89 Water \$6889.66 Highway \$31,630.87

CDBG/UDAG \$427.40

2023 General Fund \$95,832.24 Sewer \$2698.05 Water \$27,150.04 Highway \$29,990.00

7- Pay bills to date and pay utility bills when received in 2023.

8 – Use the short form for advertising of Annual Report of fiscal affairs of the Town of Schroom

9 - Fund HRA Account from General Fund; Highway Fund; Sewer Fund; Water Fund, etc. Tabled

10 - Approve Gold 6; Silver 19; BCBS 65+ policy; Simply Prescription Health Insurance Plans for 2023 and Dental and Eye Insurance.

11- Town Clerk hours to be Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

12- Transfer Station hours to be Friday – Tuesday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

13- Set legal holidays for Town employees:

New Year's Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Presidents' Day

Good Friday – Transfer Station employees observe Easter Sunday in lieu of Good Friday

Memorial Day

Juneteenth

Independence Day

Labor Day

Columbus Day

Veterans' Day

Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after; Transfer station employees will use that Friday as a floater to be taken prior to December 15.

Christmas Day (the day after only if it falls on a work day)

14- Set auto expense reimbursement for approved personal vehicle use at the IRS allowable rate of \$.60 per mile.

15- Set annual salaries of elected officers as budgeted and advertised

Assessor Chair, Neil Chippendale - \$24642/annual

Assessor, to be appointed - \$7,669/annual

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Highway Superintendent, Dana Shaughnessy - \$55,271/annual

Town Council member, Lynn Donaldson - \$7,643/annual

Town Council member, Richard Gero - \$7,643/annual

Town Council member, Ethan Thompson - \$7,643/annual

Town Council member, Leanna Welch - \$7,643/annual

Town Clerk / Tax Collector, Patricia Savarie - \$33,906 & \$6,088/annual

Town Justice, Mark Granger - \$27,457/annual

Town Supervisor, Margaret Wood - \$37,014/annual

16- Set annual salaries

Budget Officer, Chris Stone - \$5,000/annual

Chief Wastewater Department Operator, Brian Ritchings - \$78,525.00/annual

Chief Water Department Operator, William Jenks - \$51,174; \$5,000 Sewer/annual

Deputy Supervisor, Richard Gero - \$1,000/annual

Deputy Highway Superintendent, Gordon Graves III - \$1,500/annual

17- Set hourly pay rates Auto Mechanic, Dennis Christian - \$25.07/hour Building Inspector III, Jon Senecal - \$26.18/hour

Court Clerk, Maureen Palmatier - \$18.29/hour

Court Security Officer, Clifford Bearer - \$19.37/hour

Cleaner, George Reeves - \$16.62/hour

Clerk to the Supervisor, Chris Stone - \$23.62/hour

Heavy Equipment Operator, Gordon Graves III - \$26.56/hour
Heavy Equipment Operator, Duane Hammond - \$23.12/hour
Heavy Equipment Operator, Joseph Flores - \$23.46/hour
Heavy Equipment Operator, Kevin Lashway - \$22.62/hour
Heavy Equipment Operator, Paul McCann - \$22.46/hour
Library Manager, Jane Bouchard - \$22.78/hour
Library Aide, Jessica Botterbusch - \$18.54/hour
Library Aide, Victoria Bruce - \$17.24/hour
Library Aide, Tatinne O’Bradovic - \$16.87/hour
Library Aide, Shirley Richards - \$16.50/hour
Motor Equipment Operator Trainee, Larry Pierce - \$18.29/hour
Motor Equipment Operator Trainee, Steven Vincguera - \$18.29/hour
Parks & Grounds Department, Patrick Shaughnessy - \$19.97/hour
Recycling Attendant, Richard McCray - \$18.69/hour
School Crossing Guard, Raymond Shields - \$20.96/hour
Sewer & Water Tax Collector, Patricia Savarie - \$19.37/hour
Transfer Station Attendant, Richard Hall - \$20.33/hour
Transfer Station Attendant, Laurie Bruce - \$17.36/hour
Transfer Station Attendant, Raymond Shields - \$16.62/hour
Water and Wastewater Operator Trainee, Christopher Fariss - \$21.33/hour
Water and Wastewater Operator Trainee, Hunter Allison - \$21.47/hour

18- Approve appointments and compensation for

Deputy Town Clerk, Mary Egan - \$17.24
Deputy Town Clerk, Erica Hedden - \$16.50/hour
Dog Warden, Laurie Bruce - \$1,100/annual plus mileage
Health Officer, HHHN – hourly as needed, MD not required
Library Board, Joseph Provoncha, term 1/01/2023 – 12/31/2027
Library Board, Pamela Ireland, term 1/01/2023 – 12/31/2027
Parade Chairperson, Schroon Lake Chamber of Commerce - \$1,500/annual
Public Information Officer – Town Clerk
Registrar of Vital Statistics, Patricia Savarie

Registrar of Vital Statistics Deputy, Mary Egan

Registrar of Vital Statistics Deputy, Erica Heden

Revolving Loan Fund Committee Chairperson, Stephanie Holmquist

Schroon Lake Park District, Neil Chippendale 1/01/2023 – 12/31/2025

Town Historian, Loris Clark - \$600/annual

Youth Commission Chairperson, Naomi Smith - \$2,500/annual

Zoning Board of Appeals, Randy Garrison 1/01/2023 – 12/31/2027

19- Approve contracts

Town Attorney to be retained as needed, Mark Schachner

Senior Citizens Recreational & Social Program - \$13,150

Chamber of Commerce - \$20,000

Schroon Lake Emergency Squad - \$319,261

Catholic Cemetery, annual maintenance - \$400

Historical Society - \$2,500

Arts Council - \$8,500

Lake Stewards, with Schroon Lake Association (SLA) - \$6,000

Paradox Lake Association (PLA), Milfoil Abatement - \$6,000

SLA & PLA Boat Wash Station Expenses - \$1,000

Dog Control contract, Countryside Veterinary Practice - \$1,250

20- Approve NYS Association of Towns Meeting in February with all expenses to be paid by the Town. Voting delegate for AOT meeting will be Councilwoman Welch, alternate Supervisor Wood

21- Approve Petty Cash Funds – Town Justice/\$200; Town Clerk/\$50; Transfer Station/\$179.

22- Set Fees

Boathouse rental - \$200

Copies - \$.25/first 10 copies, \$.10 thereafter

Fax - \$.25 incoming, \$2.00 outgoing

Transfer Station - \$.20/lb trash

\$.20/lb C&D

\$.25/lb electronics

\$15 refrigerators

\$3 tires 14”-20”, \$25 large

23 Accept Reports

Annual Accounting – any department collection monies

Annual Animal Control Officer’s report - table

Annual Historian report -Table

Annual Justice report -Table

Annual Town Clerk report

Annual Tax Collector report

Annual Youth Commission report -Table

Annual Zoning/Septic/Building Codes report from Codes Enforcement Officer

24- Highway Department Approvals

\$1,000 maximum for small tools and implements without Town Board approval

Renew County and State Highway Work Permit

Highway Superintendent attendance at Annual Highway School, including payment for necessary expenses

Renew oil separator contract for Highway Garage floor drain system

25- Request from all departments a list of surplus equipment, if any, with a minimum bid to be sold to the highest Bidder

26- Committees for 2023

Highway & Sidewalks – Council Members Gero and Welch

Water & Sewer – Council Member Thompson and Supervisor Wood

Lake/Watershed – Council Member Gero and SLA Rep Roger Friedman

Fire Department & EMS – Council Member Donaldson and Supervisor Wood

Youth Commission – Council Member Thompson and Supervisor Wood

Chamber of Commerce – Council Member Gero and Supervisor Wood

Economic Development – All Board Members

Boat House/Beach/Parks – Council member Gero and Supervisor Wood

Buildings & Grounds – Council Members Thompson and Welch

Library – Council Member Donaldson and Supervisor Wood

Golf Course – Council Member Welch and Civic Committee with Volunteers

HHHN – Council Member Welch and Supervisor Wood

Planning/Zoning/Codes – All Board Members

Transfer Station – All Board Members

Resolution #27 Approve annual agreement between Town of Schroon and The Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board for \$300.00

Councilman Thompson moved a resolution to have the Town of Schroon agree to pay to the Review Board the sum of \$300.00 for the services of the Review Board in representing the town in matters relating to the Adirondack Park. The Review Board agrees to provide to the Town the benefit of its services, including but not limited to, attendance at meetings of the Adirondack Park Agency, attendance and participation at public hearings conducted by the Adirondack Park Agency to the Supervisor of the Town, especially as such activities affect the residents of the Town and generally to report on the administration and enforcement of the Land Use and Development Plan set forth in the executive Law of the State of New York, seconded by Councilwoman Donaldson; carried

RESOLUTION#28 Approve Highway Department hire of Dustin Deyette as Laborer, \$18.15/hour

Supervisor Wood moved a resolution to hire Dustin Deyette as a full time employee at the Town of Schroon Highway Department at the rate of \$18.15 and hour with a CDL Licenses being required according to DOT regulations, effective February 1, 2023, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried. (Councilman Thompson – Abstained)

RESOLUTION #29 Advertise for Assessor position

Supervisor Wood moved a resolution to advertise for two Assessors positions, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

The Town of Schroon

Is seeking two Assessors to serve for the Town of Schroon anyone interested in the position please contact Meg Wood for the job description and send a letter of interest to:

Meg Wood,
Town of Schroon,
PO Box 578,
Schroon Lake, NY 12870

RESOLUTION #30 Advertise for Zoning Board of Appeals position

Supervisor Wood moved a resolution to advertise for Zoning Board of Appeals position, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

The Town of Schroon

is seeking a volunteer to serve on the
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
anyone interested in the position
please send a letter of interest to
Meg Wood,
Town of Schroon,
PO Box 578,
Schroon Lake, NY 12870

RESOLUTION #31 Approve Public Interest Order - Rogers Brook Bond

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York, held at the Town Hall, in Schroon Lake, New York in said Town, on January 5, 2023, at 5:30 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilman Gero, Councilman Thompson, Councilwoman Donaldson and Councilwoman Welch

In the Matter of The Increase and Improvement of Facilities of Sewer District No. 1 in the Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York (Additional Costs)	PUBLIC INTEREST ORDER
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WHEREAS, by Orders heretofore adopted, the Town Board of the Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York, authorized an increase and improvement of the facilities of Sewer District No. 1, consisting of cost related to the replacement of sanitary sewer mains in the vicinity of Main Street/Route 9 and Rogers Brook, in and for Sewer District No. 1, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith at a maximum estimated cost of \$480,000; and

WHEREAS, by Order dated December 12, 2022, said Town Board called a public hearing on the question of the increase in the maximum estimated cost of said capital project from \$480,000 to \$1,500,000 an increase of \$1,020,000; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly published and posted in the manner and within the time provided by law and such public hearing was duly held at the time and place specified in said notice at which all persons interested in the subject matter thereof were duly heard; and

WHEREAS, said Town Board has duly considered the evidence given at said public hearing; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Upon the evidence given at the aforesaid public hearing, it is hereby found and determined that it is necessary and in the public interest to increase and improve the facilities of Sewer District No. 1, in the Town of Schroon, Essex County,

New York, in the manner described in the preambles hereof, at a new maximum estimated cost of \$1,500,000 and said increase and improvement is hereby authorized and approved.

Section 2. This Order shall take effect immediately. The question of the adoption of the foregoing Order was duly put to a vote on roll, which resulted as follows:

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

The Order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #32 Approve Rogers Brook Bond

BOND RESOLUTION #32
(Additional Money)

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York, held at the Town Hall, in Schroon Lake, New York, in said Town, on the 5th day of January 2023, at 5:30 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

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

PRESENT: Supervisor Wood, Councilman Gero, Councilman Thompson,
Councilwoman Donaldson and Councilwoman Welch

ABSENT: 0

The following resolution was offered by Councilwoman Donaldson who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Gero to-wit:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JANUARY 5, 2023.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$1,020,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF SCHROON, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FACILITIES OF SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 IN AND FOR SAID TOWN.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York, on November 18, 2021, duly adopted a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of \$480,000 serial bonds of said Town to pay the cost of the increase and improvement of Sewer District No. 1, in and for the Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York, consisting of cost related to the replacement of sanitary sewer mains in the vicinity of Main Street/Route 9 and Rogers Brook, in and for Sewer District No. 1, including original

furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith at a maximum estimated cost of \$480,000; and

WHEREAS, said project has been determined to be a “Type II Action” pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 © (2) of the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), the implementation of which as proposed, as such will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, it has now been determined that the maximum estimated cost of such specific object or purpose is \$1,500,000, an increase of \$1,020,000 over that previously authorized; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the issuance of an additional \$1,020,000 bonds of said Town for such specific object or purpose to pay a portion of the cost thereof; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Town Board of the Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the specific object or purpose of paying additional costs of the increase and improvement of Sewer District No. 1, in and for said Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York, consisting of costs related to the replacement of sanitary sewer mains in the vicinity of Main Street/Route 9 and Rogers Brook, in and for the Sewer District No. 1, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,020,000, there are hereby authorized to be issued an additional \$1,020,000 bonds of the Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of such specific object or purpose is now determined to be \$1,500,000, which specific object or purpose is hereby authorized at said maximum estimated cost, and that the plan for the financing thereof is as follows:

- a) by the issuance of the \$480,000 bonds of said Town authorized to be issued pursuant to bond resolution dated and duly adopted November 18, 2021; and
- b) by the issuance of the additional \$1,020,000 bonds of said Town authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond resolution. Provided, the amount of serial bonds to be issued shall be reduced dollar-for-dollar by any grants-in-aid received therefor.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is forty years, pursuant to subdivision 4 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, calculated from the date of issuance of the first obligations for said specific object or purpose. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of said bonds shall exceed five years.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Town of Schroon, Essex County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from monies raised from said Sewer District No. 1 in the manner provided by law, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said Town a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Supervisor, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as she shall deem best for the interests of said Town; including, but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, she shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Supervisor shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 7. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of such Town. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance law, and

shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 8. The Supervisor is hereby further authorized, in such officer's discretion, to execute a project finance and/or loan agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the class of objects or purposes described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and/or note issue of said Town in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 9. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the Supervisor. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said Supervisor consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 12. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law. The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

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

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted

DISCUSSION: Amend Employee Handbook Section 803, Family Sick Leave

Supervisor Wood stated there was a law that went into effect on January 1, 2023 that eligible employees would be entitled to paid family leave if they are caring for siblings in addition to the family members already covered. We are a municipality and we do not have to do this, however in our Employee Handbook we describe family sick leave, that an employee may use up to five days of sick leave and we have defined how that can be used, so we either add this to the manual or leave it out, but lets be consistent, please think about this and we can make a decision later.

DISCUSSION: Short Term Rentals – Granicus Presentation 1/11/2023

Supervisor Wood stated the Granicus presentation is next Wednesday at 2:30 P.M. and it will be a zoom meeting. This is a program we are interested in to manage our Short Term Rentals.

DISCUSSION: ORPTS Increased Senior Citizen Income Exemptions

Supervisor Wood stated the County does not know how this policy will effect us and our needs. I’m worried we are going to do this to fast and I think we should wait to see what other Towns will do. Councilman Gero stated I think we need to do more research and do projections on how many people it will affect and see how many taxpayers we have in this Town that will benefit from it.

DISCUSSION: Partial Real Property Tax Exemption for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance personnel

Supervisor Wood stated that there are 25 Firefighters and 6 EMS volunteers and we need to discuss this further and research it before the next year. The good thing about this is, it will encourage people to help get more volunteers to the Fire Department and Emergency Squad.

**Resolution #33 To Support the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board
for Snowmobile trail development and maintenance fund**

Councilwoman Donaldson moved a resolution to Support the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board for Snowmobile trail development and maintenance fund, seconded by Councilman Gero; carried.

SUPPORT OF THE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE FUND

WHEREAS, snowmobiling is a key contributor to Adirondack Towns and Counties winter tourism industry, bringing significant spending by snowmobiling supporting our restaurants and small businesses, and contributes up to \$868 million annually to the Upstate New York economy; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of the snowmobile trails in Adirondack Towns and Counties is completed almost entirely by volunteers who are members of snowmobile clubs; and

WHEREAS, we must ensure that Adirondack Towns and Counties snowmobile trail infrastructure is in a condition to welcome snowmobilers and that the trails are as safe and well maintained as they can be; and

WHEREAS, since 1987, the New York State Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund has been utilized by municipalities and their snowmobile club partners to properly groom and maintain their local snowmobile trails, including through the purchase of necessary equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund is fully funded through the registration of snowmobilers participating in the sport, and has no general assessment on taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the snowmobile community, including the New York State Snowmobile Association, have requested an increase in the snowmobile registration fees to support trail maintenance; and

WHEREAS, there is significant inflation throughout the country, including on critical machinery needed to maintain the trails; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon Town Board supports the snowmobiling community and the economic impact that snowmobiling has on our businesses and people;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Schroon Town Board respectfully requests that the Governor and Legislature support increases to snowmobile registration fees that will in turn create more financial support for the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund, the utilization of which supports critical winter tourism in Essex County

DISCUSSION: NYS Association of Towns Conference February 19 - 22, 2023 in NYC

Supervisor Wood stated that she and Councilwoman Welch would be attending the NYS Association of Towns Conference February 19 - 22, 2023 in New York City.

NYS Association of County Conference February 27 - March 1, 2023 in Albany

Resolution # 34 Advertise To Go Out to Bid for Cleaning Service

Councilman Gero moved a resolution to go out to bid for a Cleaning Service, seconded by Councilwoman Donaldson; carried.

Town of Schroon is accepting sealed bids for the Town Hall Cleaning Contract. Scope of work includes daily cleaning five days a week and cleaning of waiting areas, offices,

conference rooms, Library, corridors, Court Room, break room, 8 rest rooms and vacuuming and mopping of all rooms. Contractor must have Certificate of Insurance and proof of Disability and Workman's Comp if required by law. Bids clearly marked "Cleaning Contract" may be mailed to P.O. Box 578, Schroon Lake, N.Y. 12870, before Feb.16, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. at which time the bids will be publicly opened and possibly awarded at the next Regular Town Board Meeting. For more information and schedule of cleaning, please contact the Town Supervisor at 518 532-7737 X11.

Councilman Gero made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Welch; 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: January 20, 2023 _____

Town Clerk