

**Town Board Meeting held May 18, 2023 at 8:30 A.M. at the Town Hall in Schroon Lake N.Y.**

**Present:**

**Town Supervisor:** Meg Wood

**Councilpersons:** Richard Gero, Lynn Donaldson and Leanne Welch

**Town Clerk:** Patricia Savarie

**Also Present:** Brian Ritching and Ethan Thompson

Supervisor Wood called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. with a pledge to the Flag.

**Public Participation**

Brian Ritching, Wastewater Chief Operator, stated he has a leak in two of his generators and each one will cost \$5,000.00 each to repair, they are a vital piece of equipment.

**Resolution #114 Approve Minutes**

Councilwoman Welch moved a resolution to approve the minutes of April 26, 2023, seconded by Councilwoman Donaldson; Carried

**Resolution #115 Approve Bill for Paradox Crafts**

Councilwoman Welch moved a resolution to approve paying two bills to Paradox Crafts in the amount of \$934.44 for Lifeguard shirts and \$473.40 for Golf Course Shirts, seconded by Councilwoman Donaldson; carried.

**Resolution #116 Approve Schroon Lake Ladies Golf League weekly start time from 9:00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.**

Councilman Gero moved a resolution to approve changing the time for the Schroon Lake Ladies League from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., seconded by Councilwoman Donaldson; carried.

## **Resolution #117 Rescind Resolution 105 of May 8, 2023 fees for Golf Course and Club**

### **House credit card users**

Councilwoman Donaldson moved a resolution to rescind Resolution #105 of May 8, 2023 to rescind “per transaction fee” and approve a second credit card cost schedule for Golf Course and Club House fees and sales. The schedule is to include a taxable, where applicable a \$3.00 charge per item. Both schedules of costs to be posted at Club House and No charges less than \$5.00, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

### **Resolution #118 Approve Hoffman Iron Works proposal for docks**

Councilman Gero moved a resolution to approve Hoffman Iron Works to supply labor and materials to cut out the existing damaged dock attachment, alter and reinforce dock attachment point and fix attachment point on one of the finger sections in the amount of \$1800.00, seconded by Councilwoman Donaldson; carried.

### **DISCUSSION: Golf Course Pesticide and Fertilization proposals**

Supervisor Wood stated they had two quotes for the Golf Course Pesticide and Fertilization proposal, one from Turf Management and one from Top Tier, both were comparable. Turf Management came in at \$13,722.12 and Top Tier was \$13,526.99 but would have to leave the pesticide at the Golf Course and would need equipment for applying which could run us \$7000.00 - \$8000.00. Turf Management also gave a price for the Parks for \$3173.83 and Supervisor Wood will ask for a price on getting rid of grubs also. There was much discussion by the Board.

### **Resolution #119 Hire Turf Management**

Councilwoman Donaldson moved a resolution to hire Turf Management for Pesticide and Fertilization at the Golf Course costing \$13,722.12 and Parks costing \$3,173.83 and adding the Grub application for the Parks, seconded by Councilman Gero; carried.

### **DISCUSSION: Buildings & Grounds update**

Ethan Thompson, Buildings and Grounds, stated that they need to get moving on the heating system immediately to replace at the Town Hall and at the Parks Building and have it ready to go by September. We need specs so we can go out to bid.

The AC over at the Health Center is a major one. I'm getting pricing for this and the Health Center will pay for it but we will have to reimburse them. The Docks are getting reconfigured after damage and that is close to being done. The Christmas Tree needs to come down and we can get McKenna's lift again to get it down. The front Facscia at the Town Hall needs to be done and I will get to that with a ladder. The Airport Cracks need to be done and sealed Councilman Gero will contact Jamie Wilson and get a quote from him. Brian Ritching stated I need some cracks filled at the Sewer Plant also. Ethan stated we need cracks filled in the Parking lot too. Ethan Stated he talked to the person who had done the Tennis Court and he said he would come up and look at them. He recommended that they be resurfaced every 5-7 years and we are on the 7<sup>th</sup> year. He gave an estimate for cleaning it would be \$1500.00 per court and a clean and coat it would be \$15.00 a square yard or \$24,000.00 and that does not include the Basketball Courts. Ethan stated every method that I have seen is done with a soft wash either with a bleach or peroxide solution, you let it sit for 5-10 minutes and then apply a soft wash. We need to get the coating done and get more pricing. Supervisor Wood stated The Vermont Tennis Court Surfacing gave us a price on cleaning everything including the Basketball Court, restriping for pickle ball courts and was under \$15,000.00. Ethan suggested for this year he would like to try to clean a section and do a test patch and see if he can do it for this year and then next year do the cleaning and the coating and budget every year a little towards it to be done every seven years. The Building and Grounds shop will be in the Old Fire House and I will start in the basement. I will demo and completely clean it out and do painting and turn it into storage. I have been finding stuff everywhere and it all needs to be organized. Ethan stated he has some tools but would like to order more so he is not running all over wasting time, and Pat needs a set of tools to be with him in the truck, he can use what we have now and I would like to start small and get metric tools and get a few each year, also we need a shop vac. The Board stated that they would allow up to \$2000.00 in purchases of tools.

**Resolution #120 Approve Tools up to \$2,000.00 for the Building and Ground Department**

Councilman Gero moved a resolution to approve up to \$2,000.00 towards tools for the Building and Grounds Department and a full inventory will be done and maintained, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

## **ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds**

Ethan Thompson stated that we need to be thinking about using the ARPA money and I have ideas where it can be spent. If it can be spent on energy efficient upgrades we could use it for a new furnace here in the Town Hall, propane is the most efficient. The Garage Doors over at the old Fire House need to be replaced and the Parks needs the Parking Lots redone. Supervisor Wood stated that we will also be getting money from ROOST for tourism and we could use that for the parking lots, sidewalks and Golf Course Club House flooring, as long as it enhances tourism.

## **DISCUSSION: Continental Drive private water line**

Supervisor Wood stated that Morris Rural Water came down and he couldn't find any leaks with what he brought with him and will be back down next week with more equipment. I talked Tuesday to Nathaniel and he no longer has water except in his cellar. The problem with them is it is a private line and it is a public road. They do not have the money or the interest of all their neighbors to upgrade the complete water lines, so he has been coming to the Town to fix his problem. He thinks the State should come in and fix it. Morris is coming down and he thinks he can find the leak. Something is going on because three houses have water pressure the rest do not. There is a house that hasn't been used all winter long and who knows if they have water and maybe the little house across the road is not hooked into the same line. There is a six inch line that comes down from Route 9 which serves Maple Leaf, Kathy and maybe a house or two including Rob Metthe . There is a fire hydrant down there because the State told the Town they had to do it and I understand that line is not necessarily a town line. Nathan would like to solve the problem once and for all and hook into that hydrant line. He can do that but he has to do it himself if we get the engineering done and the Department of Health signs off on it. Nathan told me that Jim Harvey told him there was a drawing of the six inch line to come down Continental Drive but when the water was going down Route 9 it may have been a suggestion to the land owners to show what they could do down their road. Councilman Gero stated Bill Jenks had told them that at the time they had the opportunity to do this but because of cost the neighbors choose not to do it. Supervisor Wood stated yes and here we are again that the cost is too much and they can't do it. I just

wanted you to know what was going on in case Nathan asks you what we are doing. Morris will be coming back next week and hopefully finds the leak and they can get it fixed.

Supervisor Wood made a motion to adjourn at 11:05 A.M., seconded by Councilman Gero; carried.

I, Patricia 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: May 23, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk