

Budget Workshop to Discuss 2024 Budget held October 12, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. at the

Town Hall in Schroon Lake N.Y.

Present:

Supervisor: Meg Wood

Councilpersons: Leanna Welch, Lynn Donaldson, Richard Gero and Steve Miller

Town Clerk: Patricia Savarie

Budget Officer: Chris Stone

Also Present: Albert May, Robert Leszyk, Mike Burdo and Douglas Boustead

Supervisor Wood called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. with a pledge to the Flag.

Snowmobile Club

Robert Leszyk, President of the Schroon-North Hudson Snowmobile Club, stated that they had put in over 400 man hours this year for trail repairs with about 20 volunteers helping out and the rental of a excavator which cost \$5000.00. Most of the repairs were done on Thilo Road, Charlie Hill Road and Horseshoe Pond Road. We are trying to grow the sport a little more and do other events besides the Poker Run. Mike Burdo, Chief Groomer, stated that they need to keep the trails safe and encourage cross country skiers to use the trails and not have people destroying private property when they are snowmobiling and to keep the speed down. There is a lot of maintenance to the groomers and they are old but we try to keep them in good shape by replacing studs which cost over \$1,000.00 and parts are very expensive, but we are trying. Robert Leszyk stated what is the Town doing with the ski tow? If you need help grooming it we can help and I'm also a ski instructor. Supervisor Wood stated our biggest problem is getting someone to work over there and being certified in CPR. Robert stated maybe we can help by volunteering. Robert also stated that they are working hard on getting the trails open from North Hudson to Newcomb, which will open up all kinds of possibilities. We would appreciate any help the Board can give us this year. Councilwoman Welch stated you might want to talk to the Chamber of Commerce and work together for a Winter Fest.

Discussion on Elected Officials and Town Employee Raises

Chris Stone stated that the Budget looks good but that we need to talk about Elected Salaries and Employees salaries. Chris stated her first question was, how are you going to handle steps, when someone either full time or part time come on in the middle of the year. It was decided by the Board that they would pro rate the time of year they came on and then at the New Year would go up a step and that it should be done as a resolution at the next meeting.

There was much discussion about raises for Elected Officials and Town employees. Chris told them that the employees and Elected Officials will be getting a decrease in Medical Insurance payments out of their pay check if the Board decides to go with the Bronze Plan. Which will mean more money in there pay check. The steps will be put in for Town Employees but not for Elected Officials at the rate of .73%.

Councilman Gero made a motion to recess at 5:56 P.M. and reconvene after the Regular Board Meeting, 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: October 13, 2023

Town Clerk