

Budget Workshop to Discuss 2024 Budget held October 31, 2023, at 10:00 A.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

Highway Superintendent: Dana Shaughnessy

Budget Officer: Chris Stone

Also Present: Albert May, Erica Hedden and Dave Williams

Supervisor Wood called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M. with a pledge to the Flag.

Chris Stone, Budget Officer, stated that she would like to button up the Budget today. I have given you all an estimate of the wage increase for 2024 Budget as follows:

\$42,018.00 plus overtime allowance \$3000.00 = \$45,018.00

(Sewer and Water 5,168.00, Highway 18,674.00 and General \$21,176.00)

Increase in Fica/Med \$3,443.88 (7.65% of gross wages)

Pierce and Vinciguerra will move up a grade in December to a MEO. The Lifeguard were over budget \$8978.51 so I increased it to \$10,000.00. The Bronze Health Plan savings for employees will range between \$28.22 - \$1080.86. The Bronze Health Insurance for the Town increased \$76,648.00. The Water and Sewer Rates will have to go up to cover this years expenses and you need to decide that today.

Resolution #186 Notice of Public Hearing on the Proposed 2024 Water and Sewer Rates

Councilwoman Welch moved a resolution to have a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2024 Water and Sewer Rates, seconded by Supervisor Wood; carried.

**Notice of Public Hearing
on the Proposed 2024 Water and Sewer Rates**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Schroon Town Board will hold a public hearing on December 11, 2023, beginning at 5:30 P.M. at the Town Hall, 15 Leland Avenue, Schroon Lake, New York, concerning proposed 2024 Water and Sewer Rates

Water Rates will Increase \$12.00 annually per unit and

Sewer Rates will Increase \$24.00 annually per unit

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the time and place of the Public Hearing all interested persons will be given an opportunity to comment

Resolution #187 Increase Paradox Lake Association for 2024 Budget

Councilwoman Donaldson moved a resolution to increase the Paradox Lake Association from \$6000.00 to \$7500.00 for the 2024 Budget, seconded by Councilman Gero; carried.

Resolution #188 New Line for Short Term Rental on 2024 Budget

Councilman Gero moved a resolution to have a new line item on the 2024 Budget entitled “Short Term Rentals” in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Inspections only and to appoint Jon Senecal to the position, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

Resolution #189 Dog Control Officer

Councilman Gero made a motion to increase the Dog Control Officer (A00-02-3510.100) from \$1100.00 to \$1500.00, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

Resolution #190 Deputy Highway Superintendent

Councilman Gero made a motion to increase the Deputy Highway Superintendent (A00-04-5010.100) from \$1500.00 to \$2000.00, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried

Resolution #191 Deputy Town Supervisor

Councilwoman Donaldson made a motion to increase the Deputy Town Supervisor (A00-01-1220.100) from \$1000.00 to \$2000.00, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried (Councilman Gero - abstained)

Resolution #192 Budget Officer

Councilwoman Welch made a motion to increase the Budget Officer (A00-01-1340.100) from \$5000.00 to \$6000.00, seconded by Councilwoman Donaldson; carried

Resolution #193 Beautification Budget

Councilwoman Donaldson made a motion to increase the Beautification Budget (A00-07-8510.400) from \$2500.00 to \$9000.00, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried

Resolution #194 Schroon Lake North Hudson Snow Mobile Club

Councilwoman Welch made a motion to increase the Schroon Lake North Hudson Snow Mobile Club (A00-06-7145.400) from \$2500.00 to \$3000.00, seconded by Supervisor Wood; carried

Resolution #195 Purchase of Cell Phones for the Town Board

Councilwoman Welch made a motion to purchase 5 Cell Phones for the Town Board (A00-01-7650.400) phones are free and monthly payments will be \$156.20, seconded by Councilman Miller; carried

Councilwoman Donaldson made a motion to adjourn at 12:39 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: November 2, 2023 _____ Town Clerk