

**Town Board Meeting held October 12, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in Schroon Lake N.Y.**

**Present:**

**Town Supervisor:** Meg Wood

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

**Town Clerk:** Patricia Savarie

**Also Present:** Albert May, Mark Granger, Kathy Riggins, Lynnette Colden, Fran and Skip Mahler, Randy Garrison, Pam Ireland, Leslie Stevenson, John Collis, Levi Williams, Kristine and Bill Tribou, Michelle Usiskin, Sue Palisano, Kerri Welsh, Nancy Belluscio and Lorraine Brown

Supervisor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with a salute to the Flag.

**Public Participation:**

Kathy Riggins stated the Tennis Courts need attention and cleaning and would like the Town of Schroon to do something about it. There is a lot of black mold on the Courts and is very dangerous and slippery. Thank goodness no one has fallen or has been severely injured but it is an accident waiting to happen. It is very sad that we have these wonderful courts and they are not being maintained. I have contacted many companies asking for a price to come and professionally clean them. A company out of Glens Falls called ADK Sports Services who installed them in 2016 gave me a quote of \$5100.00 for professionally cleaning all 6 Courts. We all truly hope you will consider cleaning them for next season and again I personally have a strong feeling for these courts this is where my husband Dan took his last breath doing something he truly loved, his tennis and pickle ball. Supervisor Wood stated that Ethan Thompson has been working on this and Pat has not returned one call and he has called him four times. Kathy stated I will personally call him tomorrow and have him call you. Councilman Gero stated Ethan has researched this a lot. He has a couple different ways he would like to do this which are more environmentally friendly and safe, with a hydrogen peroxide solution. The Courts need to be bone dry in order to do this and we haven't had too much weather like that this year. Kathy stated we don't want the Courts smooth and take off the ruff surface. Supervisor Wood stated we are talking about budgeting for the Tennis Courts next year.

Randy Garrison stated a year ago I was here talking about the Boy Scout Garden Project at the Golf Course. You told me you were going to take care of that problem last year, nothing has been done and the Golf Course people know nothing about it. I went over there today and the only

difference is that the weeds are four feet tall. The Boy Scouts donated the project to the Town and this just sends the wrong message to them. Joe Brannigan stated he was the Golf Superintendent last year and did not realize it was the Town's responsibility and apologized. We didn't know who was responsible for it and never got any clarification on it and did not have any communication on it. Joe stated the other gardens are done by the volunteers and we do not have many of them to do the work. The maintenance guys had no idea that we were responsible for them and I do know we had a water pipe up there that was broken for any watering to be done, but I fixed that last year. Randy stated you have six gardens up there that are being maintained except that one and it is just sending a bad signal to these kids in our Town that when you give a gift to the Town the Town just lets it go to the dump. Joe stated I appreciate all the Boy Scouts did to make it beautiful but again I apologize we did not know it was the Town's responsibility. Supervisor Wood stated we did know about this a year ago but we did not have the staff this summer and it didn't get done, so next year we will budget for it to be replaced. When we except grants and gifts we need to remember that we also need to maintain these and the cost of it. It's great to be given a gift of any kind but we have to budget for the constant maintenance. Joe stated that there is a lack of help up at the Golf Course as far as maintaining the flowers, it is all volunteers and nobody is getting paid for it. I know the lady in charge of it has not been able to go up and do all she would like to do. So I think what the Town is lacking is more volunteers to maintain the gardens up there. Supervisor Wood stated we use to have a lot of volunteers and a Beautification Committee that was all volunteers and those people are all aged out and no one is taking their place, but we will work on it.

**RESOLUTION #177 Approve Minutes of September 11 and September 18 2023**

Supervisor Wood moved a resolution to approve the minutes of September 11, 2023, and September 18, 2023, seconded by Councilman Miller; Carried

**RESOLUTION #178 Approve Vouchers**

Councilman Gero moved a resolution to approve the Vouchers, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

General Fund \$52,982.33 Sewer \$8,476.33 Water \$6,595.32 Highway \$50,780.78

**RESOLUTION #179 Approve JCAP Grant Application**

Supervisor Wood moved a resolution to approve the Justice Court Assistance Program grant application made by Justice Mark Granger in the amount of \$9,060.00 to provide video, surveillance and alarm equipment; a desk, seconded by Councilman Miller; carried.

**RESOLUTION #180 Approve Survey of Parks Department property by Kevin Hall at cost of \$4,200**

Councilwoman Welch moved a resolution to approve a survey of 27 Fairfield Avenue by Kevin Hall to find and verify four exterior corners and prepare a map to show boundary lines, corner markers, easements or right of ways, buildings, utilities, ect. The total cost will be \$4,200.00 with a retainer of \$2,100.00 to be sent to Mr. Hall, seconded by Councilman Gero; carried.

**RESOLUTION #181 Approve Crack Sealing by Curt Gregory at airport at cost not to exceed \$26,000**

Councilman Gero moved a resolution to approve Gregory's Pavement Marking LLC to seal cracks at the airport runway at a cost not to exceed \$26,000.00, seconded by Councilwoman Donaldson; carried.

**RESOLUTION #182 Introduce Proposed Local Law #1 of 2023 entitled A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C**

Councilwoman Welch moved a resolution to introduce Proposed Local Law #1 of 2023 entitled A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C, seconded by Councilwoman Donaldson; carried.

**INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2023 ENTITLED "A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C"**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Schroon Town Board hereby introduces proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023 entitled "A Local To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c," reading and provided as follows:

**"TOWN OF SCHROON LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2023"**

A Local Law To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the Town of Schroon Town Board as follows:

**Section 1. Legislative Intent.**

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Schroon pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Schroon to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Section 2. Authority.**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

**Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override - Budget Authorization.**

The Town Board of the Town of Schroon hereby overrides the tax levy limit for the Town of Schroon for 2024 and authorizes the Town of Schroon, after completing all required procedures for the adoption of a budget, to adopt a budget for 2024 that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2024 pursuant to §3-c of the General Municipal Law.

**Section 4. Severability.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation, or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**Section 5. Effective Date**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Schroon shall hold and conduct a public hearing on the foregoing proposed local law on the 9th day of November, 2023, at 5 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear any and all persons concerning the same; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Town of Schroon will publish a notice of such hearing in the designated Town newspaper at least five days prior to said hearing.

**RESOLUTION #183 Set date for Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2023 to Override the**

**Tax Cap Levy**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2023**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Town Board of the Town of Schroon, New York, will meet at the Town Hall, 15 Leland Avenue, Schroon Lake, New York, on the 9th day of November, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing on introducing proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023 entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C".

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that at said Public Hearing to be held at the time and place set forth above, the Town Board will consider this Local Law and hear all parties interested therein concerning the same.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that a copy of the full text of proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023 may be obtained upon request from the Town Clerk of the Town of Schroon.

**DISCUSSION Comprehensive Plan Meeting October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**

Supervisor Wood stated that the committee had a couple of zoom meetings and the core group will meet on October 25, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. and that in the near future there will be a Public Hearing to get the communities in put.

**DISCUSSION FEMA status on July 2023 storm damage**

We have had a few meetings with FEMA on the July 2023 storm and they have been wonderful. We are doing temporary fixes for now and then down the road do permanent repairs.

Supervisor Wood would like to thank all town employees and volunteers whose efforts contributed to the success of the Adirondack Marathon.

Councilwoman Donaldson made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 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: October 13, 2023

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Town Clerk