

Schroon Lake Town Board Meeting
Held at the Town Hall

March 11th, 2024
6:00 P.M

Present:

Town Supervisor: Meg Wood

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

Town Clerk: Erica Hedden

Also Present: Violet Hedden, Albert May, Brian Ritching, Fran Mahler, Skip Mahler, Lynette Colden, Kerri Welsh, Mike Welsh

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

Public Participation:

Lynette Colden stated; we had given you an update on our Run from last year. We decided that we wanted to keep it in Schroon for this year. It was a great experience doing it here and out participate enjoyed it much more here than when we had it in Elizabethtown. We had discussed this at the end of last years run and the board tentatively and unofficially said they would support that so we will be coming to you again with all the details once we get those worked out. We would like the board to pass another resolution that we can hold our Vivid Life run here on June 8th. I will be sure to get you all the details, layout and plans in the next few weeks.

Supervisor Wood stated; what was the issue last year, the chalk?

Lynette Colden stated; yes the issue was the chalk, over by the corner outside the school. We have had some conversations about how to resolve this issue. We will be using portable water tanks this year to help dissolve the large piles of it. For the most part the rain will take care of it, but when there are large piles, even with rain it can take some time to dissolve. So having those water tanks available will help dissolve those large piles will be a great help. Another thing that we had talked about before was the food trucks. Last year we were not able to rally any food trucks for various reasons so this year we were thinking about doing coupons for the various restaurants in town. Those would be added to the "Swag Bag" for each participant. If that changes, and we can get food trucks we will make sure to discuss that with the town.

Brian Ritching stated; are you going to allow food trucks this year for the 4th of July

Supervisor Wood stated; that is up for discussion. I worry that if we open it up to food trucks and we get several of them, that they won't be busy enough to do well, if there are too many. The 4th of July discussions are going to start

really coming down the pipeline, this is all things we need to figure out. None of these decisions are permanent. If we do it one way this year, and it doesn't work, next year we will try something else.

Brian Ritching stated; I know last year it was a bone of contention that it was just the Lions Club, people wanted more options.

Supervisor Wood stated; this is all on the table for discussion.

Brian Ritching stated; I just wanted to let everyone know that Hunter passed his C Book, I also signed him up for Water Lab which will be in August, in Ballston Spa. In the end of April, he is going to Morrisonville for another sewer class.

Councilperson Gero stated; Congratulations and thank you, we really appreciate you staying on course, he has done everything we have asked him to do.

Councilperson Miller stated; Congratulations

Councilperson Donaldson stated; Congratulations, he's rolling right through

Councilperson Welch stated; Congratulations

Approve minutes of February 12th 2024 Public Town Board Meeting

RESOLUTION #67-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Welch

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Miller

WHEREAS, Approve minutes of February 12th 2024 Public Town Board Meeting

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves minutes of February 12th 2024 Public Town Board Meeting

DULY ADOPTED MARCH 11th, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Donaldson, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

Approve Vouchers

RESOLUTION #68-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Gero

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Welch

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve payment of Vouchers

General: \$39,259.09 Highway: \$49,884.35 Sewer: \$ 8,297.38 Water: \$3,014.49

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves payment of Vouchers

General: \$39,259.09 Highway: \$49,884.35 Sewer: \$ 8,297.38 Water: \$3,014.49

DULY ADOPTED MARCH 11th, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Donaldson, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

Approve increase in water unit total for 1106 US Route 9, tax map # 147.54-2-2.000, from 1 to 3 per recommendation of Water Chief Bill Jenks

RESOLUTION #69-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Donaldson

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Gero

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon requests to Approve increase in water unit total for 1106 US Route 9, tax map # 147.54-2-2.000, from 1 to 3 per recommendation of Water Chief Bill Jenks

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the increase in water unit total for 1106 US Route 9, tax map # 147.54-2-2.000, from 1 to 3 per recommendation of Water Chief Bill Jenks

DULY ADOPTED MARCH 11th, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Donaldson, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

Approve \$765.00 cost of NYS Town Clerks Association 4/21/23 – 4/24/2024 stay at the Albany Crowne Plaza Hotel for Schroon Town Clerk training

RESOLUTION #70-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Welch

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Gero

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon requests to Approve \$765.00 cost of NYS Town Clerks Association 4/21/23 – 4/24/2024 stay at the Albany Crowne Plaza Hotel for Schroon Town Clerk training

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves \$765.00 cost of NYS Town Clerks Association 4/21/23 – 4/24/2024 stay at the Albany Crowne Plaza Hotel for Schroon Town Clerk training

DULY ADOPTED MARCH 11th, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Donaldson, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

Approve Amendment of Town of Schroon Employees Handbook Policy 1106, Improper Actives to add Political Advertisements in Workplace

RESOLUTION #71-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Supervisor Wood

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Welch

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to amendment of Town of Schroon Employees Handbook Policy 1106, Improper Actives to add Political Advertisements in Workplace

1106 Political Advertisements in the Workplace

Policy Statement – The Town complies with NYS General Municipal Law Section 99-z, which prohibits municipal officers or employees from displaying political advertisements when on duty on public property.

Political Advertisements - “Political Advertisement” shall mean any poster, sign, flag, banner, picture, sticker, patch, article of clothing, accessory or any other item meant to advertise or promote a certain individual for political office. There are certain exceptions when such a political advertisement appears

in a book, digital medium, museum, or otherwise serves an educational or historic purpose, or in instances where the certain individual who is the subject of such political advertisement is deceased.

Prohibited Conduct – A municipal officer or employee, whether paid or unpaid, is prohibited from displaying or causing to be displayed any political advertisement on or within any public building occupied in the discharge of official duties by an employee or officer of the Town, or on any public flagpole, monument, sign or any other permanent structure that such municipal officer or employee interacts with as part of their official capacity.

This prohibition also applies to political advertisements on any uniform, accessory, or other gear worn or used by a municipal officer or employee as part of their official capacity, as well as on or within any Town-owned vehicle, or any equipment owned by the Town. Personal vehicles and equipment parked on Town property during the course of the workday are not subject to this prohibition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the amendment of Town of Schroon Employees Handbook Policy 1106, Improper Activities to add Political Advertisements in Workplace

DULY ADOPTED MARCH 11th, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Donaldson, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

Request to approve Schroon Lake Public Library 2023 Annual Report

RESOLUTION #72-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Donaldson

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Gero

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon requests to approve Schroon Lake Public Library 2023 Annual Report

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves Schroon Lake Public Library 2023 Annual Report

DULY ADOPTED MARCH 11th, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Donaldson, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

Approve Schroon Lake public vendor merchandise sales in Town Park on July 4th, 2024 to be limited to the Pavilion only

RESOLUTION #73-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Welch

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Gero

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon Seeks to Approve Schroon Lake public vendor merchandise sales in Town Park on July 4th, 2024 to be limited to the Pavilion only

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves Schroon Lake public vendor merchandise sales in Town Park on July 4th, 2024 to be limited to the Pavilion only

DULY ADOPTED MARCH 11th, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Donaldson, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

Approve revisions to Town of Schroon Facilities Usage Requirements including but not limited to reservations, fees and prohibited events

RESOLUTION #74-2024 – TABLED

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Miller

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Gero

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve revisions to Town of Schroon Facilities Usage Requirements including but not limited to reservations, fees and prohibited events

Approve any changes to Town of Schroon credit card surcharges policy per February 11, 2024 NYS Law

RESOLUTION #75-2024 - TABLED

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Miller

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Gero

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to Approve any changes to Town Of Schroon credit card surcharges policy per February 11, 2024 NYS Law

Accept Highest bid for Beach Concession for Summer 2024

RESOLUTION #76-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Gero

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Miller

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon requests to approve Bid From Patty and Bob Whiting for the Beach Concession for summer 2024 in the amount of \$621.19 pending Health Department approval, necessary permits and insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves Bid From Patty and Bob Whiting for the Beach Concession for summer 2024 in the amount of \$621.19 pending Health Department approval, necessary permits and insurance

DULY ADOPTED MARCH 11th, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Donaldson, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

Approve Changing Scheduled Monday April 8th 2024Town Board Meeting at 6PM to Wednesday April 3rd at 6PM

RESOLUTION #77-2024

INTRODUCED BY: Supervisor Wood

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Welch

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon Seeks to Approve Changing Scheduled Monday April 8th 2024Town Board Meeting at 6PM to Wednesday April 3rd at 6PM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves Changing Scheduled Monday April 8th 2024 Town Board Meeting at 6PM to Wednesday April 3rd at 6PM

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DISCUSSION: Youth Commission

Supervisor Wood stated, the youth commission is working on re-doing their By-Laws. They have not been updated for many years, also just an update; the Hokey Rink is now closed. I haven't heard any complaints about the skating rink this year, so hopefully that means that people had a positive experience with it this year.

DISCUSSION: Employee Safety equipment and gear and Employee Handbook requirements

Supervisor Wood stated; I do want to keep this on the agenda, I would like to move forward with this. We need to meet with employees and hear their concerns. We also need to make sure we understand what safety requirements we are. This is going to be a big undertaking, from safety gear, clothing, and safety procedures.

Councilperson Donaldson stated; I'd like to really set up some time to get this off the ground. I don't want this be pushed aside.

DISCUSSION: Golf Course

Supervisor Wood stated; I spoke to Ethan Tyrell, he has some ideas he would like to discuss. As far as I know we do not need any new equipment. We will be opening soon. We need to start reaching out to the people who work in the club house.

Councilperson Welch stated; I would like to meet with them, the golf course is a committee that I am on, and I would like to be involved.

Councilperson Donaldson stated; do you know if there are any plans for Ethan Thompson to be doing any work up there before it opens?

Supervisor Wood stated; I talked to Ethan Thompson this morning, but it was about the docks. He has been very busy fixing and replacing the docks. So I do not know, but we can ask. Also I spoke to Mrs. Melville last week about the beach. She has got that started; she knows who is coming back and who needs training. Rick has an acquaintance, someone that might be interested in helping her, a retired professional lifeguard, that's exciting.

Councilperson Gero stated; I want to congratulate the Schroon Lake boys' varsity basketball team on having a fantastic season. They lost a heart breaker Saturday night, but I really think we need to acknowledge the season they had. They are a great group of young guys.

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A Motion was made by Councilperson Gero and seconded by Councilpersons Welch to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM, All in Favor; Carried

Next Public Board Meeting will be Tuesday March 26th, 2024 at 8:30A.M with Building and Grounds

I, Erica Hedden, 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: March, 11th, 2024 _____

Town Clerk