

**Present:**

**Town Supervisor:** Meg Wood

**Councilpersons:** Richard Gero, Steve Miller, and Leanne Welch (Lynn Donaldson – left early)

**Town Clerk:** Erica Hedden

**Waste Water Chief:** Brian Ritching

**Also Present:** Hunter Allison

Supervisor Wood called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with a salute to the Flag.

**Public Participation**

None

**REQUEST TO APPROVE CONCRETE SIDEWALK BID**

**RESOLUTION # 123-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Gero

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Welch

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the bid from LUCK BROTHERS INC. at a rate of 13.50/ sq ft for 4” sidewalk and 13.50/sq ft for 6” sidewalk, and \$100.00 per warning pad installation, not to exceed \$20,000.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the bid from LUCK BROTHERS INC. at a rate of 13.50/ sq ft for 4” sidewalk and 13.50/sq ft for 6” sidewalk, and \$100.00 per warning pad installation not to exceed \$20,000.00

**DULY ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES:**   4   **NAYS:**   0  

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

**ABSENT:** Donaldson

**REQUEST TO THE TEMPORARY HIRING DAVE CLARK AS CONSULTANT, AT A RATE OF \$66.75/  
HOUR, EFFECTIVE 6/5/2024**

**RESOLUTION # 124-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Supervisor Wood

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Miller

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the temporary hiring Dave Clark as consultant at a rate of \$66.75/ hour, effective 6/5/24

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the temporary hiring of Dave Clark as consultant at a rate of \$66.75/ hour, effective 6/5/2024

**DULY ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES:   4   NAYS:   0**

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

**ABSENT:** Donaldson

**REQUEST TO AMEND RESOLUTION # 112-2024 REQUEST TO APPROVE GOLF COURSE FEES**

**RESOLUTION # 125-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Supervisor Wood

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Miller

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to amend resolution #112-2024 to approve golf course fees.

**WHEREAS**, the amendment will change the Senior 80+, to Senior 75+.

**WHEREAS**, rate is to remain the same.

**PRICING**

FEES:	9 Holes	\$20.00	Must show proof of age
	18 Holes	\$30.00	
	Junior 17& Under	\$10.00	
	After Hours	\$10.00	
CARTS:	9 Holes/Person	\$15.00	
	18 Holes/Person	\$20.00	
	Hand Pull Carts	Free	
CART PATH	FOR MEMBERS	\$200.00	
NON-MEMBERS	MUST RENT	CARTS	No private carts unless member has paid the \$200 cart path fee.

MEMBERSHIPS	Single	\$550.00	Must show proof of age
	Couple	\$1,000.00	
	Senior 75+	\$120.00	
	Juniors 17 & under	\$110.00	
CLUBS	Rental	\$15.00	
LOCKERS	Lockers	Free	Bring your own lock. Course is not responsible for loss or stolen items.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the amendment of Resolution #112-2024  
Request to approve golf course fees

**DULY ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES:**   4   **NAYS:**   0  

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

**ABSENT:** Donaldson

**DISCUSSION: Wastewater/ Water Operations**

Wastewater Chief Brian Ritching stated; In regards to Rogers Brook, we made a discovery. The line is leaking, there is a crack at the top of the line. 38 feet down the line. The line has settled and where the two pipes intersect, one section has dropped so the seal between the two lines is no longer a solid connection.

Councilperson Gero stated; is this outside of where the potential replacement will be?

Wastewater Chief Brian Ritching stated; no, it is within the project limits. We have the video if you want to see it, of the scope. This type of issue is unpredictable. it could hold for years as it is, or it could give way tomorrow. There is water coming out from the top. There is no way to patch this, your standing in the brook digging by hand. There is no way to get an excavator in there, there's no getting around it. This now needs to be replaced, it has to be done. Something to think about also is if we try to patch it, if we try to put a clamp on it, it may destabilize it altogether and make the problem even worse. We might be able to do it, we won't know until we try but it might also exacerbate the problem.

Hunter Allison stated; we have to dig all the way around the pipe to get the clamp on anyways, so if we lose the stability underneath it, the whole thing could drop. Then we are faced with an unexpected replacement verses a patch.

Waste Water Chief Brian Ritching stated; we did look into lining that pipe, but we can't because there is no way of getting at it, it's a "T". If it was a "Y" pipe, then we could but we can't with a "T" pipe. If we could, then that would be ideal but it's just not an option.

Councilperson Donaldson stated; well in terms of replacing the line, nothing moves fast. Can we contact Todd?

Councilperson Welch stated; can we do this as an emergency repair?

Wastewater Chief Brian Ritching stated; the only way it would move fast is to declare it an absolute emergency, but then the cost will SKYROCKET. It could go from a million dollars to 3 – 6 million. We would get around the permits as it would be deemed an emergency but the cost would be greatly increased. This line also has to be jetted, but we can't jet it, because of where it is.

Hunter Allison stated; we have never been able to fully jet it, normally we just flush it. We just dump a bunch of water down it because we are scared that the jet nozzle might cause damage.

Councilperson Gero stated; is EDR aware of this?

Wastewater Chief Brian Ritching stated; I have not talked to Charles about it.

Councilperson Donaldson stated; how many feet are we talking?

Wastewater Chief Brian Ritching stated; 35 to 38 feet in, is where the crack starts. Where the pipes come together there is a separation between the two pipes. Caused by settling. While we had the camera in the pipe, someone flushed and the water came back at the camera. Eventually it will go down the right way.

Supervisor Wood stated; what building is this behind?

Wastewater Chief Brian Ritching stated; its hard to say exactly but its somewhere behind the laundromat area, and the building next to it heading south.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Gero

**SECONDED BY:** Supervisor Wood

Councilperson Gero moved a motion to go into executive session at 8:23 AM to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation; seconded by Supervisor Wood, carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Welch

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Donaldson

Councilperson Donaldson was excused from meeting at 8:58A.M due to a scheduling conflict

Councilperson Gero moved a motion to return to regular session at 10:44 AM, seconded by Councilperson Miller; carried

Councilperson Gero stated; has there been any update on the beach concession?

Supervisor Wood stated; yes, last time I talked to the Whiting's, they were on their way to get it. I do know that the Department of Health have changed their requirements, and that is where the hurdle lays.

Councilperson Gero stated; my next question is with the STR's, short term rentals. We need to get back on this, we need to figure out where we are and what's going on. There are a lot of people that are none compliant with our law. There is a gentleman from Warrensburg in Warren County, I'd love to sit down with him and see how they are so successful in getting compliance.

Councilperson Gero stated; the other thing I want to bring up and the recent water interruption, and the work on Hoffman rd. brought this more to light is a town Facebook page. Some type of an informational bulletin board. Erica gave me a sample that she's been working on, creating a social media policy

Town Clerk Hedden stated; I recently spoke to Mrs. Blythe who is the Town Manager for the town of Manlius, she is well versed in municipal Facebook pages. She gave me her social media policy, which is the basis for the sample I have given you. They do allow comments on their Facebook page, which surprised me. She said that if a town does allow comments, she suggested that we have a company that can track and record meta data. Facebook pages are FOIL-able, and if we allow comments, then people can delete their comments which means that we cannot retrieve that FOIL information. If we did allow comments then that would be an added expense. If we do not allow comments, the Facebook page is still FOIL-able but, if there are no comments, we can just supply the information that WE posted to the page. I think it would be best if we did not allow comments. Our goal with a Facebook page, is to use it as a digital bulletin board, and that is it. Simply another way to get information out to our community faster. A place that is easily accessible to everyone, I understand not everyone has a Facebook page, we will continue to post on our website and town bulletin board and newspapers for legal notices of course, but this would just be another avenue for information. It was recommended to me to create a page, not a group. A group requires approval to join, and isn't completely public, but a page is. We want this to be as accessible as possible. We don't want people waiting for approval to see the group or having to answer questions to get in. A page can be viewed by anyone and everyone on Facebook. We want to make sure that we keep the page for Town business only. We do not want to be posting weekly dinner specials or yard sales, no this would be for the Town only. Examples would be, road closures, water interruptions, job openings, board meetings, billing schedules, tax reminders, voting date reminders, and any sort of public notices that may arise on short notice that directly affects the public, transportation or health matters.

Councilperson Gero stated; I just think it's really needed; people would be more likely to use this. This will be a positive outlet for accurate information.

Councilperson Welch stated; that's where people go, they go on Facebook.

Councilperson Miller stated; so, this is just a broadcast, right? We are not allowing comments?

Councilperson Welch stated; correct.

Councilperson Miller stated; informational only

With no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM, carried unanimously

**ADOURN MEETING AT 11:12 AM**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Supervisor Wood

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Gero

**Respectfully Submitted by**

**Erica Hedden**

**Town Clerk**