

**Present:**

**Town Supervisor:** Meg Wood

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

**Town Clerk:** Erica Hedden

**Highway Superintendent:** Joe Flores

**Waste Water Superintendent:** Brian Ritching

**Also Present:** David Williams, Joy Koch, Fran and Skip Mahler, Sue Palisano, Albert May,  
Keith Usiskin

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

**Public Participation:**

Dave Williams stated; I have my annual fourth of July report. I count cars and make observations around town. At one point there were 400 cars all down NYS Route 9. One thing I really wanted to talk about today was some possible grant possibilities. There is the environmental protection fund for the parks, there is lots of money that is potentially available for that, the due date is the end of July. That grant would help us get some restoration in the park or the band stand. The other one is a local program, we have looked into it before but never was able to follow through with that. There is a ton of potential with that. Last year Elizabethtown got \$220,000 dollars for preservation of their Winter Memorial Park, Willsboro got \$177,000 for their park improvement. In 2022 Lake Placid got \$500,00 for the rail trail system. The money is out there. There is also the cloud splitter grant, that's \$9,000. I'd like to have us get something together, I am willing to help out. We could also maybe use that for the beach. There is funding out there, one of these grants is 75% state funded, we would have to come up with the other 25%, the other one is 50% but because of our poverty rate, that percentage may be greater. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

Joy Koch stated; hello, I am just wondering how the light on the boat house is doing?

Supervisor Wood stated; its still there. It's on the list

Joy Koch stated; is there anyway that you can expedite this?

Supervisor Wood stated; I can ask, we are also adding more cameras in that area, aimed at our new docks. We already had an incident. It was a minor incident, someone called Rick on a Friday night, and we called our Building and Grounds in to get in and fix it.

Councilperson Gero stated; some kids took some bolts out. Where the actual dock sections are bolted together, they took the bolts out. So, it needed to be fixed.

Keith Usiskin stated; I just had a question, in regards to a defibrillator. There is one down and the beach, the life guards have. With a decent amount of aging tennis players and pickleball players it might be a good idea to have one at the pavilion or near there somewhere. There may be some grants available for this as well. We had one resident who had a medical emergency on the court in the past.

Supervisor Wood stated; this has come up before and there have been some people that have done some research. We never found a place to put one, that its safe but also accessible. Somewhere it can be maintained.

Keith Usiskin stated; there are a few places that I have thought about that would make sense, one at the health center, one at the pavilion shed. I'd be willing to help fund funding for this as well.

Supervisor Wood stated; thank you, we will bring this back up for discussion, this is important, and the deliberator that we have is here in the town hall, that doesn't help you after hours.

Councilperson Miller stated; My name is Steve Miller and I am with EMS, so this is something near and dear to my heart. Your right its not always about the funding, its about maintaining it and having it accessible as well. We have seen many folks get creative with their deliberators as well. In Ireland, they took all their old phone booths and turned them into deliberator stations.

**REQUEST TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION # 143-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Supervisor Wood

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Gero

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to accept meeting minutes of 5/21/24, 5/23/24, 6/5/24, and 6/10/24

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby accepts meeting minutes of 5/21/24, 5/23/24, 6/5/24, and 6/10/24

**DULY ADOPTED JULY 8, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES:**   5   **NAYS:**       

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

**REQUEST TO APPROVE VOUCERS**

**RESOLUTION # 144-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Welch

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Donaldson

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve vouchers

Post Audit: \$ 429,397.71

General: \$52,541.03 Highway: \$68,789.03 Sewer: \$26,922.14 Water: \$4,515.22 RLF CDBG: \$195.59

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the vouchers

Post Audit: \$ 429,397.71

General: \$52,541.03 Highway: \$68,789.03 Sewer: \$26,922.14 Water: \$4,515.22 RLF CDBG: \$195.59

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**AYES:**   5   **NAYS:**       

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

**REQUEST TO APPROVE TOWN ROAD CLOSURES FOR ADK MARATHON AND DISTANCE FESTIVAL  
ON SUNDAY 9/22/24**

**RESOLUTION # 145-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Miller

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Gero

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve town road closures for the ADK Marathon and Distance Festival

**WHEREAS**, the 28<sup>th</sup> running of the Adirondack Marathon is scheduled for Sunday 9/22/2024

**WHEREAS**, for public safety certain roads need to be closed or restricted during this event

**WHEREAS**, The Town Board orders the following use and traffic restrictions on the following roads, to the extent that they are located in the Town of Schroon, during the following times on Sunday, 9/22/2024.

Closed to all but emergency vehicles, police escorted vehicles and Official Marathon Vehicles and no parking allowed:

Leland Avenue: closed 6 am - 3pm.

Fairfield Avenue closed 9 am to 3 pm

Dock Street: closed 8:40 am - 9:10 am and from 10 am - 2:45 pm

Route 9 from Hoffman Road to Alder Meadow Road: closed from 8:40 AM to 9:45 am

Alder Meadow Rd, Tyrrell Rd, Severance Rd: closed from 8:55am – 9:45am

Adirondack Rd, Red Wing Rd to Adirondack: closed from 8:55AM - 11:45AM.

Route 9 (Pottersville) from Old Schroon Rd. to Leland St. Schroon Lake Village: closed from 10 am - 2:30 pm.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the town road closures for Sunday 9/22/2024 for the ADK Marathon and Distance Festival

**DULY ADOPTED JULY 8, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES:**   5   **NAYS:**       

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

**REQUEST TO APPROVE DOUGLAS BLEIER AS BOAT WASH ATTENDANT**

**RESOLUTION # 146 -2024**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Welch

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Miller

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve Douglas Bleier as Boat Wash Attendant at \$15.30/ hour effective 7/8/2024

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves Douglas Bleier as Boat Wash Attendant at \$15.30/ hour effective 7/8/2024

**DULY ADOPTED JULY 8, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES:   5   NAYS:**

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

**REQUEST TO APPROVE OVERTIME COMPENSATION CLARIFICATION**

**RESOLUTION # 147-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Gero

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Donaldson

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve clarification of over time compensation for Full Time hourly Town of Schroon employees who are called out after hours due to an unscheduled or unplanned event.

**WHEREAS**, the employee must clock in and out

**WHEREAS**, events will incur a minimum of 2 (two) hours of overtime compensation for the said period

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the clarification of overtime compensation

**DULY ADOPTED JULY 8, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES:   5   NAYS:**

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

**REQUEST TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSOR**

**RESOLUTION # 148-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Miller

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Welch

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve Appointment of Marlene Joy Koch as Town of Schroon Assessor

**WHEREAS**, for the remained of the vacant term of 8/1/2024 to 12/31/2024

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the Appointment of Marlene Joy Koch as Town of Schroon Assessor

**DULY ADOPTED JULY 8, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES:**   5   **NAYS:**       

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

**REQUEST TO APPROVE TOWN OF SCHROON SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

**RESOLUTION #149-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Welch

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Donaldson

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the Town of Schroon Social Media policy

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to approval to create a Town run Facebook page, to be managed by the Town Clerk, and a strict no comment policy will be enforced

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon will use the Facebook page as a digital bulletin board for public notices

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the Town of Schroon Social Media policy and creation of a Town run Facebook Page.

**DULY ADOPTED JULY 8, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES:**   5   **NAYS:**       

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

**REQUEST TO APPROVE ZONING/ BUILDING/ FIRE CODES REPORTS FOR 1/1/2024 – 6/30/202**

**RESOLUTION #150-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Donaldson

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Gero

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve zoning/building/fire codes reports for 1/1/2024-6/30/2024

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the zoning/building/fire codes reports for 1/1/2024-6/30/2024

**DULY ADOPTED JULY 8, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES:**   5   **NAYS:**       

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

**REQUEST TO RESCIND RESOLUTION #138**

**RESOLUTION # 151-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Gero

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Miller

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve rescinding resolution # 138, from 6/10/2024 Town Board Meeting

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon Town Board approved Resolution #138, REQUEST TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF A USED TORO MULTI PRO 1250 SPRAYER

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon Town Board seeks to change fund allocation

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Schroon does hereby rescind Resolution # 138 – Purchase of a used Toro Multi Pro 1250 Sprayer

**DULY ADOPTED JULY 8, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES:**   5   **NAYS:**       

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

**REQUEST TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF A USED TORO MULTI PRO 1250 SPRAYER**

**RESOLUTION # 152-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Welch

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Gero

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon Golf Course seeks to approve the purchase of a used Toro Multi Pro 1250 Sprayer for \$2,500.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the purchase of a used Toro Multi Pro 1250 Sprayer totaling \$2,500.00.

**DULY ADOPTED JULY 8, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES:**   5   **NAYS:**       

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

**REQUEST TO APPROVE SURPLUS ITEMS**

**RESOLUTION #153-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Gero

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Welch

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve surplus items from Parks Dept, Pirate Ship and 6x24 Dock with Aluminum frame and cedar decking, to include floats

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve surplus items from the Golf Course old sprayer Toro Multi Pro 1100

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve surplus items from Highway Dept, Central Boiler – E class 2300. Outdoor wood furnace, Sweepster frame and Drum, 1974 ford taker, 1984 trailer, Woods Brush Hog and 1982 Dauey Air Compressor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the surplus items from Highway, Golf Course and Parks

**DULY ADOPTED JULY 8, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES:**   5   **NAYS:**       

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

**REQUEST TO WAIVE LATE FEES FOR MRS. KASKEWSKY**

**RESOLUTION # 154-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Miller

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Gero

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve waiving late fees for Mrs. Kaskewsky on accounts, 197-0, 27-1 and 27-2 due to malfunctioning meters over the last two years.

**WHEREAS**, late fees will be waived as of 7/1/2024

**WHEREAS**, fees incurred after 7/1/2024 will be enforced

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the waiver of late fees as of 7/1/2024 for Mrs. Kaskewsky on accounts 197-0, 27-1 and 27-2

**DULY ADOPTED JULY 8, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES:**   5   **NAYS:**       

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

**REQUEST TO WAIVE LATE FEES FOR MR. SAVINO, TM# 147.46-2-6.000 ACCT # 307-100**

**RESOLUTION # 155-2024**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilperson Gero

**WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION**

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Miller

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve waiving late fees for Mr. Savino, tax map # 147.46-2-6.000 acct #307-100

**WHEREAS**, late fees will be waived as of 7/1/2024

**WHEREAS**, fees incurred after 7/1/2024 will be enforced

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the waiver of late fees as of 7/1/2024 for Mr. Savino

**DULY ADOPTED JULY 8, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:**

**AYES:**   5   **NAYS:**       

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

**DISCUSSION: TOWN WATER AND WASTE WATER DISCTRICT POLICIES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES TO BE REVIEWED DURNG WORKSHOP MEETINGS AND UPDATED AS NEEDED**

Supervisor Wood stated; This is just informational. The Town of Schroon is working on updating our Rules and Regulations for the Water Department. We will be addressing the procedures, as well as the fee schedule. We will be holding Public Workshop meetings to be held at a later date. We will keep the public informed. One thing we are starting to do now, is paperwork, appointments and of course all billing matters will be going through the Town Clerk. Erica is going to help the Water Department with managing appointments and helping with the paperwork end of things.

**DISCUSSION: TOWN IS RESEARCHING MASS COMMUNICATIONS SYTEMS TO SERVICE RESIDENTS IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCIES OR SUDDEN/ TEMPORARY CHANGES**

Supervisor Wood stated; Erica has also been looking into a Mass Notification system for the town. The county is also looking into a new contract for mass notification systems.

Town Clerk Hedden stated, yes. I have been doing research into a mass notification system for the town. This would be a system that allows us to quickly get any emergency message out there. There are several companies I am looking into, they offer not just the generic ‘robo-call’, but also offer text messages, email, or the phone call. They also offer a way to group contacts together, so folks could sign up for emergency road closures, but not emergency water shut off. We can customize these programs to suit our needs. Our goal with this would be to be able to disseminate information as quickly as possibly to our community. I think back to the flooding we had last year; we experienced a lot of issues with roads flooding and culverts clogging up, that is an example of a time we could have sent out notifications to let everyone know what was happening in real time. Which roads were available and which to stay away from. I have talked with other towns that have these types of services and they all seem to be glad they made the jump into having this system. The towns that I have talked to about their systems have mentioned that the start up time, meaning the time it takes for people to learn that this is out there and a service we provide, and to get people to sign up, can tend to be the biggest hurdle. Awareness. If we went this route, we would have to be sure to be very vocal about it, post it on the website, the bulletin board, and possibly do some mailings, so we can get the message out there.



Supervisor Wood stated; the towns that I know of that have mass notification systems are very glad they have them. They do utilize their system and it has seen a positive response.

**DISCUSSION: PINE LANE SPEED LIMIT**

Supervisor Wood stated; I got an email from a resident on Pine Ln, who requested to lower the speed limit on pine lane. Pine Lane is a dead-end road. I spoke the Sheriff Reynolds today in person, and Jim Dougan the Essex County DPW, they both said we would have to start with the state. Stating it is a very long drawn out process and they had reservations that it would be address. We talked about speed bumps for the summer time and the supervisor for the Town of Keene said that we would get even more complaints about the speed bumps then we did about the speed limit.

**DISCUSSION: DEC WAIVER OF POST CLOSURE INSPECTIONS FOR OLD LANDFILL**

Supervisor Wood stated; this is just informational. We had our landfill closed years ago. We have annual testing done every year as per state requirements. The gentleman that does the testing thinks that we can test less frequently because we always pass the test and are within the limits that they set forth. It will continue to be monitored regularly, what ever schedule they decide on, but it will continue to be monitored.

**DISCUSSION: TOWN CREDIT CARD, SET INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT HEAD DISCUSSION WITH CLERK  
TO SUPERVISOR**

Supervisor Wood stated; All the departments need to set up an appointment with Sue to meet with her to go over what their needs may be and what their thoughts are for being able to order with companies that do not accept checks. There are a few out there. Most of our ordering, we have standing accounts with companies but there are a few that really need a credit card to process an order.

**DISCUSSION: SCHEDULED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING DATE IS 7/17/2024 AT 6PM,  
AT SLCS**

Supervisor Wood stated; the next plan meeting is at 6 PM on the 17<sup>th</sup> at the school, I just wanted to make sure that information is in the minutes, and available to the public.

**THANK YOU TO ALL TOWM EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS  
WHO WORKED TO PROVIDE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL JULY  
4<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION**

**ADOURN MEETING AT 6:52 PM**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Supervisor Gero

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Miller

With no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 6:52PM, carried unanimously