

**Regular Town Board Meeting held December 16, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall**

**in Schroon Lake N.Y.**

**Present:**

**Town Supervisor:** Michael Marnell

**Councilpersons:** Roger Friedman, Don Sage, Meg Wood and Clara Phibbs

**Highway Superintendent:** Dana Shaughnessy

**Town Clerk:** Patricia Savarie

**Also Present:** Chris Stone, Albert May, Rosemarie Ritson, Jay Phibbs, Fran and Skip

Mahler, Michele Lee, Gail Simon and Steven Cass.

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

**Public Participation**

Fran Mahler stated that she did not like the new Town Board Table in the front of the room and said it was difficult to see everyone without turning her head she asked what it cost to the Town.

Supervisor Marnell stated that this is a normal size conference table and many of the area Towns have them this way the Board is facing the audience, the cost was \$2,600.00, Keith Merrill built it and did an excellent job. Steve Cass stated he liked it and that it looked good in the room.

Michele Lee, President of the Friends to the Library, thanked everyone who wrote letters to the Holiday Mail for Hero's. Schroon Lake Library submitted 433 signed cards this year.

**Resolution #174 Standard Medical Contract**

Councilwoman Wood moved a resolution to accept the contract with Standard Medical Services to perform urine drug screening \$50.00, alcohol breath testing \$25.00, DOT/19A physicals \$100.00 and non DOT physicals \$85.00 for the Town of Schroon employees, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

**Resolution #175 Approval of Disability Insurance Policy**

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to accept Zurich Disability Insurance Policy 1.5x Statutory DBL the cost is \$1,894.80 annually, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

**Organizational Meeting Monday, January 6, 2014 at 6:00P.M.**

**Resolution #176 Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to accept the November 14, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. minutes , seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

### **Resolution #177 Audit of Claim**

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to pay the bills as reviewed, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried. (Councilwoman Wood -abstained)

General Fund \$26,410.86    Water \$1,289.40    Highway \$22,525.50    Sewer \$5,892.86

### **Beach Concession Contract and Possible Revisions**

Supervisor Marnell stated he had received some recommendations to change the specifications to the Beach Concession from Gail Simons. She stated that she was given the wrong specifications from the Town Clerk and would like to be able to run it year round if an event came up, not just from Memorial Day-Columbus Day. Gail also would like to omit the Schroon Lake Association from selling food at the Arts and Craft Fair. Supervisor Marnell stated running the Concession stand year round would run into an expense for electric and the Town has never offered this. The Schroon Lake Association allows some food but they are for fund raisers for the school and there are no vendors their with food.

### **Resolution #178 Accept Rose Behrens Resignation from Youth Commission**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution with regret to accept Rose Behren resignation from the Youth Commission, seconded unanimously; carried

### **Resolution #179 Accept Youth Commission Board Members**

Councilman Sage moved a resolution to accept Jenifer Belrose and Mary Gereau to the Schroon Lake Youth Commission Board from Jan.1, 2014 – December 31, 2018, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

### **Snowmobile Right of Way on Pine Lane**

Supervisor Marnell stated that the Town has a 20 foot right away for snowmobiles along the Northway to the back of the houses that are on Pine Lane. Aiken's house has very little property and the snowmobiles would be riding next to their house. Supervisor Marnell suggested they do not clear the town right away in that area at this time.

### **Caza Lawsuit**

Supervisor Marnell stated he had received a letter from the Town Attorney, Mark Schachner, Caza's attorney has indicated that they would drop the litigation actions if the Town adopts what they perceive to be a fairer bid award policy. We are not necessarily recommending that you do so, stated Attorney Schachner, but the language below is what we suggest for consideration. You should not adopt

it unless you and the Board and Dana are comfortable doing so. Our proposed language would be:

“The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids for reasons including, but not limited to, determinations by the Town Highway Superintendent that, in his/her professional opinion, the material at issue is not suitable for its intended purpose. Any such determination shall be based on testing and/or examination and analysis.”

**Resolution #180 Caza Lawsuit**

Supervisor Marnell moved a resolution to go forward with the Town Attorney’s recommendation to pursue the lawsuit , seconded by Councilman Sage; carried

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Marnell	Aye
Councilwoman Phibbs	Aye
Councilman Sage	Aye
Councilwoman Wood	Nay
Councilman Friedman	Nay

**Resolution #181 Approve Budget Transfers**

Councilman Sage moved a resolution to approve budget transfers, seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; carried.

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				AMOUNT
TO		FROM		
A00-01-1330-400	TAX COLLECTOR CONT	A00-01-1410-400	TOWN CLERK CONT	\$300.00
A00-01-1420-400	ATTORNEY	A00-03-4068-400	INSECT CONTROL	\$2,000.00
A00-01-1680-400	CENTRAL DATA CONT	A00-01-1680-200	CENTRAL DATA EQ	\$1,750.00
A00-01-1950-400	JUDGEMENTS AND CLAIMS	A00-01-1355-400	ASSESSORS CONT	\$808.93
A00-02-3660-400	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	A00-02-3660-100	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PE	\$16.75
A00-02-3310-400	TRAFFIC CONTROL	A00-01-1920-400	MUNICIPAL DUES	\$306.00
A00-06-7310-100	YOUTH COMMISSION PER	A00-03-4989-400	INVASIVE ABATEMENT	\$500.00
A00-06-7550-400	CELEBRATIONS	A00-03-4989-400	INVASIVE ABATEMENT	\$400.00
A00-07-8510-400	BEAUTIFICATION COM	A00-06-7180-400	GOLF COURSE CONT	\$500.00
A00-02-3510-400	CONTROL OF DOGS	A00-03-4068.400	INSECT CONTROL	\$300.00
				<b>\$6,881.68</b>

**Resolution #182 to Amend Resolution #171**

Councilman Sage moved a resolution to add verbiage to Resolution #171 to state that it is a Net Level for the next 30 years paying \$11,800.00 annually. The amended resolution will state, “Councilman Sage moved a resolution with regret to accept the long term debt on Phase IIA and Phase IIB for the Sewer Project with a net level for 30 years, paying \$11,800.00 annually, second unanimously; carried.”

Councilman Sage moved to adjourn at 7:01 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; 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: December 19, 2013 \_\_\_\_\_ **Town Clerk**