

Regular Town Board Meeting held September 15, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall

in Schroon Lake N.Y.

Present:

Town Supervisor: Michael Marnell

Councilpersons: Roger Friedman, Don Sage, Clara Phibb and Meg Wood

Town Clerk: Patricia Savarie

Also Present: Jay Phibbs, Albert May, Rosemarie Ritson, Michel Michelsen Lee, Fran

and Skip Mahler, Anthony Ruiz, Dan Riggins, Lynn Donalson, Gail Simon, Steve Cass, Arlene Whitty,

Marion Weaver, Anita Drozdyk, Helen Wildman, Eve Roblee, Chris Swinton and Jack Osborne

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

Public Participation

Jack Osbourne stated that this is not intended to be a formal “report to the Town Board” – but a
Thank you statement for the Town of Schroon’s continued support of our programming.

As you may know the MISSION of the SL AC is to bring the best possible music arts entertainment
here to the Town of Schroon for the enjoyment of all residents and vacation visitors. Our mission is to
make SL an attractive place to call home or to enjoy for a vacation destination.

During this just-past season, we produced 7 Weekday evening music presentations, and 2 FREE
children’s productions, We celebrated the 25th annual ADIRONDACK FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL
which by the way was acknowledged by the Governor of the State of NY in a letter of accommodation.

Every Monday evening from June thru September, we provide an outlet for local amateur musicians,
both local and vacationing visitors to perform and for many folks to come and enjoy being audience
and listening to the entertainment.

BOATHOUSE

Without your continued support and the continued existence of the SL Boathouse Theater, none of this
would be possible. The Boathouse Theater is a performance venue that every artistic group that has
performed there has told us is one of the most WONDERFUL, CHARMING, and WARM places that
they have played at. Red Molly who came to SL this year and last year - wrote on the website DIARY
PAGE these exact sentiments.

The SOUND SYSTEM in the Boathouse is one of the best and most capable sound systems you can
have in any theater. Together with our sound technician that we use for every performance now, this
system gets high grades from every performing group. This year, the system which was acquired about
1987 I believe and is now about 25 + years old - required that we ask the town to replace one Power
Amplifier for just under \$700 and it is warranted for 3 years.

The SLAC thought that it would benefit the town of Schroon if we (SLAC) were to donate one more
brand new unit at the same cost as our contribution to the welfare of keeping the system up to snuff.
SHOW PICTURE – so back we went to SAVI Sound in Clifton Park and had a second POWER
AMPLIFIER installed at our expense. This is intended to be our gift and a recognition of the Town of
Schroon and SLAC’s interdependence.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this report. We are enjoying continuing a regular increase in
our attendance at shows and the quality of our artists is improving every year. We’ll save the next years
line up as a surprise.

Michel Michelsen Lee stated that she would like to thank everyone in the community for their

support in donating to the Red Cross "Tots for Hope" project. We brought in 351 pieces which was enough for 17 totes.

Eve Roblee asked the Board if anything had been done with the Schroon River problem.

Supervisor Marnell stated that he had talked to the State Troopers here in town and that they would be checking people coming off the river by Route 74 launch. Eve also asked the Board to put a sign up to please to state "No Glass Bottles Allowed on the River". Supervisor Marnell stated he would do that at the Route 74 launch.

Resolution #146 Appropriate Donations for Fire Works

Councilman Sage moved a budget amendment is needed to increase appropriations A00-960 (A00-06-7550-400) celebrations and estimated revenues A00-510(A00-2705 donations) for money received from donations for the Street Dance Fireworks, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

Estimated revenues	A00-510	\$3475.00
A00-2705-donations		
Appropriations	A00-960	\$3475.00
A00-06-7550-400-celebrations		

Resolution #147 Declare Highway Tractor Surplus and to Advertise to receive Bids

Councilwoman Wood moved a resolution to declare a Ford Industrial 600 Tractor as surplus and to accept sealed bids, seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; carried.

THE TOWN OF SCHROON has declared the following item surplus:
Ford Industrial Tractor, two wheel drive, front loader and sold as is. You may view it at the Schroon Lake Town Highway Garage. All bids must be in writing on letterhead of the bidder and shall be in a sealed envelope marked sealed bid and addressed to the Town of Schroon, PO Box 578, Schroon Lake, NY 12870 and must be received no later than 2:00 PM on October 15, 2014 at which time said bids will be opened and read. The Town Board reserves the right to except or reject any and all bids at their discretion.

Resolution #148 Approval to Repair Richard Gero's Truck

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to approve paying \$563.55 to Adirondack Auto for the repairs to Richard Gero's truck which was damaged by the Parks Lawn Mower, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

Food Pantry Effective January 2015

Supervisor Marnell stated that effective January 2015 he would need someone to run the Food Pantry since Lenchen Marnell will be retiring from the position. Supervisor Marnell would like to hire Denise Paradis for four hours a week to operate the Food Pantry. Councilman Friedman suggested that they advertise for a volunteer to run the program as they have in the past. Supervisor Marnell stated that whoever they get the Community Church Board would have to approve it since North Eastern Food

Bank needs to have a non profit sponsor and the Church is responsible. Supervisor Marnell stated that they have been looking for volunteers to run it but have no luck in doing so. Councilwoman Wood would like to see a job description and would like to see more information such as if a Local Law would have to be written up in order to hire someone. Councilwoman Phibbs stated she is willing to have Denise work they way she has been working. We need more information from the Church as to what they want to do, a job description and a local law put into place if we hire. Councilman Sage moved to **table** this until they get the information they need, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

Resolution #149 Audit of Claim

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to pay the bills as reviewed, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

General Fund \$36,352.22 Water \$14,905.95 Highway \$33,902.02 Sewer \$8,688.02

Airport Grant \$17,455.67

Resolution #150 Approval of Minutes

Councilman Sage moved a resolution to accept the minutes of August 11, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M, seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; carried.

Maintenance Contract on Mettler Toledo for Scales at Landfill

Councilman Sage moved a resolution to sign a contract with Mettler Toledo for the scales at the Transfer Station not to exceed \$350.00 for Maintenance for one year, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

Update on Playground

Supervisor Marnell stated that the new swings are installed with one handicapped seat and one infant seat available. Mats were installed under the swings.

Report on Street Dance and Fireworks

Councilman Friedman stated that the Street Dance and Fireworks went well with no issues. A special thanks to the Parks and Highway Department, Ambulance Squad and Fire Department.

Councilman Friedman stated it would be nice to put an ad in the Times of Ti for all the people who donated to the fireworks.

Lifeguards

Supervisor Marnell stated he would like to advertise for 2015 Lifeguards now to see if there would be any interest and to get them trained for next year. Ideally it would be nice to have an adult in charge and to oversee all of the younger Lifeguards and have more supervision. Councilwoman Phibb

stated she would like to see the Town notify all the previous Lifeguards.

Resolution #151 Advertise for Lifeguards for 2015

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to advertise for the 2015 Lifeguards at the Town of Schroon Beach, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

Update on the Schroon Lake Emergency Squad

Chris Swinton and Arlene Whitty from the Schroon Lake Emergency Squad were present to answer questions and handed out a document as follows:

Explanation of abbreviations:

BLS – Basic Life Support

ALS – Advanced Life Support

EMT – Emergency Medical Technician

AEMT – Advanced Emergency Medical Technician

AEMT-CC – Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Critical Care

AEMT-P – PARAMEDIC

NYS DOH BEMS – NYS Dept. of Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

CON – Certificate of Need; the authorization to operate an ambulance in an area of NYS

SEMSCO – State Emergency Medical Services Council

SEMAG – State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

REMSCO – Mt. Lakes Regional EMS Council

REMAC – Regional Emergency Medical Advisory **Committee** (subset of REMSCO)

Explanation of Responsibilities based on state and regional protocols:

EMT- Provides basic care and transport, manages medical emergencies such as bleeding control, stabilization of fractures, spinal injuries, head injuries, CPR, rescue breathing, and much more.

* can give following medications based on regional protocols, either on standing orders (indirect medical control) or direct medical control.

- Oxygen
- Albuteral – asthma
- Epi pen – allergic reaction
- Aspirin – chest pain
- Nitro assist – chest pain
- Narcan – drug overdose
- Oral glucose – diabetic emergency

ALS – Provides more advanced care to patients

AEMT – besides EMT skills, can start IV's, use limited additional medications, and advanced airways.

AEMT-CC- additional wide range of medications including limited amounts of controlled substances, and advanced airways.

AEMT-P – is a much longer course; in this region paramedics have a few additional standing orders

EMT's at all levels work on the Medical Director's license. For Schroon Lake EMS our Medical Director is Dr. Robert Desiderio who works in the emergency department at Glens Falls Hospital.

REMAC is our medical advisory committee and has oversight of ALS services. For the past two years they have expressed concerns about Schroon Lake EMS's ability to respond to calls within a ten minute time frame. One of the requirements for application of an ALS agencies certification is to get the ambulance enroute to the patient within ten minutes in 75% of our calls. Also acceptable to REMAC is having an EMT go directly to the scene with required equipment within ten minutes of the call.

REMAC generally approves ALS certification for a two year period. At their meeting In July 2013 REMAC approved Schroon Lake's certification for one year on the condition that response times improve.

In July 2014 REMAC reviewed Schroon Lake's renewal application and again felt that Schroon Lake EMS was not able to respond in the required time frame. Our medical director was not able to attend that meeting so after much discussion the members decided to extend our ALS certification for three months and a decision will be made at the next meeting on October 27th. At that time REMAC

will be ready to drop our ALS certification unless we are able to show that changes are in progress.

Schroon Lake EMS is currently working on a plan of action to present to the REMAC board in October that will help us to maintain our ALS certification and coverage.

Schroon Lake EMS has researched and discussed a few options and reviewed the pros and cons of all of them. The following pages outline these options. We are also open to any other ideas and input.

- 1) Drop ALS certification and operate as a BLS agency
- 2) Keep ALS and operate with a 24/7 volunteer schedule
- 3) Hire an ALS tech, schedule a volunteer driver who will do duty time at the firehouse
- 4) Hire ALS tech and EMT/driver, and maintain our relationship with the fire department
- 5) Separate from the Fire Department, Hire ALS Tech and EMT/Driver; bill for services
- 6) Turn EMS services over to the town, transfer CON to the town and allow the town to establish its own EMS agency
- 7) Turn over EMS to outside agency such as a neighboring agency, Empire or LaMoile

1) Operate at BLS level

Pros: No ALS expenses – medications, supplies, credentialing fees
Can call for ALS intercept from other agency on route to hospital

Cons: Intercepts with other agencies may not always be available
Create drain on neighboring squads for intercepts
Community needs and deserves ALS – especially with the extremely long transport times
Still need to respond in reasonable time for 75% of calls

2) Operate as ALS, with 24/7 schedule and staff to house at fire house

Pros: Response times less than 10 minutes

Cons: Not enough current volunteers, (EMTs, Drivers) to cover 24/7

3) Paid ALS, schedule volunteer driver to stay at fire dept while on duty

Pros: Available ALS majority of time
Response time less than 10 minutes.

Cons : Lack of available drivers
(No point in paid ALS if they can't get out the door)
Will need additional funds from the towns to cover cost

4) Paid ALS, Paid EMT/Driver,

Pros: ALS to patients a majority of the time
Response time less than 10 minutes
Maintain relationship with fire department

Cons: Will need funding from towns
• Hours and days of paid staff will depend on available funds

5) Separate from the fire department; Hire ALS Tech and EMT/Driver; Bill for services

Pros: Response times less than ten minutes
Income from billing

Cons: Increased EMS expenses
Transfer of CON :
Takes about one year, upfront cost \$2500.00. \$2000.00 refunded on formation of not for profit corporation
Find and fund building and furniture
Expenses that come with owning building: power, cable, phone, insurance, water, sewer, etc
Expenses for EMS services
Liability insurance for staff
Equipment purchases and maintenance
Supplies

6) Turn services over to the town

Pros: Town owns CON
Town responsibility

Cons: No benefit to town financially
Administrative burden

7) Other agency

Highway garage building for a automatic fire detection and alarm system installed connected to central station for the purpose of proving early warning of any potential fire that could damage the structure as well as vehicles and heavy equipment assets, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

Board Comments

Councilman Friedman stated that the Schroon Lake Association would like to have more hours and days for Lake Stewards. This year they worked 53 days for 8 hours a day at \$9.63 an hour. With the threat of Asian Clams and other invasive species, next year the Schroon Lake Association would like to increase it to 91 days 12 hours a day, which will cost \$10,516.00.

Public Participation

Steve Cass stated that he agreed that the Town should hire an adult to oversee the Lifeguards as there were some issues this summer. At one point he had to go over to the Lifeguard building to get someone down to the beach because there was no coverage with people in the water. Steve also stated that he thought the town could do the food pantry with volunteers and to check with some of the service organizations in town and that the Town should not be paying an employee to run the Food Pantry.

Michel Michelsen Lee stated that there is a website called volunteer match and that the Town could post a job description and advertise on there for the Food Pantry.

Councilman Sage moved to adjourn at 7:20 P.M., seconded by Councilman Friedman; 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: September 18, 2014

_____ Town Clerk