

Budget Workshop to discuss 2019 Budget held October 15, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. at the

Town Hall in Schroon Lake N.Y.

Present:

Supervisor: Michael Marnell

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

Town Clerk: Patricia Savarie

Budget Officer: Chris Stone

Also Present: Tish Biesemeyer, Jamie Vietch, Ethan Thompson and Denise Paradis

Supervisor Marnell called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

Golf Course

Jamie Vietch, Golf Course Superintendent, stated his budget would not be changing. Labor is steadily on a downward trend. Machines have cut down on labor cost and have been a big help. Capital Gain Projects have been done in house saving the Town money. There are some issues with the Club House operations the Board needs to hire a Club House Manager to oversee the schedules, stocking of inventory, tournaments, stricter control on all fees, advertising and many other functions that they need to be in charge of. Jamie had a list of membership opinions which are the following:

- Purchase of new Ice Machine, Refrigerator and new furniture
- Increase operating hours
- Add beer and wine to the clubhouse
- Increase food selection and improve merchandise, move soda machine off deck
- Tournaments proceeds should come back to course
- Hire Club House Manager
- Assign responsibility for oversight of memorials
- Restart youth golf instruction, golf team
- Increase control of dues and cart fees
- Have starter during busy times
- Replace existing pull carts
- Change all locks
- Add toaster oven
- Replace carpet and floors, upgrade bathrooms
- Change overall layout and add second floor

Councilwoman Phibbs suggested they have a special Town Board Meeting in February to go over all of these ideas.

Health Insurance

Tish Bismeyer from Burnhams Associates stated that they had merged with Alera Group Partnership. Tish presented different ideas to the Board as to the way they could go with their Health Insurance Policy for their Town Employees. Tish stated that this years increase would be 1.5% if they stayed with the same policy, Platinum 2. There has been two policy changes to Platinum 2, copay on prescription drugs would be \$5/\$30/\$50 now and X-Rays, MRI, CAT, PET Scans would be \$100.00.

Tish suggested that they go to a Excellus BCBS Simply Blue Plus Gold 6 Plan and went over all they had to offer.

Councilman Sage moved to adjourn at 5:50 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Wood; 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: October 16, 2018 _____
Town Clerk