

Budget Workshop to discuss 2019 Budget held October 4, 2018 at 12:00 P.M. at the

Town Hall in Schroon Lake N.Y.

Present:

Supervisor: Michael Marnell

Councilpersons: Roger Friedman, Meg Wood and Clara Phibbs

Highway Superintendent: Dana Shaughnessy

Town Clerk: Patricia Savarie

Budget Officer: Chris Stone

Town Attorney: Tom Peterson

Also Present: Anne Durkee, Mark LaPlante, Albert May, Jane Bouchard, Marion Weaver, Ethan Thompson and Laura Dewey

Supervisor Marnell called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Go into Executive Session

Supervisor Marnell moved to go into Executive Session at 12:01 P.M. to discuss employees personal matters, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

Come out of Executive Session

Supervisor Marnell moved to come out of Executive Session at 12:51 P.M. to discuss employees personal matters, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

Resolution #194 Letter of Commitment

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to have Supervisor Marnell sign a letter of Commitment for the Chamber of Commerce to be a conduit for there grant application with the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

Resolution #195 Partial Payment to Chris Flugmacher for the Hockey Rink Pavilion

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to pay Chris Flugmacher partial payment of \$11,660.00 for the first payment for the construction of the roof on the Hockey Rink, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

Discussion on a Radio Tower infrastructure for the State Police on Town Property

Supervisor Marnell stated he had received a letter from the NYS Troopers requesting to put up a radio tower. The land underneath and to the west of the Adirondack Northway rest area at southbound mile 82.5 in the Town of Schroon belongs to the State of New York. The Schroon radio tower for many years has been located in a utility room between the men's and women's rest rooms in that rest area. Several years ago, the rest room septic system failed DEC testing, so the rest room building has been

condemned. The State Police need to re-locate their radio and antenna before the rest room building is razed. They have chosen a site on the west side of the same property alongside Charley Hill Road to construct a replacement radio tower. It would be opposite the driveway to 247 Charley Hill Road. The proposed location is adjacent to the pole that currently feeds the rest area and NYSP equipment, so providing needed telephone and power will not require utility construction.

The tower site will consist of an 8-foot by 8-foot equipment shelter, and a 40-foot self-supporting tower. The tower consists of the narrow top two sections of a surplus 140-foot Thruway Authority tower now in State Police storage. The wider bottom 100 feet of that tower was already placed into use this year in Tioga County, Troop C.

In meeting with representatives from the NYSDOT Elizabethtown residency, the Radio Unit was informed that the Town of Schroon was granted a right-of-way across State land to re-align the southern end of Charley Hill Road that was affected by the construction of the Northway. As the proposed tower site sits within 20 feet of the shoulder of Charley Hill Road, and the actual width of the right-of-way is unknown, NYSDOT wants to be sure that the Town of Schroon has no objection to granting NYSP a DOT land use permit to site the shelter and tower sections in the proposed location.

Resolution #196 Approval Granting NYSP a DOT land use permit to site the Shelter and Tower

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to state they have no objection to granting NYSP a DOT land use permit to site the shelter and tower sections in the proposed location, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

Resolution #197 Approve Sexual Harassment Policy from Public Sector

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to accept the Sexual Harassment Policy from Public Sector with the exception that further review changes can be made, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

Library Budget

Anne Durkee, the Treasurer for the Library Board, stated that they would like to see the employees get a raise this year. Anne will be retiring this year and the Board would like to hire someone for her position and thought that they would have to pay someone 10 hours a week for the position. Supervisor Marnell suggested that they contact the Town of North Hudson for more money since they only give \$300.00 a year to them for their budget.

Highway Department Budget

Dana Shaughnessy stated not much needs to be changed he will be purchasing a new truck this year and that his inventory list is ready. Dana would like to see the Board adopt a new Wage and

Salary Statement Book and he would like a raise of \$1.50 more an hour.

Workmen s Compensation

Councilwoman Wood stated that our Town pays a lot for Workman’s Compensation compared to all the other Towns in Essex County and would like to know if everyone is wearing the proper safety equipment, such as steel toe boots and hard hats at all times. Chris Stone stated that if they do not have it on, they should be written up on it as a warning, so that there is a paper trail.

Topics for this years Budget Discussion

1. Sewer Rates must go up
2. Lease on Postage Machine
3. Roof on the old firehouse building
4. Cemetery expenses and discussions
5. Parade fund for 2019 discussion
6. Discussion on Lake Stewards and Boat wash attendants
7. Copy Machine
8. Bandstand repairs
9. Boathouse needs to be painted

Sewer Rates

Chris Stone stated that Sewer rates will need to go up this year and that they are \$91,000.00 in the red for this year. The Board will have to have a Public Hearing and decide on a rate before the budget is complete.

Councilwoman Wood moved to adjourn at 2:30 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:October 5, 2018 _____
Town Clerk