

**Budget Workshop to discuss 2019 Budget held October 23, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at the**

**Town Hall in Schroon Lake N.Y.**

**Present:**

**Supervisor:** Michael Marnell

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

**Town Clerk:** Patricia Savarie

**Budget Officer:** Chris Stone

**Also Present:** Jim Roblee, Bill VanGorp, Albert May, Ethan Thompson, Mark

Granger

Supervisor Marnell called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

**Sewer Department**

Jim Roblee, Waste Water Treatment Operator, stated that his 2019 Budget is as follows:

1. All Contracts, power and chemicals look to be about 4% above last year but does not include the following items listed in order of priority which can change on any given day.
2. Hire and Train an operator to take Billy Jenks place when Dave Clark retires. (See DEC and DOH inspection report from 2018) DEC as of April 2018 a 2A license with one year training was minimal but, operator had to be trained and licensed before Bill moved to the position (the inspector said this could change at anytime) DOH had similar requirements  
Cost \$40,000.00 – 45,000.00.
3. Updates Ordinances and follow through with enforcement – a lot of ours do not meet DEC suggested ordinances from 1993. Enforcement must happen.
4. Paint steel walkways in the clarifiers (See DEC inspection report 2017) Contract this out or do a lesser quality job in house and redo more often.
5. Install an emergency shut off switch at Horse Shoe Pond Pump Station there ia a safety issue.  
Cost \$3000.00.
6. Finish upgrades to the alarm system for Building A and hook up communication from the sampler to the flow meter. (DEC requirement from2010) Cost \$5500.00
7. Replace VFD's for Waste Pumps (2) and for digestion blowers (2) Cost \$16,000.00
8. Rebuild pumps (RAS, WAS influent and pump stations 1,2,3) Cost \$4500.00  
13 Pumps in all Cost \$13,000.00for sure and put aside funds for the others
9. Install new magnetic starter for the back wash pump on the sand filter and install a new communication lead for the orp sensor Cost \$1900.00

10. Repair cracks in the black top parking area Cost \$1500.00
11. Repaint the exterior of the Plant - Building A and B
12. Do emergency plan for aeration system and purchase back up equipment. (DEC requirements from 11 years ago) Cost \$10,000.00
13. Replace the last 4 services in the Mill Pond Brook (last of the capital projects discussed four years ago) at least make provisions to set aside funds to do so. Part of this work (Capital Project) was done during the bridge project. The tap for the future pump station at the Adirondack Inn was installed and the valve pit in front of the Inn was rebuilt.  
Cost \$30,000.00 – \$50,000.00

### **Schroon Lake Association**

Mark Granger from the Schroon Lake Association, stated that they were looking for and increase of \$12,500.00 to their budget.

### **Sewer Rates**

Chris Stone stated sewer rates need to go up and the board needs to make a decision soon and hold a Public Hearing. There are 605 Sewer customers and the Sewer Budget will need \$134,000.00 increase just for this years budget and it can not come out of their fund balance since their fund balance is very low. The Board should come up with a 5 year plan to raise the units each year. Grease traps need to be put in all Restaurants and another letter needs to go out certified and return receipt to all, if they do not comply their will be a fine put on there Water and Sewer bill. The Board discussed Sewer rates and stated they would have to go up at least \$57.00 more per unit if not more.

### **Resolution #217 Introducing Proposed Local Law #2 of 2018**

Councilwoman Wood moved a resolution to Introduce Proposed Local Law #2 of 2018, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

**INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2018 ENTITLED “A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C”**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Schroon Town Board hereby introduces proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2018 entitled “A Local To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c,” reading and provided as follows:

#### **“TOWN OF SCHROON LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2018”**

A Local Law To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the Town of Schroon Town Board as follows:

#### **Section 1. Legislative Intent.**

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Schroon pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Schroon to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2019 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

#### **Section 2. Authority.**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

**Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override - Budget Authorization.**

The Town Board of the Town of Schroon hereby overrides the tax levy limit for the Town of Schroon for 2018 and authorizes the Town of Schroon, after completing all required procedures for the adoption of a budget, to adopt a budget for 2019 that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2019 pursuant to §3-c of the General Municipal Law.

**Section 4. Severability.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgement shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, form or corporation, or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgement or order shall be rendered.

**Section 5. Effective Date**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Schroon shall hold and conduct a public hearing on the foregoing proposed local law on the 8th day of November, 2018, at 5 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to hear any and all persons concerning the same; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Town of Schroon will publish a notice of such hearing in the designated Town newspaper at least five days prior to said hearing.

**Resolution #218 Advertise Public Hearing on Local Law #2 of 2018**

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to advertise for the Public Hearing on Local Law #2 of 2018, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2018**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Town Board of the Town of Schroon, New York, will meet at the Town Hall, 15 Leland Avenue, Schroon Lake, New York, on the 8th day of November, 2018, at 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing on introducing proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2018 entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C".

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that at said Public Hearing to be held at the time and place set forth above, the Town Board will consider this Local Law and hear all parties interested therein concerning the same.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that a copy of the full text of proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2018 may be obtained upon request from the Town Clerk of the Town of Schroon.

**Resolution #219 Hire of Security Officer for the Court**

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to hire Cliff Bearer as Security Officer for the Courts at the rate of \$15.00 an hour effective October 24, 2018, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

Councilwoman Wood moved to adjourn at 3:10 P.M., seconded by Councilman Sage; 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 31, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk

