Present:

Town Supervisor:	Meg Wood
Councilpersons:	Leanna Welch, Steve Miller, Richard Gero, and Dave Williams
Town Clerk:	Erica Hedden
Wastewater Chief:	Brian Ritchings
Highway Superintendent:	Joseph Flores
Also Present:	Albert May, Fran Mahler, Skip Mahler, Sue Palisano, Joy and Bob Koch, Tracey Hanchett Rick Francis, Heather Francis

Supervisor Wood called the public hearing to order at 6:00 P.M. with a salute to the Flag

Public Participation:

Sue Palisano stated: I just wanted to let everyone know in case you haven't seen. We are holding an event on February 15th. We have partnered with WOL, Micha is going to be bringing the snow making machine in, the snowmobile club is going to help us make a two-lane track. We will be holding a Cardboard Sled race. We will have other small events, there will be tubes available and there will be judging of the sleds, as well as timed events. There will be a variety of refreshments and food, as well as a contained bonfire in a pit. This is our first year doing this, we are going to start out a little slow and then build on this year after year. We have had quite a number of inquiries about rules for the cardboard sleds already, we are getting a lot of interest. We notified the school, to get the kids involved. We are really excited for this.

Supervisor Wood stated; great, this will be good 'cabin fever' fun.

Sue Palisano stated: its 1 to 4pm. We are taking pre registrations and we will accept registration the day of as well. There will be waiver that everyone will need to sign as well.

REQUEST TO ADOPT THE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS
RESOLUTION # 001-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER
WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the following policy for Public Board meetings

- The following rules of procedure shall govern all meetings held by the Town of Schroon with the Town Board and Supervisor presiding, in an order and manner consistent with established rules and procedures:

-The Supervisor shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall preserve order and decorum in the best interest ad conduct of the meeting.

- The Supervisor, immediately following the opening of every regular meeting of the Town Board, shall proceed to the regular order of town business as follows: Salute to the Flag. At this time the public shall be invited to address their comments or questions to the Town Board for an allotted period time not to exceed three (3) minutes each per person.

-Any person invited to speak to the own Board shall address and direct his/her remarks to the Town Board as a whole, not to other members of the audience in an attempt to elicit public debate.

- No member of the public shall be allowed to engage in any demonstration, distraction, disruption, or any other conduct inconsistent with being able to conduct an official order of business during a meeting.

- Following the first public comments comes the approval of previous minutes discussions of communications addressed to the Town Board, introductions of resolutions and motions, reports of committees and subcommittees, and reports of officers and departments.

- In addition, every resolution or motion must be seconded before being put to a vote by the Supervisor and all resolutions and motions shall be duly recorded in their entirety in the official minutes of the Town Board.

- The public shall, additionally, be invited to comment on any motion or resolution not previously listed or that was omitted from the pre-meeting agenda that is brought before the Town Board during a meeting.

-If the Supervisor is unavailable to preside over a meeting, the Deputy Supervisor shall assume said duties. If both the Supervisor and the Deputy Supervisor are unavailable to attend any public meeting and a quorum is present, the remaining Town Board members shall select one of their own to preside over the meeting

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the Rules and Procedures for Public Meetings
DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: ___5____ NAYS: ___0____
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO SET THE DAYS AND TIMES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS
RESOLUTION # 002-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the Town Board Monthly meetings shall be the second Monday of each month at 6:00PM. Excepting October and November's meeting dates. All meeting dates listed below.

February 9, 2026 at 6PM	March 9, 2026 at 6PM	April 13, 2026 at 6PM
May 11, 2026 at 6PM	June 8, 2026 at 6PM	July 13, 2026 at 6PM
August 10, 2026 at 6PM	September 14, 2026 at 6PM	October 15, 2026 at 6PM (Thursday)
November 5, 2026 at 6PM (Thursday)		December 14, 2026 at 6PM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the above listed schedule for Town Board Meetings.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: ___5____ NAYS: ___0____
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO DESIGNATE OFFICIAL TOWN NEWSPAPER
RESOLUTION # 003-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the Sun Community News Denton Publications Inc. as its official town newspaper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the Sun Community News Denton Publications Inc. as its official town newspaper.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: ___5____ NAYS: ___0____
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL TOWN REPOSITORY
RESOLUTION # 004-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve Arrow Bank and MBIA Class as its official repository, and any other NYS banks may be used for investments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves Arrow Bank and MBIA Class as its official repository, and any other NYS banks may be used for investments.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: ___5____ NAYS: ___0____
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS TO DATE
RESOLUTION # 005-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve authorizing the Town Supervisor, or when required, the Town Deputy Supervisor to pay in advance the audits of claims for public utility services (electric, gas, water, sewer and telephone services and the purchase of fuel oil), postage, freight, and express charges, contractual installments in addition to NYS Retirement and health insurance costs before they are audited. These payments shall be presented at the next regularly scheduled board meeting for audit as pre-pays.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves authorizing the Town Supervisor, or when required, the Town Deputy Supervisor to pay in advance the audits of claims for public utility services (electric, gas, water, sewer and telephone services and the purchase of fuel oil), postage, freight, and express charges, contractual installments in addition to NYS Retirement and health insurance costs before they are audited. These payments shall be presented at the next regularly scheduled board meeting for audit as pre-pays.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: ___5____ NAYS: ___0____
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE USE OF SHORT FORM FOR ADVERTISING OF ANNUAL REPORT OF FISCAL AFFAIRS

RESOLUTION # 006-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the use of the short form for advertising of the annual report of fiscal affairs of the Town of Schroon

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the use of the short form for advertising of the annual report of fiscal affairs of the Town of Schroon

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: ___5____ NAYS: ___0____
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE FUNDING THE HRA ACCOUNT FROM FUNDS

RESOLUTION # 007-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve funding the HRA accounts from funds totaling $125,000 to bring the HRA account to a total of $335,000. General, Highway, Wastewater and Water department contribution totals to be reported at the next board meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves funding the HRA accounts from funds totaling $125,000 to bring the HRA account to a total of $335,000. General, Highway, Wastewater and Water department contribution totals to be reported at the next board meeting.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: ___5____ NAYS: ___0____
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE SIMPLY BLUE PLUS BRONZE 4; EXCELLUS HEALTH PLAN BCBS 65+ POLICY AND SIMPLY PRESCRIPTION HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS FOR 2026; GUARDIAN LIFE DENTAL AND DAVIS VISION METLIFE EYE PLANS

RESOLUTION # 008-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve Simply Blue Plus Bronze; BCBS 65+ and Simply Prescription Health insurance plans for 2026

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves Simply Blue Plus Bronze; BCBS 65+ and Simply Prescription Health insurance plans for 2026

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: ___5____ NAYS: ___0____
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE TOWN CLERK HOURS

RESOLUTION # 009-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve Town Clerk hours to be Monday – Friday, 8:00AM to 2:00 PM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves Town Clerk hours to be Monday – Friday, 8AM - 2PM

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: ___5____ NAYS: ___0____
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE TRANSFER STATION HOURS

RESOLUTION # 010-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve Transfer Station hours to be Friday-Tuesday, 8:00AM to 4:00 PM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves Transfer Station hours to be Friday-Tuesday, 8AM to 4PM

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE LEGAL HOLIDAYS
RESOLUTION # 011-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the following legal holidays

New Years Day | Martin Luther King Jr Day | Presidents Day
Good Friday – Transfer Station employees observe Easter Sunday in lieu of Good Friday
Memorial Day | Juneteenth Day | Independence Day
Labor Day | Columbus Day | Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after; Transfer Station employees will use that Friday as a floater to be taken prior to 12/15.
Christmas Day (the day after only if it falls on a work day)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves following legal holidays

New Years Day | Martin Luther King Jr Day | Presidents Day
Good Friday – Transfer Station employees observe Easter Sunday in lieu of Good Friday
Memorial Day | Juneteenth Day | Independence Day
Labor Day | Columbus Day | Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after; Transfer Station employees will use that Friday as a floater to be taken prior to 12/15.
Christmas Day (the day after only if it falls on a work day)

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE AUTO EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT RATE
RESOLUTION # 012-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve setting the auto expense reimbursement rate to the approved IRS rate of $ 0.725 per mile for 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves setting the auto expense reimbursement rate to the approve IRS rate of $0.725 per mile for 2026.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE ANNUAL SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS
RESOLUTION # 013-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the annual salaries of the elected officials

Assessor, Chairman	Kevin Doherty	$ 39,091.00
Assessor	Neil Chippendale	$ 8,374.00
Assessor	Joy (Marlene) Koch	$ 8,374.00
Highway Superintendent	Joseph Flores	$ 60,346.00
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector	Erica Hedden	$ 43,666.00
Town Councilperson	Richard Gero	$ 8,345.00
Town Councilperson	Steve Miller	$ 8,345.00
Town Councilperson	Leanna Welch	$ 8,345.00
Town Councilperson	David Williams	$ 8,345.00
Town Justice	Mark Granger	$ 29,978.00
Town Supervisor	Margaret Wood	$ 40,412.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the annual salaries of the elected officials.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

RESOLUTION # 014-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the annual salaries for non-elected personal

Budget Officer	Susan Drescher	$ 6,000.00
Chief Wastewater Dept Operator	Brian Ritchings	$ 88,734.00
Chief Water Dept Operator	William Jenks	$ 64,557.00
Deputy Supervisor	Richard Gero	$ 2,000.00
Deputy Highway Supervisor	Duane Hammond	$ 2,000.00
Short Term Rental Inspector	Jon Senecal	$ 2,500.00
Water and Wastewater Fee Collector	Erica Hedden	$ 5,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the annual salaries for non-elected personal

Budget Officer	Susan Drescher	$ 6,000.00
Chief Wastewater Dept Operator	Brian Ritchings	$ 88,734.00
Chief Water Dept Operator	William Jenks	$ 64,557.00
Deputy Supervisor	Richard Gero	$ 2,000.00
Deputy Highway Supervisor	Duane Hammond	$ 2,000.00
Short Term Rental Inspector	Jon Senecal	$ 2,500.00
Water and Wastewater Fee Collector	Erica Hedden	$ 5,000.00

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE HOURLY PAY RATES

RESOLUTION # 015-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the hourly pay rates for non-salaried employees

Senior Park Laborer	Patrick Shaughnessy	$ 23.38
Building and Grounds Department	Ethan Thompson	$ 30.15
Building Inspector III	Jon Senecal	$ 29.80
Court Clerk	Maureen Palmatier	$ 21.56
Court Security Officer	Cliff Bearer	$ 22.06
Clerk to the Supervisor	Susan Drescher	$ 24.98
Clerk to the Supervisor	Diane Tyrrell	$ 22.40
Golf Course Seasonal	Ethan Tyrrell	$ 25.00
Heavy Equipment Operator	Duane Hammond	$ 26.32
Heavy Equipment Operator	Kevin Lashway	$ 25.75
Heavy Equipment Operator	Paul McCann Jr	$ 25.56
Heavy Equipment Operator	Steve Vinciguerra	$ 25.16
Laborer	Kevin Breyerton	$ 20.52
Laborer	Thomas Morton	$ 20.51
Library Aide	Jessica Botterbusch	$ 21.10
Library Aide	Victoria Bruce	$ 19.64
Library Aide	Alexandria Doherty	$ 18.49
Library Aide	Tatiane O'Bradovic	$ 19.18
Library Aide	Shirley Richards	$ 18.28
Library Aide	Naomi Veverka	$ 18.49
Library Manager	Jane Bouchard	$ 25.93
Mechanic	Tyler Paradis	$ 27.09
School Crossing Guard	Ray Shields	$ 23.86
Transfer Station Attendant	Laurie Bruce	$ 19.77
Transfer Station Attendant	Raymond Shields	$ 18.77
Transfer Station Attendant	Kevin Breyerton	$ 17.47
Transfer Station Attendant	Logan Mitchell	$ 20.51
Senior Transfer Station Attendant	Richard Hall	$ 23.59
Water Operator Trainee	Dustin Deyette	$ 24.62
Wastewater Operator Trainee	Robert Haff	$ 24.55

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the hourly pay rates for non-salaried employees.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE APPOINTMENTS AND COMPENSATION FOR APPOINTMENTS
RESOLUTION # 016-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve appointments and compensation for appointments

Board of Assessment Review Chair	Jack Boyea	term 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2029
Board of Assessment Review	Laurie Bruce	term 10/01/2021 - 09/30/2026
Board of Assessment Review	Larry Reid	term 10/01/2025 – 09/30/2030
Comprehensive Plan Committee	Supervisor or Appointee	
	Jessica Deslauries	
	Lisa Hess- Marks	
	Fran Mahler	
	Joe Steiniger	
Deputy Town Clerk	Jessica Botterbusch	$18.66/ hour
Deputy Town Clerk	Deanne Bowen	$18.50/ hour
Dog Warden	Laurie Bruce	$3,000
Health Officer, HHHN	hourly as needed, MD not required	
Library Board Chair	Catherine Bendert, Co- Financial officer	term 1/01/2024 – 12/31/2028
Library Board	Julia Chippendale, Co- Financial Officers	term 1/01/2025 - 12/31/2029
Library Board	Diane D'Amico, Secretary	term 1/01/2022 – 12/31/2026
Library Board	Laura Dewey, Corresponding Secretary	term 1/01/2025 – 12/31/2029
Library Board	Laura Donaldson, Trustee	term 1/01/2026 – 12/31/2031
Library Board	Pam Ireland, President	term 1/01/2023 – 12/31/2027
Library Board	Joan Lawless, V.P	term 1/01/2022 – 12/31/2026
Library Board	Carissa Mangan, Trustee	term 1/01/2026 – 12/31/2031
Library Board	Beth Massiano, Trustee	term 1/01/2025 – 12/31/2027
Library Board	Betsy Ross	term 1/01/2026 – 12/31/2031
Library Board	Marion Weaver	term 1/01/2024 – 12/31/2028
Parade Chairperson	Schroon Lake Chamber of Commerce	$5,000/annual
Planning Board Chair	Glen Repko, Chair	term 1/01/2025 - 12/31/2028
Planning Board	Duke Connor	term 1/01/2025 - 12/31/2028
Planning Board	Ken Clark, Alternate	term 1/01/2024 - 12/31/2028
Planning Board	Bruce Murdock	term 1/01/2026 - 12/31/2030
Planning Board	Doug Bleier	term 1/01/2024 - 12/31/2028
Planning Board	Matt Massiano	term 1/01/2022 - 12/31/2026
Public Information Officer	Town Clerk – Erica Hedden	
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Town Clerk - Erica Hedden	
Registrar of Vital Statistics Deputy	Jessica Botterbusch	
Revolving Loan Fund Committee	Donna Senneville, Chair	
	Cathy Moses Breyerton	
	Fran Mahler	
	Susan Palisano	
	Roger Sachlaben	
Schroon Lake Park District	Neil Chippendale	term 1/01/2026 – 12/31/2031
Town Historian	VACANT	$600/annual
Youth Commission Chairperson	Naomi Smith Veverka	$2,500/annual
	Co-Chairs for three (3) sports, to be determined, $500/ each	
		term 1/01/2024 - 12/31/2028
Youth Commission	Elizabeth Parsons	term 1/01/2024 - 12/31/2028
Youth Commission	Jeanine Melville	term 1/01/2024 - 12/31/2028
Youth Commission	Rebecca Sobek	term 1/01/2024 - 12/31/2028
Youth Commission	Sara LeClair	term 1/01/2024 - 12/31/2028
Zoning Board of Appeals	Colin Mangan	term 1/01/2024 - 12/31/2028
Zoning Board of Appeals	Dan Drescher	term 1/01/2023 - 12/31/2027
Zoning Board of Appeals	Randy Garrison	term 1/01/2023 - 12/31/2027
Zoning Board of Appeals	Brent Bernhard	term 1/01/2022 - 12/31/2026
Zoning Board of Appeals	Larry Reid, Chair	term 1/01/2024 - 12/31/2028

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves appointments and compensation for appointments

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: __5____ NAYS: __0____

AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE TOWN BOARD COMMITTEES
RESOLUTION # 017-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve Town Board Committees Appointments

Hazard Mitigation Committee –	Golf – Welch and Williams
Comprehensive Plan Committee-	Highway/Sidewalks – Gero and Welch
Boathouse/Beach/Parks – Gero, Williams and Wood	HHHN – Miller and Wood
Building and Grounds – Gero and Welch	Lake and Watershed – Gero and SLA member R. Friedman
Chamber of Commerce - Wood	Library – Williams and Wood
Codes/ Planning/ Zoning – All Members	Transfer Station – All Board Members
Economic Development – All Members	Water and Wastewater – Miller and Wood
Fire & EMS – Miller, Williams and Wood	Youth Commission – Miller and Wood

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves Town Board Committee Appointments

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE CONTRACTS
RESOLUTION # 018-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve contracts

Airport Hanger Rental Income	$3,600.00	Paradox Lake Association	$10,000.00
Arts Council	$8,500.00	SLA & PLA Boat Wash Station Expenses	$1,500.00
Attorney Mark Schachner -to be retained as needed		Schroon Lake Emergency Squad	$350,000.00
Catholic Cemetery, annual maintenance	$400.00	Senior Citizens Program	$16,000.00
Chamber of Commerce	$20,000.00	Snowmobile Club	$4,000.00
Lake Stewards, (with SLA)	$4,000.00	Historical Society	$3,500.00
Barks and Recreations Veterinary, Dog Contract	$2,750.00		

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the aforementioned contracts.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE NYS ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS MEETING IN FEBRUARY WITH ALL EXPENSES PAID BY THE TOWN
RESOLUTION # 019-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve payment of any town employees attending the NYS Association of Towns meeting in February in NYC, all expenses to be paid by the Town of Schroon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves payment of any town employees attending the NYS Association of Towns meeting in February in NYC, all expenses to be paid by the Town of Schroon.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE PETTY CASH FUNDS
RESOLUTION # 020-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve petty cash funds
Town Clerk $50.00, decreased from $100.00 Transfer Station $200.00 Town Justice $200.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves petty cash funds
Town Clerk $50.00, decreased from $100.00 Transfer Station $200.00 Town Justice $200.00

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE SET FEES
RESOLUTION # 021-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the set fees

Boathouse Rental - $200/event | Copies -$0.25 | DEC License Printing Fee $1.00
Fax- incoming $0.25 | Fax – outgoing $2.00 | Return Check Fee $20.00

Dog License Fees
Spayed/Neutered - $ 10.00 Unspayed/Unneutered - $20.00(Amounts include surcharges for the State of New York)

Transfer Station Fees
Trash - $ 0.25/LBS | C&D - $0.25/LBS
Refrigerators - $18 | Tires, 14"-20" - $5.00 | Tires, Large - $25.00

Water and Wastewater Fees
Water Quarterly Minimum - $60.00 | Water usage Fee – $1.15/ 1,000 Gallons
Wastewater Quarterly Minimum - $ 274.00 | Wastewater usage Fee - $ 2.17/1,000 Gallons

Building and Codes fees vary according to project size – see Building and Codes for fee schedule

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the aforementioned set fees.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO ACCEPT REPORTS
RESOLUTION # 022-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to accept department reports

Annual Accounting – any department collection monies
Annual Animal Control Officer's report – TABLED | Annual Historian report - TABLED
Annual Justice report – TABLED | Annual Youth Commission report - TABLED
Annual Town Clerk Report | Annual Tax Collector Report
Annual Zoning/Septic/Building Codes report from Codes Enforcement Officer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby accepts the aforementioned department reports

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE DEPARTMENT APPROVALS
RESOLUTION # 023-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve highway department approvals

$2,000 maximum for small tools and implements without Town Board approval
$2,700 Maximum for Building and Grounds for small tools and implements without Town Board approval
$250 annual maximum per employee for steel toed footwear as described in Handbook Policy
Renew County and State Highway Work Permit
Highway Superintendent attendance at Annual Highway School, including payment for necessary expenses
Renew oil separator contract for Highway Garage floor drain system
Request complete inventory

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the aforementioned department approvals

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS 001-2026 THROUGH 023-2026

RESOLUTION #024-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve Resolutions 001-2026 through 023-2026

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves Resolutions 001-2026 through 023-2026

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO ACCEPT MINUTES FROM 12/8/2025 AND 12/30/2025

RESOLUTION # 025-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to accept Town Clerk minutes from December 8th and 30, 2025 Town Board Meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby accepts Town Clerk minutes from December 8th and 30, 2025 Town Board Meetings.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE VOUCHERS

RESOLUTION # 026-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WILLIAMS
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve vouchers

2025	General: $12,739.38	Highway: $3,479.48	Sewer: $4,731.20	Water: $10,160.22
2026	General: $8,835.71	Highway: $0	Sewer: $668.60	Water: $1,924.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves vouchers

2025	General: $12,739.38	Highway: $3,479.48	Sewer: $4,731.20	Water: $10,160.22
2026	General: $8,835.71	Highway: $0	Sewer: $668.60	Water: $1,924.00

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION # 027-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WILLIAMS
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the Building Codes and Enforcement Monthly report as well as the Town Clerks monthly report for December.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the Building Codes and Enforcement Monthly report as well as the Town Clerks monthly report for December.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE HANGAR LEASE

RESOLUTION # 028-2026

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION

SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the Hanger Lease between the Town of Schroon and Lewis Donnelly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the Hanger lease between the Town of Schroon and Lewis Donnelly.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: ___5____ NAYS: ___0____

AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

TOWN OF SCHROON
AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT, effective the day of February 1, 2026, by and between the TOWN OF SCHROON, whose offices are located on 15 Leland Avenue, Town of Schroon, New York 12870 (Lessor) and Lewis Donnelly residing at 42 Colonial Avenue, Warwick NY 10990(Lessee).

WHEREAS, the Lessor is the owner of the Airport Hangar located on Alder Meadow Road, Town of Schroon, County of Essex, State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the Lessee is an individual who is requesting to lease space from the Lessor in the Town of Schroon Airport Hangar, and

WHEREAS, the Lessor desires to lease out space to the Lessee for the purpose of storing aircraft and related aviation equipment in the airplane hangar owned by the Lessor, and

WHEREAS, the Lessee desires to obtain and avail himself of these rights, privileges, and uses and

WHEREAS, this Agreement has been duly authorized by the Schroon Town Board at its meeting held at the Town Hall, Schroon Lake, New York on the day of 13th of January 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Lessor shall lease to the Lessee the right and privilege, in common with others, to store aircraft and aviation equipment only in the hangar on a month-to-month basis. Lessee shall not store any other motor vehicles or items not related to aircraft.
2. The Lessor shall agree to provide parking space, by permit, in common with others, for the Lessee during the term of the lease.
3. The Lessee shall have the right to the use of the airstrip in common with others at no additional charge.
4. The Lessee shall pay the sum of Three Hundred and no/100 ($300.00) per month per airplane and associated parking space, with a maximum of two airplanes in the hangar.
5. The Lessee shall pay the sum of Three Hundred and no/100 ($300.00) per airplane as a security deposit to be held by the Town of Schroon, in an escrow account for this purpose, upon the signing of this lease.
6. The Lease may be renewed on an annual basis, with the security deposit made at the time of signing being transferred to the new lease. The Lessor retains the right to adjust the monthly lease amount on an annual basis.
7. The Lessee shall be responsible for providing his own liability insurance on his airplane(s) and any personal items stored in the hangar and provide proof of insurance to the Lessor upon the signing of this Agreement. Lessee's insurance shall be in the minimum amount of at least Million Dollars and also name the Town as an additional insured. Lessee shall provide the Town with a Certificate of Insurance so stating.
8. The Lessee shall be responsible for maintaining the premises in the condition on the day the lease begins for the entire term of the lease.
9. The Lessee shall be responsible for removing any and all trash from the site that he brings in.
10. There shall be no sub-letting of the hangar space by the Lessee.
11. The Lessor shall be responsible for maintaining the premises in the condition on the day the lease begins for the entire term of the lease. Any improvements made by the lessee do not alter the status of the building ownership or the lease conditions.
12. The Lessor shall maintain insurance coverage on the premises, but not to the Lessee's personal belongings and/or aircraft on the premises or any items in the parking area.
13. The Lessor may terminate this Lease Agreement by giving written notice to the Lessee thirty (30) days prior to termination for failure to meet any of its obligations under the term of this Agreement.
14. The Lessee may terminate this Lease Agreement by giving written notice to the Lessor thirty (30) days prior to termination to Town Supervisor, 15 Leland Avenue, Schroon Lake, New York, 12870.

REQUEST TO INTRODUCE LOCAL LAW NO 1 OF 2026, A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PURCHASE CONTRACTS ON THE BASIS OF BEST VALUE AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION # 029-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to consider adoption of Local Law 1 of 2026 entitled, "A Local Law Authorizing the Award of Purchase Contracts on the Basis of Best Value", a Local Law that would authorize the Town to award purchase contracts, which would otherwise be subject to the "lowest bidder" on the basis of "best value", as defined in §163 of the New York State Finance Law, as determined by the Town Board upon the recommendation of the appropriate officer, board, agency, commission or department, which would include the specific factors to be applied in determining best value reflecting, wherever possible, objective and quantifiable analysis; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this legislation is authorized by New York General Municipal Law §103 and New York Municipal Home Rule Law §10; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Home Rule Law §20 requires the Town Board to hold a Public Hearing prior to the adoption of any Local Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Schroon Town Board shall meet and hold a Public Hearing at the Schroon Town Hall, 15 Leland Ave., Schroon Lake, New York, at 5:45p.m. on March 9th, 2026 to hear all interested persons and take any necessary action provided by law concerning proposed Local Law 1 of 2026; and

BE IT FURTHUR,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board further authorizes and directs the Schroon Town Clerk to publish and post a Notice of Public Hearing concerning proposed Local Law 1 of 2026 in the manner provided by law and to make a copy of the proposed Local Law available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's office following the adoption of this Resolution and until the Public Hearing is closed.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

LOCAL LAW NO.: 1 OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF
PURCHASE CONTRACTS ON THE BASIS OF BEST VALUE

ARTICLE I. BE IT ENACTED BY THE SCHROON TOWN BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT – Section 103 of the New York General Municipal Law (GML §103) requires competitive bidding for purchase contracts and public works contracts and has historically required that such bids be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder whose bid meets the requirements of the specifications for the project. However, GML §103 provides that the Town may award purchase contracts which would otherwise be subject to the "lowest bidder" on the basis of "best value", as defined in New York State Finance Law §163, if authorized by Local Law. The Town Board hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the Town and its residents for the Town Board to have the authority to award purchase contracts on the basis of best value.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION OF BEST VALUE AS BASIS FOR AWARD

A. The Town may award purchase contracts, including contracts for service work, but excluding any purchase contracts necessary for the completion of a public works contract pursuant to Article 8 of the New York State Labor Law, on the basis of best value, as defined in New York State Finance Law §163, to a responsive and responsible bidder or offeror.

B. The determination to award a purchase contract on the basis of best value shall be made by the Town Board. Such determination shall include the specific criteria to be applied in determining best value which shall reflect, wherever possible, objective and quantifiable analysis. The Board shall document the determination of the evaluation criteria. The Board should use a cost-benefit analysis or other similar process to demonstrate quantifiable value or savings from non-price factors that offset the price differential of lower price offers. Such criteria may also identify a quantitative factor to be used in the evaluation of proposals from offerors that are small businesses or certified minority-owned or women-owned business enterprises as defined in subdivisions 1, 7, 15 and 20 of Executive Law §310. In making such determination, the Board shall consider the recommendation, if any, of the appropriate officer, board, agency, commission or department for which the contract is being procured.

C. The procedure for awarding a purchase contract on the basis of best value shall include public solicitation of bids and submission of sealed bids or other formal competitive procurement processes in accordance with the guidelines established under the Town's Procurement Policy. The solicitation shall include a description of the manner in which the evaluation of the bids and award of the contract will be conducted and, if appropriate, identification of the relative importance or weight of price and non-price factors. Non-price factors include, but are not limited to, such considerations as the reliability of a product, efficiency of operation, difficulty or ease of maintenance, cost of maintenance, useful lifespan, ability to meet needs regarding timeliness of performance and experience of a service provider with similar contracts.

D. Documentation of the contract award shall, where practicable, include a description of the application of the price and non-price criteria to the proposals received and an evaluation of the results or, where not practicable, such other justification which demonstrates that best value will be achieved.

E. In the event that the Town Board does not make a determination to award a contract on the basis of best value, contracts shall continue to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder furnishing the required security as required by GML §103.

SECTION 3. The Town's Procurement Policy shall be amended to reflect the relevant provisions of this Local Law and in a manner not inconsistent with this Local Law. However, any failure to amend the Town's Procurement Policy shall have no impact whatsoever on the effectiveness of this Local Law.

ARTICLE II. SEVERABILITY – The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph or provision of this Local Law shall not invalidate any other clause, sentence, paragraph or part thereof.

ARTICLE III. REPEALER – All Local Laws or ordinances or parts of Local Laws or ordinances in conflict with any part of this Local Law are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE IV. EFFECTIVE DATE – This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the New York Secretary of State as provided in New York Municipal Home Rule Law §27.

REQUEST TO APPROVE CLEANING CONTRACT FOR TOWN HALL

RESOLUTION # 030-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve a cleaning contract for the Town Hall building with Naomi Veverka in the amount of $1,200/ Bi weekly, for the term of 1/13/26, effective 3/13/26. Naomi will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves a cleaning contract for the Town Hall building with Naomi Veverka in the amount of $1,200/ Bi weekly, for the term of 1/13/26, effective 3/13/26. Naomi will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MEO TRAINEE HIRE

RESOLUTION # 031-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the hiring of Hunter Bessey as MEO Trainee, grade 3 at $20.21 /hour, effective 1/13/26.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the hiring of Hunter Bessey as MEO Trainee, grade 3 at $20.21 /hour, effective 1/13/26.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE ANNUAL DUES FOR ADIRONDACK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD

RESOLUTION # 032-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the payment of $300.00 as annual dues to the Adirondack Local Government Review Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the payment of $300.00 as annual dues to the Adirondack Local Government Review Board.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE ANNUAL REPORT FROM ADIRONDACK LANDFILL SERVICES LLC

RESOLUTION # 033-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the annual report from the Adirondack Landfill Services LLC and an invoice in the amount of $2,475.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the annual report from the Adirondack Landfill Services LLC and an invoice in the amount of $2,475.00.

DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

DISCUSSION: LOCAL LEGISLATION REGARDING OVERNIGHT CAMPING IN PUBLIC AREAS

Supervisor Wood stated: we do not have an update on this yet. We are waiting to hear back from the town attorney.

DISCUSSION: HYDROLOGIC ASSESSMENT OF HAMLET – STORM WATER RUNOFF

Supervisor Wood stated: We had talked during budget time of approving an expenditure of 50,000 for a storm water assessment of the town. This assessment is required for the town before we can go looking for grants for our storm system or our sewer systems. Saturday when I was here, I got a phone call from Sue Palisano that behind the chamber office, one of the sewer man hole lids was bubbling up. When I went over, Robbie Haff came as well, there was water coming directly from the 9-mile piping off the roof cutting through the ice and directly into the man hole. That was what was causing the man hole to bubble. That is just an example of what is happening all along Rte 9, along both sides, as well as Broad st, Cross st. Jordan st and many of our other streets. This is a compound issue, a lot of this storm water is making its way into our sewer system and we don't know if any of our sewer problems are exacerbated by the storm runoff. We have $50,000 coming to use through the County, through our sales tax. This is new. The County is sharing this windfall with the 18 towns; they are expecting 1.8 million dollars. We are receiving $125,000 dollars we are putting $75,000 towards the Emergency Squad, and the remaining $50,000 towards this storm water grant. This is not funds from the tax payers, this was not included in our budget either. We were not sure of anything until after the budget process. This money is a bonus we got, so this has no expense to the taxpayers. We think the estimate of $50,000 is a reasonably accurate estimate. The estimate was derived from the cost of other assessments we have had done as well as with speaking to Beth Gillis, the Director of the LGLCRPB.

REQUEST TO APPROVE STORM WATER ASSESSMENT

RESOLUTION # 034-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve up to $50,000 dollars to complete a storm water assessment. This is the preliminary step in moving towards a storm water project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves up to $50,000 dollars to complete a storm water assessment. This is the preliminary step in moving towards a storm water project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
DULY ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood
ABSTAINED: Councilperson Miller (due to EMS conflict of interest)

DISCUSSION: NEW TRANSFER STATION FEES, EFFECTIVE 2/1/26

Supervisor Wood stated: We recently due to the Ice Storm experienced some problems at the Transfer Station. The compactors were frozen as well as some electrical issues. It did take several days to get that fixed, therefore the Transfer Station was closed during its regularly scheduled hours. We realize this was a big inconvenience especially to our business that generate a lot of refuse. In respect to this issue the town board has decided to delay the price increase for the Transfer Station until February 1st, 2026. We will also be posting an ad in the Sun Community tires regarding the price changes and the new effective date.

DISCUSSION: AED STATUS

Councilperson Miller stated: I am going to meet with Keith. EMS will have recommendations for the type of AED devices as well as the cases for them and the location of them. EMS will also be the ones to manage the AED's, we will do the monthly checks for the batteries, pads and other items that require it, as well as the reports needed if the AED is used. There also needs to be a medical director established. I found a company that does this, for the nominal price of around $100 annually per AED. I think that is very reasonable. EMS will be holding training for citizens free of charge, if the person would like an ID card stating

their status as being trained, there is a cost to that. We also would like to hold CPR classes as well. Anyone who is interested we are highly encouraging anyone who is interested to contact EMS for the training, the more the merrier.

DISCUSSION: TOWN COURT

Supervisor Wood stated: I have a letter from the Honorable Kris Singh the District Administrative Judge for the Fourth Judicial District. It was ordered that the honorable Richard Carpenter is assigned to the Schroon Town court to assist in the adjudication of matters there, effective January 1,2026 through February 28, 2026, unless sooner terminated by Administrative Order. This is in addition to his other duties in Moriah Town Court. I believe he is only doing traffic tickets but he did 150 last week in 3 hours. That should get things caught up. We have been trying to get this December 6th 2022 when we asked for help. Hopefully we will be in better shape in the court after this.

Councilperson Gero stated: will he be giving us regular updates

Supervisor Wood stated: I hope so, we will defiantly be getting updates or reports I do not know the schedule.

Councilperson Miller stated: is 150 tickets a lot?

Supervisor Wood stated: I do not have this in writing but supposably we are either the first or second busiest court in Essex County. We have 30 miles on the Northway.

Councilperson Williams stated: can I ask a question? The tickets are important because we get income as a Town, correct?

Supervisor Wood stated: yes. The States gets some as well.

DISCUSSION: SLA TO PRESENT INFORMATION AT 5:30PM BEFORE FEBRUARY MEETING – WAKE BOATS ON SL

Supervisor Wood stated: there will be an informational presentation before the February meeting at 5:30 PM by the SLA regarding Wake Boats on Schroon Lake

DISCUSSION: FINAL TOWN BOARD REVIEW OF RLF 1/13/26 AT 9AM

Supervisor Wood stated: There will be a special Town Board meeting on 1/13/26 at 9AM for a Revolving Loan Fund Workshop. Hopefully this will be the last workshop meeting to get the Revolving Loan Fund back up and running.

DISCUSSION: STR

Supervisor Wood stated: this was not on the agenda but it was something interesting that was up at the county today. The Weighs and Measures department said today that there are 1485 short term rentals registered with the County. The County chose a company called Deckard Technology to start monitoring the short-term rentals. We have talked about having a moratorium here on short term rentals. With this I am glad that we did do that yet because it appears things may be changing a little at the County level. Enforcement is the main problem everywhere. The conversation today was about the County trying to figure out their plan of action, a thought was to maybe have one county wide department that manages the short-term rentals. It was just an idea; nothing is planned yet. We are all trying to figure out how to manage these.

Councilperson Gero stated: this has been a tough winter. This young man right here, from equipment failures and being shorthanded, Joe has done an amazing job. We appreciate all their hard work, the entire Highway Crew. (applause)

Councilperson Williams stated: I have had the opportunity to go around and meet everyone and meet with the departments. This Town, and our employees are unbelievable. Erica over there, the Board our office staffs, they do so much work its incredible. I want to encourage everyone to get involved. One suggestion I had was to offer a public participation section at the end of the meeting. If questions arise after hearing what's up for discussion, allowing the public to speak one more time. Another thing I want to see us work on is public relations.

Councilperson Gero stated: can I expand on that for a minute? I met with the Adirondack Explorer, a few of us did. They want to do as much as they can to talk about Schroon, things related to our community. This could be positive way to get some of our stuff out there.

THANK YOU TO ETHAN THOMPSON, RICK GERO, TOWN STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS FOR COMPLETING HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

THANK YOU TO ETHAN THOMPSON FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF THE RAILINGS AT THE TOWN HALL

THANK YOU TO HIGHWAY AND PARKS CREW FOR THEIR WORK DURING THE ICE STORM

ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:15 PM
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

With no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM, carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted by
Erica Hedden
Town Clerk