Schroon Lake Special Town Board Meeting **February 2, 2026**
Held at the Town Hall **3:00 P.M**

Present:
Town Supervisor: Meg Wood
Councilpersons: Richard Gero, David Williams, Leanna Welch, Steve Miller
Town Clerk: Erica Hedden
Also Present:

Supervisor Wood called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. with a salute to the Flag.

Public Participation: None

REQUEST TO APPROVE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MEO TRAINEE HIRE
RESOLUTION # 035-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WILLIAMS
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the hiring of Travis Fish as MEO Trainee, grade 3 at $20.21 /hour, effective 02/04/2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the hiring of Travis Fish as MEO Trainee, grade 3 at $20.21 /hour, effective 02/04/2026.
DULY ADOPTED FEBRUARY 2, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE HIGHWAY TO START THE PURCHASE OF A CAB AND CHASSIS
RESOLUTION # 036-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve Highway Superintendent Joe Flores to start the process of purchasing a Cab and Chassis ordered for a new plow/dump truck and to use the funds approved in the 2026 Budget from State Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves Highway Superintendent Joe Flores to start the process of purchasing a Cab and Chassis ordered for a new plow/dump truck and to use the funds approved in the 2026 Budget from State Contract.
DULY ADOPTED FEBRUARY 2, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0
AYES: Councilpersons Miller, Williams, Gero, Welch, Supervisor Wood

REQUEST TO APPROVE FUNDS TRANSFER BETWEEN BUILDINGS & GROUNDS AND HIGHWAY FOR THE PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY'S USED SKID STEER
RESOLUTION # 037-2026
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON MILLER
WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon seeks to approve the funds transfer from General Fund for Buildings and Grounds to Highway for Building and Grounds to purchase the Highways used Skid steer and all accessories for $10,000.00. Accessories include, snowblower, broom and bucket.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Schroon hereby approves the funds transfer from General Fund for Buildings and Grounds to Highway for Building and Grounds to purchase the Highways used Skid steer and all accessories for $10,000.00. Accessories include, snowblower, broom and bucket.
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DISCUSSION: RETAINING CHRIS AND SCOTT CLARK'S SERVICES FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Highway Superintendent Flores stated: I would like to bring in Chris and Scott Clark to help get the engine in that we purchased in July. I have had to pull our mechanic off of that job and put him into truck to help with plowing because we have been so short staffed. I would like permission to bring in mechanics so we can get this engine in and start using the truck.

Councilperson Gero stated: I agree, this is a maintenance issue, and we need to get that engine back in. I know Tyler can do it and it's not his fault that he was needed elsewhere. The highway crew has been so short staffed and yet, they are all doing an excellent job and nothing has fallen through the cracks because of their diligence. Yes, let's get some hands in here so we can get this task done, get that truck back in service and continue with the great work you and your staff do.

Supervisor Wood stated: yes, this is a maintenance issue, so we can move forward with this without a resolution.

Councilperson Gero stated: I also want to add, I do not want to hear any backlash or complaints about having to bring in help for this. Tyler has been pulled off of this task and pulled in 100 other directions. This is to help get this done, so we can get all our trucks back up and running. Joe, if you hear anything or any comments, please be sure to share with them the circumstances that led us up to this. That in order to keep our roads clear and safe, it was all hands-on deck, including the mechanic. He can't do what he hasn't been given the time to do.

DISCUSSION: PUBLIC COMPLAINTS, SUGGESTIONS AND COMPLIMENTS

Supervisor Wood stated: I would like to state that if someone from the public wishes to complain, suggest or compliment any member of our staff things that we have done, I encourage them to do so in person. It is very difficult to address issues when I hear things like "people say" or "they wish to remain anonymous". A complaint will remain confidential, but I feel like personally if someone is not willing to put their name on it, then it wasn't that big of a problem to them. I can't solve problems that "people" have, but I can address problems that individuals have or groups of people have. I have an open-door policy in regards to these issues. Please come and see me in my office and we can discuss and address your issues.

DISCUSSION: GOLF COURSE CONCESSION STAND

Councilperson Welch stated: I have recently been contacted by a gentleman who wanted to inquire about a concession stand at the golf course. He owns a restaurant already and also enjoys playing at our course, and he would love to combine the two. He merely asked me if I thought the Town would be receptive to such a proposal.

Supervisor Wood stated: Of course, he is more then welcome to submit a proposal to the Town Board. It's been a while since we have had anything there. He is welcome to take a look at the facility, but he would need to give us a full proposal. The golf course committee can meet regarding this and hear him out and then we can go from there.

DISCUSSION: TRANSFER STATION

Councilperson Gero stated: How is things going at the transfer station?

Supervisor Wood stated: I have a call into Jeff about Serkil. I know when the containers are pulled out, everything is busy but I think we should do everything at once. When they come to pull the containers out, that is the perfect time for the employees at the transfer station to go in and sweep it out. It couldn't possibly take more then 30 minutes. We can see if it's better to have them come in early, 730 and pay them overtime in the morning while Serkil is there or we can see if they prefer to do it afterhours at 4 to 430, and again we would pay overtime rather than adjust anyone's hours or the opening/closing of the transfer station. The later option might be more preferable. I want to make sure with Serkil that we know in advance when they are coming.

Councilperson Williams stated: In order to clean out the stuff in the dumpster you have to have a third person?

Supervisor Wood stated: no, it's the compactors. The trash goes down the shoot and gets compacted, when the trailers are full Serkil comes. All Serkil does is move garbage. They unhook, and while they unhook and before they push in a new empty trailer, stuff falls to the ground. Using the loader, an employee can scoop up what falls out and puts it into the bin. When the container is out, it is not a confined space.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

Councilperson Gero moved a motion to go into executive session at 4:00 PM for discussion of appointment seconded by Councilperson Welch.

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WILLIAMS

Councilperson Gero moved a motion to come out of executive session at 4:26 PM, seconded by Councilperson Williams. No decisions were made while in executive session.

ADJOURN MEETING AT 5:25PM
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON

With no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 5:25PM, carried unanimously

Erica Hedden
Town Clerk