Schroon Lake Special Town Board Meeting **February 20, 2026**
Held at the Town Hall **9:00 A.M**

Present:

Town Supervisor:	Meg Wood	
Councilpersons:	Richard Gero, David Williams, Leanna Welch	Steve Miller - Absent
Town Clerk:	Erica Hedden	
Also Present:	John Swinton, Pete Johnson	

Supervisor Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with a salute to the Flag.

Review Income and Expense for 2025

Supervisor Wood stated: We have our lists here of our revenues and expenses. The only thing that jumps out at me is the Direct TV.

John Swinton stated: Do you want my opinion on it? The clubhouse does not get used for what it is, and I do not see how it benefits the Golf Course. I don't see if being justifiable to have Direct TV in there. I understand we have to have Wifi, I do not know if that's part of the package?

Supervisor Wood stated: no, it is not. We get Wifi for free up there from SLIC, so Direct TV is just an extra expense. Is there anything else?

Councilperson Williams stated: I am new here so I have a lot of questions. We are looking at 2025, is this a typical year? Does this reflect the "Norm".

Supervisor Wood stated: This was a very good year for the Golf Course. There have been years in the past where expenses have well exceeded revenues. This year we almost broke even; this was a really good year. We have been seeing a trend that it seems every year we get close and close to breaking even. All the hard work Ethan and John have put into the course; it shows in the revenues.

Pete Johnson stated: I am curious how many more or less members we have now because of the increase in the membership prices. I know we have lost some members to attrition but I think there are some people who did not renew their membership due to the price increase.

John Swinton stated: I have talked with a lot of people about this and my answer to them is "I'm not free, chemicals aren't free, equipment's not free, everything is going up" We are trying to make this course the best course we can.

Councilperson Gero stated: I couldn't agree with you more. We have worked very hard on the course, you and Ethan and from where the course was to where it is now, is night and day. We have an excellent course and that takes money to get it there and to keep it there. The amount of time that Ethan and John have put into that place, I know.

Pete Johnson stated: to be clear, no one was saying that the course is not worth it, just that the increase was steep for one year.

Councilperson Welch stated: this year we did well but we are still in the red. The Golf Course revenue is still $3,000 below its expenses, which is one of the best years we have had a in a long time, but still in the negative.

Supervisor Wood stated: we have 81 members, out of 1,880 people in town according to the census. Those people are all paying taxes to support a golf course that they do not use. Yes, many of the people who hold memberships are also tax payers but they use the course. This is a huge asset that not many towns have.

Councilperson Williams stated: Compared to some to the other town courses, when I got done coaching, this course went up to another level. These guys work so hard, this is their "baby" I see them out there playing in the evening and you'll see something to fix and the next day they are working on it. Where do you find that kind of commitment? The quality, compared to other town courses, there is no comparison.

Supervisors Wood stated: another thing to keep in mind is the continued work that needs to take place. There are some repairs that need to take place at the club house, the club house itself needs work and the retaining wall needs work. The goal is to have all these departments be able to cover their expenses, but the repairs coming up, are going to exceed our revenues.

Maintenance Schedule

Supervisor Wood stated: the maintenance all depends on weather.

Season Dates

3rd Week May (Friday 15th or Friday May 22nd) through Columbus Day, Monday October 12th

Supervisor Wood stated: we hope to be open the week before Memorial Day.

John Swinton stated: I would love to be open early May, additionally this year I would like to talk about maybe opening the clubhouse a little earlier and staying open a little later. I think it would be beneficial to be able to allow more time on the course after working hours. People don't want to come to play golf for a quick game when the courses closes at 7. They want to be able to take their time especially because it stays light out for so much longer in the summer.

Supervisor Wood stated: that all depends on if we can find staff coverage for the extra hours, but I think we can see if our employees are interested in that, as long as we can find consistent coverage. We will look into it.

Staff

Supervisor Wood stated: We want to have a plan for our workers. We are going to have another meeting in the next couple of weeks for our golf course staff. we want to establish who is coming back and who is not. What hours everyone is willing or able to work.

John Swinton stated: we have some of our older kids last year that are moving on to other things as they graduate and move on. So, we are definitely looking for some new staff members. I want to stress that I love working with these kids but I need kids that are motivated. I am not a baby sitter; I need kids that I can give them as task and they can work independently. I have a couple kids in mind from Crown Point that

I know well. I know first and foremost we want to try and find some local kids but if we can't I do have a couple kids from Crown Point that are interested.

Tournaments

Beck Tournament Weekend before Father's Day, June 13-14, 2026
Ritson Tournament is the first weekend in August

Course Rates Set by Resolution
10/21/25 PROPOSED – $25.00 – 9 HOLES
$45.00 – 18 HOLES
$20.00 – 9 HOLE CART
$25.00 – 18 HOLE CART
MEMBERSHIP – NO CHANGE

Proposed Improvements

John Swinton stated: I would like the board to consider potentially purchasing our own golf carts. I think we could start small, buy 5. Then that is 5 less carts we need to lease, then the following year purchase 5, and so forth and so forth. Once we have a fleet, we can save on the lease contract. I understand then we have maintenance but I personally think those carts require very little maintenance, they ware pretty simple machines. Every year we do get someone that does something crazy on one and causes damage, but we can have them sign a waiver.

Set Regular Staff Meeting for March or April
To be Scheduled

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

Supervisor Wood moved a motion to go into executive session at 12:00 PM for discussion of appointment seconded by Councilperson Welch.

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

Councilperson Gero moved a motion to come out of executive session at 12:48 PM, seconded by Councilperson Welch. No decisions were made while in executive session.

ADJOURN MEETING AT 12:49PM
INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSON GERO
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON WELCH

With no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 12:49PM, carried unanimously

Erica Hedden
Town Clerk