

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012
WOLCOTT TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Note: These are summary minutes. A tape recording of this meeting is on file in Wolcott Town Hall, Commission Secretary's Office.

Chairman Larson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Larson, Greg Solocius, Chris Vastola, Anthony Marino and Michael Perrone

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: David Caisse, Golf Superintendent and Craig Kealey, Golf Pro Consultant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- November 26, 2012 Regular Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Chris Vastola, seconded by Anthony Marino, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2012 regular meeting with one abstention from Michael Perrone.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Larson informed the commission members that the mailing of the season passes were sent out. He also added that the Women's and Men's Association included their flyer with their season pass mailing.

PUBLIC REQUEST LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were none.

GOLF PRO/CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

Mr. Kealey informed the commission that he has nothing to report.

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GOLF SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Caisse was present to report that their 1989 tractor needs a lot of work. He pointed out that the clutch was fixed about 12 years ago; it needs a couple of clutches it is all apart now. He added that they are fixing it in house to save money but they need parts and he needs Mr. Vastola to stop down at which time Mr. Vastola replied he will be here. He noted that Fred is trying to see if they could get parts. He noted that this machine does alot of work for them and they need one.

Chairman Larson added if they were to replace that unit it would be about \$40,000.00.

Mr. Caisse noted that the hydraulic fluid would cost at least \$500.00. He said that hopefully when the dealer calls they will get an idea to let them know.

He noted that the break down by the 4th green is all set. He stated that Cris Irrigation came in and did a good job. He hopes when they turn the system on it will be ok; they are pretty sure it is all set.

He also added that they cut the trees on the 4th tee. He said they are still up in the air if they are going to loam and seed it; they will know more in the spring. He also added that they are getting their work done inside. He also noted that they have a lot of vacation time left and they will be taking it.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Review of Line Items.

Mr. Vastola stated that he has an invoice for Cris Irrigation in the amount of \$800.00 and an invoice for Paul Tiso in the amount of \$500.00 for pulling out the pumps.

Chairman Larson said the only thing he has on the financial end is that he is looking for a motion to accept the payment identified under Mrs. Bruce's tutelage and Mrs. Hale to pay the Pro an amount.

Mr. Perrone inquired if it was for a calendar year at which time Chairman Larson advised Mr. Perrone it is per season.

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Chairman Larson said he would like to congratulate the Pro and he means; it and he does great work there.

After a brief discussion the following motion was made:

Upon **MOTION** by Chris Vastola, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to authorize the payment of the cart bonus money to Craig Kealey effective to last week's calculation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Expansion project

Chairman Larson stated that he does not have anything to discuss regarding the expansion project.

- Bids for new pump

Chairman Larson stated that they put out the bid for the new pump system and they received 3 formal bids; DAF, J. Miller and Watertronics and at the last meeting he noted that neither Mr. Perrone nor Mr. Marino were present. He also stated that they voted to award the contract to Jeff Miller. He indicated that it was the recommendation by Mr. Caisse and Mr. Carey even though he was not the low bidder, he is local. However, in reviewing the specifications of each bid, and some language in the charter that Mrs. Bruce pointed out to him today and he has to thank Mrs. Bruce for her work and effort on this to make sure everything is ok. He added that she gave him a copy of ordinance #75, at which time he handed to the commission members which establishes the guidelines (see attached). He informed the commission members what has happened was that some of the specifications were not addressed properly in Mr. Miller's bid. He wasn't the highest bidder and he wasn't the lowest bidder and as a result his bid is disqualified. He added that he had a long talk with the Mr. Carey and Mr. Caisse today.

He also stated that depending on Mrs. Bruce and Joe Smith's review they will determine which one of the vendor's best meets the specifications.

Mr. Solocius inquired if Mr. Miller could rebid, at which time Mr. Larson the bid is done now.

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Mr. Perrone inquired if they could go back to the financial report at which time he inquired if they could receive the trial balance sheets from last year to this year.

Chairman Larson noted that their cash position is still in the positive and they just sent out the season passes.

Chairman Larson said he has one item to take them into executive session.

Mr. Perrone pointed out that he was reading the minutes for the last meeting and they voted on the rates for next year which he stated was fine but there was a motion to keep the special rates at a certain level for next year and the Monday "lunch special" was \$19.95 and they made a motion to increase it to \$24.95" and he was wondering why they voted on it because and he and Mr. Marino worked on it and they weren't at the meeting to voice their concerns.

Chairman Larson said they could revisit again if it is necessary. They were ready to vote on it and they haven't published anything regarding the Monday specials.

Mr. Vastola pointed out that they discussed the carts for Saturday and Sundays and the leagues but they didn't vote on it.

Chairman Larson said the issue is increasing speed of play that they would institute a policy of carts on weekends and Tuesday and Thursday night no walkers during that time. They did discuss it. At which time Mr. Kealey said in terms of every league.

Mr. Perrone noted that they are a public golf course; his concern is could they mandate carts only.

Chairman Mr. Larson said yes, they could set up some rules and say between the hours 6:30 and 11:30 on weekend tee times they could institute that or for the whole day.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were none.

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PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were none.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon **MOTION** by Chris Vastola, seconded by Greg Solocius it was unanimously voted to enter into executive session to discuss contractual and personnel issues at 7:10 p.m., with Robert Larson, Chris Vastola, Greg Solocius, Michael Perrone and Anthony Marino in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Chris Vastola, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:40p.m.

APPROVED:

Chairman Robert Larson
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION

Dolores Distiso
COMMISSION SECRETARY