

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013
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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: Chairman Robert Larson, Vice-Chairman Greg Solocius, Anthony Marino, Chris Vastola and Michael Perrone

MEMBERS ABSENT: Craig Kealey, Golf Pro

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Cullen, Facilities Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- August 26, 2013 Regular Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Greg Solocius, seconded by Anthony Marino, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the August 26, 2013 regular meeting. Michael Perrone abstained due to absence.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Solocius informed the commission members that they received Analysis Report from Northwest Environmental Water Labs and they meet the U.S. EPA primary drinking water standards and the U.S. EPA secondary drinking water standards (see attached).

PUBLIC REQUEST LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were none.

GOLF PRO/CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

No report given.

FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Cullen was present to report that the issue with the dump truck is rectified and Mr. Kalinowski was kind enough to pay for the new steering box,

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stabilizer bar and the emergency brake cable from their maintenance equipment line item. He also noted that the cost for that was \$1,200.00. Since then, the brake vacuum pump and pulley went and that will be replaced and the cost for us is \$351.00. Also, the hatch plate rotted off and Mr. Kalinowski was kind enough to have Art Decelle's look at it and see if he could weld it back on.

He also mentioned the shutting down of the irrigation system. He asked Mr. Kalinowski if they could borrow the highway compressor and he said they could use it if it is available. In the meantime, he went down to Superior Products to let them know that they might have to rent one, so he reserved one just in case. He noted that the rental of this equipment for two days will be \$316.00; but next month he will know if they need it.

Chairman Larson mentioned in the past they have rented because the town's wasn't strong enough.

Mr. Cullen also noted that they have a couple of projects that they are doing and they want to start them. Again, Mr. Kalinowski was kind enough to allow them to use the bucket truck and wood chipper to do some trimming on the golf course.

Mr. Vastola inquired if they had any plans to cut or trim the trees on the 6th and the 15th tee, at which time Mr. Cullen replied not in the immediate future but he can make a note of it and check it out. He also added that there are a lot of trees that have to be trimmed. He also mentioned that he has been talking with Mr. Kalinowski about an operator for the bucket truck.

- ProCore

Mr. Cullen noted that that he received the quote for the new ProCore 648 as requested by Mr. Vastola. He added that the cost for that piece of equipment is \$23,234.40 (see attached).

Mr. Vastola pointed out that the only reason why he wanted a quote for the new one was he wanted to know how much it would cost to repair the old one as opposed to buying a new one.

Mr. Cullen noted that he asked Jim Carey to look at the old one and he did and he actually has it back together but they haven't tried it. He is not sure what is wrong with it.

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Mr. Vastola pointed out that there is not much time on their machine, at which time Mr. Cullen added that his piece of equipment is 20 years old. Mr. Vastola said in the past they have rented the equipment for that.

Chairman Larson suggested that they test it and see if it works.

Mr. Solocius inquired what the vendor charges for irrigation, at which time Mr. Cullen replied about \$2,000.00 to aerate the greens.

Mr. Cullen informed the commission members that the process is that they do one green at a time.

Mr. Vastola pointed out that nine; one, and the putting green look fine.

Chairman Larson inquired if they have tested the equipment since Mr. Carey put it back together, at which time Mr. Cullen said they could probably do that.

Mr. Vastola inquired who the manufacturer is, at which time Mr. Cullen replied Toro. Mr. Vastola added that they could call the manufacturer to see if there are parts available for their equipment.

Mr. Cullen indicated that he can test it.

Mr. Marino pointed out that maybe a Toro repair shop could refurbish it and requested an estimate to rebuild it, at which time Chairman Larson said that's another answer.

- Signs

Mr. Cullen noted that he received pictures of the sign and he spoke with Mr. DiNunzio and he said he would pay for part of it. He said that he had an original price to redo the sign and the cost was \$4,000.00 (see attached).

Chairman Larson said that was Danny's sign and they placed their own sign at the golf course. Also there is nothing in his contract about the sign.

The commission had a brief discussion and the commission decided not to do the sign.

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The commission members had a lengthy discussion with Mr. Cullen regarding various projects pertaining to the golf course and recommended that they look into doing one project at a time.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Review of Line Items.

No report given.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Toiletries

Mr. Solocius indicated that he didn't have a chance to go through the papers that he received.

Chairman Larson noted that they will have to look this over during the winter months.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Larson informed the commission members that new business relates to the hiring of a new Greens keeper III and they did place their ad and they would like to review the applications in executive session.

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 personnel

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matters at 7:45 p.m., with Robert Larson, Chris Vastola, Greg Solocius, Michael Perrone and Anthony Marino in attendance and inviting Jim Cullen.

Chairman Larson called the meeting back to order at 8:45 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Chris Vastola, seconded by Michael Perrone, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

**Chairman Robert Larson
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION**

**Dolores Distiso
COMMISSION SECRETARY**