

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014
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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 6:00 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Robert Larson, Joan Kane and Paul Garland

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice-Chairman Greg Solocius and Lou Polzella

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Cullen, Facilities Administrator and Craig Kealey, Golf Pro

ALSO ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- February 24, 2014 Regular Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Joan Kane, seconded by Paul Garland, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the February 24, 2014 regular meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

PUBLIC REQUEST LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were none.

GOLF PRO/CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

No report given.

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FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Cullen was present to update the commission that the dead bolts were installed on the outside doors. The chemical storage area has been painted and the shelves have been installed in that area. They reorganized the locker room and the bathroom. He indicated that the outside walls of that area have been done over with a maintenance free vinyl. He added that the crew did a great job.

He informed the commission members that Jim Staszowski from Toro will be coming Wednesday the 12th for a discussion and presentation of their product "reel sharpen and knife grinder". He noted he will be there at 10:00 a.m.

Also, Mark Osborne from Wylland Company was asked to give them a quote on their product which was ten days ago and he hasn't received anything from him yet. Chairman Larson inquired what his product is. Mr. Cullen indicated that he has a different kind of grinder; it Peerless.

Mr. Cullen mentioned that one of the carts is down and they are trying to figure out what is wrong with it. He inquired if the maintenance agreement on their new fleet covers this under their warrantee.

Mr. Garland pointed out that he spoke with the Pro today and he is going to take a look at them. He added that it depends on what the issue is; otherwise they will have to bill them. He also added that the Pro placed a request for Hawks Golf to come.

Mr. Kealey added that they will bring a couple of batteries with them, at which time Mr. Cullen said it is not the battery, it just won't start.

Chairman Larson said he would like to pass on a compliment. They appreciate the effort that Mr. Cullen put in on the renovation and refurbishing of the Maintenance Center and his own time that he put in.

Also, Mr. Garland commented that he appreciated what Mr. Cullen had done. He pointed out the he brought in all of his personal equipment to reconstruct everything.

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Mr. Cullen thanked the commission, at which time Chairman Larson added that they appreciated it.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Review of Line Items.

Mr. Garland noted that the Town Council approved their transfer. He indicated that they will be paying some of their outstanding bills. He noticed that the chemicals came in, so they will be seeing an invoice soon. He noted that everything is running ok. He added that they ran short on their funding for their propane and the invoice was for \$1,010.00 so they had to transfer monies from one line item to another to cover the balance of that invoice.

Mrs. Kane inquired if the propane is a bid item, at which time Mr. Garland replied yes.

Chairman Larson mentioned that they needed the transfer so they could catch up and Mr. Garland agreed.

Chairman Larson pointed out that he is happy to report as of March 10th they collected \$71,765.00 on their season passes; which are 98 residents and 56 non-residents. He added that they are down by \$7,000.00. As he stated, their specials have an impact on this. He indicated that people are questioning whether they should purchase a season pass proposed to purchase a special weekday pass.

Mr. Garland pointed out that everybody is down not just them.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Grinder

Chairman Larson noted that they will not be discussing the grinder because they have a demonstration on Wednesday morning.

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- Specials

Chairman Larson said they will be discussing the specials at a later date.

Chairman Larson noted that at the last meeting they discussed the memorial around the 7th hole. He indicated that he has a correspondence which he handed to Mrs. Kane.

Also, he added that CIRMA has submitted their Risk Management Guidelines for Municipal Golf Courses. He noted that he just received this and he would like to read through it first and then he will sit with Mr. Cullen and Mr. Kealey.

Mrs. Kane pointed out that she has a correspondence on ways to improve on attendance. Her question is if they ever thought about coupons. She indicated that she has material from the internet. She noted that Pequabuck is offering \$59.00 for 18 holes, 2-4 cart rentals and up to 47% off. She wanted to know who does the web page and have they ever looked into some of these online sales.

Chairman Larson noted that they discussed it but they haven't taken any formal action.

Chairman Larson said he has the business plan for the expansion project which was written in 2009 and he handed a copy to each commissioner. He noted that he would like the commission members to read it. He added that they should talk about this again with the Mayor and the Town Council.

Mrs. Kane pointed out that her friend Mary Kelly was appointed to the Industrial Development Commission. At their meeting Mrs. Kelly spoke about the property on the side of the golf course. She added that Mrs. Kelly is looking at something for industrial development. She indicated that on Mrs. Kelly's commission side, which was one of the sites that the commission had in mind.

Chairman Larson noted that the Mayor has talked about utilizing that part of the land.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were none.

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PUBLIC REQUESTS**

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ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Paul Garland, seconded by Joan Kane, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

APPROVED:

**Chairman Robert Larson
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION**

**Dolores Distiso
COMMISSION SECRETARY**