

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 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.

Vice-Chairman Solocius called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chairman Greg Solocius, Lou Polzella, Paul Garland, Joan Kane and Chairman Robert Larson (arrived at 6:20pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Cullen, Facilities Administrator and Craig Kealey, Golf Pro (arrived at 6:30pm)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- July 28, 2014 Regular Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Joan Kane, seconded by Paul Garland, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the July 28, 2014 regular meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

PUBLIC REQUEST LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were none.

FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Cullen was present to update the commission on things that happened over the last couple of weeks. He noted that the following items had broken down.

- 1) Spray barrel

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He noted that the main pump went and they fixed it. He added that they were able to get main pump from Turf. He also added that he is not sure if they could get another one. He stated that the cost for that

part was \$1,100.00. He indicated that Mr. Carey put it back together. They tested it out and it is working. He also informed the commission that this piece of equipment is on its last leg and it could go at any time.

2) Dump Truck

He noted that they were trimming trees and the brakes went. He stated that all of the brakes lines were broken and rotted and they needed to be changed. He indicated that Auto Pro will be fixing it and they are locating the parts. Also, Mr. Kalinowski said Public Works will take care of the cost because they use that truck for plowing.

3) Utility vehicle

Also, the utility vehicle needed a new carburetor and new brakes, which was fixed by Club Car on Friday.

4) Ice Machine

The ice machine went down again; they called the vendor and he said it needed a float valve which was under warrantee. They ordered the part. He added that they recommended that it should be serviced every spring and the cost for that is about \$250.00.

5) Big Boy and Toro Mower 382

These pieces of equipment had minor issues; belts, and blades on both and that has been rectified and they are up and running.

He also informed the commission members that Friday the 14th another cart was stolen out of the bin. They took it for a joy ride on the 5th and they tried to drive it into the woods on the 6th fairway; it got caught on a tree stump which tore the bottom up.

Mr. Garland advised that the cost for that is \$1,000.00.

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Mr. Cullen added that they rechained it again. The police were called and a report was made. He indicated that they might have to look at the camera issue again.

He stated that they have been doing some improvements; tree trimming, 3rd tee left side, tee renovations on the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 17th, also they hit part of 1 and redid 4th on the left side.

Also, John Cullen and Fred Carey have been checking and testing the irrigation system. They bought parts for the ones that leak. They informed him that one gate valve broke on the 4th fairway which is dug up now and they cannot do anything with that until the fall because they have to shut down the system and drain it. He added that it might be something for Chris Irrigation to do.

Mrs. Kane pointed out that she received an email from Barbara Belval stating that she is tired of having balls coming at her head and there's nothing indicating it on the cards.

Mr. Pozella said there is a sign on the 2nd tee for people to read. He stated that he had an incident on Saturday and he told the guys. He noted that due to the number of people that they have out there, they make mistakes and it is going to be very hard to take care of this and they would need somebody out there.

Mr. Cullen pointed out that they need a ranger out there. He said they have been really busy and there is only a starter there.

Mr. Solocius pointed out that they order the cards every year and they could place that on the new cards.

Mr. Polzella asked Mr. Cullen if they could fix the area in front of the 13th tee because the brush is getting high.

Chairman Larson arrived at 6:20pm.

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

Review of Line Items

Mr. Garland said he has nothing much to report tonight. He noted that Group on deposited another \$383.00 last week. He added that he took it down for two weeks and he is going to put it back on in another week. Also, they will run it through the winter time for Christmas gifts.

Chairman Larson pointed out they have been having success with the programs that they are running now.

Mr. Garland noted that the gentleman that had an accident with one of their carts agreed to pay for the damages that he had done. The total cost for that was \$683.50.

GOLF PRO/CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

Mr. Kealey was present and he apologized for his tardiness. He said the golf course is continuing to do very well. He noted that they are well on their way to their third consecutive month of doing an excess of \$60,000.00. He said he has a concern with the carts getting damaged. The commission members had a brief discussion about how they could monitor these issues.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

Upon **MOTION** by Greg Solocius, seconded by Joan Kane, it was unanimously voted to **proceed** with the rangers and the cart control plan.

OLD BUSINESS

- TV System and 2 pieces of capital equipment

Chairman Larson noted that he has nothing to report. He added that he will speak with the Mayor on this.

NEW BUSINISS:

Chairman Larson informed the commission members that Dick Mansfield from Economic Development spoke to him and said they would like to come

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to a meeting. He added that they are interested in utilizing some of the land that they purchased to see if they could come up with any ideas for recreational development. He also added that he has maps on that property. Chairman Larson said he will follow up with them.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were none.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon **MOTION** by Lou Polzella, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to enter into **executive session** to discuss contractual matters at 6:55 p.m., with Robert Larson, Greg Solocius, Joan Kane, Lou Polzella and Paul Garland in attendance.

Upon **MOTION** by Paul Garland, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to **approve** modifications to Mr. Cullen's contract.

Chairman Larson called the meeting back to order at 7:10pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Paul Garland, seconded by Lou Polzella, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

**Chairman Robert Larson
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION**

**Dolores Distiso
COMMISSION SECRETARY**