

**CITY OF RYE
1051 BOSTON POST ROAD
RYE, NY 10580
AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

Please note: The Council will convene at 5:30 p.m. and it is expected they will adjourn into Executive Session at 5:31 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, personnel matters, and pending contracts.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call.
3. Draft unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held January 24, 2024.
4. Flooding update.
5. Consideration to amend the 2024 Adopted Fees and Charges for the Rye Golf Club.
6. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to transfer \$300,000 from Rye Golf Club's Reserve Account to the Rye Golf Club Project Account for phase 1 of the Club's Bunker Renovation Project.
7. Members of the public may be heard on matters for Council consideration that do not appear on the agenda.
8. Consideration of a request from the Rye Historical Society to close Haviland Lane for Rye History Day on June 1, 2024, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.
9. Consideration of a request from the Rye Historical Society to have 1 or 2 food trucks on Haviland Lane for Rye History Day on June 1, 2024, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.
10. Old Business/New Business.
11. Adjournment

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The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of
the City Council of the City of Rye held in City Hall on
January 24, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

JOSH COHN, Mayor
KEITH CUNNINGHAM
SARA GODDARD
JAMIE JENSEN
JOSHUA NATHAN
JULIE SOUZA
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

BILL HENDERSON
Councilperson

ALSO ATTENDING:

GREG USRY, CITY MANAGER
KRISTEN WILSON, CORPORATION COUNSEL
RYAN COYNE, CITY ENGINEER

The Council convened at 5:30 PM and entered into Executive Session at 5:31 P.M. to discuss pending litigation, personnel matters, and pending contracts. The Council reconvened in a public meeting at 6:48 P.M. The meeting was streamed live at www.ryeny.gov for public viewing.

1. [Pledge of Allegiance.](#)

Mayor Cohn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. [Roll Call.](#)

The Interim City Clerk called the roll and there was a quorum.

3. [Draft unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held January 10, 2024.](#)

On motion by Councilwoman Souza, seconded by Councilwoman Jensen, it was

RESOLVED to approve the draft unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held January 10, 2024.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Cunningham, Jensen, Nathan, Souza

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Mayor Cohn
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Goddard
ABSENT: Councilman Henderson

4. [Human Rights Commission Awards](#)

Rita Capek, Chair of the Human Rights Commission, presented the 2023 Human Rights Award to Sue Wexler, and the 2023 Rye Youth Human Rights Awards to Clara Reis and Paulina Tepan.

5. [Award Contract 2023-05 Sewer Main Spot Repair with CIPP Lining Project.](#)

On motion by Councilwoman Souza, seconded by Councilwoman Goddard, it was

RESOLVED to award the bid for Contract 2023-05 Sewer Main Spot Repair with CIPP Lining Project to Westmoreland Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$4,844,450.00.

Adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Cunningham, Goddard, Jensen, Nathan, Souza
Mayor Cohn
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilman Henderson

6. [Award Contract 2024-02 Modular Block Retaining Wall for Salt Shed \(materials only\).](#)

On motion by Councilwoman Souza, seconded by Councilwoman Goddard, it was

RESOLVED to award the bid for Contract 2024-02 Modular Block Retaining Wall for Salt Shed (materials only) to Mid-Hudson Concrete Products in the amount of \$80,825.00.

Adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Cunningham, Goddard, Jensen, Nathan, Souza
Mayor Cohn
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilman Henderson

7. [Members of the public may be heard on matters for Council consideration that do not appear on the agenda.](#)

The following members of the public spoke:

- Kent Iarocci, 5 Charlotte Street, spoke on job opportunities within the city's Historical Society.

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- Todd Ulrich, 20 Hillside Place, spoke on Nursery Field.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Consideration of a request from the Recreation Department for permission to close a section of Purchase Street for the 71st Annual Celebration of the Halloween Window Painting Event on Sunday, October 20, 2024.
- b) Consideration of a request by the Recreation Department to hold the Annual Food Truck Festival Saturday, September 7, 2024.
- c) Consideration of a request by the Recreation Department to hold the 47th Annual Turkey Run on Saturday, November 30, 2024.

On motion by Councilwoman Souza, seconded by Councilwoman Jensen, it was

RESOLVED to approve the Consent Agenda.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Cunningham, Goddard, Jensen, Nathan, Souza
Mayor Cohn
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Councilman Henderson

8. Old Business/New Business.

- a) On motion of Councilman Nathan, seconded by Councilwoman Goddard, it was

RESOLVED that the City Manager and City Engineer create a presentation/workshop at the City Council Meeting held on February 28th, 2024 regarding Nursery Field, with questions from the Council submitted to the City Manager in a timely fashion.

Adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Cunningham, Goddard, Jensen, Nathan
NAYS: Councilwoman Souza
Mayor Cohn
ABSENT: Councilman Henderson

- b) On motion of Mayor Cohn, seconded by Councilwoman Souza, it was

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RESOLVED that any questions that are to be asked leading up to the presentation are to be received 10 days prior to the meeting and are published by the City Manager as soon thereafter as possible.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilwoman Souza
Mayor Cohn
NAYS: Councilpersons Cunningham, Goddard, Nathan
ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Jensen
ABSENT: Councilman Henderson

The motion failed.

- c) Mayor Cohn appointed a “sub-committee” for the Master Plan/comprehensive plan, which was started back in 2020, and will consist of Mayor Cohn, Councilwoman Souza, and Councilwoman Goddard, to figure out where the Plan was left off, and figure out what consultant relationships may be appropriate, then reconvene with the Council and take it from there.

9. [Adjournment](#)

On motion of Councilwoman Souza, seconded by Councilman Nathan, with the Council in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Garritano
Interim City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Greg Usry, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Flooding update.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

February 7, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council hear the update.

IMPACT: ☒ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☒ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND:



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Greg Usry, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration to amend the 2024 Adopted Fees and Charges for the Rye Golf Club.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

February 7, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council consider amending the proposed new fees and charges for the Rye Golf Club.

IMPACT: ☒ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☒ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND: See attached memo and resolution.

CITY OF RYE

Golf Club



Interoffice Memorandum

To: City Council

From: Chris Correale

Date: January 31st 2024

Subject: 2024 revised resident membership dues

On January 30th the Rye Golf Club commission adopted revised membership dues in accordance with the resolution passed by the City Council on January 10th. Attached is the revised 2024 resident fee schedule.



2024 Resident Dues (revised)

	Resident	6% Increase over 2023 rates	<u>Total Revenue</u>
Comprehensive	251	\$ 5,479	\$ 1,375,229
Individual Daily Golf	213	\$ 3,781	\$ 805,353
Individual Weekday Golf	25	\$ 2,647	\$ 66,175
Young Executive	23	\$ 3,400	\$ 78,200
Golf Totals	512		
Individual Pool	48	\$ 926	\$ 44,448
Pool for 2	24	\$ 1,438	\$ 34,512
Family Pool	346	\$ 1,764	\$ 610,344
Pool Totals	418		

Operating Income/Loss

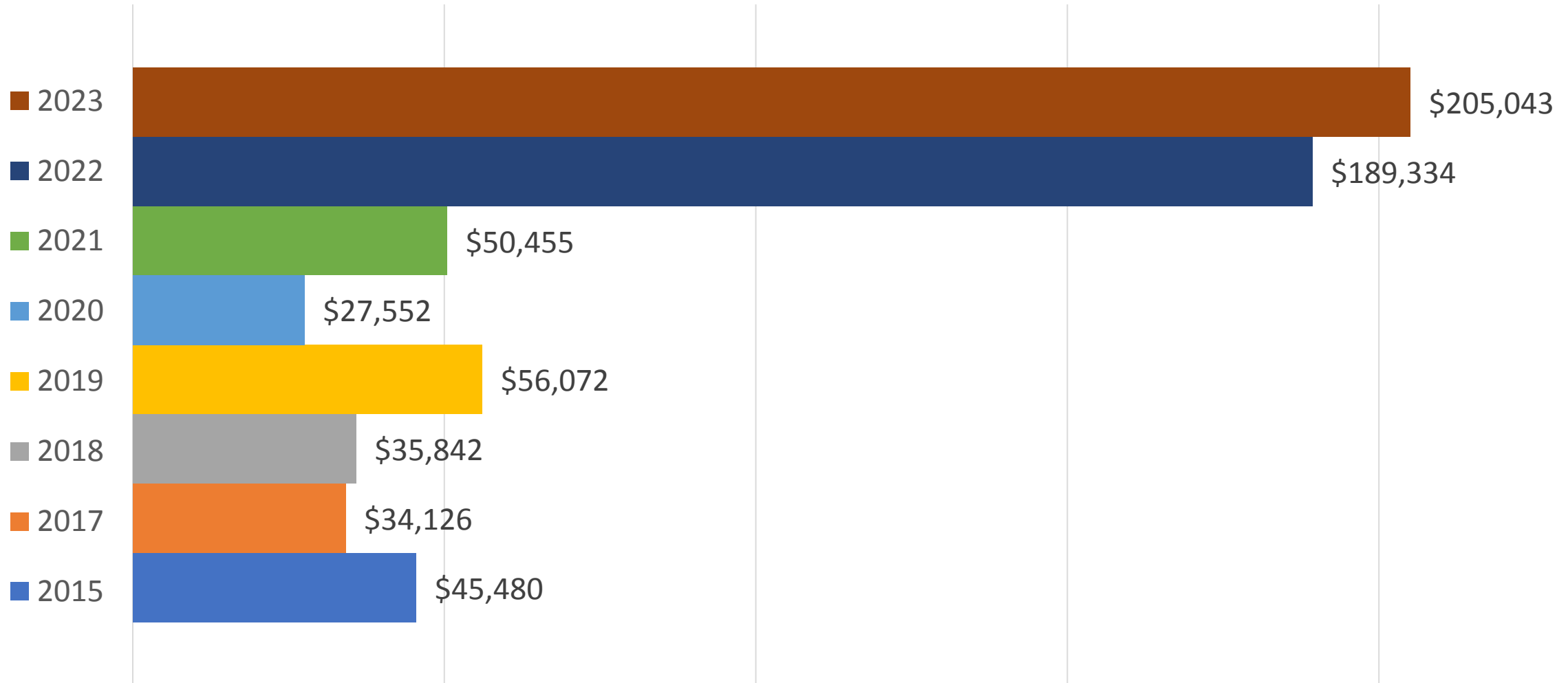
2018			2019			2020	
New Golf	\$ 325,166		New Golf	\$ 368,205		New Golf	\$ 310,805
New Pool	\$ 299,569		New Pool	\$ 266,112		New Pool	\$ 74,240
Renewing Golf	\$ 2,472,099		Renewing Golf	\$ 2,507,386		Renewing Golf	\$ 2,575,957
Renewing Pool	\$ 790,175		Renewing Pool	\$ 889,418		Renewing Pool	\$ 359,550
Lessings	\$ 344,496		Lessings	\$ 367,934		Lessings	\$ 198,871
Other (1)	\$ 687,203		Other (1)	\$ 737,238		Other (1)	\$ 368,656
Expenses	\$ (4,460,984)		Expenses	\$ (4,316,064)		Expenses	\$ (4,393,641)
Net Income	\$ 457,724		Net Income	\$ 820,229		Net Income	\$ (505,562)

2021			2022			2023	
New Golf	\$ 207,618		New Golf	\$ 593,080		New Golf	\$ 615,046
New Pool	\$ 346,315		New Pool	\$ 277,280		New Pool	\$ 239,282
Renewing Golf	\$ 2,721,477		Renewing Golf	\$ 2,753,652		Renewing Golf	\$ 3,018,581
Renewing Pool	\$ 695,897		Renewing Pool	\$ 838,815		Renewing Pool	\$ 807,290
Lessings	\$ 303,785		Lessings	\$ 738,543		Lessings	\$ 600,000
Other (1)	\$ 442,776		Other (1)	\$ 559,245		Other (1)	\$ 758,839
Expenses	\$ (4,441,385)		Expenses	\$ (4,267,276)		Expenses	\$ (4,795,266)
Net Income	\$ 276,483		Net Income	\$ 1,493,339		Net Income	\$ 1,243,772

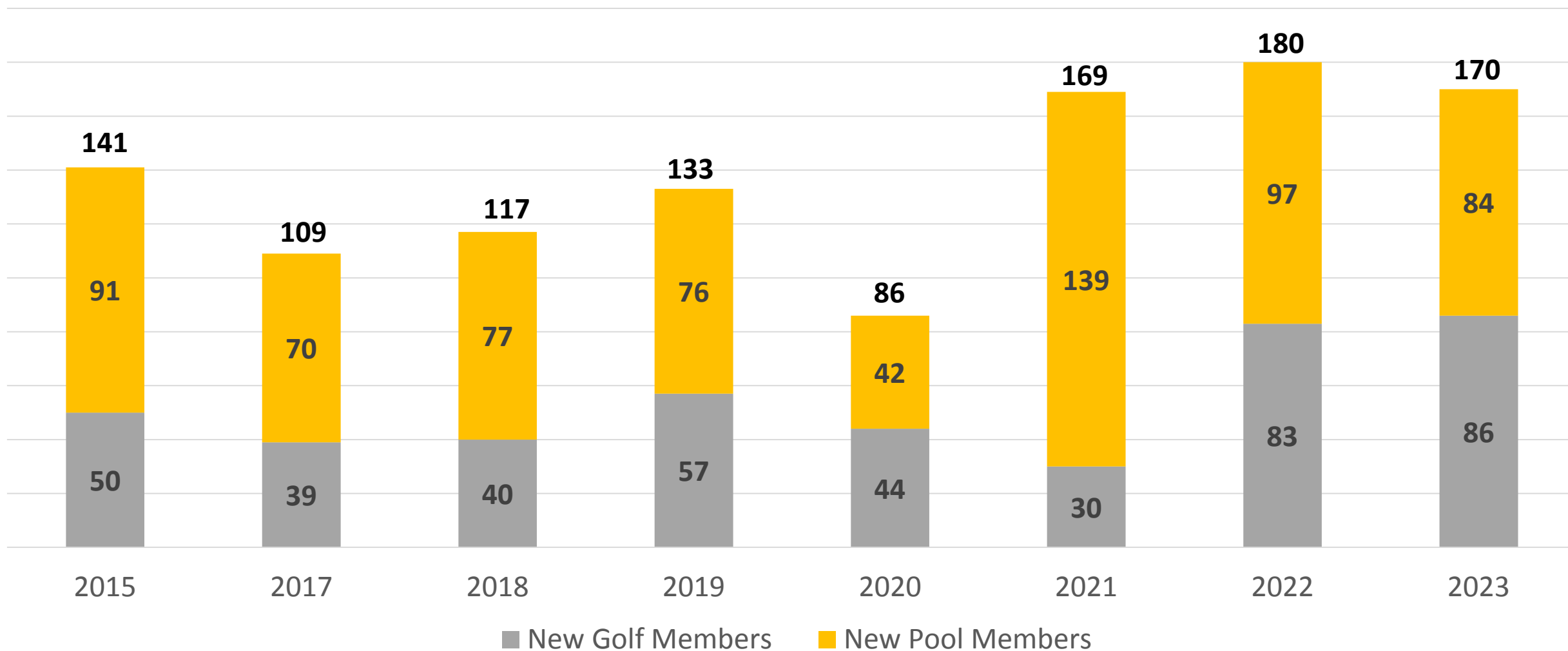
1) Includes Interest income, guest fees, cart rentals, outing fees, service fees, and swim team fees.



Total New Member Surplus \$



Total New Members



RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2024 ADOPTED FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE RYE GOLF CLUB

WHEREAS, the City of Rye owns and operates a municipal golf and pool facility at 330 Boston Post Road, Rye, N.Y., known as the Rye Golf Club;

WHEREAS, the prior City Council, on November 8, 2023, approved 2024 Rye Golf Club annual rates requiring **new Rye resident** members to pay considerably more than **renewing Rye resident** members within their same category of membership;

WHEREAS, the City Council, on January 10, 2024, approved a resolution to reverse the 2024 Rye Golf Club annual rates as they relate to **Rye resident annual memberships to ensure parity**; and to direct the City Manager and Rye Golf Club General Manager to work with the Rye Golf Club Commission to provide revised resident rates for 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Rye Golf Club General Manager and the Rye Golf Commission approved the attached new 2024 rates at its January 30, 2024 meeting, ensuring that **all Rye resident members**, both new and renewing, will be charged the same annual rate within their same category of membership;
2. The Rye City Manager ensures that the new proposed rate structure attached herein meets the requirements of the Rye Golf Enterprise Fund having a breakeven or surplus budget;

CITY OF RYE, NEW YORK
RYE GOLF CLUB ENTERPRISE FUND
ANNUAL BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

2024 Revised Resident Fee Schedule

Resident

		Increase over 2023 rates
Resident - Comprehensive	\$ 5,479.00	6%
Resident- Individual Daily Golf	\$ 3,781.00	6%
Resident- Individual Weekday Golf	\$ 2,647.00	6%
Resident -Young Executive	\$ 3,400.00	6%
Resident - Family Pool	\$ 1,764.00	6%
Resident- Individual Pool	\$ 926.00	6%
Resident - Pool For Two	\$ 1,438.00	6%



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Greg Usry, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

Consideration to authorize the City Manager to transfer \$300,000 from Rye Golf Club's Reserve Account to the Rye Golf Club Project Account for phase 1 of the Club's Bunker Renovation Project.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

February 7, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council consider authorize the City Manager to transfer the funds.

Resolved that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to transfer \$300,000 from Rye Golf Club's Reserve Account to the Rye Golf Club Project Account for phase 1 of the Club's Bunker Renovation Project.

IMPACT: ☒ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☒ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND: See attached memo from Golf Club General Manager, Chris Correale.



CITY OF RYE
Golf Club

Interoffice Memorandum

To: The Rye City Council

From: Chris Correale

Date: February 1, 2024

Subject: **Reserve Transfer**

I am requesting the transfer of \$300,000 from the Clubs reserve account to fund the project account for phase 1 of the clubs bunker renovation project.

The club began this multi phase project back in the spring of 2023 and will continue over the next few seasons.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Greg Usry, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request from the Rye Historical Society to close Haviland Lane for Rye History Day on June 1, 2024 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

February 7, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider granting the request.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND:

See attached request



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Greg Usry, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request from the Rye Historical Society to have 1 or 2 food trucks on Haviland Lane for Rye History Day on June 1, 2024 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

February 7, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider granting the request.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

BACKGROUND: The City Manager's Office received a request from the Rye Historical Society who will be hosting Rye History Day on June 1, 2024. The Council must waive § 144-8D and G of the City Code for more multiple food trucks which states;

§144-8 Restrictions states that licensed hawker, peddler or solicitor shall:

D. Not stand nor permit the vehicle used by him or her to stand in one place in any public place or street for more than 10 minutes or in front of any premises for any time if the owner or lessee of the ground floor thereof objects.

G. Not create or maintain any booth or stand, or place any barrels, boxes, crates or other obstructions, upon any street or public place for the purpose of selling or exposing for sale any goods, wares or merchandise.

Rye City Hall
1051 Boston Post Rd
Rye, NY 10580

Via Email: jcohn@ryeny.gov

Dear Mayor Cohn,

In 1964, the Rye Historical Society was founded by a visionary group of citizens. Today, as we commemorate six remarkable decades dedicated to preserving our heritage, we extend an invitation for you to join us in making 2024 a truly memorable year. Our Rye Historical Society is deeply rooted in knowledge and unwavering dedication, serving as the steward of Rye's rich history, which connects the past, present, and future of our community. In 2024, we anticipate an exhilarating year filled with a series of events that will mark a significant milestone as we celebrate our anniversary. We are excited to announce that Rye History Day is scheduled for June 1st, and we are writing today with a request to support the festivities.

As per our recent correspondence and discussions, with RHS Board members we have outlined the key details for the Rye History Day event, and I have enclosed a certificate of insurance, as required. The event details are as follows:

- Event Date: Saturday, June 1st, 2024
- Event Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Set-Up Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- Clean-Up Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Possible Inclusions:
 - Up to 2 food trucks (subject to confirmation)
 - Up to 10 classic cars parked along Haviland Lane

We are committed to ensuring the safety and enjoyment of all attendees, as well as the minimization of any inconvenience to the local residents and businesses. To this end, we have taken into account the necessary logistics and safety precautions to ensure the smooth flow of the event and the safe closure of Haviland Lane during the specified hours.

Enclosed, please find the required certificate of insurance, demonstrating our commitment to taking full responsibility for any potential liabilities arising from the event.

We kindly request that you consider our application for street closure on the upcoming City Council agenda scheduled for January 24th, 2024, in order to grant approval for Rye History Day on June 1st, 2024. We are fully prepared to comply with any further requirements or guidelines from the city, and we look forward to working closely with your team to make this event a memorable and enriching experience for our community.

Should you require any additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at anne.gold@ryehistory.org or (914)967-7588. We are committed to open communication and collaboration throughout the planning and execution of this event.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request. We sincerely hope to receive your approval and support for Rye History Day, and we look forward to contributing to the vibrant cultural life of our city.

Sincerely,
Anne Gold, Executive Director

CC: Greg Usry, City Manager at gusry@ryeny.gov