

TOWN OF CLARKSON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 24, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at the Clarkson Town Hall, 3710 Lake Road, Clarkson, NY at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Christa Filipowicz	Supervisor
Allan Hoy	Councilperson
Patrick Didas	Councilperson
Jackie Smith	Councilperson
Leslie Zink	Councilperson
Sharon Mattison	Town Clerk
Robert Viscardi	Highway Supt.
** Richard Olson	Attorney for the Town

ALSO:

** Elizabeth Spencer	Assessor
**excused	

Supervisor Filipowicz opened the meeting. Sharon Mattison, Town Clerk led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for those serving in the military and our First Responders.

OPEN FORUM

Kirk Golden, 47 Tearose Meadow Lane, inquired about an alleged accident in January involving a highway plow truck and a private vehicle. Golden alleges that the town truck pushed a car into a ditch. Highway Superintendent Viscardi stated that he knew of no car being pushed in a ditch. Golden stated that he would like to call the police to investigate the matter which he did not witness. Supervisor Filipowicz responded that he is free to do that if he wants.

Rick Davis, 44 Crescent Drive, is inquiring about building a house behind the current Ridge Runners Bar and Grill. Supervisor Filipowicz responded that putting a residence in that location, surrounded by commercial property, would be considered *spot zoning* and create possible issues in the future. Mr. Davis is the owner of the property and is not opposed to having the parcel remain highway commercial. He does not need a zoning change, he just wants to build a 1,200 square foot retirement home. After discussion it was decided that the best option would be for Mr. Davis to apply for a use variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Lisa Jackson, 113 Delaina Rose Circle, has been providing animal rescue services for approximately 10 years by fostering animals. She is concerned about the new dog law and would like the Board to consider a variance within this code for foster homes. She works under the umbrella of an organized rescue group. She takes dogs and places them in volunteer foster homes while they are waiting to be adopted. The rescue group pays all expenses. She explained the process in detail. She brought in two 3-week old puppies that she is presently fostering. She processes about 20 to 30 dogs per month and the longest she has kept a dog is approximately two months. Mrs. Jackson is requesting that the Town amend its dog laws to incorporate a statement allowing verified foster homes. She read suggested language. Town Board members are not opposed to amending the dog laws and this will be pursued.

Laurie Newman, 7412 Ridge Road, stated that they have put up a 6-foot privacy fence for their dogs. She is also concerned about the limits in the new dog laws. Her home is a senior special needs hospice home for dogs and she currently has 11 dogs.

All are registered with the Town. She works with local rescue organizations and several out-of-state organizations. She shared detailed information about the condition of her dogs. She is requesting support from the Town Board to amend the current dog law so that she may continue offering these services.

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Joan Traber of Clarkson also offered her support for pet rescue and foster services.

Supervisor Filipowicz thanked them all for the services they provide. The Town Board will work on amending the new dog laws.

PURCHASE HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

R. Viscardi stated that he would like to replace a 1987 mowing tractor. He received two state bids.; Kubota \$58,958 and John Deere came in at just over \$60,000. The money is in the budget. He recommends purchasing the lower priced enclosed cab Kubota tractor. Municipal auction is October 5th and he would like permission to purchase two pick-up trucks, totaling approximately \$35,000. He will also be selling some items through the online auction.

RESOLUTION # 205**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF KUBOTA TRACTOR**

Motion by Councilperson Didas

Seconded by Councilperson Hoy

Authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase the Kubota Tractor at state bid pricing of \$58,958.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Smith and Zink

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION # 206**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF TWO PICKUPS**

Motion by Councilperson Didas

Seconded by Councilperson Smith

Authorize the Highway Superintendent to spend up to \$35,000 at the municipal auction on October 5th on the purchase of the two pickup trucks.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Smith and Zink

NAYS: None

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Filipowicz reported that we received the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services – Cyber Security Grant of \$49,239 in federal funding. Projects to include:

- Cyber Security Employee Awareness Training
- Upgrade to 5th Generation FIREWALL with advanced data Guarding
- Windows 7 and Server 2008 EOL – Upgrades/Replacements
- SEIM/SOC Monitoring
- Cybersecurity Plan (Policies and Procedures)

On Monday, September 23rd she met with the library leadership Mike Boedicker, LuAnn Cenci and Taysie Pennington regarding the budget presentation at the last meeting.

- Town Board requested balance sheet to support numbers.
- Town Board cannot accept unbalanced budget or more that a 2% increase.
- Discussed insurance rates and suggestions
- Other items: Cold call from Wolf Heating and Cooling at Clarkson; sent them up to the Library as they were having more issues with HVAC and they decided to go with them.

On Friday, September 20 she met with the Monroe County Supervisor's Association where there was a presentation about the upcoming Census next year. She reviewed this information. She and R. Viscardi recently met with our accountants, EFPR, to review our 2020 budget. Numbers are looking very good; more details forthcoming. A budget workshop will be scheduled.

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The Office of the State Comptroller uses the Fiscal Stress Monitoring System to examine financial challenges facing Clarkson's government. Clarkson's stress level is classified as: *No designation with zero points. (0-44.9pts)*. She and J. Smith recently attended the Oak Orchard Rootstock Dinner at Partyka Farm.

Supervisor Filipowicz reported that the Roosevelt Highway Water District bond goes into the bank tomorrow. All information has been sent to Monroe County for inclusion on property tax bills in January. Materials should arrive next week with an approximate start date of November.

RESOLUTION # 207**ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF MONTHLY REPORT**

Motion by Councilperson Hoy

Seconded by Councilperson Didas

Acknowledge receipt of August monthly report.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Smith and Zink

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION #208**SIGNAGE FOR GREENSPARK SOLAR**

Motion by Councilperson Didas

Seconded by Councilperson Hoy

To purchase for \$360 and install signage for *GREENSPARK SOLAR* with the understanding that S. Lessord will repair, replace and maintain the solar light at the West Ridge Welcome sign location.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Smith and Zink

NAYS: None

TOWN CLERK REPORTS

S. Mattison reported that she held a community shredding event this past Saturday with good participation. She is hoping that this will be an annual event. DEC Hunter Education classes start tonight.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Councilperson Smith reminded those present about the mobile pharmaceutical event coming up on October 1st. She reported on the recent Library Board meeting and introduced Pat Galinski who is chairing the Library's Long-Term Planning Committee. She reported on the results of the post card survey. Councilperson Smith also gave an update on Rec Center activities.

Councilperson Zink suggested we implement a monthly *Clarkson Citizen of the Month* award. This would be in addition to the Monika Andrews award and the Greater Brockport CommUNITY award which Clarkson already participates in.

The *Clarkson Citizen of the Month* award would honor a person/group who has made a contribution to our community through their time, actions and dedication. The honoree(s) selected should serve as a role model for service and be striving to make our community a better place. The award recipient could be honored with a certificate presented at a Town Board meeting, write up in the town newsletter and facebook page.

It would cost the tax payers little to no money and would recognize our outstanding citizens.

Board members liked the idea but suggested the frequency of the award be quarterly rather than monthly.

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HIGHWAY SUPERINDENDENT REPORTS

R. Viscardi reported that they are at about 450 feet of the 1,000 feet project for the Lake-Cook sewer. Progress has been slow as they encountered a considerable amount of rock.

RESOLUTION #209
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Introduced by Councilperson Smith
Seconded by Councilperson Zink
To approve August 8, 2019 special meeting minutes.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Smith and Zink
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION #210
MEETING MINUTES

Introduced by Councilperson Zink
Seconded by Councilperson Hoy
To approve September 10, 2019 meeting minutes.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Smith and Zink
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION #211
AUDIT—9-02-2019

Introduced by Councilperson Hoy
Seconded by Councilperson Smith
To authorize payment of audit 9-02-2019 totaling \$47,941.85: AA \$22,795.41; BB \$1,582.09; DA Highway \$20,206.62; HH Capital \$1,263.58; SS \$81.16; TA \$2,012.99
For distribution checks from 34789-34821 (Joint Checking); 06032-06034 (Trust & Agency)

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Smith and Zink
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION #212
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilperson Smith
Seconded by Councilperson Zink
To enter executive session at 7:10 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Smith and Zink
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION #213
RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Councilperson Smith
Seconded by Councilperson Zink
To return to regular session at 7:50 P.M.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Smith and Zink
NAYS: None

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RESOLUTION #214
ADJOURNMENT

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Hoy

To adjourn the Town Board meeting at 7:51 P.M.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Hoy, Didas, Smith and Zink

NAYS: None

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon S. Mattison

Town Clerk

Approved 10-08-2019