

TOWN OF CLARKSON  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
October 8, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 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 Superintendent
Richard Olson	Attorney for the Town

ALSO:

Elizabeth Spencer	Assessor
Kevin Moore	Building Inspector
**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, our First Responders and Clarkson resident, Carrie Ray who was killed in a tragic bicycling accident.

**OPEN FORUM**

Wayne Ward of 3267 Sweden Walker Road reported on the response he received after writing a letter to the Governor regarding the recent town-wide reassessment. He shared the response which states, *NYS is not granted any role in statute to insert itself in the budgetary decisions of local government.*

Kirk Golden of 47 Tearose Meadow Lane referred to the alleged highway accident that he spoke about at the last Board meeting. Supervisor Filipowicz stated that she received an incident report about this alleged accident. Mr. Golden commented on several other concerns he has with the Town.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR BORREGO SOLAR PROJECT**

Motion by Councilperson Zink  
Seconded by Councilperson Didas  
To open the Public Hearing.

The Project Team in attendance consisted of Adam Fishel and Ryan Jordaens of Marathon Engineering as well as Emily Flanigan and Steve Long of Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. A. Fishel provided a project description. He stated that this is a 6.5 megawatt solar project on 84 acres of land which will include a 7-foot tall perimeter fence encompassing approximately 46 acres. There will be 33,000 solar panels which will face a north-south direction to attract the sun throughout the day. Access to the project will be off a reconstructed gravel access drive on Redman Road and there will be another installed along the north side of the project for maintenance accessibility. Tree lines along the perimeter, south and north will be preserved. A double row of tree plantings will be utilized along the frontage. There will be no glare from the panels. Project will be built with the contour of the land; no concrete foundations or top soil stripping.

Residents in attendance included Mary and Arland Elkins of 2750 Redman Road, Joscelyn Ruscio of 2660 Redman Road, Christian Carson of 2775 Redman Road, Steve and Lynn Piskorowski of 2636 Redman Road, Dave Burgess of 2559 Redman Road, Harold Mundy of 85 Mission Hill, Shawn Lessord of 73 Valley View Drive, Kirk Golden of 47 Tearose Meadow Lane, Wayne Ward of 3267 Sweden Walker Road.

**10.8.19**

They raised concerns regarding:

- Health and noise.
- Perimeter fence.
- Tree plantings.
- Hunting and deer movement.
- Small wildlife.
- Decreased property values.
- Negative visual effect.
- Fire hazard.
- Malfunction of panels.
- Benefit to Clarkson residents.
- Maintenance/mowing of setbacks.
- Signage.
- Wetlands and pond.
- DEC review.

Adam Fishel of Marathon Engineering and Emily Flanigan of Borrego Solar Systems responded to all questions and concerns.

Supervisor Filipowicz reminded everyone that this is a private project, not a Town project. Elizabeth Spencer, Town Assessor, stated that she contacted assessors in bordering towns who recently had solar projects done. They said that there has been no impact on property assessments whatsoever surrounding the areas of solar projects.

R. Olson asked for a description of the interconnection and location. There are two points of interconnection, located at the three-phase line that already exists on Redman Road. There will be four poles; design dictated by National Grid.

The application was originally filled out by the agency, not the property owner; and revisions/corrections are made as feedback is received from all those involved. These applications are also reviewed by local, county and state agencies, including the DEC.

The Public Hearing will remain open to allow for more comments and will not be closed until the next Town Board meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Conservation Board will meet to do the SEQR; Clarkson will be the lead agency.

**RESOLUTION #215**  
**APPOINTMENT-COURT CLERK**

Introduced by Councilperson Smith

Seconded by Councilperson Didas

To appoint Deborah S. Rath of 2025 Redman Road, Hamlin to the position of part-time court clerk pending pre-employment drug testing and background check. Position not to exceed 20 hours a week, five days a week. Starting salary is Step 4 at \$16.69/hour.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION #216**  
**APPOINTMENT - MEO**

Introduced by Councilperson Hoy

Seconded by Councilperson Smith

To appoint Thomas J. Sercu, II of 1612 Hilton Parma Corners Road, Spencerport to the position of MEO pending pre-employment drug testing and background check. Start date is 10-21-2019. Starting salary is Step 7 at \$20.09/hour.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

NAYS: None

**10.8.19****SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

C. Filipowicz reported that she recently met with Mayor Blackman and Supervisor Johnson and have hopefully finalized the custom lease agreement for the Seymour Library. She shared copies with Board members. Clarkson's tentative budget was submitted to the Town Clerk and the Board is working on modifications at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Workshop. A preliminary budget will be presented at the next Town Board meeting and a public hearing will be held in November. A committee has been formed to discuss amending our new dog law. The committee consists of Al Hoy, Lisa Jackson, Kevin Moore, Dave Maynard and Attorney Keith O'Toole. The group will meet on October 21, 2019 at 6 p.m. She attended the Mobile Pharmaceutical event which yielded a great turnout. She visited the Borrego solar project site on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**TOWN BOARD REPORTS**

Councilperson Didas reported progress has been made with the Honor Roll project. They are trying to preserve the original list of names. He has been working with McAllister Signs for design concepts. The sign will be two-sided with 4x4 posts. Board members discussed sign location. P. Didas briefly re-visited the idea of a possible walking trail at Kimball Park. R. Viscardi stated that Highway has been stockpiling millings in anticipation of this type of project.

Councilperson Zink reported that she and J. Smith attended the Build a Better Community event at SUNY Brockport. Friends of the Library held their book sale this past weekend. She contacted the Sheriff's Office, Zone C, to talk about speed on those roads.

Councilperson Hoy stated that regarding fire departments responding to solar fields, no water would be applied as they are electrical components. They have four trucks with 1,000 gallons, a tanker with 3,000 gallons and a hose that will reach one mile. So, they are equipped to fight fires in the area of the proposed solar project.

Councilperson Smith would like to request a safety track record from Marathon/Borrego. She would like more information about wildlife in that area. She feels that the Planning Board should re-schedule their site visit. The Mobile Pharmaceutical event serviced approximately 145 cars and collected over 600 pounds of items. Advertising was instrumental in the excellent turnout. She had a resident approach her about placement of a marker for the cemetery on East Avenue. This property is not owned by the Town, it is owned by the Catholic diocese.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINDENDENT REPORTS**

R. Viscardi reported that the Lake Cook sewer is nearing completion. Revenue for July-August-September was \$119,387 from the County. He went to auction this past Saturday and purchased two pickups, one for \$9,750 and one for \$11,000. He has a pickup for Kevin Moore, Building Inspector to use. He sold an old forklift and purchased a newer one from the Water Authority for \$3,200.

**RESOLUTION #217****MINUTES**

Introduced by Supervisor Filipowicz  
 Seconded by Councilperson Didas  
 To approve September 24, 2019 minutes.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

**10.8.19****RESOLUTION #218**  
**MINUTES**

Introduced by Councilperson Hoy  
 Seconded by Councilperson Smith  
 To approve October 2, 2019 budget workshop minutes.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

**RESOLUTION #219**  
**AUDIT**—10-01-2019

Introduced by Councilperson Hoy  
 Seconded by Councilperson Didas  
 To authorize payment of audit 10-01-2019 to include the following:  
 Total \$65,369.18; AA General \$6,788.95; BB General \$5,698.76; DA Highway  
 \$28,638.67; DB Highway \$8,132.70; HH Capital \$4,379.06; SL Lighting \$3,574.92; SS  
 Sewer \$6,247.00; TA \$1,909.12.  
 For distribution of checks from Joint Checking #34822-34858 (void check #34852);  
 Trust & Agency #6035-6036.

**VOTE OF THE BOARD**

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

**RESOLUTION #220**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

Introduced by Councilperson Filipowicz  
 Seconded by Councilperson Didas  
 To adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:13 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 10-22-2019