

TOWN OF CLARKSON
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 23, 2020

The Town Board of the Town of Clarkson held their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at the Clarkson Town Hall, 3710 Lake Road, Clarkson, NY at 6:00 P.M. Instructions for virtual participation were posted.

PRESENT:

	Christa Filipowicz	Supervisor
**	Allan Hoy	Councilperson
	Patrick Didas	Councilperson
	Tom Guarino	Councilperson
	Leslie Zink	Councilperson
	Sharon Mattison	Town Clerk
	Robert Viscardi	Highway Superintendent
	Richard Olson	Attorney for the Town

ALSO:

	Kevin Moore	Building Inspector
**	Elizabeth Spencer	Assessor
	**excused	

Supervisor Filipowicz opened the meeting. She led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for our service men and women, first responders, and particularly those who have paid the ultimate price. Supervisor Filipowicz added that Liz Spencer, the Town Assessor and Councilperson Hoy are excused this evening.

OPEN FORUM

No one asked to speak.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Maier, P.L.S. of Maier Land Surveying, P.C. provided a letter of intent on behalf of Jack Finnigan for ZAP Land Holdings, LLC regarding property located at 8684 Ridge Road. It is the intention of ZAP Holdings, LLC to modify the current property lines associated with this parcel. The property is currently in two separate zoning districts: 8684 Ridge Road is currently zoned RS-20 (residential); 8660 and 8648 Ridge Road is zoned commercial. The proposed subdivision is to create a parcel for 8660 Ridge Road which will have to be rezoned to residential; it currently has a home on it. He is asking the Town Board to consider this rezoning application. Supervisor Filipowicz commented that this would not be considered spot zoning as the residential zoning is already there and it is in keeping with the Town's comprehensive plan. Board members had no problem with this rezoning. Mr. Maier was instructed that he would need to provide a legal description. A public hearing will be scheduled for July 28, 2020 at 6 P.M. The Town will take care of the legal notice and 500 foot letters.

RESOLUTION #337
SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZAP HOLDINGS, LLC
REZONING APPLICATION

Introduced by Councilperson Zink

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

To call for a public hearing on July 28, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. regarding the above rezoning application.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Didas, Zink and Guarino

NAYS: None

SEYMOUR LIBRARY

Supervisor Filipowicz stated that we need to transfer \$1,100 from B.1990.4 to B.7410.4 for accounting services that will be split between the three municipalities and the library. This is a one-time charge that was not included in the budget.

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RESOLUTION #338
TRANSFER OF LIBRARY FUNDS

Introduced by Councilperson Didas

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

To transfer \$1,100 from B.1990.4 to B.7410.4 to cover our portion of accounting services for the library.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Didas, Zink and Guarino

NAYS: None

TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Supervisor Filipowicz reported that Monroe County conference calls are continuing. Dr. Mendoza is very pleased with the County's response and stresses that masks, to him, are more important than social distancing. We wear them to protect others, not ourselves. He feels that other states who are claiming a second wave, are just continuing the first wave; they may have opened up too early. We need to keep doing what we are doing here in Monroe County. We are reopening the Town Hall to the public, unlocking the door. S. Mattison and K. Moore reported no problems. If things start to feel uncomfortable, we will adjust. Everyone is back to work in their offices and no longer working from home. Supervisor Filipowicz shared highlights from Marilyn Brown regarding the library's trustee meeting on June 17, 2020:

- The library is preparing to reopen either partially or fully by the end of June or beginning of July. Preparations include installing partitions in key areas and repairing the HVAC damper to improve airflow.
- Curbside pickup of materials has started and has been well received.
- The book drops are open on a limited basis and returned materials are quarantined for 72 hours; book drops will be open constantly no later than June 29th.
- The library router will be turned on as of June 29th.
- The Board authorized the Director to purchase a new phone system, contingent upon its qualifying as an authorized expense under the Library Aid Grant, subject to finding at least two quotes that meet the library's financial policy.
- The Board authorized the Director to purchase LED lighting from National Grid, contingent upon its qualifying as an authorized expense under the Library Aid Grant, and subject to meeting the library's financial policy.
- Brenda Rooks (Yeager-Treviso) provided highlights of the financial reports. Some expenses (e.g. utilities) have been reduced as a result of the library building being closed due to COVID-19. Run rates have been requested and will be provided.
- The Board voted to schedule an audit for fiscal year 2020 sometime in 2021 in order to meet regulatory requirements. The Committee has requested that Brenda Rooks attend a Financial Committee meeting in the future. She has agreed to donate her time for this.
- The Board will provide the municipalities with an analysis of savings, lost revenue and additional costs as a result of the pandemic.
- A revised MOU has been sent to the municipalities for review and feedback.

Supervisor Filipowicz has received the revised MOU and will forward to Town Board members and Richard Olson.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building Inspector K. Moore provided information from the State regarding building permits where they have authorized local governments to extend building permits and local Zoning Boards of Appeals and Planning Board active approvals for a period of up to 120 days. This allows them more time on their open permits. This will affect building permits issued before March 7, 2020 and local ZBA and PB approvals issued before March 7, 2020, expiring December 31, 2021.

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RESOLUTION #339
TO APPROVE A 120 DAY EXTENSION

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino

Seconded by Councilperson Zink

To approve a 120 day extension for building permits and local ZBA and PB approvals.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Didas, Zink and Guarino

NAYS: None

Councilperson Zink reported on the food drive. County Legislator J. Smith was also present at the drive-through event handing out masks and sanitizer. Food donations totaling 186 pounds were submitted to Life Solutions.

Councilperson Guarino reported that the Rec Center's mini scoreboard is now live on Facebook. T-ball will begin soon for under 4 and under 6, as well as soccer for under 8, under 6 and under 4. There were not enough participants interested for older groups. Summer camp is due to start July 6th. Nathan Bushnell is proposing to build a pavilion at Kimball Park for his Eagle Scout project. The proposed location is a flat area between the playground and the basketball hoops. Plans and budget will be forthcoming.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

S. Mattison had nothing to report.

HIGHWAY REPORT

B. Viscardi reported that the Route 18 water line is at 6,000 feet out of 9,000. He reviewed a new/revised plan for the Dakota property. Pressure test and health test were done at 800 feet. He recently spoke with someone from SunnKing and we are not really compliant as they have new rules. All electronics have to be stored in a covered building and monitored at all times because of information on computers and cell phones. Anything SunnKing would come and pick up has to be packaged according to their specifications. Effective immediately, residents will not be able to dispose of electronics at the Transfer Station; they will have to take it directly to SunnKing. Signs will be displayed alerting residents to this rule change, realizing that there will be a transition period.

Superintendent Viscardi shared pictures of the exorbitant amount of construction materials dumped at the Transfer Station this past weekend, with no fees collected. The cost to dispose of these construction materials was \$1,600. Rules regarding construction materials were discussed. He reported that we are losing a lot of money due to the large amounts of construction debris that we have to dispose of. It was decided that this service would be eliminated beginning August 1, 2020. Appropriate signs will be displayed, realizing again that there will be a transition period.

RESOLUTION #340
ELIMINATING DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS
AT TRANSFER STATION

Introduced by Councilperson Didas

Seconded by Councilperson Guarino

Based on input and advice from the Highway Superintendent, the collection of construction debris be eliminated from the Transfer Station beginning August 1, 2020, utilizing appropriate signage.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Didas, Zink and Guarino

NAYS: None

Superintendent Viscardi also reported that he has been receiving a large number of telephone calls regarding dead Ash trees. If trees are in the right-of-way, the Town is responsible for them; if they are in the easement -- unless they are hampering pipes or swales -- trees are the property owner's responsibility. Information is available on the NYS DEC website.

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BUILDING INSPECTOR

K. Moore reported on a written complaint for AAA Septic Service at 7935 Ridge Road, complaining of a sewage holding tank and an illegal septic system, roof repair without a permit, building in the back of property without a permit, bridge over a creek, unlicensed cars, and people living in campers at an illegal distance. K. Moore spoke with the owner of AAA Septic and went over to the property. The Department of Health and DEC and they have no record of a permit for the holding tank. Tank has been removed at this time and it has been filled back in. Septic system is a closed system that had been filled prior to this. Roof repair does not require a permit because it was not a full roof replacement. The building at the back of the property is only 4 foot x 8 foot and does not require a permit. Bridge over the creek looks like it has been there for over 30 years. When Mr. Oakden purchased the property there were approximately 100 unlicensed vehicles on the property; he has it down to 2 or 3 cars left. State code allows for 1 car. Two campers parked next to garage buildings with no power, no water, and no evidence of people living in them. Illegal business – this was a septic business x 20 years before he purchased the property. The property owner will be issued a letter of preexisting nonconformity in accordance with Clarkson code §140-17.

RESOLUTION #341
MINUTES

Introduced by Councilperson Didas
Seconded by Councilperson Zink
To approve the June 9, 2020 minutes.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Didas, Zink and Guarino
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION #342
AUDIT 6-02-2020

Introduced by Councilperson Guarino
Seconded by Councilperson Didas
To authorize payment of audit 6-02-2020 totaling \$40,581.29: AA General \$14,850.07; BB General \$8,922.36; DA Highway \$13,097.10; HH Capital \$3,588.88; SS Sewer \$122.88. Checks written include: Joint Checking #35630-35670; Trust & Agency #6096-6098.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Didas, Zink and Guarino
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION #343
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Introduced by Councilperson Zink
Seconded by Councilperson Guarino
To adjourn the Town Board meeting at 7:40 P.M.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Didas, Zink and Guarino
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION #344
ADJOURNMENT

Introduced by Councilperson Zink
Seconded by Councilperson Guarino
To adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:50 P.M.

VOTE OF THE BOARD

AYES: Supervisor Filipowicz, Councilpersons Didas, Zink and Guarino
NAYS: None

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon S. Mattison
Town Clerk

Approved 07-14-2020